

# Easter

a renewal of *faith*,

a revival of *hope*,

and a resurrection of *joy*—

all because of *Jesus!*

He is not here:  
for he is risen, as he said.

Matthew 28:6



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## Easter Service

Sunday, April 4, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.  
Neals Landing



Praise and Worship ..... David Spakes, Randy & Rachel Henderson  
Prayer Requests, Birthdays, Anniversaries ..... Doug Magoon  
Break (children and youth move to the Kid's Place room) ..... Sheila Spakes, Rachel Henderson  
Special Music ..... Marinda Magoon  
Announcements ..... Randy Henderson  
Q&A Sermon Series: "Why Do We Celebrate Easter?" ..... David Spakes

## Announcements

If you have any Tithes or Offerings to give, drop them into the box located on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary.



If you are attending the Drive-Up Church Service or watching the recorded service online, make your donation online at <http://give.spirit-and-truth.net>.



Next Weekly Church Service ..... Sunday, April 11 @ 10:00 A.M.

STFK Science Café ..... Tuesday, April 20 @ 5:30 P.M.

Topic: "Emergence!" (of the 17-year Cicadas)

Presenter: Stephen Lyn Bales, Naturalist and Author

Location: The Outdoor Pavilion at Ijams Nature Center – 2915 Island Home Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920

Next Monthly Singing Service ..... Sunday, April 25 @ 10:00 A.M.

STFK Movie Night ..... Friday, April 30 @ 8:00 P.M.

Past Q&A Sermons ..... <http://www.spirit-and-truth.net/sermons/QA>

If you want to watch a Q&A video that has not yet been loaded on YouTube, please request it by e-mail.

# Sermon Series: Q&A

## “Why Do We Celebrate Easter?”

**Q:** Why do we even celebrate it as a holiday?

**Q:** Bunny rabbits, colored eggs, jelly beans, and the like...

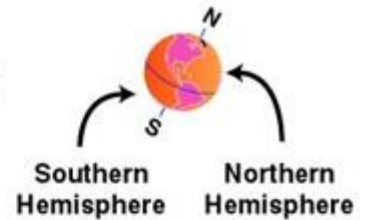
Why has it changed so much from what it was meant to be?

Which Easter?

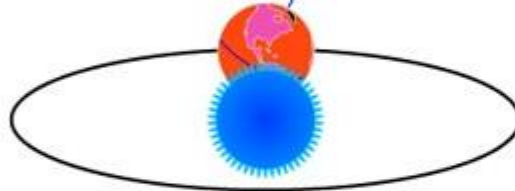
**Romans 3:29-30**

1. “\_\_\_\_\_ solstice”  
is when the rotational north pole is farthest from the sun (last time was Dec. 21, 2020).
2. “\_\_\_\_\_ solstice”  
is when the rotational north pole is closest to the sun (next time will be June 21, 2021).
3. Halfway between these two extremes is the equinox, when Earth’s equator points directly at the center of the \_\_\_\_\_ (last time was March 20, 2021).
4. The First Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) declared that Easter will be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the “spring equinox” (last full moon was March 28, the date of our last Singing Service). It is determined by the moon because the date of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ is determined a similar way.
5. The First Council of Nicaea also recognized Easter as a Roman tradition. Many cultures throughout history have celebrated the coming of \_\_\_\_\_.

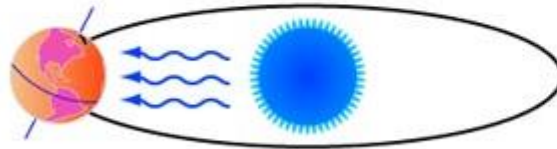
Earth has seasons because its axis is tilted. Earth rotates on its axis as it orbits the Sun, but the axis always points in the same direction.



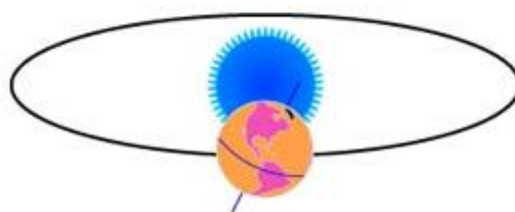
**December:**  
Summer south of the equator, winter north of the equator. The Sun shines directly on the Southern Hemisphere and indirectly on the Northern Hemisphere



**March:**  
Fall south of the equator, spring north of the equator. The Sun shines equally on the Southern and Northern Hemispheres



**June:**  
Winter south of the equator, summer north of the equator. The Sun shines directly on the Northern Hemisphere and indirectly on the Southern Hemisphere



**September:**  
Spring south of the equator, fall north of the equator. The Sun shines equally on the Southern and Northern Hemispheres

