

EASTER SUNDAY



WHAT IS EASTER?

Easter Sunday (1), also known as Resurrection Sunday, is the capstone of the Christian calendar, celebrating the Resurrection (2) of the Lord, Jesus Christ (3).

The belief of Christians is centered on Sacred Scripture (4), which exhorts that Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after His death on His Cross (5). As part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, always the Friday just before Easter. Through His death, burial, and Resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing eternal life for all who believe in Him. For more information about Easter Sunday and its profound meaning to Christians worldwide, explore the links provided herein and/or contact a Christian Church (6) planted near you.

WHEN DOES EASTER TAKE PLACE?

In Western Christianity, Easter Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25 and is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon. To verify the date for the next Easter Sunday, please explore the link provided at the very bottom of this page.

EASTER IN THE BIBLE

The biblical account of Jesus' death on His Cross (Crucifixion), His burial and His Resurrection (raising from the dead), is recorded in all four Gospels:

[Matthew 27:27-28:8](#)

[Mark 15:16-16:19](#)

[Luke 23:26-24:35](#)

[John 19:16-20:30](#)

The word "Easter" does not appear in the Bible and no early church celebrations of Christ's Resurrection are mentioned in Scripture. Easter, like Christmas (7), is a tradition that developed later in church history.

Footnotes

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/easter>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/resurrection-of-jesus>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-good-news>
- (5) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/obituary-of-jesus>
- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/listing-by-city>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/christmas>

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