

# JOURNEY

THE ROAD TO NEW LIFE



# Passion Week Calendar

- Jesus enters the city as the humble Messiah on a Sunday preceding Passover, “Palm Sunday”
- Thursday evening of this week is the Passover Meal, called the “Last Supper” of Jesus with His disciples
- On Friday afternoon of this week, the Savior is murdered on a Roman cross, “Good Friday”
- On the following Sunday, Jesus is resurrected to new life, “Easter Sunday”

# What is Passover (Pesach)?

- In English, the holiday is known as Passover.
- Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people.
- The Hebrew name "**Pesach**" (פֶּסַח) comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to pass through, to pass over, to exempt or to spare."
- It is the first of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Shavu'ot and Sukkot).

# Passover Story

Exodus 12

Now the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.”

Exodus 12:1-2

Passover begins on the **15th day of the month of Nisan** in the Hebrew calendar.

No.	English	Hebrew	days	equivalent
1	Nisan	ניסן	30	Mar - Apr
2	Iyar	אייר	29	Apr - May
3	Sivan	סיון	30	May - Jun
4	Tammuz	תמוז	29	Jun - Jul
5	Av	אב	30	Jul - Aug
6	Elul	אלול	29	Aug - Sep
7	Tishrei	תשרי	30	Sep - Oct
8	Cheshvan	כסליו	29/30	Oct - Nov
9	Kislev	כסליו	30/29	Nov - Dec
10	Tevet	טבת	29	Dec - Jan
11	Shevat	שבט	30	Jan - Feb
12L	Adar I	אדר א'	30	leap year
12	Adar	אדר	29	Feb - Mar

Nisan means “the beginning” in Hebrew

The month of Nisan is called *Chodesh ha-yeshua*, “the month of salvation”

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# When is Passover this year?

- Jewish Year 5776  
sunset April 22, 2016 - nightfall April 30, 2016
- Jewish Year 5777  
sunset April 10, 2017 - nightfall April 18, 2017

“Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, **‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves,** according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. **You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.’ ”**

Exodus 12:3-6



“ ‘Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.’ ” Exodus 12:7-10

“ ‘Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the Lord’s Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.’ ”

Exodus 12:11-13

“ ‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you. You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent ordinance.’ ” Exodus 12:14-17

\*This is the first command given to Israel to keep forever –  
to receive the lamb

“ ‘In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land. You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.’ ” Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.” Exodus 12:18-22

“For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. **And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.**

When you enter the land which the Lord will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite. And when your children say to you, ‘What does this rite mean to you?’ you shall say, ‘It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.’ ” And the people bowed low and worshiped.” Exodus 12:23-27

# Observing the Passover

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<b>Bedikat Chametz</b>	Search for leaven (chamtetz)
<b>Hadlakat Ha-Nerot</b>	Lighting of the Passover candles
<b>Kiddush</b>	Sanctifying blessing and first cup of wine
<b>Urchatz</b>	First hand washing
<b>Karpas</b>	Green vegetable dipped in salt water and blessing
<b>Yachatz</b>	Breaking the middle Matzah and hiding the Afikomen
<b>Maggid</b>	Telling the story of Passover and the second cup of wine
<b>Rachtzah</b>	Second hand washing and blessing
<b>Matzah</b>	Blessing for the bread and eating of Matzah
<b>Maror</b>	Eating of the bitter herbs
<b>Korech</b>	Eating of Maror and Matzah
<b>Shulchan Orech</b>	The festival meal
<b>Tzafun</b>	Eating the Afikomen (meaning “He who comes”)
<b>Barech</b>	After meal blessing, the third cup of wine, looking for arrival of Elijah
<b>Hallel</b>	Songs of praise
<b>Nirtzah</b>	Fourth cup of wine and completion of the Seder

## 16 Traditional Steps of the Seder Meal

This sequence is presented in the **Haggadah** ("telling") which outlines the steps of the meal as well as the readings and songs for the participants.

# The Four Questions

Asked by the youngest child in the family:

**Why is this night different from all other nights?**

- On all other nights we may eat either leavened or unleavened bread; but on this night why only unleavened bread?
- On all other nights we eat herbs of any kind; but on this night why only bitter herbs?
- On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once; but on this night why do we dip them twice?
- On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining; but on this night why do we eat in a reclining position?



