

## Appointed Times Week 3 "Passover 2"

Introduction: 7 Feasts [3 OVERVIEW SLIDES](#)

Lets go back to the last week of Jesus' life on earth...this time

Luke 22:8–13 (ESV) 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." 9 They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" 10 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 11 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?' 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." 13 And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Jesus...Celebrated Passover..on the night before He was to be slaughtered

A few hundred years before Christ... A somewhat traditional Passover Service began to emerge The Ritual Passover Service was called a Seder...meaning "order" It prescribed the traditional order of the service...

Including Scripture readings, prayers, symbolic foods and songs. That basic order has remained essentially unchanged for over 2000 years

More songs and traditions were added up until the Middle Ages... But the basic order has stayed the same. And importantly that basic order was in place When Jesus celebrated Passover Dinner with His disciples on the night before His crucifixion

### Preparation for the Passover Seder

Carefully make sure that all Leaven has been removed from the Home The very next feast...The Feast of Unleavened Bread starts the day after Passover. Today when people speak of Passover Celebration They are usually talking about the Day of Passover and the 7 Days of Unleavened Bread that Follow So the First thing they do to prepare for Passover is to rid the house of any leaven.

Leaven or yeast is symbolic of sin... It gets into the dough...ferments...rises and puffs up Much like we do in our sin...we puff up So orthodox Jewish women...do a spring cleaning that may start weeks in advance.

Floors scrubbed...pockets checked...clothes laundered... Cooking utensils scalded ...everyday cookware replaced with the finest... Passover china, silver and crystal.

Now only men are allowed to deem the house clean.... The Mother Cleans the house But only the Father can certify that it has been done properly

God has a sense of humor

So the wife leaves a bit of leaven somewhere in the house... The man searches the house carrying... A feather, a wooden spoon and a linen napkin He finds the leaven...uses the feather to scoop the leaven into the spoon **PHOTO**

Wraps them in a linen...goes to the Synagogue and burns them... He recites a prayer...and then... Thus declaring the home free of all leaven.

Paul mentions this custom...

1 Corinthians 5:6–8 (ESV) 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 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. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Leaven is a symbol for sin... We become puffed up and rise up Before God. Thus unleavened bread...the Matzah...is a symbol of righteousness before God

## Seating

Passover is celebrated in the home Seating is specifically arranged Leader sits at the head of the Dinner Table. The youngest sits at his right side...important later in the seder. Left of the leader is the guest of honor or an empty seat is placed for Elijah the prophet They know the Prophecy

Malachi 4:5 (ESV) 5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

But what they don't know is the words of Jesus.

Matthew 11:13–15 (ESV) 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Now in Ancient Egypt only free people... Could recline at the table while eating Slaves must stand while eating The first Passover they stood ready to go...the sign of slaves

Now they use pillows to remind them that they have been set free... They can now recline at the table...they are free men

The Mother or women usually begin the service... By the lighting of the festival candles...She covers her eyes and recites a Hebrew Blessing over the Candles.

Blessed are Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has set us apart by His Word, and in whose Name we light the festival lights

In the same way..it was through a woman that the light of the world came to the world

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Immanuel a light to the Gentiles and glory to my people Israel

Isaiah 60:3 (ESV) 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Christ followers at this point recite the Messianic Blessing...

Blessed art thou oh Lord our God King of the Universe. Who sanctifies us through Jesus, The Messiah, the light of the world. With the candles lit...Passover Seder begins

Once the leaven has been removed And the Candles have been lit The Father plays a key role....

He is the head of the household..the priest of the home... As such he puts on a white linen robe called a Kittel KITTEL PHOTO 1 and PHOTO 2

It symbolizes purity and priesthood This is the same garment worn by the priests Many wear this garment as grooms when they get married Some choose to be buried in it.

So Jesus as the Head of the Last Supper...Likely wore this garment as well Jesus on the night before his crucifixion...Dressed as a Priest As a groom And in burial clothes

This Kittel may be what is referenced in... The linen cloths that Jesus was buried in

The head of the Seder also puts on a head covering Symbolizing a crown

The leader of the Family...Stands up And pours the first cup of wine PHOTO

Each person has one cup of wine but it is filled 4 times There are 4 Separate Cups of Wine.. Each one specifically representing a promise. Wine is considered a symbol of joy... These promises of deliverance are found in Exodus 6

Exodus 6:6–7 (ESV) 6 Say therefore to the people 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 slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

This first cup..."I will bring you out".. Is the cup of redemption and thanks

He asks everyone else to stand.... He then lifts His cup to heaven and recites the Kiddush (a prayer of Sanctification)

Jesus would have read this blessing... Blessed are thou oh Lord our God King of the Universe and creator of the fruit of the vine It is at that point in the Last Supper that Jesus said this

Luke 22:15–18 (ESV) 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among

yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Jesus is telling them...we have celebrated Passover before.. But this one...this one is the one we have been waiting for I have earnestly been looking forward to This Passover To celebrate this last supper before I suffer

He took the cup..gave thanks...First Cup

Jesus begins to speak of a new covenant...a new Passover On that will be celebrated in the future When everything has been completed

#### Washing of Hands

One of the family members brings a picture of water..bowl...and towel to the Leader It is a symbolic act of purification as he prepares to handle the food.

