The Resurrection Of The Messiah

Traditions of the church versus what the Bible says and what the original Ekklesia practiced.

He Is Risen: "Indeed He Is!"

Rome made a plan to dumb down the people of the church and changed the calendar the timings and reorganized everything to be focused/centered upon their day Sunday, (the first day of the week).

Let's look at the calendar – just a little bit. The NEW Year is the new moon of the spring.

Exodus 12:2

"This <u>moonth</u> shall be the beginning of <u>moonth</u> for you; it is to be the first <u>moonth</u> of the year to you."

Hebrew is *chodesh* = new moon

- Today is their Sunday, March 31st
- The NEW YEAR is Monday, April 8 at dusk 8 days from now. Historic scriptures tell us the heavens rejoice and celebrate then, and we are invited into that celebration.
- Exodus tells us that ten days later, the spotless lamb was taken into the house. (dusk of April 18 18 days from now)
- Exodus tells us that the spotless lamb is to be slain 4 days later. (dusk April 22 22 days from now) This is the Passover.
- Jesus Christ celebrated the Passover with His apostles on the night in which He was betrayed. After the Feast, he was betrayed in the Garden, and the trial took place a couple of days later and on Friday He was crucified.
- He was entombed from Friday late day through Saturday, and on the "morning of the third day," He rose from the dead.
- That's a total of around 28 days from now. (Rome's easter)

Rome also forced the church to name the celebration "easter." This is the name of a goddess and has nothing (absolutely nothing) to do with Jesus

and/or the resurrection. Of course, the Roman church attaches a Mary (bitterness) to the tradition with eggs and foolishness.

A bit of etymology:

Many believe that the word is a form of Ishtar, the Greek/Roman/Egyptian goddess, but the word "easter" may not have been derived from Ishtar but from the German *Eostre*, the goddess of the dawn—a bringer of light.

English and German are in the minority of languages that use a form of the word easter to mark the church day celebration.

In other nations and languages, the observance is commonly given some form of the Latin *pascha*, which is derived from the Hebrew pesach, meaning Passover.

Ishtar and easter appear to be homophones: they are pronounced similarly but have different meanings.

I'm not that well educated on all this because I really don't want to be, and I don't want to waste my time on it. The whole thing is evil and against the Ekklesia that is of the Christ.

Let's look at that which will lift us to new heights in worship and love for our Savior Who is risen from the grave and has broken the power of death over us believers.

What Did the Original Ekklesia of the Bible Celebrate as Resurrection?

Every Day of their lives, the people of "The Way" celebrated, aligned with, spoke of, and manifested the miracles of the Resurrection!

Rome made the calendar date to nullify the power of Messiah ministry.

Rome needed to control it to keep their gods in place and display the sins of their gods.

We need to go back to being "Alive From The Dead!"

Otherwise, death still has its sting and the grave its victory.

Let's look at what faith in the Resurrection will do in our lives.

Mark 16:9-13

"After He had risen early on the first day of the week,
He first appeared to Mary Magdalene,
from whom He had cast out seven demons.
She went and reported to those who had been with Him while they were
mourning and weeping.
When they heard that He was alive

When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe." {apistis = unbelief} {Literal: they unbelieved}

Maybe this was the "male supremacy thing" of legalized religion.

"After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country.

They went away and reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either."

Now, they don't believe the men "on the road to Emmaus."

It was neither a male or female issue that caused His 11 apostles to Un-Faith and disconnect from His promises.

What is it that they have decided not to <u>believe</u> {pistis = faith} and not put true FAITH into? His Resurrection.
He is alive and they won't have any part in it.

Mark 16:14-20

Afterward, He appeared to the eleven themselves
as they were reclining at the table,
and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because
they had not believed those
who had seen Him after He had risen.
And He said to them, "Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation.
He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved,
he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who have believed:
in My name, they will cast out demons,
they will speak with new tongues,
they will pick up serpents,
and anything they drink, it will not hurt them;
they will lay hands on the sick, and wellness they will recover."

"So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them,

He was received up into heaven and
sat down at the right hand of God.

They went out and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them,
and confirmed the word by the signs that followed."

When is says that "He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed (un-believed) those who had seen Him after He had risen," that word "reproach" is a very emotionally harsh word. In a common figure of speech to us it means, "He took them out behind the woodshed!"

They were hard of heart. They were not in faith they were living in un-faith. Once they believed He is alive, the Messiah Ministry becomes manifested in signs and wonders! Miracles!

Acts 1:4-8

"Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

He told them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My <u>witnesses</u> both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Witness: Greek Martus (Phonetically MAR-toos)

Luke 24:45-49

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are <u>clothed</u>
{to clothe or be clothed with, in the sense of sinking into a garment}
with power from on high.'"

The Ante Nicene Fathers, Eusebius and Philo, as well as the Didache, the people of "The Way," the early Ekklesia believers, related their use of the term martoos to the initiating command of "You will be My witnesses."

Biblical and experiential revelation of the power and authority of the resurrection that we are likened unto: They were "proof producers."

What about us being raised up with Him?

Ephesians 2:4-6

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus..."

Herein is the important "Pre-positioning" of the Ekklesia whereby the are praying from the position of heaven instead of begging from the earth to heaven.

Colossians 2:6-15

"Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk <u>in</u> Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up <u>in</u> Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ¹. In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him, you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us. He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him."

¹ Christ: Theological Dictionary of the New Testament

^{1.} chrío, found in Homer and then in the tragic dramatists, means 'to rub,' 'to stroke,' or, with oils etc., 'to smear,' 'to anoint.'

[{]Use varies, so that we find the oiling of weapons, their smearing with poison, the rubbing of birds' wings with pitch, whitewashing or painting, and rubbing with a garment, as well as anointing after bathing, or the anointing of the sick or the dead.}

^{2.} christós means 'smeared on,' 'anointed,' and as a noun (tó christón) 'ointment.' It never relates to persons in the nonbiblical sphere.

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