

# Jesus in the Passover

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# Welcome- Passover (Seder)

Welcome to the table. The Passover meal is a feast of the Lord Jehovah ordained to reveal God's deliverance for His people in bondage. The Exodus provided God's pattern of salvation. This pattern is repeated throughout the Scriptures and in our remembrance. We see God in His compassion and love bring his people out of desperate trouble and provide for them deliverance and salvation which He ultimately brought through the sacrifice of His son, Jesus the Messiah.

Jesus the Messiah is revealed in the depths of this feast to declare God's ultimate deliverance of mankind from sin. Therefore let us celebrate His goodness together. This feast is a celebration and living drama, not a dead history or an allegory but an act of personal identification. It was intended to be celebrated in the home among family and friends to pass the story from generation to generation.

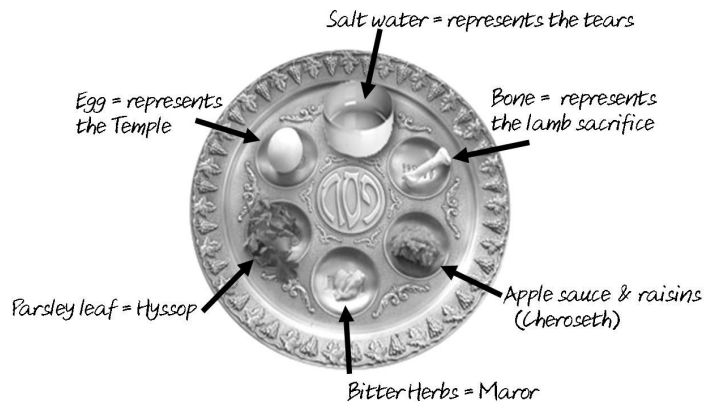
## The Order

The Seder plate and the Haggadah will direct you through the story.

**Seder** means "order"

**Haggadah** means "to tell"

## The Seder plate



## Step 1: Preparation

1) Sacrifice (meal), 2) Home, 3) Heart

## The Sacrifice (Pascal Lamb)

**Exodus 12:3-6** – “Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month (Nisan) each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household....

### **Jesus and the Triumphal Entry—10 of Nisan**

The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.”

### **Jesus inspected and challenged for defect in Jerusalem (Matt. 22)**

## The Home (Remove Leaven—Chametz)

In Exodus 12:14-20 God commanded the people of Israel to remove all leaven (chametz) from their houses. A search is made with a candle and feather to clean out any piece of leaven that might defile the house and the Seder.

As Rabbi Paul states, “Don’t you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?” 1 Corinthians 5:6

*Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who has commanded us to remove all leaven. All leaven or leavened bread in my possession that I have not seen, or removed, or know about, is annulled and is less than the dust of the earth.*

## The Heart

### **Congregation:**

“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, O LORD. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me that needs to be removed as the leaven was removed from the house. Lead me in your everlasting way.” (Psalm 139:1,23)



**Blow the Shofar - Let the festival begin!**

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## Passover Begins

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### The Festival Lights

At sunset, to sanctify the Seder, the woman of the house lights the candles for the Seder meal. This reminds us that the Light of the world entered through the Virgin Birth.

**Woman's Prayer:**

"May the festival lights we now kindle inspire us to use our gifts to spread your word and light to the entire world. Use us, O God, to heal and not harm, to help and not hinder, to bless and not curse, to serve you O God, our Rock and Redeemer."

**Congregation:**

*Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us through Jesus, the Light of the world, in whose name we light the festival lights.*

### The Four Cups (Seder)

The four cups are the tradition of the Seder. They each relate to God's promises of freedom and deliverance to His people. Each cup is based on Jehovah's word in the following verse:



**Exodus 6:6-7**

*"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and*

- 1. I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.*
- 2. I will free you from being slaves to them, and*
- 3. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.*
- 4. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.*

*Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."*

1. **“The Cup of Sanctification:”** It speaks of being called out of this world and separated unto God.  
**Congregation:** *“I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.”*
2. **“The Cup of Deliverance”** – Speaks of our freedom from sin & death.  
**Congregation:** *“I will free you from being slaves to them.”*
3. **“The Cup of Redemption”** - Speaks of God purchasing us by the blood of His Son.  
**Congregation:** *“I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and mighty acts of judgment.”*
4. **“The Cup of Praise”** - Gives thanks for our adoption through Jesus.  
**Congregation:** *“I will take you as My own people , and I will be your God.*

## Cup # 1 - The Cup of Sanctification

Sanctification means “to separate.” God told Israel “I will bring you out” of the land of Egypt. It is our faith in Y'shua Messiah that sets us apart as God seals us by His Holy Spirit.



