

The Christian Calendar & Church Year

A Primer On The Church Year (Part II)

Introduction

Lent

Topics:

- Meaning
- Passover observance
- Role in the church

Questions for individual meditation:

Is the connection between Passover and Easter still important for Christians?
Does fasting need to be literal? In what ways might Christians "fast"?
In what way can a Shrove Tuesday type of event harmful?

Holy Week

Topics:

- Holidays involved
- Importance in the church

Questions for individual meditation:

How should a Christian rightly celebrate Maundy Thursday?
Can Christians see beauty in a somber worship like Good Friday?

Easter Season

Topics:

- Importance in the church
- Three days or one?

Questions for individual meditation:

In what sense is Easter more critical than Christmas?
Easter is often when baptisms happen in the West. Is there merit to grouping them?
How has culture negatively impacted our celebration of Easter?

Ascension to Trinity

Topics:

- Is Ascension Day important?
- Where does Pentecost fit?

Questions for individual meditation:

Can you observe Ascension Day on your own? How might you pray?
If signs and wonders have ceased, how can we still appreciate Pentecost?

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