

**WHY DO
WE
HAVE
EASTER?**



Do you like chocolate? Most people do, but do you know why chocolate eggs are in the shops every Spring? Maybe you like your Easter eggs, but have never thought about why we have Easter. Eggs should make us think about new life and new life should make us think about something that happened more than two thousand years ago, when God's Son Jesus came into our world.

To understand why Jesus came, we need to know something about God and something about

ourselves. We also need to know why something that happened so long ago, is very important for us now.

In the Bible we read that God is holy. This means that He is perfectly pure and good in everything He does. God loves goodness and hates sin with its selfishness and unkindness to other people. We are very different. We have sinful hearts and so we do and say and think things that are wrong. Sin has brought hatred, violence and war into the world.

It is because we are sinful, that we cannot know God as our Friend, and when we die we will be separated from Him and from everything that is good, for ever.

The Lord Jesus is the only Person who has lived a perfect life. He never did or said or even thought anything that is wrong. He died, nailed to a wooden cross, to take the punishment our sin deserves. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead; we call this His resurrection. It is Jesus' death and rising again that we remember at Easter. He

was God's sinless Son and He overcame sin and death for everyone who trusts in Him and asks God to forgive their sin. When our sin is forgiven, we can know God as our loving Father and Jesus as our dearest Friend. We can then ask God to help us to love Him and to love others, instead of wanting our own selfish ways.

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life

John chapter 3 verse 16 (NKJV)

The angel answered... “Do not be afraid...He (Jesus) is not here; for He is risen...”

Matthew chapter 28 verses 5-6

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