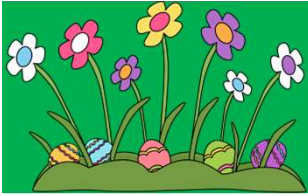


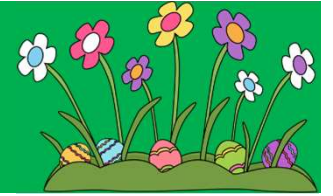
Covering the Facts:



- Jesus died on the Friday before Passover – **John 19:14, 31**
- Jesus was resurrected on the Sunday after Passover, the Day of First-Fruits – **John 19:42; 20:1**
- Jesus ascended 40 days after He was raised – **Acts 1:3**
- The Church was established 50 days after Passover, 10 days after He ascended, on a Sunday, the Feast of First-Fruits – **Acts 2:1; cf. Lev. 23:9-21**



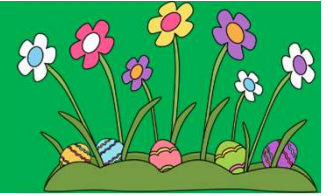
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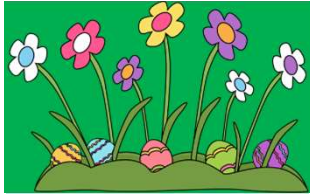
- **Does the term “Easter” come from the Bible?**
 - **No: Eostre is the Germanic goddess of Spring (cf. renewal, birth, eggs, rabbits). The timing of the Christian festival of Easter (which is an older Pagan festival appropriated by the Catholic Church), is still dictated by the moon. Root of the term means “to shine”, it’s where we get the term “East”.**
- **Then why is it in the King James version of the Bible? e.g. Acts 12:4**
 - **Good question: term is “*pascha*”, which means “Passover”; found another 26 times in the NT and is translated “Passover”**



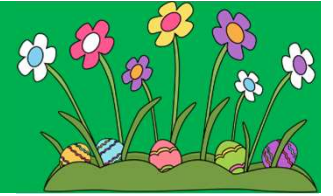
The Lesson:



- It is ironic that the two times that many people go to worship are the (supposed) starting and ending anniversaries of Jesus' life. Yet, they do not pay attention to the substance of that life – **John 6:61-63, Matt. 7:21-24, 26**
- There is no example of the saints observing anything special during the Passover after the Church was established. In fact: **Acts 20:6, 16**



The Lesson:



- **We are commanded to declare His death until He comes again – every, and only on, the first day of the week, Sunday – I Cor. 11:23-29**
- **We must remember Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension every day – it is what gives us hope!**