

Passover to Pentecost (1)

Christ Our Passover

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Introduction:

A lot of people view salvation as a funeral, but...

- **Salvation is not a funeral it is a feast!**
 - o We are called to celebration.
- Jesus was not a drab recluse clothed in sackcloth and ashes walking around with the attitude of mourning hanging over his head. No, **Hebrews 1:9** said about him, **“God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”**
 - o The greatest witness you can produce in this day of calamity and chaos is a life filled with joy.
 - o Most people don't care about heaven or hell, they are worried about how to hack it on Monday.
 - o Lots of Christians walk around like an advance agent for the undertaker, but we should not be living like that. We are victors not victims and serve a God who has graced to be able to do all things through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Keeping the Passover Feast was expected by all, it is not just a Jewish holiday

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This is a special day of celebration for all believers. This is Palm Sunday and the time when we focus our attention on one of the 3 major feast in Israel.

Historical Background of Passover:

- Jews were in bondage in Egypt 400
 - o Egypt is symbolic of sin

- It represents the world, the bondage represents the flesh, and Pharaoh represents the devil
- But they were God's chosen people and His plan to bring them out was Passover.
- God sent the 10 plagues upon the land to combat the 9 primary plagues the affected only the Egyptians (deities of Egypt). **But the 10th plague was a judgment upon all people whether Egyptian or Hebrew, great or small. God said that night His angel of death would pass over, every home would be subject to his scrutiny.**
- The Lord, in His infinite mercy made a way of escape, a provision for salvation.
- Any family, Egyptian or Hebrew that would **apply the blood of a slain spotless lamb on the doorpost** would find mercy and forgiveness.

NOTICE: Why the blood of a lamb?

- Nothing more gentle, innocent, or defenseless as a lamb...
- The symbol of Egypt was a serpent (**The uraeus was an ancient Egyptian symbol of a reared snake (generally a cobra).**)
 - In ancient Egypt the serpent was **believed to be the first off- spring of primeval earth, identified with the gods Seth and Apophis, and in constant warfare against the sun-god, Ra** (Lurker 1989:370). The Uraeus snake symbol worn on the forehead became the Pharaoh's sign of sovereignty (Hendel 1995:1406; Bunn 1967:616). **Put Pics up**



- **The Passover is about The Lamb defeating the serpent!**
 - First book - **Genesis 3:15** - And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.
 - Last book – **Revelation 20:2** - He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years.

EXODUS 12:1-6 - Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²“This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the **tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb**, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his

neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall **be without blemish, a male of the first year**. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ Now you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of the same month. **Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.**

EXODUS 12:11 - And thus you shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. **It is the Lord's Passover.**

OUR REDEMPTION PROPHESED

1. **Spotless lamb** – vs 5
2. **Sacrificial lamb** – vs 6
 - 14th of April at 3PM the priest would sacrifice the lamb
 - Without the shedding of blood there is no remission
3. **Saving lamb** – Exodus 12:22-23 - And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. ²³ For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when **He sees the blood** on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the **Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.**
 - No work could be done on this day – we can't earn salvation
4. **Shared lamb** – Exodus 12:4 - ⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

When they walked out of Egypt a lamb walked out inside of them!

OUR REDEMPTION PROVIDED

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³² not according to **the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt**, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My law in their minds,**

and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."**

- John 1:29 – Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world

1. Jesus is the spotless lamb

- **1 Peter 1:18-19** - knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
 - As Jesus was making his way down the Mt. of Olives, past the Kidron valley up to the Temple Mount – at the same time – they priest were coming from Bethlehem through the sheep gate to be studied for flaws for 4 days.
 - More than 1/3rd of the Gospels is given to the last week of Jesus' life because he too was being examined.
 - Sadducees, Pharisees, the priest, Herodians, Pilot – no one could find any wrong in him.

2. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb

- **1 Corinthians 5:7** - For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
- The Matzo Tash – bag with three divisions in it
 - At a certain point the father would take the middle piece of bread, break it and pass it around for everyone to eat a piece of it.
 - It was stripped and pierced
 - It was in the middle (Father, SON, Holy Spirit)
 - The other half would be wrapped in an afikomen / linen napkin and hidden away even buried in the earth.
- **Luke 22:19-20** - And He took bread, gave thanks, and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.
 - **The Blessing:** "Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringeth forth bread out of the earth."
- By 9AM the next day He is on his way to Calvary

3. Jesus is the saving lamb

- No other way to be saved

- **Romans 10:9-10** - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 3PM the priest is pulling the lambs head back and cutting its throat – at the same time Jesus is lifting his head and saying “it is finished”

4. Jesus is the shared lamb

- The lamb is too much for any one of us...he must be shared with the needs of the whole world.
- Whether Egyptian or Jew, Latino or Greek, Black or White, Rich or Poor – This lamb came to take away the sins of the whole world!