

FORGETTING HOLIDAYS



Have you ever noticed how confusing holidays can be? Like for instance, if a group of aliens came to earth around Christmastime, what would they think? Maybe they would think Christmas is about being really good so a big guy in a red suit with flying reindeer will drop off toys at your house, rather than seeing Christmas is about God becoming a man because none of us are good enough.

Or suppose those aliens came during the week of Easter. What would they guess Easter is all about? Would they think it's about a big bunny who gives out candy in magical eggs?

The truth is holidays can be confusing because their real meanings get forgotten, and extra things get added that don't really belong. God knew this might happen with the Passover, so He spoke these words to His people: **"AND WHEN YOUR CHILDREN SAY TO YOU, 'WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS SERVICE?' YOU SHALL SAY, 'IT IS THE SACRIFICE OF THE LORD'S PASSOVER, FOR HE PASSED OVER THE HOUSES OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL IN EGYPT, WHEN HE STRUCK THE EGYPTIANS BUT SPARED OUR HOUSES.'"**
EXODUS 12:26-27

God anticipated a day when the kids would be eating unleavened bread and going through all the motions of the Passover service, and then wonder why they did any of it. So God reminded moms and dads to make sure they taught their kids the real meaning of the Passover, which was that a lamb died so that they might live.

Well kids, Easter can be the same way. I know we have different traditions and things we do around Easter, but just in case you missed it, I want to tell you exactly what Easter is all about.

It is about the resurrection of Jesus Christ! That word resurrection means to rise from the dead, and that's exactly what Jesus did. Jesus first died on a cross to pay the penalty of our sins before God, and then three days later, He rose from the dead to save us forevermore.

Just like the lambs during that first Passover in Exodus 12, Jesus died so God could pass over us because of His blood. So Jesus didn't just die to save us, He also came back to life to rule and reign as our forever God and King.

So what's Easter really all about? It's about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yes, eating a chocolate bunny is always fun, but Jesus killing death is way cooler!