The Leader washes his hands. It is an acknowledgement of his position of influence

As the leader it is most important that he cleanses his hands to signify purity This is an honor reserved for the person of most influence...others will wash their hands later

Yet at this moment, Jesus does something unheard of... Rather than taking this moment to reflect His authority... He stoops to teach the disciples a lesson about servant leadership

John 13:3–5 (ESV) 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Jesus took off the Kiddish...the symbol of priesthood and authority And He stooped down as the leader and washed each disciples feet **PHOTO**

This was culturally unheard of....Jesus at a moment that is to symbolize authority and purification Steps down from that position to serve.

In Steps Peter.... Continuing his worst day ever... wack a mole

"Lord do you wash my feet?" You are the one in authority here... This is not your role....

John 13:7–9 (ESV) 7 Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” 8 Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

Green Vegetable **Photo**

After the hands are washed...the green vegetable is dipped in salt water and eaten The Green vegetable is a reminder that Passover occurs in Springtime

It represents Life The salt water is a reminder of the tears of pain and suffering she by the Jewish People in slavery

For those who trust Jesus is it our reminder of the pain and suffering Jesus endured for us

Because of God's grace and mercy We find life amidst tears and suffering We too have been freed from slavery..the slavery of sin

**Insert salt water story of Jesus in Caiaphus' house**

**7 Photos here... I WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THEM>>>**

**PHOTO OF JESUS STATUE- KEEP UP WHILE I READ PSALM 88**

Psalm 88:1–18 (ESV) 1 O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you. 2 Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry! 3 For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength, 5 like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. 6 You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep. 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah 8 You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; 9 my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you. 10 Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah 11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon? 12 Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But I, O Lord, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you. 14 O Lord, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me? 15 Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am helpless. 16 Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me. 17 They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in on me together. 18 You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness.

**Green vegetable** representing life....salt water...representing the tears and suffering to get it

The Unleavened Bread...the Matzah Unleavened Bread=

Matzah Tosh or bag 3 compartments **PHOTO** Each holding a separate portion of the Matzah Rabbi's say that this Matzah tosh represents unity 3 pieces of bread...one bag...3 in one...in unity

The Rabbi's disagree about which unity it really is... Some say it is the unity of the Patriarchs... Each piece of bread representing Abraham...Isaac...and Jacob

Others say it is the unity of Worship in Israel.. Each piece of bread representing... The Priests..the Levites and the People

But Christ followers know...3 in 1..unity... The Matzah represents... The Father...The Son...and The Holy Spirit

The Bread itself is unique **PHOTO**

Holes are poked into it to make sure that there is no rising...no leaven It is baked on a rack...which produces brown stripes

It is sinless...unleavened...striped...and pierced... Jesus was sinless...striped and pierced...Isaiah predicted it 700 years prior

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

He was pierced..and by His stripes we are healed

During the Seder.. the Jewish people do something very interesting..with the Middle Matzah

At one point in the Seder..they reach in and take out the middle Matzah **PHOTO**

If you ask the Rabbi's why we take out the second piece.. Their answer is "we don't know" It is tradition

They break the middle Matzah...the second piece.. They wrap it in a linen bag...just the middle piece Which they call Afikomen (OFF-E-KO-MEN) A word meaning...HE who is to Come

They take that middle piece...wrapped in linen...and take it outside of the room and they hide it

Buried if you will...it is such an important part of the Passover that at one point..the Seder cannot continue Until the Middle Matzah is found and returned. That comes a bit later in the Seder

#### Four Questions

These questions are asked by the youngest child They are designed to give the Father a chance to retell the story of the Passover Oral tradition and passing on those stories to the next generation is a key part of Passover

1. Why is this night different from all other nights?

On other nights we eat both leavened and unleavened bread... Why on this night do we eat only unleavened bread?

2. On other nights we eat all kinds of herbs... But on this night only bitter herbs?

3. On all other nights we do not dip even once But on this night we dip twice?

4. On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining But on this night we sit only reclining?

Often the youngest would recline upon the leader during this portion John was the youngest disciple and thus say to Jesus right

**John 13:23 (ESV) 23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,**

John would have had the honor of asking the 4 questions that night

## Second Cup **PHOTO**

The cup of Plagues or Deliverance Exodus 6 "I will deliver you"

As each plague is read...blood is poured out of this cup On to a white linen covered saucer...

