

Why does the date of Easter change every year?

Christmas happens every December 25th. No matter what year or day of the week, Christmas always takes place on the 25th of December.

Easter on the other hand can fall between March 22 and April 25? That is a 30 day difference. Easter is always a Sunday. So who comes up with the “official date for Easter?”

Simply, the early church did not determine the exact date of the resurrection of Jesus, so they wanted to keep the remembrance of Christ’s resurrection day close to the Jewish observance of Passover. As history will tell us, the resurrection of Jesus took place after the Passover and during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The Jewish celebration of Passover is based on historical tables. Passover is celebrated at the first full moon after March 20th. But it could be as late as April 18th. Therefore the Christian celebration of Easter is celebrated on a Sunday following Passover, from March 22 to April 25th.

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