

So Just Where Did Easter Come From

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Every spring the earth begins to rejuvenate itself. Flowers sprout, birds sing, and children welcome the Easter bunny. Easter is a day on which many Christians celebrate the resurrection of **Jesus Christ**. But does Easter really have anything to do with **Jesus**? Just where did traditions like the Easter bunny, colored eggs, hot cross buns, and sun rise services really come from? Certainly not from the holy bible!! How does “hopping around” and “laying eggs” lead to salvation?

Easter is the modern version of one the names of an ancient idol pagan goddess called Ishtar. If you pronounce both names the similarities between the two will become clear. Ishtar had other names too. Some of these are Astarte, Ashteroth, and Ashtoreth. She was also known as the queen of heaven and was worshiped by adoring and revering the sun. God condemned Old Testament Israel on many occasions for worshipping Ishtar.

Jeremiah 44:17 -18: “But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we

have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.” (Also see Judges 2:13; Judges 10:6; 1 Samuel 7:3 – 4; 12:10; 31:10; 1 Kings 11:33; II Kings 23:13)

God told Israel not to worship the sun which at its rising was worshiped by the followers of Ishtar and her idol son Tammuz during their worship services. (Ezekiel 8:14 – 16) God hates this false worship and calls it an abomination. (Ezekiel 8:13) Another way that pagan peoples worshiped Ishtar or Ashtoreth was by baking special cakes to offer to this pagan goddess. The cakes were called bonus. God is greatly angered at those who do such things and especially those who are called by His name. (Jeremiah 7:14, 17 – 18)

Ishtar is fabled to have had a son called – among other names – Tammuz. The worshippers of Tammuz had a festival for this pagan god at various times between April and May depending on the region. In the 4th century, a priest named Dionysius changed the calendar in such a way that the celebrations for Tammuz and Ishtar would correspond with the true observance of the sacrifice of **Jesus**; the **Feast of Passover**. This was done so that pagan people could continue to worship their false gods under the cloak of Christianity and pass on their abominable beliefs to generations of unsuspecting Christians. The sacrifice of Jesus and Ishtar worship were united under a cloak of

Christianity. If this sounds incredible, check it out for yourself in any library!!

These are the roots of the false practices carried out by many Christians today, deceived into believing that this is how **Jesus** wants to be remembered. **Jesus** Himself told us how to remember Him. *Luke 22:19 "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

No man has any right to give us any other way to remember **Jesus'** sacrifice when **Jesus** told us how. It is also very important that you know that Jesus was not crucified on a Friday and rose on a Sunday morning. **Jesus** said that He would spend **three days and three nights in the heart of the earth!** *Matthew 12:40 "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."*

Friend, Friday evening to Sunday morning does not make three days and three nights. Look into your Bible to see what time of day it was when Mary Magdalene came and saw the stone rolled away and **Jesus** was gone. *John 20:1 "Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb."*

IT WAS STILL DARK! How in the world then can men ask you to worship the resurrection of **Jesus** at sunrise? The sunrise service of Easter is really the worship of the SUN and of Ishtar. The hot cross buns (**bonus**) of Easter

are really the fertility symbols of paganism. But today **YOU** have the knowledge in your hands that can free you from this IDOL worship. Take the truth offered to you, see that it is right and study the bible for yourself. **COME. HEAR. AND OBEY THE TRUE WORLD OF GOD!** Make **God your choice today!**

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