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Rather than just follow the Jewish calendar as it varies back and forth, they have fixed a different system of determining when it will be. That system is definitely in relation to the moon and you can figure it months or years ahead now and you can find calendars which tell you many years ahead. But there weren't many people at that time who had a way of knowing just when the full moon would be so they left it up to the Bishop of Alexandria to figure it out each time and notify the world.

The first Sunday after the first full moon, after the 21st of March. . . So you see if the full moon is on the 21st of March, then the first full moon after that would be 28 days later so it wouldn't come until the end of April. But if the full moon is the 22nd of March that would be the first full moon after the 21st of March so it would be then. So you see it can vary now within a period of a month according to that formula which I had memorized and I think you for reminding me.

Now the Easter controversy then was settled in that way and actually it doesn't make a great difference when we observe Easter but it is rather nice to have one day on which we celebrate universally and remember the resurrection of Christ. So it was a nice idea to agree upon one way of figuring it and was extremely important.