**Congregation:** *“Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who makes the fruit of the vine. Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of all the universe, who has chosen us from all people, and lifted us up over all nations and made us holy. And you have given us an inheritance.”*

### The Hebrew Blessing

***Barukh atah adonai eloheynu - melekh ha'olam***

*Blessed are You, Lord our God - King of the universe*

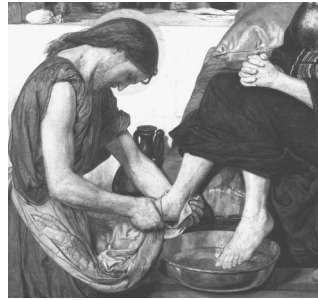
***borey pri hagafen***

*Who creates the fruit of the vine.*

**Let us drink the Cup of Sanctification**

## Washing the Hands

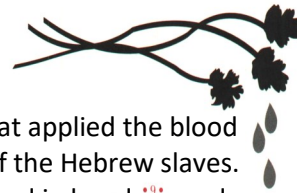
Jewish regulation requires that hands must be washed before dipping food into any liquid. John 13 tells us that at this point in the Passover meal Jesus washes His Disciples hands but knelt down to wash their feet. Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."



*"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35*

**Let us wash**

## Karpas (*Greens in salt water*)



**Leader:** The greens remind us of the hyssop that applied the blood of the Lamb to the doorframes of the homes of the Hebrew slaves. The salt water reminds us of tears that were shed in bondage and the waters of the Red Sea through which we passed to safety.

## The Blessing

**Barukh atah adonai eloheynu - melekh ha'olam**

*"Blessed are You, Lord our God King of the universe -*

**borey pri ha'adamah**

*who creates the fruit of the earth."*

***Take, dip the greens in the water and eat together.***

## The Four Questions

**Exodus 12:26-27:** "When your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' Tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'"

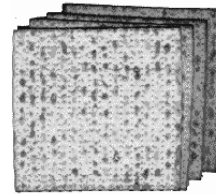
## Question #1

**Child:** Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we eat leavened or unleavened bread. Why on this night do we only eat unleavened bread?

**Adult:** On this night we eat only matzoh to remind us of the swiftness of God's salvation, which came so quickly there was no time for dough to rise. Further, the purging of leaven from our houses reminds us to purge our lives of sinful thoughts and actions.

## The Matzoh

The matzoh (unleavened bread) is kept in a linen container (Matzoh Tosh) that has three compartments. The three sections symbolize a compound unity (echad) of the one substance.



Jewish tradition says it represents the "Priests, Levites and the congregation," or possibly "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Jesus revealed the true meaning when He said "this bread is my body."

**Congregation: Deuteronomy 6:4**

***"Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one."***

*Take the middle matzoh and break it in two and wrap one piece in a separate napkin. The wrapped piece of matzoh is now called the "Afikoman," (he who will come) Hide the afikoman under the table cloth until after the meal. (desert)*

The matzoh is called the "bread of affliction" representing Israel's plight in Egypt but it also reveals the suffering of Jesus. "He was pierced for our transgressions, and by his stripes we are healed." **Isaiah 53:5.**

**Congregation:** *Blessed are you, O Lord our God Ruler of the universe, who brings bread from the earth. As freed people, let us share with all who are hungry. Let God protected and provided for all our needs that we might understand that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of the LORD (Deut. 8:3).*

**The Blessing:**

***Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam***

*"Blessed are You, Lord our God King of the universe -*

***hamatzi lekhem min ha'aretz***

*who causes bread to come forth from the earth."*

## Question #2

**Child** - On all other nights we eat any kind of vegetable. Why on this night only the bitter herbs?

**Adult** - On this night we eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness of the bondage in Egypt and the bondage of sin.

### The Maror (the Bitter Herb)

The bitter herbs remind us of the bondage of Israel in slavery. At this time of the Passover meal Jesus said one of the disciples would betray him. John asked Jesus who would betray him. *Jesus replied, "The one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." (John 13:27)*



It was customary to give the Maror to the person in the seat of honor next to the host, which was Judas.

