

A to Z English



A to Z Quick Chat 66: Easter Sunday

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00:00:30 Xochitl

Hello it is the English listeners.

00:00:32 Xochitl

Welcome to another episode today.

00:00:35 Xochitl

Jack and I are going to be doing a quick chat about.

00:00:39 Xochitl

So we're going to be talking about our experiences celebrating Easter and tell you a little bit about the holiday.

00:00:46 Xochitl

Jack, do you wanna kick us off?

00:00:47Xochitl

What is Easter?

00:00:49Jack

OK, so I grew up in a pretty religious family.

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So for us there because there's kind of two sides to Easter, there's kind of the secular traditional Easter and then there's the religious celebration.

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And so as far as the religious celebration, Easter is the belief that Jesus came back from the dead.

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Is that, am I right or?

00:01:22Jack

Am I wrong about this?

00:01:23Xochitl

Yeah. No, you're right.

00:01:24Jack

Ohh, OK OK sorry I'm I'm a.

00:01:27Jack

Little rusty on my.

00:01:27 발표자

Weird it is.

00:01:30Xochitl

I think the.

00:01:30Xochitl

Reason that you feel this way is because it's kind of weird because it's so separate for like your experience as a as a kid, especially like it almost has nothing to do with each other.

00:01:42Xochitl

It's like the dates lined up.

00:01:43Xochitl

I think that is what it originally is.

00:01:45Xochitl

It's like a Pagan holiday, isn't it?

00:01:47Xochitl

And then they just, like, gave it a religious motive, I think.

00:01:51Xochitl

I may be wrong.

00:01:52Xochitl

About that.

00:01:53Jack

No, I yeah, I think so.

00:01:53Xochitl

But yeah.

00:01:55Jack

I think a lot of the dates of our holidays line up with Pagan holidays that were replaced with religious stories.

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And so the idea is that Jesus was was was murdered by the state, by the Roman Empire.

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And then three days later, he rose again and and uh came back to life.

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And that is this is the celebration.

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Of his return after I believe three days.

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So that's the that's the religious belief and the religious holiday.

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And for some reason on Easter we boil eggs and paint.

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Them different colors.

00:02:46Jack

And the children believes that the Easter Bunny in the night time kind of like Santa Claus.

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He's kind of like a Santa Claus.

00:02:57Xochitl

Fairy as well.

00:02:58Xochitl

It's like the tooth fairy too.

00:03:00Jack

Yeah, the tooth fairy.

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The Tooth fairy, Santa Claus, all these kind of mythological or mythical.

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People they or or things they hide in Easter basket full of chocolates and candies and children have to go look around the house and find the Easter basket and it's kind of a fun game where mom and really what happens is mom and Dad.

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Fill the basket with with candy and then they hide it in your house and then in the morning of Easter Sunday, children have to run around the house and try to find the Easter basket.

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So it's like a game.

00:03:51Xochitl

They're popular thing also for our viewers who don't know, Pagan means a can you define Pagan Jack?

00:04:00Xochitl

I think you give a better definition than I can cause I'm like scrambling.

00:04:03Xochitl

For a good.

00:04:04Jack

No, no problem. Yeah.

00:04:06Jack

So a Pagan holiday is a.

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It's actually a non organized religious holiday, so a long, long time ago there were this these group, this group of.

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Religious people that lived in Europe and they were called the Druids and the Druids followed a certain beliefs called Paganism or Pagan beliefs, which means that there are many gods, God of nature, God.

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Of this God of that, and those are considered Pagan gods and it's it's it's a a religion that is not very.

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Common anymore.

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Not many people follow the Pagan religions well.

00:05:02 발표자

Right.

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The what would be the major religions?

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It would be probably.

00:05:06Xochitl

Christianity, any any sect of Christianity which includes almost weirdly, like almost everything, Hinduism, any sect of Christianity, Buddhism.

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Anyway, another tradition that we have is the Easter egg Hunt, which I did this when I was teaching in Korea.

00:05:32Xochitl

I did this for the little kids and they loved it so much.

00:05:34Xochitl

Oh my God.

00:05:36Xochitl

You get like, plastic Easter eggs and you fill them with candy, and usually the candy or like knickknacks.

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Which, if our viewers don't know what knickknacks are, they're like little trinkets, little toys and stuff for kids like little tiny ones like rubber balls, maybe or like a.

