

Easter vs Passover

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Hello, may the love of God be with you! May the peace of God be upon you!

The Feast of Easter vs the Passover of the Lord

Today, many celebrate Easter, and I would have liked to wish them a happy holiday or join them. However, as a Christian, I must refrain from participating in a pagan celebration disguised as a Christian holiday.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not institute an Easter feast, but rather the Lord's Supper, which was to be observed in memory of Him, as part of the Jewish Passover.

The Jewish Passover is celebrated on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. The Lord Jesus Christ observed the Lord's Supper during the Passover before He was even arrested. Thus, there is no commemoration as a celebration of His resurrection, but rather as a commemoration of the Passover, corresponding to the evening of His arrest.

This commemoration is always on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar, and therefore does not fall on the same day of the week every year. Moreover, in 2024, this date will occur in April.

Easter, on the other hand, is a pagan festival, corresponding to a pagan goddess of fertility, whose name varies according to language—Eater/Easter/Éostre/Ostern. Celebrating this festival is thus more a celebration of this goddess than anything else.

There is no Christian holiday of Easter, but a holiday of Passover, which is not a celebration of resurrection.

Those who are concerned with the Christian Passover must:

- Be baptised in water
- Be repentant
- Observe the Lord's Supper with the solemnity and strictness of this commemoration, avoiding mixing it with other foods and also refraining from eating leavened bread throughout the day or even the week for those who wish to adhere to the Jewish practice. This is because the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins with Passover and lasts a week, during which it is forbidden to eat leavened bread.

Some Biblical References

- **Leviticus 23:5** The fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's Passover.
- **Numbers 28:16-18** 16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the Lord. 17 And in the fifteenth day of the month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In the first day is an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

- **Numbers 9:6** And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day:

Those who were unclean at the time of the Passover were not to celebrate it with others; they had to purify themselves first.

For the Christian, commemorating Passover means being repentant and baptised. It is therefore important to repent before participating in the Lord's Supper.

- **1 Corinthians 11:29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
- **Romans 6:3-4** 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The above texts show us that the day of Passover is not necessarily a Thursday or Friday, and there is no indication that Jesus Christ was crucified on a Friday, as the day following Passover is a Sabbath, regardless of its position in the week.

Very Important

Some people might say that it doesn't matter; everyone celebrates what they want when they want... However, since Easter corresponds to the name of a pagan deity, a Christian who celebrates Easter is comparable to a Christian who celebrates Baal. Saying "Happy Easter" is essentially no different from saying "Happy Baal" or even "Happy Satan."

If one wishes to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a celebration not prescribed or practiced in the Bible, they should say "Happy Resurrection of Christ." If one believes they are celebrating the equivalent of the Jewish Passover or what Jesus Christ requested, they should rather say they are celebrating Passover. It would be better to do so on the prescribed date (the 14th day of the first Jewish month). In 2024, this date will fall in April. It is somewhat curious to celebrate an anniversary several days before the actual anniversary, on a day of the week, and especially in a manner that bears no resemblance to the biblical prescription of what should be done.

If one chooses to celebrate on a different date, they should avoid causing confusion by not mixing the celebration of Jesus Christ with a pagan festival.

Additional References

- <https://kad-esh.org/fr/easter-les-paques-contre-la-paque/>
- <https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%C3%A2ques#Annexes>
- <https://www.mondedemain.org/revues/2022/mars-avril/la-paque-ou-les-paques>
- <https://viespoiretverite.org/vie/plan-de-salut/jours-saints-ou-jours-feries/origine-des-paques/>
- Jewish calendar <https://swissjews.ch/fr/viejuive/religion/calculateur-de-dates/>

For more Bible references related to Passover, visit:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=passover&version=KJV>

Additional Note: Jesus, who would be buried on a Friday afternoon between 3 PM and 6 PM, and whose resurrection is confirmed on Sunday morning (less than two days later), cannot be Jesus Christ. Jesus did not die on a Friday. This is evident because if someone dies on a Friday afternoon, is placed in the tomb between 3 PM and 6 PM, and is no longer in the tomb by Sunday morning, they cannot have spent three nights in the earth (they would only have spent Friday and Saturday nights), nor even three days (only Saturday). This Christ, who supposedly died on a Friday and was already resurrected on a Sunday, is therefore not Jesus Christ! It is another Jesus.

Additional Explanations

If you say that a date fixed by God does not matter, why then choose a festival to a pagan god rather than respect the date fixed by God? Your answer surprises me, especially since on another occasion you told me that we must obey God, even without understanding. If you have done agriculture, you know that the date is crucial in agricultural operations. You change God's date to follow the date of worshipers of a pagan deity. Do you think God will approve that? You say it is an evangelistic strategy. No, on the contrary, it is dissolution, and it is condemned by the Bible. We are diluting Christianity into paganism, and instead of encouraging pagans to break away from their practices and deities, we are encouraging them to continue, even maintaining the name of their god as the name of the festival, to remind them that they have not changed gods!

If you want to commemorate the Christian Passover, do it according to the prescriptions of those who instituted it. If you want to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a celebration not instituted by Jesus Christ or the apostles, say that you are celebrating "the Resurrection of Jesus," and not Passover or Easter, to avoid any confusion with paganism. And if the date matters little, I would recommend choosing a date that cannot be confused with a pagan deity's festival (this is only a recommendation).

Never forget that the greatest commandment is love for God and not having other gods. Dissolution is condemned in the Bible. At times, it is simply prudent to avoid risking offending God. This is a cautious attitude for those who fear God. This is my opinion.

The Passover was celebrated with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. I note that the resurrected Jesus will break bread with the apostles, but this bread is not specified as "unleavened." Therefore, taking the common, everyday bread in the early church and calling it the Passover every day or unleavened bread every day has no biblical foundation. I hope I have been clear and unambiguous. Now, as I said, we are not obliged to have the same opinion. Each person should act according to whom they receive their orders and invitations to celebrate from, and each should speak according to their conviction.

You are convinced that a Jesus who died and was buried on a Friday afternoon, with resurrection observed on Sunday morning (less than two days later) is the Christ, and that this is who you celebrate on the date of a pagan deity's festival. I am totally convinced of the opposite. Let each speak and act according to their conviction.

The word "Easter" appears in which verse of the Bible? Was there a celebration of the resurrection of Christ in the Bible? The institution of biblical feasts is formal; it is not implicit. It is always very explicit, not left to the discretionary deduction of the reader.

- **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**⁷ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.