**Congregation:** *"Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me." (Psalm 41:9)*

#### The Blessing:

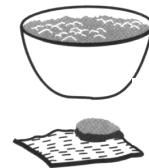
**Barukh atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh ha'olam**  
*Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe*  
**asher kidshanu bidevaro vetzivanu al akhilat maror.**  
*who has set us apart by His Word and commanded us*  
*to eat bitter herbs*

***Take a piece of matzoh and dip it in the bitter herbs to eat***

## Question #3

**Child** - On all other nights we are not required to dip our vegetables even once. Why on this night two times?

**Adult** - On this night we dip the greens into salt water to remind us of the tears shed in bondage. We dip the matzoh in the charoset to remind us of the sweetness of freedom, which the LORD brought about through the Exodus and through the salvation of our Lord Jesus.



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## The Egg

The egg was added to the Passover meal after the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D. It represents a fellowship offering. It is important to note that God destroyed the Temple in judgment because there is no other sacrifice for sin except in Jesus Christ alone.

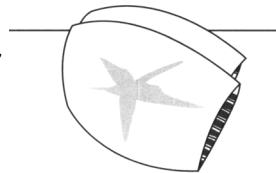
**Each person takes a piece of the egg and dips it in the salt water and eats.**

## Question #4

**Child** - On all other nights we eat sitting upright. Why on this night do we all recline?

**Adult** - On this night we recline because in ancient times that was the posture of free people at meals. Those whom God liberated in the Exodus were no longer slaves and we now sit in heavenly places with Jesus.

**Congregation:** *“Jesus said, “Come unto me, all of you who are weary and I will give you rest.”*  
- Matthew 11:28



## The Cup of Deliverance (#2)

The Cup of Deliverance speaks to the ten plagues God judged Egypt with. - Exodus 7-11.

### Against All Gods

Exodus 12:12 – “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.”

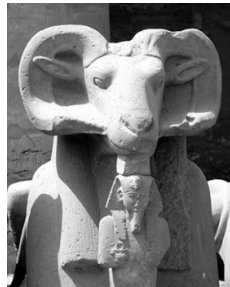
Numbers 33:4 – “The Lord had also executed judgments on their gods.”

Exodus 18:11 – “Now I know that the Lord is greater than all the gods:”

## The Ten Plagues

1. **Turning the Nile to blood** - Exodus 7:14-25. (Isis was god of the Nile and Khnum was the guardian of the Nile.)
2. **Frogs** - Exodus 8:1-5. (Heget was the goddess of birth and had the head of a frog.)
3. **Gnats** - Exodus 8:16-19. (Set was the god of the desert)
4. **Flies** - Exodus 8:20-32. (Uatchit was a god represented by the fly.)
5. **Death of Livestock** - Exodus 9:1-7 (Hathor, goddess with cow's head & Apis was the bull god)
6. **Boils**, Exodus 9:8-12. (Sekmet, goddess with power over disease & Sunu, god of pestilence)
7. **Hail**, Exodus 9:13-35. (Nut, the goddess of the sky. Set, god of storms.)
8. **Locusts**, Exodus 10:1-20. (Osiris, god of crops)
9. **Darkness**, Exodus 10:21-29. (Ra, the sun god)
10. **Death of firstborn**, Exodus 11:1-12:30 (Isis, goddess protecting children, Amun and Pharaoh)

### Amun - The Ram God



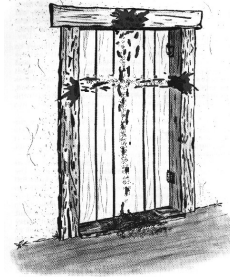
In Ramesses' day, Amun (The Ram God) was by far the most powerful god in Egypt, the God of Kingship and King of the gods.

*"The lamb is more than an animal; it is the very god of Egypt. It is a deity, a hallowed creature before whom the Egyptian bows and whose meat dare not touch his mouth. And the Jews, "every man" thereof, are commanded to take this lamb, this Egyptian god, the deity of their masters..."* - Rabbi Meir Kahane

**Exodus 8:25-26** – "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land." But Moses said, "That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the LORD our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us?"