## Traditions of Men

Since ancient times, people increased consumption of meat during winter to survive the cold and so it would not go back and be wasted

Ukraine: decorated “pysanka” eggs are an ancient tradition (in 5000-3000 B.C. they were considered magical objects used for worshipping a sun god called Dazhboh)

Iran: colored “Nowruz eggs” are an ancient tradition of the Haft-Seen festival that celebrates the beginning of Spring, displayed on tables next to the Koran today

Germany: “Osterelerbaum” is an egg tree, and “Osterhasen” is an Easter hare that has been bringing eggs in baskets since A.D. 1682

France: when church bells went silent on Holy Saturday, Catholic parents told their children they flew to Rome to be blessed by the Pope and returned with eggs

## Traditions of the Catholic Church

Carnival (Easter –50 days): feasting before fasting, since A.D. 1294 (France)

Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras (Easter –47 days): indulgence and debauchery before fasting, allowed by the church since Medieval times

Ash Wednesday (Easter –46 days): the mark indicates the need to repent, since A.D. 601

Lent (the 46 days before Easter): 40 days of fasting plus 6 Sundays, since A.D. 604; it represents Jesus’ fasting in the wilderness; eating meat or animal products (including milk, cheese, and eggs) was not allowed

Holy Saturday (Easter –1 day): light candles, scatter rose petals, walk around church

A.D. 1610—Pope Paul V gave his blessing to eat eggs in observance of the Resurrection

## Luke 22:1-2 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

<sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill [Jesus].

## Acts 12:1-5 (KJV) *A.D. 42 – about 12 years after Jesus ascended*

<sup>1</sup> Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. <sup>2</sup> And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup> And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

## Prayer Requests

Madison Clifford – needs a home church

Rick (Madison Clifford's husband's boss) – he was in a terrible accident at work

Sam Maples (Rachel's coworker) – COVID

David and Cindy McClard (he is Rachel's coworker) – golf cart accident, she was injured

Mal (Rachel's tattoo artist) – shoulder reconstruction

Paul and Jenn Williams (friends of Pastor and Sheila) – two weeks ago his father passed away and now their grandmother (Maria C. Bugarín) also passed away on Monday

Tonya Hoover's mother (Tonya is a friend of Pastor and Sheila) – she had a kidney stone that caused a massive infection, she is septic now so her body is fighting itself, she is not eating

Kayla Epling (friend of Pastor and Sheila) – just diagnosed with type 1 diabetes

## Q&A Sermon Series 2021

Starts today! Submit your questions now, and the pastor will be searching the scriptures for the answers!

*E-mail your questions to:*

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or

[QA@nerdchurch.net](mailto:QA@nerdchurch.net)



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Answers:

- (1) winter (or December)
- (2) summer (or March)
- (3) Sun
- (4) Passover
- (5) Spring

### Luke 22:7-8,19-20 (KJV)

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. <sup>8</sup> And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. <sup>20</sup> Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

# Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

## Verse 1

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

## Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia  
Dying once He all doth save alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave alleluia

## Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

## Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia  
Following our exalted Head alleluia  
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia  
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

## Verse 5

Vain the stone the watch the seal alleluia  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

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# The King Is Coming (Our King Is Coming)

Intro/Interlude: Ooh woh woh oh (3X)

Verse 1      Empty hearts are filling up  
Wicked ways are coming undone  
Ev'ry eye is looking out for You  
City lights are burning out  
Freedom's song is ringing loud  
Dead men waking up to the sound of You  
And all our hearts can sing (2X)

Chorus 1      Let's make a way for make a way for  
Make a way for the King our King is coming  
Make a way for make a way for  
Make a way for the King the King is coming

Verse 2      Split the sky with Your glory  
Bring to life an awakening  
Burn away ev'rything that's not for You  
And hear our voices crying out  
We won't stop 'til the Heaven's come down  
We won't stop 'til ev'ry knee bows for You  
And all our hearts will sing

Bridge      Open up the doors open up the doors  
Open up the doors our King is coming (REPEAT)

Ending      Oh woh woh oh (3X) our King is coming

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# Give Thanks

## Verse

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

## Chorus

And now let the weak say “I am strong”  
Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
And now let the sick say “I am whole”  
Let the bound say “I am free”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

## Ending

Give thanks, Give thanks, We give thanks.

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# From The Inside Out

## Verse 1

A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again, still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

## PRE-CHORUS

In my heart in my soul, Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

## Chorus

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise  
From the inside out, Lord my soul cries out

## Verse 2

Your will above all else, my purpose remains  
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise  
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

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