

**Passover with Jesus**  
**Matthew 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-42; Luke 22:7-38; John 13-17**

**Matthew 26:17-35**

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup> He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the <sup>[b]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

**Mark 14:12-31**

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup> He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but

woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, “This is my blood of the<sup>[a]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” <sup>31</sup> But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

### **Luke 22:7-38**

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it<sup>[b]</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

<sup>28</sup> “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, <sup>29</sup> and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, <sup>[d]</sup> that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”  
<sup>33</sup> Peter<sup>[e]</sup> said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus<sup>[f]</sup> said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” <sup>36</sup> He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup> For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” <sup>38</sup> And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

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

There are many ways that the conventional picture of the "Last Supper" differs from the actual event represented in the Gospels. The painting by Leonardo DaVinci has created a portrait of this event for us that, although beautiful by artistic standards, is filled with factual errors. Some of them are listed below.

- The Passover food was lamb, not fish
- The disciples were not sitting in chairs at the table, but reclining at a low table laying on pillows
- The Last Supper occurred at night, not in the middle of the day
- There was no leavened bread at the table, only unleavened crackers
- Jesus, as the host, would not have sat in the middle of the group

**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.**

- a. **Exodus 12:5** - <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,
  - i. **Jesus was our perfect sacrifice** – without blemish or sin.
- b. **Exodus 12:6** - <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.
  - i. **Jesus was the lamb that was slain for our sins.**
- c. **Exodus 12:7** - <sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
  - i. **The blood of Jesus is the means for our forgiveness**
  - ii. **Hebrews 9:22** - Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
- d. **Exodus 12:8** - They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.
  - i. **We need to accept the gift of forgiveness to be saved.** Accept the offering of Him.
  - ii. **John 6:53** - So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- e. **Exodus 12:11** - <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.
  - i. **We should not delay our salvation.** Jesus tells us to come to him. We don't know if we have tomorrow to turn.

- ii. **2 Corinthians 6:2** - For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
  - f. **Exodus 12:13** - <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. 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.
    - i. **The blood of Jesus promises to wash away our sins.**
    - ii. I John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 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.**

Passover was a celebration of God’s faithfulness to Israel many years ago. God did not leave them in Egypt, but carried them out just as He promised. Jesus fulfills God’s promise to forgive man’s sins and to use us into the “Promised Land” of Heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and our God. The early church re-interpreted the Passover celebration to now have double meaning – to remind them of both physical provision (rescue from Egypt) but also (and more importantly) of spiritual rescue from their sins through the sacrifice of Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 5:7** - Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17** -The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

<sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**1 Corinthians 11:26** - For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.