

1. Exodus 12 – the Lord's Passover

- Passover is arguably the most important of the biblical holidays (seven holidays in Leviticus 23)
- Passover and the redemption of Israel from Egypt loom large in the national and individual psyche of first-century Israel.
- Passover celebrations appear throughout the OT at moments of spiritual rebirth:
 - Israel celebrates the birth of the nation out of Egypt at moments of spiritual rebirth
 - **Joshua 5:10** – the nation enters the Promised Land
 - **2 Kings 23:21** – Josiah renews the covenant between God and Israel.
 - **2 Chron. 30:1** – Hezekiah restores religious practices to the Temple.
 - **Ezra 6:19-20** – Return from captivity and reestablish the Temple in Jerusalem.
 - **New Testament** – many in Jesus' day were looking for a Messiah that would deliver them as a nation - a rebirth after throwing off the oppression of Rome.
 - **Jesus** provides spiritual redemption rather than physical redemption – and ultimately is central to God's plan of redemption for the world.

2. When does Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread begin?

- A Jewish day begins at sundown – call it 6 PM.
 - “there was **evening**, and there was morning.” Gen. 1:5
- “The LORD's Passover begins as twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.” (Lev. 23:5)
 - The Passover is never called a feast – it's just called “the LORD's Passover.”
 - Twilight?
- The Festival of Unleavened Bread – begins on “the fifteenth day” of the first month when the fifteenth day begins – at 6 PM.
 - The festival begins with an evening meal.

6 PM	6 PM	6 PM						
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	
14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	
	Sabbath	First Fruits					Sabbath	

3. Twilight? – how do we conceive the term twilight?

- Hebrew – **בין הערבים**
- Literally – ‘between the settings’
- This phrase has been interpreted as the **afternoon** of the 14th day.
- **Josephus, Wars of the Jews – Book 6, (423)** – mentions that the Passover lamb was slaughtered in the Temple starting at 3 PM and completed by 5 PM.¹
- **David Kimhi – RADAQ** – (1160-1235) – explains the first ‘setting’ occurs when the sun passes its zenith (12 noon), and the second ‘setting’ is at sunset. Between these two times is 3 PM.

¹ Sarna, Nahum (1991). *JPS Torah Commentary: Exodus*, The Jewish Publication Society, p. 55.

“For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed.” 1 Cor. 5:7

Exodus 12	Jesus, God's Passover Lamb
<p style="text-align: center;">Lamb selection day</p> <p>Ex. 12:3 - “tenth day of the month” select a lamb (v. 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lamb Selection Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus arrives in Jerusalem 5 days before Passover – (John 12:1; 12) - 15th – 5 = the tenth day. - We call this Palm Sunday. The day that everyone is required to select a lamb. - Jesus is presenting himself as the Passover Lamb.
<p>- Ex. 12:5 - a lamb without defect</p>	<p>- “a lamb without blemish or defect” 1 Pt 1:19</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sacrifice at Twilight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. 12:6b – “fourteenth day” and “slaughter them at twilight.” - the sacrifice happens at 3 PM, and the lamb is roasted for dinner on the 15th day. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Jesus' Death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark 15:34; Matt. 27:46; Luke 23:44 - “at three in the afternoon (ninth hour), Jesus cried out in a loud voice.”
<p style="text-align: center;">Blood on Door/Blood as a Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. 12:13 “The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.” 	<p style="text-align: center;">Covered in the Blood of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 John 1:7 – “and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” - see also: Matt. 26:27-28; Heb. 13:11-12.
<p style="text-align: center;">Feast of Unleavened Bread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. 12:17 – “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Feast of Unleavened Bread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John 19:31 – “now it was a day of Preparation and the next day...a special sabbath. - see also 1 Cor. 5:7
<p style="text-align: center;">A Night for Watching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. 12:42 – it is to be a “night for watching” – a vigil. 	<p style="text-align: center;">“keep watch with me” – Matt. 26:38b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus has his disciples “keep watch” in the garden.
<p style="text-align: center;">No broken bones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. 12:46 – “do not break any of the bones” 	<p style="text-align: center;">No Broken Bones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John 19:33 – “they did not break his legs.” - see also John 19:36