
Passover with Jesus

Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-42; Luke 22:7-46; John 13-17

1.) Describe the setting of the Passover supper. How is it different from that which is normally portrayed? Different from DaVinci's portrait?

2.) The Passover meal that Jesus was celebrating with His disciples was a remembrance of God's deliverance of the people of Israel from Egypt. This institution was established that very night, and commemorated annually for Jews. Jesus was celebrating God's deliverance of His people through the blood of a lamb back then, and on the eve of His deliverance once again. Read the following passages and describe the connections between the original Passover and Jesus.

Exodus 12:5
Exodus 12:6
Exodus 12:7
Exodus 12:8
Exodus 12:11
Exodus 12:13

3.) John 13 tells us that during this meal Jesus washed the disciple's feet. He commended this to them as an example and instructed them to follow His example and do the same for one another. How do we today in the church family follow this example and wash each other's feet? Are there areas that we could be more like Jesus in this way?

4.) Judas, the disciple that would (and had already agreed to) betray Jesus was present at this Passover celebration. He participated in this with Jesus and the rest of the disciples as well as in the foot washing of John 13. What does this show us about Jesus willingness to forgive?

5.) The communion ceremony outlined in the first 3 Gospels is the model that we use today. The unleavened bread and the juice are examples of Jesus giving all of himself for us. Read the following passages and discuss the early church's understanding of this representation.

1 Corinthians 5:7
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
1 Corinthians 11:26