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The Easter season starts in earnest on Thursday with Maundy Thursday marking the last meal Jesus had with his disciples.

Easter traditions follow the religious calendar with Friday a day of mourning (the crucifixion of Christ) before celebrating on Monday to mark his resurrection.

Over the period Germans have developed traditions from [egg painting to burning stuff](#), as our Local List with YouTube channel [Get Germanized](#) can testify.



From rolling wheels filled with burning hay down a hill, to waiting for a fox to bring eggs, The Local List this week looks at the nine best German Easter traditions.



- 1. Make a fire:** On the night before Easter Sunday, thousands of Germans gather around huge bonfires. Traditionally, the wood of Christmas trees is used. It marks the end of winter and the coming of spring. It drives away the evil spirits of winter.