Wine is a symbol of Joy...They pour out a bit of wine with each plague... To remind themselves to not have joy... even at the suffering of others Each plague lessens their joy

Imagine Jesus...at this moment.... Pouring out the red wine....like drops of blood... Knowing that His blood would be shed.... His blood poured out...

Blood...frogs...lice...wild beasts...hail..locusts..until finally The Firstborn

## Dipping of the Matzah

The unleavened bread is broken...a blessing is spoken over it The bread is dipped in horseradish- the bitter herb It is bitter and causes one to cry

At this point in the Last Supper Jesus said...

**Matthew 26:21–25 (ESV) 21 And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" 23 He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 24 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." 25 Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."**

What you must do ...go and do quickly

## The Dinner

A huge feast Toward the end of the meal.... The children are sent to look for the Afikomen...

The Middle Matzah That was taken away...wrapped in linen..and hidden The Child who finds it...returns with great excitement to the table...

And gives it to the Head of the Seder And a reward..a ransom is paid to the child...

### The Afikomen

He takes it and breaks it...and gives a small piece to everyone at the table. Everyone receives a piece of the Middle Matzah Does this remind you of anything? PHOTO

If the Matzah represents the unity of the Patriarchs... Why is the middle portion...broken... Wrapped in linen...buried..and brought back?

But if the Matzah Tosh represents the Unity of God The Father...the Son...and the Holy Spirit Then we know why. Jesus the second person of the Trinity Was broken...wrapped in linen...buried...and brought back...for a ransom He conquered sin and death...

And on the night of the Last Supper.... Jesus took the second Matzah.. Bread pierced and stripped... Broken...buried and brought back And said.... This...This bread...This Second Matzah...

Luke 22:19 (ESV) 19 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."

But it doesn't end there... It is time for the 3rd cup

### The Third Cup PHOTO

From Exodus 6 "I will redeem you" The third cup, the one after dinner, is the cup of redemption Looking back at how God redeemed them from Egypt Looking forward to a final redemption to come in the Messiah It is this cup that Jesus lifted next...

Luke 22:20 (ESV) 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

This is a new covenant in my blood..

When the disciples heard that...they immediately remembered the prophet Jeremiah He is the only one who ever used those words...New Covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31–34 (ESV) 31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

The prior covenant was the Mosaic Covenant Written on Tablets by God's Hand

Jeremiah 31:31–34 (ESV) 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.....for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



This new covenant... Written on hearts...by the blood of Jesus Sins remembered no more...Animal Sacrifices no longer necessary The Lamb of God was sacrificed once...and for ALL

Picture Jesus...standing in the Upper Room What you have been waiting for is happening right now...in this moment. For 3500 years people looked forward to the promise...to a new covenant.

Thousands of Passover celebrations...all pointing to this one...The Last Supper God wove into Passover...the Greatest Redemption Story of All Time..

Jesus the Passover Lamb... This is my body...this is my blood This is a new covenant It should lead all of us to Praise Him...leading to the 4th cup

#### The Fourth Cup PHOTO

The cup of Praise and Acceptance But on that night...Jesus did not drink from this cup...

Matthew 26:29 (ESV) 29 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."

With the rejection of Him by the Jews He knew His acceptance was not complete He chose not to celebrate this cup...until the Jewish Nation returns to Him Then His joy will be complete...and we will all drink of it together

But the praises continue as the Seder comes to a close.

#### Closing Hymn

Every Seder, including in Jesus' time, ended with the last half of the Hallel

Psalm 115-118

As we head toward communion... I want you to think about the Word Jesus sang... As the final supper ended...the Passover feast came to a close. and His appointed time on the cross was only hours away... Do you know how this portion of the Hallel starts?

3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Think about Jesus singing these words... As He prepares to go to the Garden of Gethsemane and the cross Jesus sings this part of the Hallel that includes... "Our God is in the Heavens. He does all that He pleases"

Then His heart moves the thanks...unbelievable. "Oh Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever"

He is reminded of His rejection "The Stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"

He sings the words that just a few days before...welcomed Him to Jerusalem "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" And on this day...this dark day...imagine Jesus singing... "This is a day the Lord has made...Rejoice and be glad in it"

This is when Peter and Jesus have their interaction

Matthew 26:30–32 (ESV) 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 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.' 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:33–35 (ESV) 33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." 35 Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

We are going to do what they did... We will celebrate communion together.... And sing songs of Praise... Just as Jesus and the Disciples did...on Passover.... God's Appointed Time....

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (ESV) 23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.