



**Why The Date For**

# *Easter Sunday*

**Changes**

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## Why The Date For Easter Sunday Changes



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every year:

**ANY CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE JESUS** Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday but as Easter approaches each spring, you're probably asking or wondering the same question

*"Why does the date for Easter change every year?"*

The Easter date depends on the ecclesiastical approximation of the March equinox. Easter is called a moveable holiday because it doesn't fall on a fixed date every year. Other Christian holidays, such as Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, etc., are part of the Easter holiday and, therefore, are also moveable holidays.

Easter always falls on a Sunday from March 22 to April 25 for the Western churches. The basic rule is that Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after March 21 (the day of the ecclesiastical vernal equinox). In other words, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the first full moon after the first day of spring.

However, to add a bit more to the confusion, not all Christian churches follow the same basic rule because the Western churches base the date of Easter on the Gregorian but Eastern Orthodox churches use the Julian instead. This is why, as you can see in the list at the end of this article, the dates for Easter Sunday aren't always the same even within all the Christian faiths.



## Easter Calendar

**A**s noted above, the earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 but that hasn't happened since 1818 and won't again until 2285 so don't say "Easter is sure early this year!" quite yet. However, we weren't too wrong in 2008 when Easter was on March 23, which was one day after its earliest possible date.

Easter last fell on its latest possible date, April 25, in 1943. It'll be on that date again in 2038. It was on April 24, just one day earlier than its latest possible date, in April 2011.)

OK, so here we go. The following lists the Easter Sunday dates to 2032

Year	Western Easter Dates	Orthodox Easter Dates
2016	March 27	May 1
2017	April 16	April 16
2018	April 1	April 8
2019	April 21	April 28
2020	April 12	April 19
2021	April 4	May 2
2022	April 17	April 24
2023	April 9	April 16
2024	March 31	May 5
2025	April 20	April 20
2026	April 5	April 12
2027	April 28	May 2
2028	April 16	April 16
2029	April 1	April 8
2030	April 21	April 28
2031	April 13	April 13
2032	March 28	May 2

## What Do People Do On Easter?

**M**any churches hold special services on Easter Sunday, which celebrate the Jesus Christ's resurrection after his crucifixion. Many people also decorate eggs. These can be hard boiled eggs that can be eaten later, but may also be model eggs made of plastic, chocolate, candy or other materials. It is also common to organize Easter egg hunts. Eggs of some form are hidden, supposedly by a rabbit or hare. People, especially children, then search for them. In some areas, Easter egg hunts are a popular way for local businesses to promote themselves or may even be organized by churches.

Easter Sunday isn't a federal holiday but several businesses in many are closed (though might have been closed anyway due to the day being Sunday) parts of the United States do close or have reduced hours.

## Easter Background

**M**any groups of people in Pagan times organized spring festivals, many of which celebrated the rebirth of nature, the return of the land to fertility, and the birth of many young animals. These celebrations are the origins of the Easter eggs that kids (and some adults!) love to hunt for on on Easter morning.

In Christian times, the spring began to be associated with Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The crucifixion is remembered on Good Friday and the resurrection is remembered on the following sunday, which is Easter Sunday. The idea of the resurrection joined with the ideas of rebirth in Pagan beliefs.

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## Easter Symbols

**F**or people with strong Christian beliefs, the cross that Jesus was crucified on and his resurrection are important symbols of the time around Easter. More secular symbols of Easter include real eggs or chocolate eggs, nests, lambs, and rabbits or hares. These symbols are sometimes combined, for example, in candy models of rabbits with nests full of eggs. The eggs, rabbits, hares, and other young animals are thought to represent the rebirth and return to fertility of nature in the spring.

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