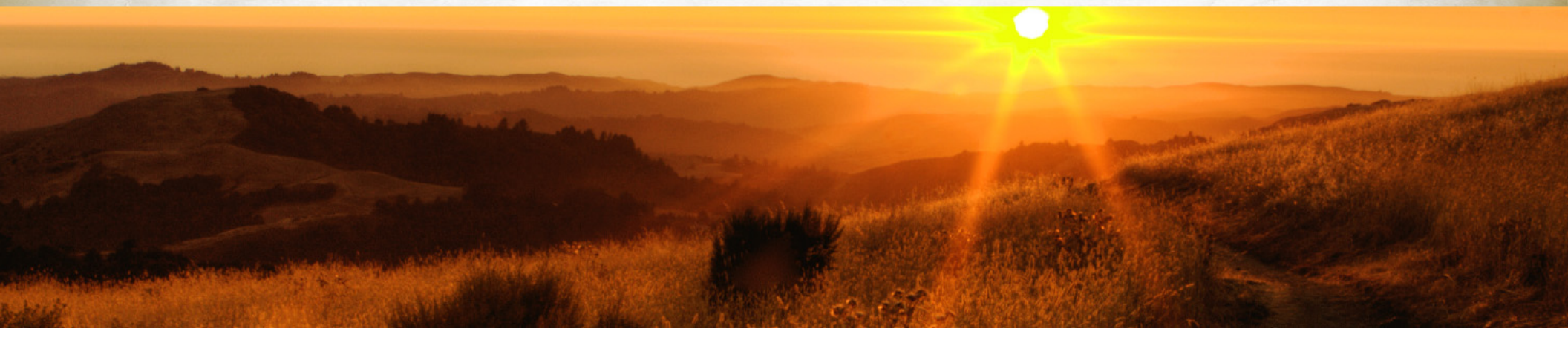




H O P E A T
E A S T E R

C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O U R



Acts 12:1-4 (KJV)

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.



3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)



4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.



In this teaching we will be focusing on the history of Easter, exploring its disturbing undeniable Pagan roots.



We will explore exactly when the holiday of Easter was incorporated into the Roman Catholic Church at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD; whereby this practice then started to permeate and leaven many other branches of Christianity.



We will also be looking at Easter's close ties to Pagan goddess known as Ishtar and the specific associations and practices of Easter like:



The Easter Bunny, Colored Eggs,
Lent, Ash Wednesday,
Hot Cross Buns, Spring Break,
The Easter Ham, Wicker Easter
Baskets, Easter
Sunrise Service, and Mardi Gras.





**GOOD
FRIDAY**

When Death was Defeated

A background image of a sunrise over a horizon. The sun is partially obscured by a dark silhouette of trees or a forest. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow light, transitioning to a darker, reddish-brown at the top. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

SUNRISE

SERVICE

Celebrate The Resurrection

EASTER EGG HUNT



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A ceramic Easter bunny figurine is the central focus, positioned on the right side of the frame. The bunny is light-colored with large, upright ears and a small white tuft on its chin. It is wearing a green and white patterned shirt. The background is a lush green field of grass, with a dark green vertical band on the left side. The overall lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the texture of the ceramic and the vibrant colors of the grass.

BEHIND THE BUNNY

ON THE HUNT FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF EASTER



The Truth is that Easter has
NOTHING whatsoever to do
with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ.



Is it possible to worship God but that
worship be in vain?



Matthew 15:8-9 (NASB)

8 ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.

9 ‘But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’”



Mark 7:6-7 (NASB)

6 And He said to them, “Rightly did
Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites,
as it is written: ‘This people honors
Me with their lips, But their heart is
far away from Me.

7 ‘But in vain do they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the precepts
of men.’



Romans 1:20-23 (NASB)

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.



21 For even though they knew God, they did not [a]honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,



23 and exchanged the glory of the
incorruptible God for an image in
the form of corruptible man and of
birds and four-footed animals and
[b]crawling creatures.





HOPE AT
EASTER

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOUR