

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. So the community of the cross is a community of celebration ... ceaselessly offering to God through Christ the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving. The Christian life is an unending festival. And the festival we keep, now that our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, is a joyful celebration of His sacrifice, together with a spiritual feasting upon it.

John Stott

As the first Passover marked the Hebrews' release from Egyptian slavery, so the death of Christ marks our release from the slavery of sin. As the first Passover was to be held in remembrance as an annual feast, so Christians are to memorialize the Lord's death in communion until He returns.

Daryl Grimes

In Genesis 22:13, the Lord provided the ram for Abraham to sacrifice in Isaac's place. God similarly provided a substitute—the spotless Passover lamb—to spare Israel's firstborn from the last of His plagues against Egypt. Substitutionary death was essentially the heart of the sacrificial system the Lord instituted under the Mosaic covenant. The message to God's people was clear: death always follows sin, and atonement for sin was not available without a sacrifice.

John MacArthur

*We overcome the accuser of our brothers and sisters, we overcome our consciences, we overcome our bad tempers, we overcome our defeats, we overcome our lusts, we overcome our fears, we overcome our pettiness on the basis of the blood of the **Lamb**.*

D.A. Carson

Through the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, God is preparing His people to recognize Jesus as the fulfillment of all that this sacrificial lamb pointed to.

In fact, while there are many symbols and shadows throughout the Old Testament that point to the person and work of Christ, perhaps no other is as clear and profound as this picture in Exodus 12.

Nancy Guthrie



The Passover Lamb, Exodus 12

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Imagine that you were an Israelite who had grown up as a slave in Egypt and had little knowledge of God. What do you think your thoughts might be about Moses's instructions to slay the lamb and sprinkle the blood? And what do you think your thoughts would have been the next morning after the death angel came through Egypt?

3. Read *Exodus 12*. How do the following Scriptures indicate how Christ is the fulfillment of Passover?
Exodus 12; 1 Corinthians 5:7 —

Exodus 12:3; John 1:29 —

Exodus 12:5; 1 Peter 1:18-19 and 2:22 —

Exodus 12:6; John 13:1 and 18:28 —

Exodus 12:4, 8-10; John 6:35, 53-56 —

Exodus 12:12-13; Romans 3:24-25 and 5:9 —

Exodus 12:46; John 19:36 —

Exodus 12:51; Hebrews 2:14-15 —

4. Last week we saw that Jesus came to *destroy the works of the devil* (*1 John 3:8*). This week we see that He came to do what (*1 John 3:5*)?

5. Recognizing that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, how should we live (*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*)?

6. Many people have a hard time with Old Testament stories in which they think God appears vengeful and unyielding. Do you think that is the case in His dealings with Egypt? Does this God seem different to you from the God who became flesh in Jesus Christ? Why or why not?

7. If we are tempted to think God was harsh for bringing down judgment on the firstborn of Egypt, how does understanding that Jesus was God's firstborn make a difference?

8. Many people like the idea of a God who saves but are uncomfortable with a God who judges. Yet the reality is that God saves through judgment. What do you think the phrase "salvation through judgment" means, and where are some places you see this pattern in Scripture?

Reflection Questions: The sign that the Israelites were putting their faith in the blood of the Lamb was physically visible on the doorposts of their houses. What sign is there in my life that the blood of Christ has been applied to me? Is it internal and invisible or external and obvious?