

Easter Test 2021 (Answers)

1. In what city are Peeps born?

- a. **Bethlehem**
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Hershey
- d. Harrisburg
- e. None of the Above

A. Bethlehem. Just Born acquired the Rodda Candy Company in 1953, and mechanized the production of Peeps. At the time of the acquisition, Rodda made these so-called Marshmallow Peeps through a laborious process that involved squeezing the softened marshmallow by hand through pastry tubes to form the desired shape. The marshmallow chicks took 27 hours to make, and the eyes had to be painted on individually by hand. The Just Born candy company was founded in 1923 in New York, and moved to its current location in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 1932.

2. Considering all the gospel accounts, how many women, mentioned by name, are reported to have visited the tomb before the apostles?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. **4**
- e. None of the Above

D. 4. John 20:1 only mentions Mary Magdalene. Matthew 28:1 adds to Mary Magdalene, “the other Mary.” Mark 16:1 affirms Mary Magdalene’s visit and identifies the “other Mary” as the mother of James, and adds Salome. Luke 24:10 – affirms Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, but adds Joanna and does not mention Salome. Some argue that Joanna and Salome are two different names for the same woman, but there is no evidence, so the number stands at 4.

3. In the song, Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail, who does he “got colored eggs for...”?

- a. **Sue**
- b. Johnny
- c. Sally
- d. Tommy
- e. None of the above

He's got jellybeans for Tommy, Colored eggs for sister Sue

4. Which Gospel reports that Mary saw two angels inside the tomb after Peter and John left the empty tomb?

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. **John**
- e. All the Above

D. Matthew 28:2-5 reports that an angel sitting on the stone rolled away spoke to the women. Mark 16:5 reports that the women saw a “young man” inside the tomb. Luke 24:3-4 reports that the women entered the tomb and two “men in gleaming clothes” appeared beside them. But only John 20:12 reports that after Peter and John left, Mary looked into the tomb and saw two angels in white.

5. Which Easter movie does not include the resurrection of Jesus?

- a. The Passion of the Christ (2004)
- b. Ben Hur (1959)
- c. The Greatest Story Ever Told (1953)
- d. **Jesus (1979)**
- e. None of the above

B. Ben Hur. The original book includes references to the resurrection, but not the 1959 movie. Jesus' resurrection is portrayed in the others. I wanted to include "The Robe" on this list, but didn't have time to see if that movie included it or not.

6. "How sweet to hold a newborn baby" is a line from which classic Resurrection Hymn?

- a. **Because He Lives**
- b. Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- c. He Lives
- d. One Day
- e. None of the Above

A. Because He Lives. A Bill and Gloria Gather song, verse two: How sweet to hold a newborn baby And feel the pride and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance; This child can face uncertain day, because He lives.

7. Germany gave us many Easter traditions. They even gave us "Oster Hase" which means:

- a. Easter Breakfast
- b. Easter Bonnet
- c. Easter Basket
- d. **Easter Bunny**
- e. None of the Above

D. Easter Hare, better known in our country as the Easter Bunny

8. According to Matthew, when the angel came to Jesus' tomb, what happened?

- a. The ground shook
- b. The grave shook
- c. The guards shook
- d. None of the above
- e. **All of the above**

E. Matthew 28:1-4 We all know that the angel rolled away the stone, but we often forget about the earthquake that accompanied this miracle

9. The Easter Lilly has come to represent Jesus' resurrection because:

- a. Its very bright white petals recall the angel's appearance at the tomb.
- b. Its heavy scent is reminiscent of the spices that the women brought to the tomb.
- c. **Its shell is buried in the earth and then it emerges to bloom like Jesus emerging from the tomb.**
- d. Its trumpet shape proclaims that Jesus is risen from the dead.
- e. All of the above.

C. Burying what seems dead to have it rise is the traditional connection to the Easter Lilly. There a tradition has it that these beautiful white lilies sprang up everywhere the drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground as He was led to Golgotha. I made up the other three, and they sound pretty good, so if you selected "All of the above" give yourself credit.

10. The Angel did not tell the women:

- a. "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5, Mk 16:6)
- b. "I know that you are looking for Jesus" (Mt 28:5)
- c. **"Come and see where His linens lay" (Mt 28:6, Mk 16:6) The angel said**
- d. **"Come and see the place where they laid Him"**
- d. "He is not here, for He has risen." (Mt 28:6, Mk 16:6, LK 24:6)

e. “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men” (Luke 24:7)

11. During the Easter season of 1874, while having his devotions one evening, Robert Lowry was so impressed with angel’s message as recorded in Luke 24:6-7 that he moved over to his pump organ and spontaneously wrote the words and music of which great Easter Hymn?

