
“The Passover Passes Over!”

1. Intro:
   1.1. The last meal is a traditional part of a condemned prisoner's last day. The day before the appointed time of execution, the prisoner will be given the meal.
      1.1.1. Ted Bundy was served: Steak (medium rare), eggs over easy, hash browns and coffee. (He refused it.)
      1.1.2. Timothy McVeigh: Two pints of Ben & Jerry's mint chocolate-chip.
      1.1.3. Saddam Hussein: who so bitterly opposed to American presence in the Middle East, spent his last days eating some of the foods most associated with the United States – hamburger and fries.
      1.1.4. Joan of Arc: Holy Communion.
      1.1.5. Jesus’ last meal? – bread & wine. (Wasn’t about what He ate, but w/whom He ate it with. And what it signified.)

     1.2. Luke shifts scenes (from Temple/City); & shifts content (teachings of Jesus, stories of Jesus)

     1.3. We now start into what is known as Jesus’ Passion (L. suffering)


2. THE PASSOVER PASSES OVER! (1-20)

   2.1. PREPARATION FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF THE PASVER LAMB! (1-6)

   2.2. The religious leaders had already plotted to kill Jesus.

   2.2.1. The plot just becomes easier when the last puzzle piece falls into place, as 1 of His own decides to betray Him to them!

   2.3. Problem: How could they arrest such a popular rabbi during the Passover, when the crowds might cause a riot?

   2.3.1. Judas solved their problem by turning traitor and promising to deliver Jesus to them without creating a scene.

   2.3.2. They needed to make the arrest in secret!

   2.4. (3) Dancing with the Devil!

   2.4.1. Judas volunteers to betray Jesus for 2 reasons:

   2.4.1.1. The diabolical reason (3) - Satan entered Judas (though invited).

   2.4.1.2. The financial reason (4-6) - The religious leaders promise $. 

   2.4.2. Hey, when you need help with deception…who better to call then Satan himself!

   2.4.3. But Satan deceived Judas as well. [You just can’t trust him!]

   2.4.3.1. Can a man take fire into his bosom, & his clothes be not burnt?

   2.4.3.1.1. Context is “adultery” in Prov.6:27 but apropos here.

   2.4.3.2. Satan deceived Judas into committing suicide.

   2.4.3.3. It is dangerous to make deals with the devil!
2.5. **Satan’s taking part** in Jesus’ death was actually **his own downfall**, for through dying Jesus conquered Satan and death.

2.6. (4) Captains/officers of the Temple guard - These were **not** military guards, but the **Levitical officers** who had charge of the temple watch.¹

2.7. **PREPARING FOR PASSOVER!** (7-13)

2.8. Jesus was an **obedient Jew**, who **kept the Law & celebrated Passover**.

2.8.1. Being aware of Judas’ plan to betray Him, Jesus kept the place of the meal **secret**. Peter & John didn’t even know where it was to be held, until they arrived.

2.8.2. Don’t get upset at Jesus when He **doesn’t let you in on** things!

2.8.2.1. He will, when the **time is right**! 😊

2.9. (10) **A man** carrying a pitcher – a very unusual site, **women’s work**.

2.10. **EATING THE PASSOVER!** (14-16)

2.11. He has a **fervent desire** to eat it with all of you this morning also! [but is it for everyone?]

2.12. **FROM PASSOVER SUPPER TO LORD’S SUPPER!** (17-20)

2.13. The **Passover Passes-Over** from the **Passover Supper** to the **Lord’s Supper**!

2.13.1. **A.K.A.** – The **Breaking of Bread**; **Holy Communion**; the **Sacrament**; the **Eucharist**.

2.13.2. But what does it mean?

2.14. (19) Do this in **remembrance** of me – Remember what?

2.15. Remember the **Lord Jesus** – that you might **follow Him**.

2.16. Remember **His death**, its **fact**, its **meaning** – so you don’t forget Him **during His absence**.

2.17. Remember Him in **sickness** – that you might **have patience**.

2.18. Remember Him in **persecution** – that you might **have gentleness**.

2.19. Remember Him in **your service** – that you remember **His burning zeal** in His.

2.20. Remember Him in **times of solitude** – as you remember **His midnight prayers**.

2.21. Remember to **share your faith** – as He shared His **lion-like declarations** of the **gospel**.

2.22. Remember Him so He becomes **our pattern** – that we might be the **reproduction of Himself**, & thus become **the best memorial of Him**!²

2.23. The Passover feast **looked back** to Israel’s deliverance from Egypt.

2.24. The Lord’s Supper **looks back** to Christ’s death on the cross.

2.25. The Lord’s Supper **looks ahead** to His coming again, “until it is fulfilled in the kingdom” (16).

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¹ Manners & customs of the Bible.

