

Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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The observance of days

Easter with a hint of Lent and a Good Friday

This morning all around the world many woke up, put on their new pastel colored dress, and began flooding the streets headed to some religious ceremony. Why? Because today is Easter. But what is Easter all about and what does this day mean to us as Christians? Can a day such as this fit together with Christianity?

Easter is associated with the Easter Bunny, Painted Eggs, Candy, and of course, to the world, the Resurrection of Christ. This morning we continue our study on the holidays. What in this holiday can we, as Christians, take away and learn from? What is in the celebration of this event? And how should we already be emulating this in our everyday lives?

To date, this is by far the most over hyped holiday we have looked at. There seems to be no clear understanding of why the holiday began. The pagan goddess Eastre seems to take the prize as the reason, but even historians question whether she was fabricated from one mans vision or was truly worshiped.

Is there anything to the celebration of Christ's resurrection on a specific one day out the year day? What is meant by *Lent, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Good Friday*? There is a lot more this holiday than a bunny and eggs. Happy Easter.

The Observance of Days

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- * The observance of days, months, seasons, and years
'paratereo' - to inspect alongside; the religious observance of

- * Easter—What you didn't know

The day was pinned to Sunday in 325 A.D. and falls on the Spring Equinox. This coincides with many pagan religious festivals.

What's in the celebration of this day today?

- * What is Lent?

A 40-day period after a 1 day indulgence of sin where "Christians grow closer to God."

- * What is Good Friday?

The day commemorated as the death of Jesus on the cross.

- * What is Easter?

The day celebrated as the day Jesus raised from the dead.

- * Did first century Brethren celebrate such a day?

No—these are all man created in order to celebrate the Life, Teachings, Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of the Christ.

- * We do not need these days, we already have them.

Ever day of your life! - Romans 12 : 1

The First Day of *EVERY* Week.—Acts 20 : 7

- * We do not need these practices, we already have one.

The Lord's Supper—I Corinthians 11 : 23—26