

4.13.22 ~ From Passover to the Lord's Supper

About 1500 years before the birth of God's Son, God delivered the Israelites from 400 years of slavery under Pharaoh, using Moses and Aaron and a series of ten devastating plagues, brought upon the Egyptians.

See **Exodus 12:1-13, 29-32...** The people were to acquire a year-old male lamb without defect, it was to be taken from either sheep or goats.

On Sunday, Nisan 10, a lamb was selected and brought home for four days. Guess what? Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Nisan 10 (a Sunday), and for four days Jesus (*the Lamb of God*, **John 1:29**) enjoyed the favor of the people, loving them and being praised by them.

On Thursday, Nisan 14, just after sunset, God's Lamb [Jesus Christ] celebrated Passover with His disciples; and at the close of the meal, He changed Passover's meaning and message forever (see **Matthew 26:26-29**).

Ephesians. 1:7, "We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

1Peter. 1:19, "the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

Hebrews 9:22, "for without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

During the Passover meal the cup of wine is called the "cup of blessing," symbolizing God's covenant requirement be fulfilled by the shedding of blood.

In **Matthew 26:28**, it is not the blood of an animal Jesus is talking about, "this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."

Luke 22:20 records that, "He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.'"

On Sunday (Nisan 10) of passion week Jesus rode into town on a donkey's colt, He was praised and honored by the people; and it would seem that they acknowledged Him as their Messiah, their Savior.

On Monday and Tuesday Jesus proclaimed, with great compassion, God's message of love and forgiveness to all who would listen.

On Wednesday the narrative seems to go silent, perhaps a day of rest in preparation for what was to come.

On Thursday (Nisan 14) Jesus changes the meaning and message of Passover, personalizing the lamb sacrifice and shedding of blood to Himself.

But the Lamb of God was not slain by a priest in the normal manner, Jesus willingly gave up His own life, so that we might now be able to approach God.

Jesus Christ, God's Son, made total and eternal payment for sin (see **Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:1-10**).

Ten years before any Gospel accounts of the Lord's Supper were written, Paul provided divine instruction concerning the Lord's Supper.

Read **1Corinthians 11:23-26...** Paul is teaching is God's revealed Word, reminding the Corinthians what he had already taught them.

The first Passover's bread represents Christ's body (**1Corinthians 11:24**), "This is My body, which is for you." The lamb's blood that had been smeared on the doorposts, is now replaced by His blood (**1Corinthians 11:25**), "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The old covenant remembered the deliverance of Israel from Egypt; the new covenant is a remembrance of our deliverance from sin's punishment.

Jesus says (**1Corinthians 11:26**), "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

We don't smear the blood of a lamb on our door frames to protect us from the Death angel, for we are under the new covenant, instituted and ordained through the shed blood of Jesus: the Lamb of God.

See **Hebrews 10:11-12, 14, 17-18...** Passover celebrated the Israelites being freed from slavery. The Lord's Supper celebrates all believers and followers of Christ being freed from the penalty of sin forever.

John 14:1-6, ""Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.' Thomas *said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?' Jesus *said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

Jesus alone provides forgiveness for sins, He is the only way to heaven.

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Acts 4:12, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Joel 2:32, "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered."

Acts 2:21, "And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:13, "For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

1John 5:11 "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **12** He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. **13** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

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