# The Father answers the Four Questions one by one

- We eat matzah because when our ancestors were told by Pharaoh that they could leave Egypt, they had no time to bake bread with leaven, so they baked it without leaven.
- At the Seder, we eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness our ancestors experienced when they were oppressed by the Egyptian taskmasters.
- At the Seder, we dip food twice: the parsley in salt water, and the matzah into bitter herbs.
- As a sign of freedom, we lean to the left when we partake of the cup. In ancient times, slaves ate hurriedly, standing, while royalty, and the wealthy in Egypt, and other empires, dined on couches. To show that Israel was now free, they too reclined while eating.

<http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/haggadah.html>

\*When we sit down, our heads are brought to a lower position. This symbolizes a partial bowing to the divine, since the head is not completely lowered. But when we recline, our heads are nearly if not completely lowered. This symbolizes an absolute and innate “bowing” to the divine.

[http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach\\_cdo/aid/1486798/jewish/The-Four-Questions-Explained.htm](http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/1486798/jewish/The-Four-Questions-Explained.htm)

# Dayenu דַּיְנוּ

means “It would have been enough”

Had He brought us out from Egypt and not executed judgment against them, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He executed judgment against them and not destroyed their idols, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He destroyed their idols and not slain their firstborn, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He slain their firstborn and not given us their possessions, It would have been enough!, Dayenu!

Had He given us their possessions and not divided the sea for us, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He divided the sea for us and not brought us through it dry-shod, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He brought us through it dry-shod and not drowned our oppressors in it, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He drowned our oppressors in it and not sustained us in the wilderness for forty years, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He sustained us in the wilderness for forty years and not fed us manna, It would have been enough Dayenu!

Had He fed us manna and not given us the Sabbath, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He given us the Sabbath and not brought us to mount Sinai, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had he brought us to Mount Sinai, and not given us the Torah, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had he given us the Torah and not brought us in the land of Israel, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

Had He brought us into the Land of Israel and not built the temple for us, It would have been enough! Dayenu!

# The Ingredients of a Seder Meal

seder means “order” in Hebrew

**Matzah** – three pieces of flat, unleavened bread

**Zeroah** - roasted lamb bone connotes the sacrificial Passover lamb

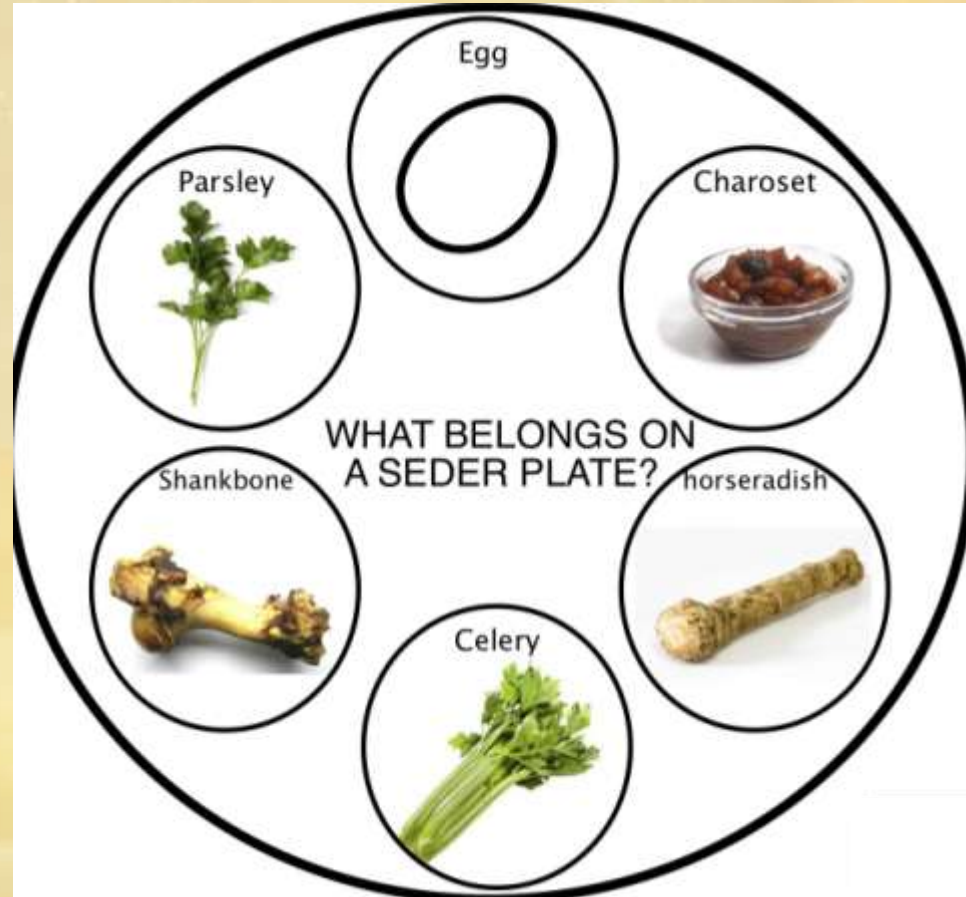
**Karpas** - Herbs (parsley) symbolize springtime growth, dipped in salt water

