

Why does the date of Easter change every year?

For example, in 2023 Easter fell on April 9, while in 2024 it is on March 31. It is expected to change again in the coming years.

Why is this the case, when Christmas is always celebrated on the same date December 25 every year?

The Answer

First of all, it is important to understand that Passover is one of the seven feasts of the Jews. It is celebrated on the 14th day of the first month in the Jewish calendar. This first month usually falls between mid-March and mid-April in the Gregorian calendar that we use today.

Now, as to why the date of Easter changes each year for Christians: it is because Easter is determined by the appearance of the full moon.

When the full moon appears (that is, when the moon is fully

illuminated), the Sunday that follows is the day most Christians observe as Easter Sunday.

There are years when the full moon appears earlier, and other years when it appears later. This means that if the full moon appears on a Wednesday, then the following Sunday four days later will be Easter Sunday.

Examples:

In 2023, the full moon appeared on Wednesday, April 5, so the following Sunday, April 9, was celebrated as Easter Sunday.

In 2024, the full moon appeared earlier, on Monday, March 25, making Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday.

In 2025, the full moon is expected to appear on Sunday, April 13, and therefore the following Sunday, April 20, will be Easter Sunday.

Conclusion

This is why the date of Easter changes from year to year it is determined by the timing of the full moon, not by a fixed calendar

date like Christmas.

To learn what Easter truly represents and whether Christians are biblically permitted to observe it, follow the link below:

WHAT IS EASTER? AND ARE CHRISTIANS ALLOWED TO CELEBRATE IT?

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