

# PESACH AND EASTER

Χριστος Ανεστη!

Αληθως Ανεστη!

Christos anesti!

Alithos anesti!

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is truly risen!

*This year (and next year) all christian churches celebrate Easter on the same day. The Jewish Pesach is in the same period.*

# PESACH AND EASTER

## *Pesach*

Passover, Pascha: Part of the law of Moses

Remember the slavery in Egypt and the exodus

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, the first full moon in the first month

Since about 1440 BC

## *Easter*

Pasen, Pâques. Remembering the resurrection of Christ, on Sunday, the first day of the week

Celebrated at the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring (21<sup>st</sup> of March)

Since the resurrection of Christ AD 33

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# PESACH, SEDER AND COMMUNION

***Pesach***, Passover, Pascha:

Part of the law of Moses

A meal to remember the slavery in Egypt and the exodus.

Jesus celebrated Pesach

***Seder***: the meal Jews nowadays celebrate Pesach

***Communion.***

Remembering the death of the Lord until he comes

“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death” (Paul)

“This is my body given for you” (Paul, Luke)

Remembering Jesus “do this in remembrance of me” (Paul, Luke)

Celebrating the unity of the church (one bread, one body..)

# THE DATES OF PESACH AND EASTER:

*Originally Christians celebrated Easter on the same days as the Jews celebrated Pesach.*

*Some tensions because some Christians celebrated on the 14th of Nisan, others on Sunday after 14th Nisan*

*When dispute arose about the right date of Pesach Christians made their own calculations (Nicea AD 325)*

*The Gregorian calendar (AD 1582) in the West set a different date for Western and Eastern churches*

# THE MEANING OF EASTER:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

John 20:1-8

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John 20:1-9

# THE MEANING OF EASTER:

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep...

1Cor 15:3-7

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Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Col 3:1

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1Pet 1:2

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# EASTER AND NEW BIRTH

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...

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As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins....

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

**made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.