

# APRIL



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**ALL FOOLS' DAY**

Beware!

Tricks and practical jokes until noon.

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**PALM SUNDAY**

Marks Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, setting the events of Holy Week in motion.

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**PASSOVER (PESACH) BEGINS AT SUNDOWN**

Why is this night different from all other nights? Passover commemorates the freeing of the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt.

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**HOLY THURSDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Tradition would have us visit three churches at night, to sit in the dark and quiet stillness.

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**GOOD FRIDAY**

Commemorates the passion of Christ. A solemn day of fasting.

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**HOLY SATURDAY**

Solemn Lent concludes at sundown. Joyful reawakening takes its place.

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

Movable feast celebrating the resurrection of Christ. The high point of the Christian calendar and traditionally the height of spring.

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**ST. GEORGE'S DAY**

Sacred to England. A red rose in your lapel marks the day.

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**ST. MARK'S EVE**

One of the traditional nights for divining the future, especially for romance: If you wish to see your future love, fast from sunset and during the night, bake a cake that contains an eggshellfull of salt, wheat meal, and barley meal. Open the door of your home and your future love will come in and turn the cake.

**25**

**ST. MARK'S DAY**

Blessings upon the newly sown crops. Summer will soon be returning, along with the arrival of migratory birds to northern climes.

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**WALPURGIS NIGHT, MAY EVE**

May Eve is the festival of the dead in Spain and Portugal, and in Germany it is Walpurgisnacht. Elsewhere, bonfires and gravlax welcome May and summer, which traditionally begins with the May Day festivities in the morning.



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Springtide is the season of burgeoning flowers.

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