## The Blood on the Doorpost (Passover)

**Exodus 12:22** – “And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with The blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.” (KJV)



### **Dayenu** - *It would have been enough*

How great is the goodness of God! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare DAYENU – *it would have been enough!*

**Leader:** If God rescued us, but didn't judge our enemy...

**Congregation:** *It would have been enough!*

**Leader:** If God destroyed our enemy but didn't deliver us...

**Congregation:** *It would have been enough!*

**Leader:** If God delivered us from our enemy but didn't feed us ...

**Congregation:** *It would have been enough!*

**Leader:** If God led us through the desert but didn't give us rest ...

**Congregation:** *It would have been enough!*

**Leader:** If God only gave us His promises and not our inheritance

**Congregation:** *It would have been enough,  
It would have been enough!*

### **Sing Dayenu**

## Cup of Deliverance

This cup speaks of the judgment that Jesus took for us so that we would not be judged. The blood of Jesus sets us free from sin and delivers us from condemnation. Jesus is our Passover lamb.

**1 Corinthians 5:7b** – “for Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

**The Blessing:** **Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam**

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,*

**borey pri hagafen**

*who creates the fruit of the vine.*

***Drink the Cup of Deliverance***

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# The Seder Meal

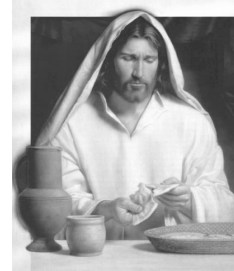
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## After the Meal (The Lord's Supper)

### The Afikomen- *The Hidden Matzoh*

**Leader:** Jesus would have taken the middle Matzoh loaf and blessed it saying, "Blessed are you, O Lord or God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."



**Jesus then said, Take and eat, for this is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me."**

*(Break a piece of matzoh for yourself and pass it around the table.)*

#### **The Blessing:**

***Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam***

*"Blessed are you, Lord our God King of the universe*

***hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz***

*who causes bread to come forth from the earth."*

### The Cup of Redemption

Leader: The Third cup of the meal is called the Cup of Redemption. God promised, "I will redeem you with an outstretched hand."  
(Exodus 6:6,7)

Jesus said, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"  
(Matt. 26:27b-28).

Jesus once again gave new meaning to the Feast. With the revelation of the price of the cup of redemption let us give thanks and drink.

#### **The Blessing:**

***Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam***

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,*

***borey pri hagafen***

*who creates the fruit of the vine.*

## Elijah's Seat

Leader: There is typically a place set for Elijah whose return before the coming of Messiah was proclaimed by the prophet Malachi:

*"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."* (Malachi 4:5-6).

Elijah was to prepare the people for the coming Messiah. We know that Elijah's work was accomplished by John the Baptist. We keep Elijah's place as a reminder of the Messiah's next coming and for the many people who do not know of him.

***The Door remains open***

## The Hallel – The Cup of Praise

*"When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."*  
Matt. 26:30

### **The Hymn of Praise – Psalm 118 – (All stand)**

**Leader:** Let His people say:

**All:** *"His love endures forever."*

**Leader:** Let the house of Aaron say:

**All:** *"His love endures forever."*

**Leader:** Let those who fear the LORD say:

**All:** *"His love endures forever."*

**Leader:** In my anguish I cried to the LORD,

**All:** *and he answered by setting me free. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.*

**Leader:** What can man do to me?

**All:** *The LORD is with me; he is my helper.*

**Leader:** I will look in triumph on my enemies.

**All:** *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*

**Leader:** Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**All:** *“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”*

**Leader:** The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!” Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**All:** *This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.*

**Leader:** I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

**All:** *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;*

**Leader:** the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All:** *This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Leader:** O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

**All:** *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.*

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

## The Cup Of Praise – Thanksgiving

**“I will take you as a my people and I will be your God and I will bring you into the land I have promised.”**

Jesus said, “I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”

**Congregation:** *Blessed are you O Lord, who has given us the gifts of salvation and eternal life. “And this is eternal life that we may know you, the one true God and Messiah Jesus whom you have sent.”*

*(John 17:3)*

**The Blessing:**

**Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha’olam**

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,*

**borey pri hagafen**

*who creates the fruit of the vine.*

**Let us drink the cup of Praise to our Lord  
and celebrate His goodness!**

**Congregation:**  
**Next Year in Jerusalem!**



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