



The Harvest

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Jesus and The Passover Connection

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START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

MAIN VERSES

[Luke 22:1-23](#)

[Exodus 12:1-13](#)

OVERVIEW

Jesus kept and observed the Passover. Ultimately, He fulfilled it in His death on the cross. That fulfillment transformed this holyday in a way that it would never be the same. Since that time more and more people are referring to it as the second and greater Passover. As followers of Jesus, we too celebrate the biblical holydays of our Father in Heaven. Our annual celebration of Passover is full of joy and thanksgiving precisely because Jesus, the Lamb of God, died for us at Passover nearly 2000 years ago. As a result, we are forgiven and reconciled to God! This is why we keep and observe the Passover. It is in honor of Jesus, the Lamb of God! Today, we will explore Jesus, His connection to Passover, and what that means for our world.

CONTENT

[Read Luke 22:1-23](#)

Did Jesus actually keep, observe, and eat a Passover lamb with His Apostles at the appointed time of Passover? Why?

Jesus did keep, observe, and eat a Passover lamb with His Apostles at the appointed time of Passover. He did so because He loves His Father in Heaven. The Word says that if you love God, you keep His commands. The annual Passover celebration is in Honor of God who sent His Passover lamb (Jesus) to save the world. God has commanded His children to observe Passover in every generation. Jesus has set the example in keeping it and fulfills it in His death and resurrection.

How is this Passover with His Apostles the second and greater Passover?

That year was the year that God would offer His lamb (Jesus His only begotten Son) as the Passover sacrifice. That Passover was the one where spiritual salvation and eternal life was given to all who embrace His Lamb as their Passover sacrifice. It was that final seder in which Jesus inaugurated the long-awaited new covenant spoken of by Jeremiah the prophet (see verses 19-20). In this sense, that Passover is the second and greater Passover, replete with the second and greater covenant often referred to as the “New Covenant”. Our Passovers today celebrate not only the physical redemption of our ancestors in Egypt, but the greater spiritual salvation in Messiah that frees us from our personal Egypts of sin and shame!

Read Exodus 12:1-13

What is the sign of Passover and how does it function?

The sign is the blood of the Passover lamb. It provides salvation for those who apply it to their domains. It literally spares them from the wrath of God against sin and shame. Those who embraced their lambs, slayed them, ate them, and applied the blood to their doorposts escaped the judgment of death. All other households were devastated with the death of their firstborn. God’s offer of salvation was gracious but contingent on faith in the blood of the lamb. This foreshadowed the time to come in which we would embrace Jesus as the Passover lamb of God who takes away our sin and saves us from the coming wrath of God against this sinful world. Faith in the blood of Jesus as our atonement is what secures our salvation and eternal life.

TAKE ACTION

Start planning now to be in or facilitate a Passover seder! It is more important than ever that we band together in brotherly love, unity, hospitality, and encouragement to not forsake the assembly, as we celebrate Passover in our homes. Even if you are just getting together with one other family from the community, do it! If you've been invited to a Seder, go! If you have not, host one! Let us celebrate the sacrifice of our Messiah together! If you are unsure about how to host a Passover seder you can visit the resource tab on our website (graftedin.com) for helpful resources on Passovers. In addition, you can visit past sermons centered on Passover for a deeper understanding on Passover.