00:05:55Xochitl

Plastic frog or something, or one of the really popular ones for Easter is like one of those tiny fuzzy.

00:06:01Xochitl

Chicks. Little, little fuzzy.

00:06:02Jack

Yes, yes, yeah.

00:06:05Xochitl

Chicks that I'm in these plastic eggs.

00:06:06 발표자

OK.

00:06:06Xochitl

So each plastic egg usually has something different, like different types of candy or little trinkets, and the adults.

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Hide them around.

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And you're competing with tons of other kids.

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While there's other kids in your family or at your church or in your neighborhood, and you're running around trying to find these Easter eggs, which is really fun and.

00:06:29Xochitl

Yeah, basically what?

00:06:30 Xochitl

However many you run around with a basket and however many eggs you can.

00:06:33 Xochitl

Keep you get to.

00:06:35 Xochitl

Keep everything that's inside of it, so that's a really fun one.

00:06:40 Jack

That's probably the number one most fun part of Easter is either finding your Easter basket because in your house your mom and dad will hide an Easter basket and often very often they will in the Easter basket there will be a chocolate rabbit.

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So a chocolate Bunny.

00:07:01 Xochitl

Yes, my.

00:07:02 Xochitl

Mom, let me talk to the rabbit.

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This year actually so.

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Ohh really.

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Ohh, you're so lucky.

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I I love it, it's.

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Too much chocolate.

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It's no child should eat that much chocolate.

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But I.

00:07:16 Jack

I always finished mine.

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I couldn't stop myself.

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You know, some people take a bite and put it in the refrigerator.

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Not me.

00:07:25 Jack

I ate the whole thing.

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And what are some other candies like Jelly beans?

00:07:33 Xochitl

Jelly beans.

00:07:35 Xochitl

Some popular ones chocolate eggs.

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Yes, chocolate eggs.

00:07:39 Xochitl

They have like these small Cadbury eggs too.

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The chocolate cream filled eggs.

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Oh my gosh. Yeah.

00:07:48 Xochitl

So chocolate oranges like peeps.

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Oh my God, I didn't like peeps, but yes, they were really popular.

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Heaps are just mushroom.

00:07:54 Xochitl

They're these giant marshmallows.

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It's mushroom.

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Sorry, not mushroom marshmallow.

00:08:01 Xochitl

The marginal shaped.

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Like little chicks or little bunnies, and they're dyed like these bright colors like hot pink and yellow and and stuff.

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And blue.

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I was never a peeps fan.

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They're too sweet.

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I think most non American children don't like that.

00:08:18 Xochitl

Really, really sweet candy.

00:08:19 Jack

Right.

00:08:20 Xochitl

Most like of our candy.

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Until is not that sweet or it has a bunch of other flavors like it's spicy or sour or like.

00:08:28 Xochitl

Sweet with something else in it and in the US is like a clingy sweet candy.

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And I was never a huge fan of US candy, but peeps are a big thing, even for adults.

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I don't know why.

00:08:38 Jack

So so I could destroy an entire.

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Beer basket of peeps in one sitting, which probably is a good indication of why I have diabetes right now.

00:08:51 Xochitl

No. Yeah, I could.

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Never do that.

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My God, that's awful.

00:08:57 Xochitl

But yeah.

00:08:58 Xochitl

So and there's little like.

00:09:02 Xochitl

Like candy 2 eggs, there's just a bunch of different themes.

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This yeah.

00:09:06 Xochitl

Easter is a big commercial holiday, so there's a lot.

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Things like that.

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So yeah, I don't know viewers, how do you celebrate Easter?

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Do you celebrate Easter in your country?

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I know in Latin America we celebrate Easter because it's a hugely Catholic area, but let us know how you celebrate in your country, whether it's Easter or another holiday that you celebrate during this time.

00:09:29Xochitl

And umm yeah, let us know in the WhatsApp group or by e-mail at the A-Z English podcast.

00:09:36Xochitl

At gmail.com. Is that right?

00:09:36Jack

You're so close. Know, know.

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The Just A-Z English podcast.

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At gmail.com.

00:09:43Xochitl

I always get it wrong.

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Or leave a comment down below.

00:09:49Xochitl

Yeah, all right.

00:09:50Xochitl

We'll see you guys next time.

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All right. Thanks everybody. Bye.

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Bye bye.