

A Living Hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead

1 Peter 1:3-4

Easter - April 5, 2020

Intro:

Easter - The name of the holiday is derived from the name of an ancient, pagan goddess, Eastre, sometimes spelled Eostre. Eastre was the goddess of spring and worshipped by the Teutonic tribes that the early Christians ministered to. ...The early missionaries, seeking to convert the people of the Teutonic tribes, adopted the celebration of Eastre's festival as their own. Since the festival fell around the same time as the Christian's memorial of Jesus' resurrection, the missionaries simply substituted one holiday for another. This allowed the new converts to continue their tradition, but its meaning and purpose had changed.

[T]he actual date of the celebration was never fully established. Some linked the memorial to the ancient Hebrew calendar's celebration of Passover. Others linked the date to the spring equinox. Finally, in 325 A.D. Emperor Constantine met with other church leaders and together they decreed that Easter would fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.¹

Praise

- **Mercy**

- **Living Hope**

¹ <https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/history-of-easter-faq.htm>

Resurrection

Inheritance

Home Study Guide

Monday: Read 1 Peter 1 What points does Peter make out of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Tuesday: Acts 2 What point does Peter make about the resurrection on the Day of Pentecost?

Wednesday: Luke 24 What proofs does Jesus give that he is alive?

Next Sunday's Sermon: Ahaziah 2 Kings 1

Next Sunday we plan to begin a new sermon series working through the book of 2 Kings. It is historical narrative. Lots about Elisha. It will include the fall of both the northern and southern kingdoms.

The readings for this week are given as background context for 2 Kings.

Thursday: 1 Kings 18 & 19 Who were Ahab and Jezebel? How did the Lord deal with them?

Friday: 1 Kings 20 & 21 What was the political situation in Israel? What peek do we get into the reign of Jezebel?

Saturday: 1 Kings 22 What was the political situation when Ahaziah took over?

Prayer Items:

FYI

Rather than our regular Catechism question, here is some great stuff to study and ponder.

Resurrection appearances of Jesus in order:

<http://blog.adw.org/2012/04/the-resurrection-appearances-chronologically-arranged/>

Lee Strobel on the Resurrection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT4Cj-Pi4m0>

Historical Evidence for the Resurrection

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/historical-evidence-for-the-resurrection>

Hope of the Resurrection

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/hope-christs-resurrection/>