**Maror** – Bitter herbs (horseradish) represent bitter years of slavery in Egypt

**Haroset** - a sweet mixture of fruit and ground nuts soaked in wine represents the mortar used in Egypt

**Beitzah** – roasted egg represents the chagigah festival sacrifice in the Temple, represents birth/new life

# Seder Meal



Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. Now it came about at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead. Then he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, “Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, worship the Lord, as you have said. Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also.”

Exodus 12:28-32

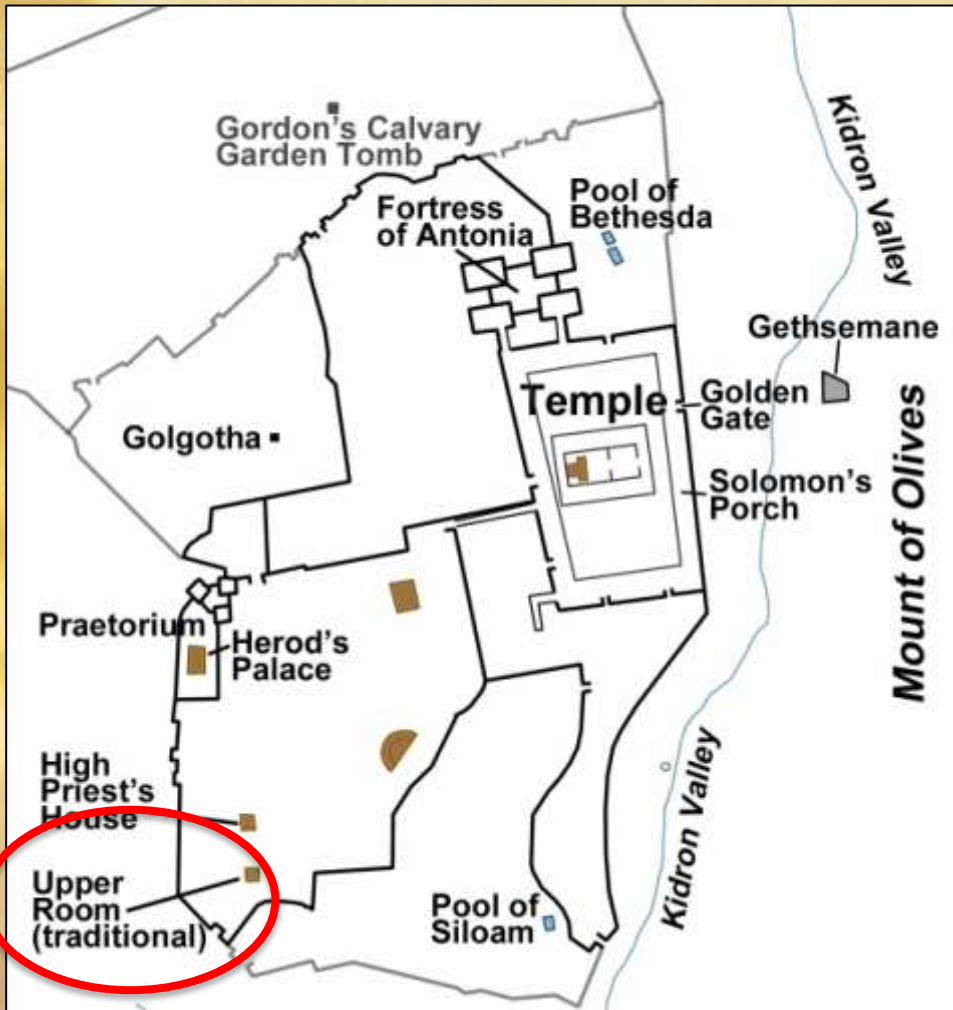
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Mark 14:12-17

Luke 22:14-16

Matthew 26:20-29

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’” ’ And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there.” The disciples went out and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening He came with the twelve. Mark 14:12-17



# Jerusalem in the days of Jesus



# Upper Room



When the hour had come, He **reclined** at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.”