² Adapted from “The Best of Spurgeon”; Luke 22:19; pg.290.
2.25.1. Jesus saw a future fulfillment of the feast when His people would be gathered together in His glorious kingdom.

2.25.2. Jesus is the Passover Lamb who died, not only for the sins of a nation but for the sins of the world.

2.25.3. Both the Passover and the Lord’s Supper were demonstrations of His love for a lost world.

2.26. Bread!

2.27. Note: He didn’t take the Passover Lamb, but bread & wine.

2.27.1. Thus He was instituting a feast, not a sacrifice.

2.27.2. 1 Cor.5:7,8 “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

2.28. Remembrance – Normally we celebrate someone’s Birthday not their Death-day!

2.28.1. Death-days are often difficult days to remember. 😞

2.28.2. Remember what? – That He truly was a Good Man; a Great Savior; a Loving Friend; a Living Hope; & a Coming Lord.

2.28.3. How does the Lord’s Supper help us to remember Him?

2.28.3.1. It makes us come to a restful halt in our pilgrimage;

2.28.3.2. It gives us come a graphic picture of salvation;

2.28.3.3. It reminds us of the reassuring promise of His Grace;

2.28.3.4. It remains clear prophecy of the future.

2.29. Sacrament – Sacramentum (something sacred)

2.29.1. Originally Sacramentum was used for a Roman Soldiers oath of faithfulness on enlistment.

2.29.2. 1 Cor.11:27 “as often as you eat this bread & drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes”.

2.29.2.1. By eating the bread & drinking the cup you are proclaiming, or giving your oath of faithfulness.

2.29.2.2. Therefore, it is our confession of loyalty to Him!

2.30. Broke it, gave it to them –

2.30.1. Bread broken – Christ for us;

2.30.2. Bread eaten – Christ in us;

2.30.3. Bread partaken together – Christ among us.

2.31. Who should partake?

2.31.1. Intended for disciples only – Only disciples can “remember”; for remembrance implies knowledge; & it is only disciples who “know” their Master.

2.31.1.1. Jn.17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
2.31.2. Yet, each person must decide that for himself. We will not be excluding anyone from the Lord’s Table.
2.31.2.1. It’s not the Episcopal Table, nor the Baptist Table; nor the Calvary Chapel Table, but the Lord’s Table! ☺

2.32. Invite up worship team!

2.33. Examine yourself - This isn’t proper English but...“Can you be more-bad then God is good?” [I don’t think so!]
2.33.1. You can only sin as a man, but God can forgive as a God!
2.33.2. You sin as a finite creature but the Lord forgives as the infinite Creator!
2.33.3. Confess your sin to Him! - “For I will forgive their iniquity, & their sin I will remember no more.” Jer.31:34

2.34. Hold the bread & we will partake (share/participate) together.

2.35. The Cup!

2.36. The Passover requires 4 cups of wine (2 before the meal and 2 after)
2.36.1. The cup of Sanctification; The cup of Instruction; The cup of Redemption; The cup of Praise. [Taken from Ex.6:6,7]
2.36.2. The cup of wine that would have been raised during the meal that is now remembered when one commemorates “the Lord’s Supper” was the cup of redemption. This was when Jesus established the New Covenant in His own blood.
2.36.2.1. It’s a New Covenant (20) – Sacred binding contract. (Jer.31:31-34)

2.37. Gave thanks (17) - Thanksgiving is the expression of Joy God-ward!
2.37.1. Believers are encouraged to abound in it!
2.37.2. Col.2:6,7 “As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

2.38. In My blood (20) - Biblical covenants were always ratified by shed blood.

2.39. Hold the bread & we will partake (share/participate) together.

2.40. After the cup of redemption, which commemorates God’s redemption of His people, comes the cup of praise.
2.40.1. The cup of praise is the cup of wine that Jesus refused to drink from until the coming of His Father’s Kingdom! (see vs.30)