



Ekklesia's Official Position On Easter

Understanding The Real Meaning Of This Holy Day

Dear Ekklesia Family,

As we approach this special time of year, it is important for us as a church to remember and honor the true meaning of the upcoming holy day: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Pagan Origins of Easter

The word "Easter" is rooted in pagan traditions. It is linked to the goddess Ishtar (or Eostre), a symbol of fertility and spring. Over time, these customs were mixed with Christian beliefs, turning a day that should focus on Jesus and His resurrection into a celebration with pagan roots.

The True Focus of Resurrection Sunday

For believers, this day is not about fertility symbols, eggs, or bunnies—it is about the empty tomb of Jesus Christ. Resurrection Sunday is a time to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, His victory over the grave, and the promise of eternal life. By calling it "Resurrection Sunday," we focus solely on the miracle of Jesus rising from the dead and the hope it brings to all who believe in Him.

A Call to Refocus

In light of this, we have decided to refer to this sacred day as "**Resurrection Sunday**," not "**Easter**." This shift is a way for us to steer away from traditions that have pagan roots and to focus entirely on celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By doing so, we are honoring the true biblical foundation of our faith.

Let's prepare our hearts to celebrate the incredible victory of our risen Savior this **Resurrection Sunday**. May our worship, our conversations, and our hearts be centered on Him.

In His Love,

Pastor Carthel