

## QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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"EASTER SUNDAY & OCTAVE"

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1. "Easter Sunday" is officially listed in the Church's Calendar as:

- a. "The Solemnity of the Easter of the Lord";
- b. "The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord";
- c. "The Solemnity of the Passover of the Risen Christ";
- d. "The Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

2. Easter eggs are used by many Christians at Easter time because:

- a. it is the Christianized pagan fertility symbol;
- b. they are associated with Easter bunnies;
- c. the egg represents the tomb from which new life comes;
- d. All of the above.

3. Easter bunnies:

- a. are pagan fertility symbols which have little to do with Easter, as a Christian Feast;
- b. are reminders to Christians of springtime and new life;
- c. are symbolic of new Christian life which comes at Eastertime;
- d. None of the above.

4. Easter is a moveable Christian Feast which can be celebrated:

- a. no earlier than March 25 and no later than April 27;
- b. no earlier than March 29 and no later than April 30;
- c. no earlier than March 22 and no later than April 25;
- d. no earlier than March 10 and no later than April 6;

5. The Gospel tells us that the first person to whom Christ appeared after His resurrection was:

- a. Peter, James and John;
- b. His mother, the Virgin Mary;
- c. Peter, the head of His Church;
- d. Mary Magdalene.

6. Jesus celebrated the first Mass at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and the second Mass on:

- a. the Day of His Ascension in Jerusalem;
- b. on Easter Sunday in Emmaus;
- c. on the Day after Easter Sunday in Nazareth;
- d. He did not celebrate a second Mass Himself.

7. After Christ's Resurrection, one of the Apostles named Thomas:

- a. proclaimed the Risen Christ to all the peoples of Judea;
- b. rejoiced more than the other Apostles who saw Him;
- c. doubted that Jesus had risen;
- d. devoutly prayed for inspiration .

8. After His Resurrection, Jesus gave the Apostles the authority,

- a. to forgive sins in His name;
- b. to celebrate the Eucharist for His followers;
- c. to excommunicate all who rejected Him;
- d. to ordain others to continue the Apostolic Ministry.

9. In Canada, bonnets, lillies and flowers are popular at Easter because:

- a. they are associated with springtime and new life just as Easter is;
- b. they remind us of warmth, joy and beauty, all associated with Easter;
- c. they help us appreciate new birth in nature;
- d. All of the above.

10. For Catholics, Easter begins:

- a. at the beginning of the Easter Vigil Mass;
- b. at the singing of the "Glory to God in the Highest" during the Easter Vigil Mass;
- c. at dawn on Easter Sunday morning;
- d. at midnight on Holy Saturday night.

11. The Easter Season ends:

- a. 40 days after Easter Sunday;
- b. 8 days after Easter Sunday (Octave);
- c. on Pentecost Sunday;
- d. on Divine Mercy Sunday, one week after Easter Sunday.

12. Catholics commemorate the Resurrection of Christ:

- a. on every Sunday of the year except on the Sundays of Christmas and Lent;
- b. on every Sunday of the year;
- c. on every Sunday from Easter Sunday until Ascension of the Lord Sunday;
- d. on Easter Sunday and until the Octave of Easter.

13. At Easter time, we refer to the sin of Adam and Eve as:

- a. the "Forbidden Fruit Sin";
- b. the "Original Sin";
- c. a "Happy Fault";
- d. the "Sin of Human Pride".

## CORRECT ANSWERS

1. **b.** We call it "Easter", ("*Spring*"), for short.

2. **c.** We use this symbol to remind us that just as new life emerges from an egg so the Risen Lord emerged from the tomb in the rock.

3. **a.** They are pagan and secular symbols of fertility and so are associated more with spring-time than with the Resurrection of the Lord.

4. **c.** Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date that falls on or after March 21.

5. **d.** She mistook him for the gardener and asked him where they had moved Jesus's body.

6. **b.** The two disciples of Emmaus recognized Jesus at the "Breaking of the Bread" another early Christian phrase which meant, "The Holy Eucharist" (Mass). Read **Luke's Gospel 24: 13-35**.

7. **c.** Hence the phrase: "a doubting Thomas".

8. **a.** Jesus said : "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained". (see: **John 20: 23**).

9. **d.** Easter is also about new life and joy and it is always celebrated in the Spring.

10. **b.** This is why all the bells are rung in the Church when the celebrant recites or sings: "Glory to God in the Highest", at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night.

11. **c.** Exactly 50 days after Easter.

12. **b.** This is why we call Sunday, "The Lord's Day" and not the Sabbath day, which is Saturday for the Jews. For us, the 3rd commandment is: "Remember to keep holy, the Lord's Day".

13. **c.** It was this "happy" fault , which made it necessary for Christ to be born into our world.