

*Celebrating
Easter*



THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER EXPENSES



\$24B

Total Easter-related
spending expected in
2023

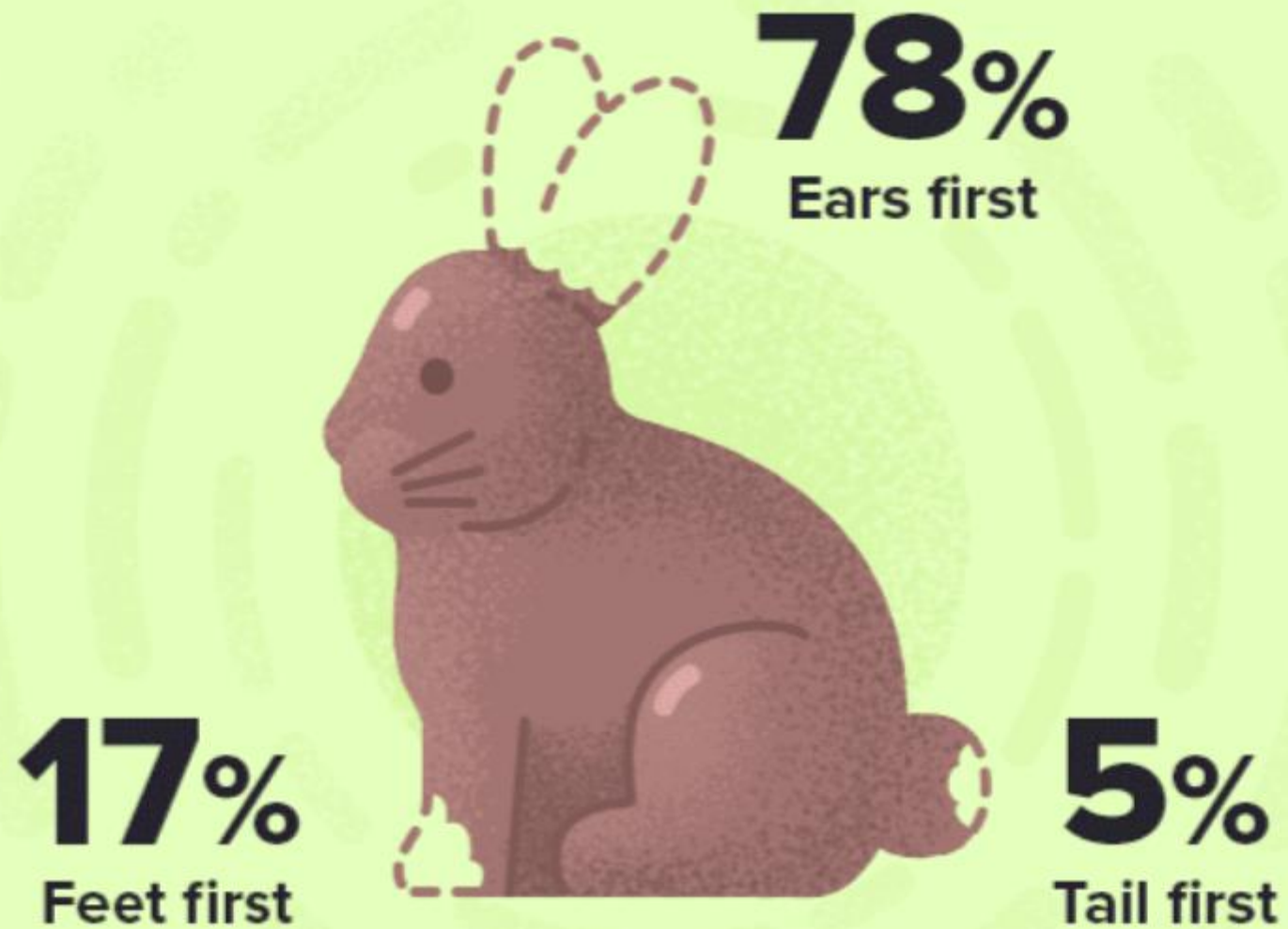


\$3.3B

Will be spent on candy



How Americans Eat Chocolate Easter Bunnies



What Americans plan to doing for Easter



Easter Egg Hunt

83%



Eating Candy

69%



Dyeing Eggs

69%



Taking Family Photos

58%



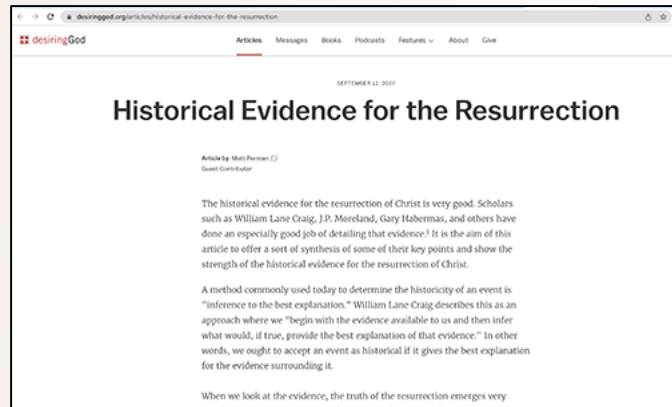
Making Easter Dinner

57%

43%

**Plan to attend church
on Easter Sunday**

Resources about the RESURRECTION:



Online Article:
*Historical Evidence
for the Resurrection*

Find links to this article and other books on
VCClife.org/Sunday

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.



1 Corinthians 15:14-19

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.



1 Corinthians 15:53-57

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Joy

Biblical joy is more than a happy feeling. It's a lasting emotion that comes from the choice to trust that God will fulfill his promises



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John 16:20 Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

Luke 24:40-43 Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

