

# All About Easter

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When the **chocolate bunnies** come out, you know Easter is just around the corner. Not that Easter is all about chocolate. People **celebrate this holiday** according to their religious beliefs. Christians honor **Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - as the day that **Jesus Christ** died and Easter Sunday **March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - as the day that he was resurrected. **Palm Sunday** is the Sunday before Easter and the day Jesus arrived in **Jerusalem**.

## That Crazy Rabbit

The **Easter Bunny** is another story. He wasn't always the pink or white bunny that hides chocolate eggs in your house. Long ago, he was called the Easter Hare. Some say he was a large, handsome **bird** that belonged to **Eostre**, the **Pagan Goddess** of fertility and new beginnings. She changed him into a rabbit, which explains why the Easter Bunny now builds a **nest** and fills it with **colored eggs**.



The Easter Bunny has some interesting origins

## Easter Around the World

In some countries, like **England** and Germany, kids **roll eggs** down hills on Easter morning - a game that is kinda like the rolling of the rock away from **Jesus Christ's tomb** when He was resurrected. Even the **President** gets in on the Easter fun. At the White House in Washington, DC, kids under 12 get to roll hard-boiled eggs down the hilly lawn. Lots of **families**, around the world, have **Easter egg hunts**. And of course, there's always the big Easter dinner.



Kids rolling eggs at The White House

### Did You Know?

- More than **118 million** cards will be exchanged a year on Easter, making it the fourth largest card-sending event in the US.
- The **white lily** is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, and that is why it is sometimes referred to as an Easter lily.
- In 2002, more than 700 million **Marshmallow Peeps** were eaten in America!

