

## PASSOVER PAST TO PASSOVER PRESENT Luke 22:1-20

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The importance of communion:
- B. The Passover past to the Passover present: (1 Cor 5:7; John the Baptist)

### II. HOW JESUS CHRIST IS THE PERFECT PASSOVER LAMB:

- A. The lamb selected:
  - 1. The lamb was selected and inspected on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan: (*Exodus 12:3*)
  - 2. Jesus was selected and inspected on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan (*Palm Sunday*) when He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey: (*Luke 19:29-48*)
- A. The lamb without defect:
  - 1. The Passover lamb was to be selected without defect: (*Exodus 12:5*)
  - 2. Jesus was the sinless sacrifice, "a Lamb without blemish or defect": (*1 Peter 1:19*)
- B. The exact time of sacrifice for the Passover lamb:
  - 1. The lamb was to be sacrificed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan at "twilight" between 3pm-6pm: (*Exodus 12:6*)
  - 2. Jesus was crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, and He died at the ninth hour: (*3pm Roman time*)(*Matthew 27:45*)
- C. Jesus as the bread of life:
  - 1. The bread of Passover was to be without yeast: (*Exodus 12:8*)
  - 2. Jesus was called the "bread of life" without sin: (*John 6:48; Hebrews 4:15*)
- D. The condition of the lamb during sacrifice:
  - 1. The lamb was to be sacrificed without breaking a bone: (*Exodus 12:46*)
  - 2. Jesus was crucified and not one bone was broken: (*John 19:36; Psalms 34:20*)
- E. The blood of the lamb was a symbol of redemption:
  - 1. The blood of the lamb was God's gracious provision to save the Jews in Egypt:
  - 2. The blood of Jesus was God's gracious provision to save both Jews and Gentiles in the world:

### III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. Communion is a command and a time to remember.
- B. Communion is to be taken seriously, and in a self-reflective manner.
- C. Let's take the time to prepare our hearts for communion.