

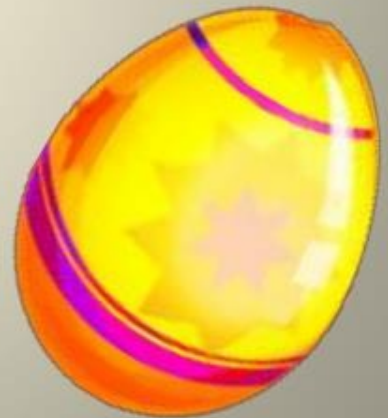


Islam

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Easter

What is Easter all
about???



Why is Easter Celebrated???

It is celebrated to remember the Christian belief in the death by crucifixion of Prophet Jesus and his resurrection three days later.



When is Easter celebrated???

THE DATE FOR EASTER CAN FALL BETWEEN MARCH 25 AND APRIL 25.



Easter moves every year...

Easter always falls on the *first Sunday* following the full Moon after 21st March.

This is because for Easter Christians follow the LUNAR calendar.

Do you know what the Lunar calendar is?

Muslims **always follow** the lunar calendar to start the new month.

Who is Jesus???

- We call him Eesa A.S.
- His mother's name was Maryam (peace be upon her).
- He was born **without** a father.
- He was a prophet of Allah.
- Eesa A.S (Jesus) was **not the son** of Allah.
- When his people turned against him and did not accept his message, Allah **lifted him to the heavens**.
- He was **not crucified**. Some people believe he was crucified.

Easter is an important festival for Christians

It is the celebration of the death and coming to life again of Jesus.

Muslims do not believe he was crucified.

The Quran clearly says he was lifted to the heavens.

Christians believe:

- **Maundy Thursday**: Eesa AS had the “last supper” on this day.
- **Good Friday**: This is the day **Christians** believe he was crucified.
- **Easter Sunday**: This is the day **Christians** believe Eesa AS came back to life.

Christians celebrate Easter by...

- Giving presents, such as Easter eggs. These eggs are supposed to represent new life.
- Having a big meal / feast on a Easter Sunday.
- Going to the Church.

Respecting all religions...

- We must **respect** all religions and beliefs.
- Islam is a **TOLERANT** religion, and many non-Muslims have lived peacefully under Islamic rule.
- **Laughing or joking at someone's beliefs is not a part of Islam.**

We Should...

- Try always not to **imitate** the festivals of others, no matter how “nice” it looks.
- If we imitate and copy, this could lead us to lose our Islam and Islamic identity.
- We sometimes do not realise the consequences of what may seem as “fun” or “just imitating”.

Conclusion...

I have learnt...