

## JESUS IS OUR PASSOVER LAMB!

Exodus 12:1-13

INTRODUCTION: We want to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Our Savior as a substitute for us, we want to turn our attention to the snapshot of Jesus Christ as our Passover Lamb! 1 Corinthians 5:7-8. Paul said Christ was our Passover Lamb, but what does that mean? The story of Egypt, Pharaoh, Israel, and Moses is really a picture of the Christian life. It is the picture of our all mighty God saving His people from the slavery of sin and delivering them into the promised land of life in Christ. It is in the tenth and final plague that we find the meaning of Passover: Exodus 11:1-7. Passover celebrates Israel's exodus from Egypt. But more importantly, it celebrates the promise of God that those who have the blood of the Lamb applied over the entry of their homes would be saved from God's punishment of death. 1 Corinthians 5:7.

### I. THE PASSOVER LAMB WAS A SPOTLESS LAMB—JUST LIKE JESUS!

Exodus 12:5: The Passover lamb had to be without defect. Without a perfect lamb sins would not be forgiven. The perfection of the lamb directly affected the ability to be passed over! All four of the Gospels spent a great deal of time on the last three days of the life of Jesus Christ. It is because there on the Temple mount Jesus was being examined. The Sadducees, the Pharisees, and the Romans were all trying to find a flaw or a fault; but there was nothing because Jesus was the perfect Lamb of God. John 1:29; Luke 23:4; Matthew 27:3-4; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

### II. THE PASSOVER LAMB WAS A SACRIFICIAL LAMB—JUST LIKE JESUS!

Exodus 12:5-6: They could not just slightly cut the lamb, get some blood to use on the doorpost, but let the lamb live. The blood of the lamb represented the life of the lamb. The Passover lamb had to die in order for its blood to allow the Lord to passover the house. Romans 6:23. If the lamb did not die for them, the first born of each family would die. The innocent lamb received what it did not deserve so the guilty sinners could receive what they did not deserve: life. 1 Peter 3:18: the innocent for the guilty. The sinless for the sinful. The Messiah, the spotless innocent Son of God also had to die. Without His death, we could not live eternally: John 3:16.

### III. THE PASSOVER LAMB WAS A SAVING LAMB—JUST LIKE JESUS!

Not only did the Passover lamb have to die but they had to apply the blood on their door frames: Exodus 12:7. For the Israelite's firstborn to be saved from death, the death of the lamb was not enough. The blood of the perfect lamb had to be obediently applied for it to bring deliverance. No matter what kind of home the Israelites had, if the blood was not applied the firstborn of man and animal was going to die. The same is true for each of us: if the blood of God's Passover Lamb is not applied by faith we will also die: 1 John 1:7; Revelation 5:9; Luke 22:20. The reason the Lord Jesus had to die on the cross is because Jesus had to pour out His blood for the forgiveness of our sins: Romans 3:25-26. The blood of Jesus Christ is accepted by God as total payment for all our sins when the blood of Jesus is applied to our lives by faith! John 6:47.