

FROM PASSOVER TO COMMUNION Luke 22:1-20

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The importance of communion:
- B. The Passover past to the Passover present: *(1 Cor 5:7; John 1:29)*

II. HOW JESUS CHRIST IS THE PERFECT PASSOVER LAMB:

- A. The lamb selected:
 - 1. The lamb was selected and inspected on the 10th of Nisan: *(Exodus 12:3)*
 - 2. Jesus was selected and inspected on the 10th 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 14th of Nisan at "twilight" between 3pm-6pm: *(Exodus 12:6)*
 - 2. Jesus was crucified on the 14th 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.