

Welcome – Stev | Bill | Brian – Bible...start in Matthew 26

'The Lord's Table' – "Communion" – The Ordinance (Decree) where we take the Bread and the Cup in Remembrance of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross – New Covenant – **But what does it fulfill?**

Glasses – Look at the New Testament through the lens of the Old Testament

Rich with Historical and Symbolic Significance...The more I looked into the History and Symbolism that connects the Passover Meal and The Lord's Table my mind was absolutely blown! **I GET IT!**

Look at the headings of your Bible – (17) 'The Passover with the Disciples'
(26) 'The Institution of the Lords Supper' - Two events were inseparable

Yes...New Covenant - Jesus was not starting something new He was fulfilling something timeless
Direct connection between The Passover Meal (Seder) and the Last Supper...This is gonna get good!

We are going to connect the dots between the Old Testament Passover found in Exodus, the ceremonial Passover Meal in remembrance of the Exodus, and the Lords Supper

1. The Exodus – Know the History – Turn to Exodus 6

Exodus – Mass People Leaving "Exodus because they exited"

For over 400 years the Israelites have been in slavery to the Egyptians – The Lord has called on Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand that the Israelites be set free and Pharaoh has said 'no'

The Lord is going to set the Israelites free. He commands Moses to say this to the Israelite people,
Exodus 6:6-7 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 - **Leaving!**

Exodus Chapters 7-10 record the first 9 plagues God brings against the Egyptians

1. Blood – All the water in Egypt	4. Flies – Fill the Houses	7. Hail – Strikes Down Everything
2. Frogs – Cover the Land	5. Livestock – Die	8. Locusts – Devour tree & Plant
3. Gnats – Cover the People	6. Boils – People and Animals	9. Darkness – Cover the Land

Chapter 11 – The Final Plague is Threatened

Exodus 11:4 "Thus says the Lord: About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill and all the firstborn of the cattle" - **NO**

Chapter 12 - God told Moses – Take a year old lamb that is without blemish – Kill it at twilight

Take blood and place it on the doorposts and the lintels of the house...

(13) "The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt"

And strike God did...at midnight every firstborn in Egypt, no blood, died – Israelites = Free
Instituted at that time = Annual Passover Meal

Exodus 12:14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

Remember when the blood of the Lamb = Freedom

2. The Passover Meal – Understand the Ceremony - Turn to Matt. 26:17

Matthew 26:17 "Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?' He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover." **Table for 26**

Passover Meal (Seder): WHAT WAS BEING TAKEN BY ALL ISRAELITES IN JERUSALEM

Preparation

- Clean The House of all Leaven = Sin
- Lamb: One-Year-Old unblemished male lamb was selected for slaughter
- Feet Washing – Servant would wash the feet of the guests
- Seating – Head of Household and then most important starting at the right
- Table –
 - A bowl for ceremonial washing
 - Plate – (Unleavened Bread) Matzo | Parsley | Salt Water | (Karapas) Bitter Herbs | (Charoset) Apple and Nut
 - Four Glasses of Wine

Ceremony

- First Cup – The Cup of Sanctification
 - "I Will Bring you out from under the burden of the Egyptians" (Exodus 6:6-7)
- Hand Washing – Ceremonial Cleansing
- Elements
 - Takes the vegetable dips it into a salt, vinegar, and water mixture...letting it drip
 - (Symbolizing the spilled tears of the Israelites in slavery)
 - Unleavened Bread – Had to leave before the bread had a chance to rise
 - (Break it set it to each side – Matzo and Affa Comen)
- Story of the Exodus – Sing Hymn – Pray
- Second Cup – The Cup of Deliverance – Dip their fingers - plagues
 - "I will rescue you from their bondage" (Exodus)
- Passover – Doorpost and Lintels (Beams) Blood
- Matzo – Bitter Herbs and Sweet Apples and Nuts =
 - Hardship of Oppression and the Sweet Freedom from captivity
- **Meal**
- Affa Comen – Broken distributed and eaten – **Symbolizing Israelite Redemption**
- Third Cup – The Cup of Redemption
 - "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm"
- Fourth Cup – The Cup of Praise
 - "I will take you as my people"

"Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine. . . . And you, O Lord our God, have given us festival days for joy, this feast of the unleavened bread, the time of our deliverance in remembrance of the departure from Egypt. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to enjoy this season."

So...how does the Last Supper Fulfill The Passover Meal?

3. The Last Supper – Interpret the Symbolism

- Clean The House of all Leaven = Christ

1 Cor. 5:7 “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.”

- Lamb: One-Year-Old unblemished male lamb was selected for slaughter = Christ

1 Peter 1:19 “But the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot”

John the Baptist – “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”

- Feet Washing – Servant would wash the feet of the guests – JOHN 13
- Seating – Head of Household and then most important starting at the right

Luke 22:24 “A dispute arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest” [SERVE!](#)

- First Cup – The Cup of Sanctification

John 17:19 “And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they may be sanctified in the truth” – [Jesus](#)

- Salt Water = Tears

Rev. 21:4 “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

- Unleavened Bread - [Bread of Life!](#)
- Second Cup – The Cup of Deliverance – Dip their fingers - plagues
 - [Your sin](#) – John 8:36 “So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed”
- Passover – Doorpost and Lintels (Beams) Blood = **PAID!**

READY TO GET YOUR MIND BLOWN? **THIS IS WHERE THEY WOULD EAT**

Matthew 26:20 “When it was evening, he reclined at the table with the twelve. And they were eating – they are at the meal and the dipping of the bitter herbs – he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, ‘Is it I Lord?’ He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me”

Judas – Jesus dips the bread in the bitter herbs, represents hardship and betrayal – Gives it to Judas

[Matthew 26:26](#) “Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread (Afa Comen), and after blessings it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take and Eat; this is my body”

Represented the Israelite freedom = This is my body...for your freedom...it must be broken!

[Matthew 26:27](#) “And he took a cup, (The Third Cup – The Cup of Redemption), and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin”

The Cup of Redemption | Exodus = “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm” = **GOSPEL!**

- Fourth Cup – The Cup of Praise – Jesus now picks it up...but does not drink from it...

Hymn - “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine”

[Matthew 26:28](#) “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” - I will take you as my people

He doesn’t drink the fourth cup...because this Seder doesn’t end...Not until the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!

Revelation 19:9 “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

- [The Lamb who was slain...will host the banquet in Heaven...and you’re invited!](#)

4. The Command – Do this in remembrance of Me - USHERS

If you are not prepared for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb...you’re not ready for communion!

Today...when we hand out the elements...see them and remember...remember that the last supper isn’t symbolic of the Passover Meal...The Passover was symbolic of Christ

The broken bread...representing freedom, by a broken body

The cup...representing redemption, by spilled blood

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^[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me.”^[b] 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.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.