

Easter – Resurrection, Salvation

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Easter Day is a day of celebration. Although the consequences of Easter span our whole lives (I've heard many people say how every day is Easter day!), it's helpful to have a day dedicated to remembering it because it reminds us of the historicity of the event. Our faith is not built upon speculative theology and theories; it is built upon the historical footsteps of Christ on this very earth, his historical death and his historical resurrection. Having a calendar day especially dedicated to his resurrection helps us to remember that we are celebrating a real day in history on which death was defeated.

The songs we sing, therefore, need to celebrate both the everlasting and all-encompassing nature of Christ's death and resurrection, while also drawing our attention to the fact that Christ lived, died and rose again as one of us, on this planet, at a set point in time. If Easter is allowed to become a vague idea of the celebration of freedom, then we might subtly begin to lower our understanding of who God is and the depth of love he showed, and continues to show, to us. Our Easter Day services should, of course, be fun, happy and celebratory, but we must also seriously embrace the magnitude of the day which we are remembering in awe, wonder and thanksgiving.

Reading

Colossians 1:13-14 (a traditional Easter passage on salvation and redemption)

Prayer

God, thank you for the life you bring us. Thank you that, as we remember that day in human history, your victory over death impacts every generation, and every area of our lives. Thank you that you've brought us life beyond the grave. Thank you that we are perfect and faultless children in your eyes because of your sacrifice. Help us to build our lives upon your life, death and resurrection, and to know that you are enough for us in every scenario we will ever face. Amen.

From Augustine's Confessions

"But you, the Good, in need of no other good, are ever at rest since you yourself are your own rest. What man can enable the human mind to understand this? Which angel can interpret it to an angel? What angel can help a human being grasp it? Only you can be asked, only you can be begged, only on your door can we knock (Matt: 7: 7-8). Yes indeed, that is how it is received, how it is found, how the door is opened."

[O Praise the Name \(Anastasis\)](#)