- a. Christ Is Risen
- b. Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- c. Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!
- d. **Christ Arose (Up from the grave)**
- e. None of the Above

D. Christ Arose. Robert Lowry wrote several hymns, and published 26 Hymn collections for which he is primarily remembered. However, when asked about his contribution he replied, “I would rather preach a gospel sermon to an appreciative, receptive congregation than write a hymn.”

12. According to the National Confectioners Association, of those who make Easter baskets, how many do not put any chocolate or candy in them?

- a. 5%
- b. 10%
- c. **15%**
- d. 20%
- e. None of the Above. They all have candy in them.

C. 85% Americans enjoy Easter themed chocolates and candies, but some hold to the tradition of only putting colored eggs in their baskets.

13. Which Gospel narrative records that Peter and John ran to the tomb?

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. **John**
- e. All of the Above

D. John 20:3. Who got there first? John, but Peter entered the tomb first. John is not actually mentioned by name, he was a little shy when talking about himself.

14. Which is not a reason that eggs are associated with Easter:

- a. A chick hatching from an egg recalls Jesus coming out of the tomb.
- b. Eggs were forbidden during Lent, and people celebrated getting to eat them again.
- c. At Passover Seders a roasted egg symbolizes the Passover Sacrifice, whom Christians believe to be fully realized in Jesus death, burial and resurrection.
- d. **Eggs were a pagan symbol of fertility used in the pre-Christian worship of Eostre.**
- e. None of the Above

D. Despite claims being made that Easter Eggs were originally pagan symbols, there is no solid evidence for this claim. It was not until the 18th Century that Jakob Grimm theorized a supposed pagan connection to Easter Eggs with a goddess of his own creation whom he named Ostara, a suggested German version of Eostre. We do get “Easter” from German, but from their word for “East” (as in sunrise, when Jesus rose from the dead). There is also an interesting tradition that claims how Mary Magdalene preached the gospel to Tiberius Caesar who announced that it was no more likely that Jesus rose from the dead than it was that the white egg she held in her hand to turn red. As Mary stretched out her hand the egg turned blood red. The entire court of Tiberius Caesar was converted to Christianity. And that is, supposedly how we started coloring eggs for Easter.

15. Inspired by Jesus’ triumph over death as recorded in Matthew 28:1-9, Charles Wesley wrote which great Easter Hymn just one year after his “heart-warming” experience at the Aldersgate Hall in London, England?

- a. Christ Is Risen
- b. Christ the Lord is Risen Today**
- c. Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!
- d. Christ Arose
- e. None of the Above

B. Christ the Lord is Risen Today. Charles Wesley wrote many hymns that continue to influence the worship and thought of churches who use them.

16. According to John's gospel what was the first thing Jesus said to Mary Magdalene?

- a. "Mary!"
- b. "Whom are you seeking?"
- c. "Why are you weeping?"**
- d. "Stop Clinging to Me."
- e. e. None of the Above

C. John 20:15 - Mary did not, at first, recognize Jesus, thinking that he was a gardener until he spoke her name. All of these were spoke to Mary.

17. The Cadbury Crème Egg that we all know and love, was first promoted on TV by:

- a. The Easter Bunny
- b. The Easter Chick
- c. The Clucking Bunny**
- d. The Quacking Chick
- e. None of the Above

C. The Cadbury Crème Egg was first released to the public in 1963 (Fry's Cream Egg), but it wasn't promoted on TV until 1982. The commercial increased sales, as expected. And it ran for 35 years, going through a few updates along the way.

18. What was unusual about Jesus' burial wrappings?

- a. They were white as snow
- b. They bore the image of the crucified Lord
- c. They had not been spiced
- d. They were rolled up (John 20:5-7).**
- e. None of the Above

D. "They" were rolled up. There were two burial clothes. The main sheet which was wrapped around the body with spices (John 19:30), and the face-cloth, which would be laid over the head (John 20:7).

19. What famous preacher in speaking against the church's celebration of Easter said, "They for whom all days are holy can have no holidays."

- a. Martin Luther
- b. John Calvin**
- c. Charles Wesley
- d. Jonathan Edwards
- e. None of the Above

B. John Calvin. It can be found in "The Sermons of John Calvin Upon the Fifth Book of Moses." (Most Protestants, especially the Puritans and Pilgrims, rejected special days of worship; arguing that every Christian has accepted the obligation of constant worship. In 1647 the English Parliament passed legislation abolishing Christmas, Easter, and other commonly called holy-days.).

20. What are the eight standard Jelly Bean Colors?

(Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Purple, Black, White, and Pink)

ORANGE is for Heaven so bright. (2 Samuel 22:13-14)

YELLOW is for God's perfect light. (Revelation 21:23)

BLACK is for the sins we've made. (Romans 3:23)

RED is for the blood He gave. (Romans 5:8)

WHITE is for our cleansing from sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)

GREEN is for our new life in Him. (Colossians 1:10)

PINK is for His free gift to share. (Matthew 28:19-20)

PURPLE is for the crowns we'll wear! (2 Timothy 4:8)