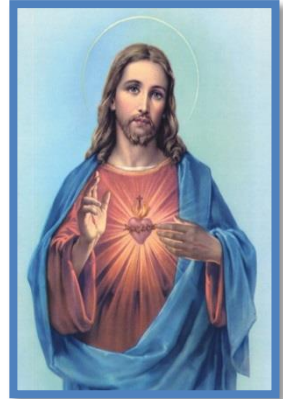


## Jesus and the significance of Easter

Jesus is the supposed son of God and appears in all of the Gospels of the Bible. He was born to Mary and Joseph in the small town of Bethlehem in 0AD. Jesus preached about Christianity for a part of his life, and begun doing so roughly in the year 30AD. Jesus travelled the world teaching, healing and helping those who wanted it. He was nailed to a cross (crucified) by the Romans roughly around the year 36AD but was later on resurrected by his father, God. Jesus was worshipped by many people (although mainly Christians) and celebrated and remembered to this very day. Jesus is sure to be worshipped for many years to come.



### The significance of Easter

#### The significance of Easter to Christians

Easter is very significant to Christians as it was when Jesus was crucified and died on the cross. They celebrate the death of Christ and all that he did for them during his life. Christians go to Church and listen and read prayers as Easter is one of the most important moments in the Christian calendar along with Christmas of course. On the first Sunday Easter falls after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. In 325AD, The Council of Nicaea established this fact, making it official that Easter was celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox.

#### The significance of Easter to me

As I am an atheist, I do not believe in Christ therefore I do not celebrate Easter in any religious way. However, many of the things that I do at Easter are the same as what Christians do. I usually come together with friends or family and we celebrate Easter together by having an Easter egg hunt, or going for a walk. Easter for me, is just a time to spend with my family, a time to have fun, not to mention a time to eat chocolate!! I am not saying Christian people have to go to church on Easter Sunday as some don't, but I still do not consider Easter a time to celebrate because of Christ dying.

The History of Easter is that it first begun to be celebrated by Jewish Christians in the mid-2<sup>nd</sup> century, a few hundred years after Christ's actual death. The legend of the Easter Bunny was thought to come from the U.S.A in the 18<sup>th</sup> century when it came to give eggs to the children of the U.S.A. The Easter Bunny is still recognised by Christian families and used for Christian children although some people believe that Easter should be a time to celebrate the death of Christ, not the giving of Easter eggs.