Luke 22:14-18

# Hebrew blessings Jesus would have said...

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu  
v'higianu laz'man hazeh

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for giving us life, for  
sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מֶמְקַדְשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִּים.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen  
Blessed are You, Lord Our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit  
of the vine

The four cups of wine represent four promises made to Israel by God in Exodus 6:6-7

“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and **I will** bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will** deliver you from their bondage. **I will** also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Then **I will** take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.’”

Exodus 6:6-7

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### **The first cup of wine is called the cup of sanctification (freedom)**

- It is to commemorate the promise: **“I will bring you out.”**

### **The second cup is called the cup of plagues (deliverance)**

- It reflects the ten plagues that came upon Egypt – and it relates to the second promise: **“I will free you from being slaves.”**
- Ten Plagues: Blood. Frogs. Lice. Swarms. Cattle Disease. Boils. Hail. Locusts. Darkness. Death of the First Born.

### **The third cup is called the cup of redemption**

- God says: **“I will redeem you.”**

### **The fourth cup is called the cup of completion (hope, praise, thanks)**

- God says: **“I will take you as my own people.”**

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**First cup of wine is called the cup of sanctification/freedom**

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes." Luke 22:17-18

**Second cup is called the cup of plagues/deliverance** (not mentioned in gospel account of Last Supper)

10<sup>th</sup> Plague was death of first-born son

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." Matthew 26:39

**Third cup is called the cup of redemption**

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

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:27-28

**Fourth cup is called the cup of completion/hope/praise/thanks** (Jesus did not drink from this cup)

"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:29

Now when evening came, Jesus was **reclining** at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating, He said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.” Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, “Surely not I, Lord?” And He answered, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” Jesus said to him, “You have said it yourself.”

Matthew 26:20-25

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

Matthew 26:26-29



# Jesus celebrated Passover at the Last Supper

- Jesus said, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.” Matthew 26:23
  - Morar and Charoset, along with Matzah, are ingredients in the Seder meal
- While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Matthew 26:26
  - Afikomen, the broken and hidden second piece of Matzah

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  - The third cup of wine – known as the Cup of Redemption
- “But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” Matthew 26:29
  - The fourth cup of wine – known as the Cup of Completion

After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Matthew 26:30

The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. I will not die, but live, and tell of the works of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous will enter through it. I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord, do save, we beseech You; O Lord, we beseech You, do send prosperity! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we have blessed you from the house of the Lord. Psalm 118:14-26

**Where is Jesus seen in  
the Passover?**

# Spotless Lamb of Sacrifice

- “Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.” Exodus 12:5
- “knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.” 1 Peter 1:18-19
- “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

# Forgiveness is Found in the Blood of the Lamb

- “For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.” Exodus 12:23
- “For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”  
Hebrews 9:13-14
- “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:2-4

# Messiah would be the Sacrificial Lamb

- But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. Isaiah 53:5-7
- Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.” And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge... Matthew 27:11-14

# Messiah would be the Sacrificial Lamb

- About the Passover lamb... “It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.” Exodus 12:46
- About the Promised Messiah... “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones, not one of them is broken.” Psalm 34:19-20
- About Jesus on the cross... “So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.” John 19:32-33



# This is to be an Ongoing Reminder

- “Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.’ ” Exodus 12:14
- “Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.” 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” 1 Corinthians 11:26

# Rescue God's People from Slavery

- “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves...” Leviticus 26:13
- “You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.” Deuteronomy 5:15
- Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.” John 8:34
- “But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.” Romans 6:17-18

# Looking for Elijah to Come

- After the fourth cup of wine and songs (called “Hallel Psalms”), family members open their front door to look for Elijah the prophet.
- With expectant hearts, people sing: "Eliyahu ha navi, Eliyahu ha Tishbi, Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu ha Giladi." (Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah the Gileadite, may the prophet Elijah come soon.)
- Jewish families hope that on Passover Elijah will come to herald the arrival of the Messiah.
- “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.” Malachi 4:5-6
- The New Testament teaches that one man did come in the spirit of Elijah. His name was John (the Baptist) and he heralded the Messiah's coming 2,000 years ago.
- “There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.” John 1:6-8

# The Cross Opens the Door to Salvation

On Passover, the priest would blow the shofar (ram's horn) at 3 pm, the moment the lamb was sacrificed, and the people would pause to contemplate the sacrifice for sins on behalf of the people of Israel.

Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. About the ninth hour (3 pm) Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ..... And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

Matthew 27:45-46, 50-51

# Jesus is our Passover Lamb

John the Baptist was a priest as a descendant of Aaron—Luke 1. The priests were responsible for preparing the lambs for sacrifice in the Temple.

When John the Baptist saw Christ, he pointed to Him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him. Matthew 3:13-15

John the Baptist symbolized the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God when he baptized Jesus.

# Jesus is our Passover Lamb

“**take**” in Hebrew is לָקַח [*laqach*] verb translated as “to take, get, fetch, lay hold of, seize, receive, acquire, buy, bring”

“**Lamb**” in Hebrew is צֶה [zeh]

“**Unblemished**” in Hebrew is תְּמִיּוֹם [*tamiym*] adjective translated as “without blemish, perfect, upright, without spot, whole, complete, innocent, having integrity, finished, consumed”

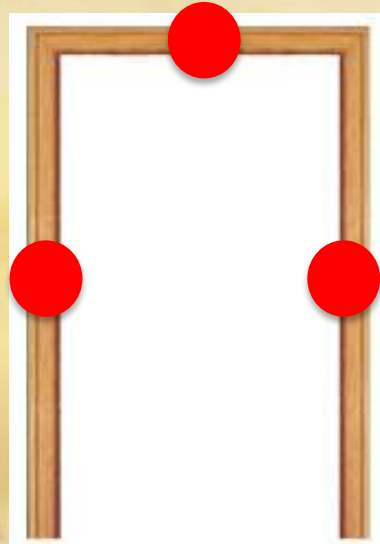
“**Take the lamb to the house**” on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan (Palm Sunday)

“**Kill the lamb**” on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan (Last Supper on Thursday evening)

For the 4 days after taking the lamb and before killing the lamb, the lamb is watched by the priests and inspected and put on trial to see if it is unblemished. Jesus was put on trial and proven innocent.

# Blood of the Lamb

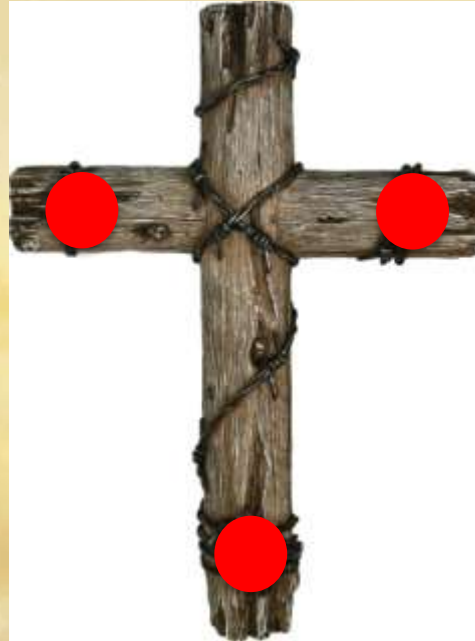
Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. Exodus 12:7



# Blood of the Lamb

And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots.

Matthew 27:35



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The star consists of two intertwined triangles: one pointing up to God and the other pointing down to man, symbolizing the relationship between the two—"the interpenetration of two realms."

(source: Franz Rosenzweig, *Star of Redemption*, 1912)

The six points are said by Rosenzweig to represent two triads: creation, revelation, and redemption, along with God, Israel, and the Gentile world.

<http://www.gotquestions.org/star-of-David.html>



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# Jesus is our Passover Lamb

**Zeroah** - roasted lamb bone connotes the sacrificial Passover lamb

**זְרוֹעַ [zârôwa]** noun translated as “arm (as a symbol of strength), power”



Who has believed our message? And to whom has the **arm of the Lord** (זְרוּעַ יְהוָה) been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

Isaiah 53:1-6

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:7-12

# Jesus is our Passover Lamb

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

# Ending the Seder

לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בְּיְרוּשָׁלַיִם הַבְּנוּיָה

Li-shanah Habah'ah Bi-rushalayim Ha-bnu-yah!

Next year in the rebuilt Jerusalem!

# Now, We Observe the Lord's Supper

## The Matzah (Unleavened Bread)

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Matthew 26:26

## The Cup

Third cup of wine – Cup of Redemption

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:27-28