

The **Easter** Tradition
Of Men



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- **LENT**

- 40 Days – Ash Wednesday – Easter
- 40 Days – Christ’s Fast
- Lencten, Anglo-Saxon, “Spring”
- Began After 800 A.D.



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- **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- “Lenten Season” Begins
- Ashes, Last Year’s Palms, Burned, Mixed in Holy Water
- Priest, From Ash Residue, Makes Sign of cross on Forehead
- Priest: ***“Remember, Man, Thou Art But Dust, and Unto Dust Thou Shalt Return”***



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- **PALM SUNDAY**

- Holy Week Begins
- Jesus' Entrance Into Jerusalem
Branches Spread – *Jn. 12:12-15*
- Began In 4th Century

- **GOOD FRIDAY**

- Day of Crucifixion
- Origin Unknown
- Altar, Priest Dressed in Black



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- **EASTER SUNDAY**

- End of Lent – Resurrection Day
- 325 A.D. – Counsel of Nicea – Set Date:
 - 1st Sunday After 1st Full Moon After Vernal Equinox (March 21)
 - So, Easter Early as March 22 or Late as April 25
- Pagan Chaldeans, Egyptians, Teutons Celebrated A Spring Festival In Honor Of Ishatar, Ostern (Anglo-Saxon, “Eastre”) In Honor of Goddess of Spring and Light

Easter

Not In The



There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament or in the writings of the apostolic fathers. The sanctity of special times was an idea absent from the minds of the first Christians.
(Encyclopedia Brittanica, Vol. 7, p. 859, 1946 ed.)

There is no trace of Easter celebration in the New Testament *(International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, p. 889)*

“BUT WHAT ABOUT ACTS 12:4?”

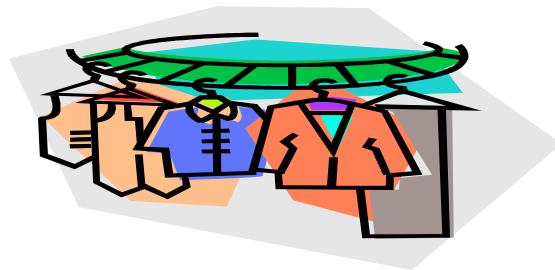
“Pascha” 29 Times in N.T. – 28 Times, “Passover”

There never was a more absurd or unhappy translation than this. The original is simply *after the Passover*. The word *Easter* now denotes the festival observed by many... in honor of the resurrection of the Saviour. But the original has no reference to that, nor is there the slightest evidence that any such festival was observed at the time when this book was written. The translation... does not convey at all the meaning of the original, it may... foster opinion that such a festival was observed in the time of the apostles... (*Barnes [Presbyterian] Commentary*)

Why Can't We Observe Easter?

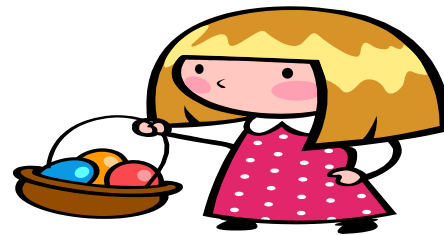
We

New Clothes



Do

Egg Hunts



Not

Rabbits



Oppose:

Why Can't We Observe Easter?

We Do Not Oppose:

Social ----- Family ----- Amusement

Halloween



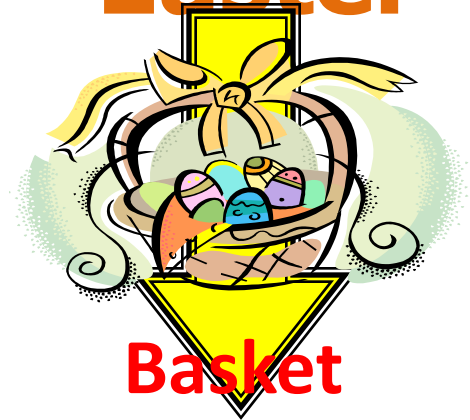
Costume

Christmas



Gifts

Easter



Basket

**Spiritual Application Of Easter, Halloween,
& Christmas Not Authorized In The Bible!**

Why Can't We Observe Easter?

We Do Not Oppose:

Christ's

Matt. 28:5, 6

Remembering

1 Cor. 11:23-26

Preaching Of

1 Cor. 15:1-4

Resurrection

From

The

Dead



So, Why Do We Oppose Easter?

We Oppose Easter Because:

- It is a Human Tradition – *Matt. 15:8-9*
- It was Not Authorized by Christ – *Matt. 28:20*
- It was Not Part of N.T. Worship – *Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 4:6*
- It is Not Part of the Doctrine Of Christ – *2 Jn. 9; Rev. 22:18-19; Prov. 30:6; 2 Thess. 2:15*
- It is Iniquity – *Matt. 7:21-23*
- It Will be “Rooted Up” – *Matt. 15:13*

We Remember Resurrection:

Last

This

Next

Acts 20:7

SUNDAY

As Bible Directs

Many Remember Resurrection:

One Sunday A Year!

Not Authorized In The Bible

YET:

- 1. We Are Said To Oppose Resurrection**
- 2. We Are Condemned For Not Keeping A Purely Human Tradition**
- 3. We Are Seen As "Strange," "Odd"**

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

