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# The History of Easter

Easter is a holiday celebrated each year in April. It falls on a different day every year but is always on a Sunday. Although it is a Christian holiday celebrating the rising of Jesus, some of its origins date back thousands of years ago to old English pagan festivals of spring and fertility. It's believed that eggs represented fertility and birth. Egg decorating may have become part of the Easter celebration as reference to the religious significance of Jesus' resurrection. Rabbits were also a symbol of spring and fertility.

One Passover, a Jewish holiday celebrating the Jews being freed from slavery in Egypt. Jesus traveled to Jerusalem with his disciples to celebrate the Passover.

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were often used as a sacrificial animal in Jewish traditions. The phrase "lamb of God" is sometimes used to refer to Jesus and the sacrificial nature of his death.

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1. The holiday was dated back to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The festival celebrated \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A traditional Easter dinner involves eating \_\_\_\_\_.