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Can We Slow Down NOW?

Friends who don't know any better say things like, "I guess things have slowed down now that Christmas is over, right?" No, Sharon, things have most certainly *not* slowed down. Where Christmas is a marathon, Easter is a sprint!

It is easy to know when Christmas is near. Lights & trees are up, Christmas music is playing everywhere. Shoot, even Hallmark has had us prepared since July. The point is, we get several months to mentally prepare. But Easter, well, it's a tricky little season that falls on a different date every year.

Easter is celebrated the 1st Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after March 21, the church's fixed date for the vernal equinox.

Yeah, I get it astronomy nerds, it's easy to figure out, but for the rest of us, it gets complicated since

March 21 is the Church's approximation of the vernal equinox (spring equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere. But, if the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated the following Sunday.

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Y'all are making my head hurt. The point is, my Christmas tree was barely down when we had Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday (mid February). Forty days of Lent *sounds* like a long time, but we had just gotten in the groove of that, when **BAM!** it's Holy Week and the sprint to Easter. Just pick a date.

As it turns out, historians *and* scientists have determined, that April 3, A.D. 33 may be the *actual* date in history when Jesus was crucified. According to their research, there was an earthquake and a solar eclipse on that day as is described in the Bible during the crucifixion. So, this year, on April 5th when we celebrate the Resurrection, we may be celebrating on the actual date!

Now for the Important Stuff...

April is:

- Amateur Radio Month
- Azalea Month
- Beaver Awareness Month
- Confederate History Month
- Dog Poop Awareness Month
- Fresh Florida Tomatoes Month

April is also:

- Global Astronomy Month
- Global Volunteer Month
- Holy Humor Month
- International Guitar Month
- International Humor Month
- International Twit Award Month
- Jazz Appreciation Month
- Card & Letter Writing Month
- National Decorating Month
- National Frog Month
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich Month
- National Kite Month
- National Pecan Month
- School Library Month
- Tulip Month

The Week of April 5-11 is:

- Bat Appreciation Week
- World Irish Dancing Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

- 5th-** Resurrection Day—EASTER
 - Deep Dish Pizza Day
 - Plum Pudding Day
 - National Caramel Day
 - Read A Road Map Day
- 6th-** Hostess Twinkie Day
 - Tartan Day
 - Caramel Popcorn Day
 - Tater Day (sweet potatoes)
 - World Physical Activity Day
- 7th-** International Beaver Day
 - National Beer Day
 - No Housework Day
 - Metric System Day
 - National Coffee Cake Day
- 8th-** International Day of Pink
 - National Empanada Day
 - National Zoo Lovers Day
 - Trading Cards for Adults Day

- 9th-** Appomattox Day
 - Jumbo the Elephant Day
 - Cherish An Antique Day
 - Chinese Almond Cookie Day
- 10th-** National Farm Animals Day
 - National Siblings Day
 - Safety Pin Day
- 11th-** Baby Massage Day
 - National Submarine Day
 - 8-track Tape Day
 - Barbershop Quartet Day
 - National Cheese Fondue Day
 - Clean Up Your Pantry Day
 - Ranch Water Day
 - Record Store Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church.

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Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are not offended by me."

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(See John 20:1-18)

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES, WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

I'm fairly certain these would have been my instructions.