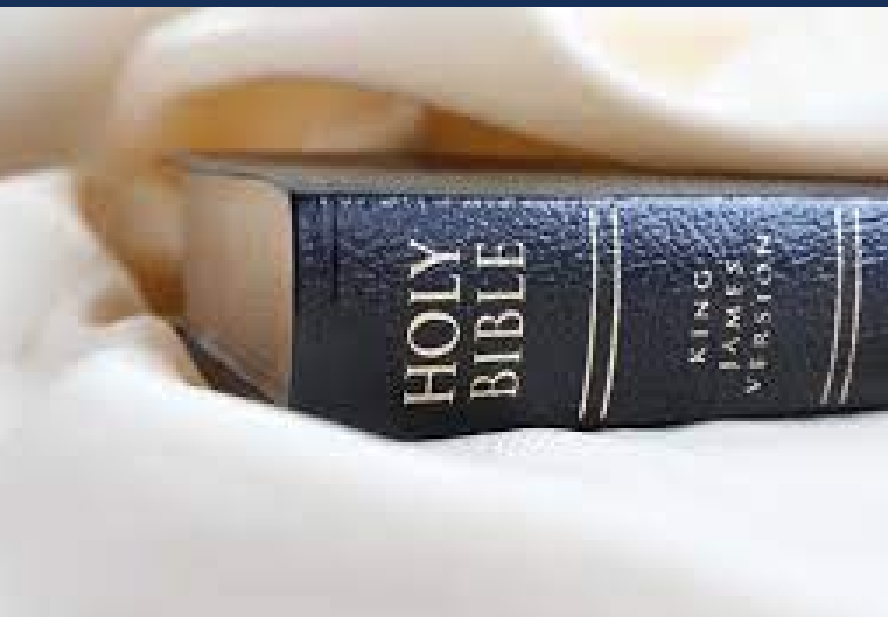


# PAGANISM OF EASTER

*Spiritual Integrity*



## Easter in the Bible

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. ~Acts 12:4 **This is the ONLY time the word "Easter" is mentioned in the Bible.**

## Paganism Definition

The beliefs and practices of contemporary religions or spiritual movements based on ancient paganism.

~Merriam-Webster Dictionary

## Jesus: From Death to Resurrection

**Biblical Teaching:** Jesus will be in the grave for 3 days and 3 nights; the same amount of time Jonah was in the belly of the whale.

**Total: 3 days and 3 nights in the grave**

	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NIGHT	X	X	X	
MORNING (DAY)		X	X	X

**Common False Teaching:** Jesus died good Friday and rose Easter Sunday morning.

**Total: 2 days and 1 night in the grave**

	FRI	SAT	SUN
NIGHT	X	X	
MORNING (DAY)		X	



-Matthew 12:40 Jesus will be in the grave 3 days and 3 nights.

-Matthew 28:1 Jesus was already risen BEFORE the first day of the week.

-Jesus rose Saturday evening BEFORE nightfall.

-Daniel 9:27 Jesus was prophesied to die in the middle of the week.

-Wednesday is the middle of the week.

-Jesus was in the grave from Wednesday night to Saturday night.

-Jesus resurrected Saturday evening, not Sunday morning.

## Pagan Origins

- Celebration to goddess Eostre
- goddess of spring
- \*takes place the Sunday after Spring Equinox
- goddess of fertility
- \*rabbits laying eggs (Easter egg hunts)
- existed prior to birth (and death) of Jesus

## Traditions

- Matthew 15:1-9 Jesus said in vain they worshipped him by teaching their traditions.
- Colossians 2:8 Don't be deceived by the traditions of the world.
- 1 Timothy 4: 7 Refuse profane and old wise fables and perform godliness.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> of the Ten Commandments: Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ~Exodus 20:3**

# If not Easter, then WHAT?

**"These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons." ~Leviticus 23:4**

Instead of man-made holidays, God gave us Holy Days to celebrate in honor of Him.

## The Feasts of the LORD

outlined in Leviticus 23

1. Passover
2. Feast of Unleavened Bread
3. Feast of Pentecost (First Fruits/Weeks)
4. Memorial of the Blowing of the Trumpets
5. Day of Atonement
7. Feast of Tabernacle

## PASSOVER

- Passover was created by God.
  - Passover commemorates the death of Jesus.
  - Men attempted to replace Passover with Easter.
  - Passover is often mentioned as a "Jewish" holiday.
  - Jewish custom denounces Jesus as the Passover lamb.
  - Jewish custom denounces Jesus as the Saviour.
- \*<https://jewsforjudaism.ca/jesus-not-passover-lamb/>**

Although Easter is now celebrated as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, its origins lie in ancient pagan fertility festivals that honored spring, renewal, and the cycle of life. The name "Easter," the eggs, rabbits, and timing of the holiday all point to pre-Christian traditions that were later absorbed into Christian practice.

By adopting familiar pagan customs and giving them Christian meanings, the Church ensured that Christianity would be more easily accepted across diverse cultures. Today, while many people celebrate Easter as a religious holiday, its pagan roots remain evident in its symbols, timing, and traditions.

**Jesus is the Passover Lamb, so put away that Easter ham.**

God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Moses warned to let the Israelites go, but Pharaoh refused. In response, God sent ten plagues on Egypt. The tenth and final plague was the most severe: the death of every firstborn in Egypt. To protect the Israelites, God told Moses to have each family sacrifice a lamb and spread its blood on their doorposts. That night, God would "pass over" the houses marked with blood and spare their firstborns. The Israelites followed these instructions, and their children were saved. This event is called the Passover, and it marks the beginning of the Israelites' escape from Egypt. In the original Passover (Exodus 12), the Israelites sacrificed a spotless lamb and put its blood on their doorposts. This protected them from the final plague in Egypt, when death "passed over" their homes. It marked their freedom from slavery. Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb: He was sinless (like the lamb without blemish). His blood (through His crucifixion) brings spiritual protection and saves believers from eternal death. His sacrifice marks the freedom from sin and the start of a new covenant between God and humanity. Just as the lamb's blood saved the Israelites from death, Jesus' sacrifice is believed to save people from sin and eternal separation from God.

