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Sunday Class

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Austin, TX

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*Gospel Clues,
Consequences,
&
Convictions*


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A scenic landscape at sunset with three people in robes walking away on a path. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over rolling hills and a valley. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds. The people are seen from behind, walking along a dirt path that leads into the distance. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

***Gospel Clues,
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HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

50+ Special Events – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

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50+ Special Events

- **July 3 (Fri) – Patriotic Pool Party – Register Now!**
 - 6 – 9 pm – Chapmans' home. BYOB & Appetizer or Dessert. Burgers & Hot Dogs provided. Unidos & YA too!
- **Aug 7 (Fri) – Dinners for 7+ - Registration is Open**
 - 6 – 8:30 pm – Various homes. Covered Dish.
- **Sep 20 (Sun) – Fall Kick-off Lunch**
 - 11:30 am – 2:30 pm – Betty & Jerry Hood's home

The image features a green background with a gold Celtic knot design. The knot is a complex, interlocking geometric pattern. A semi-transparent dark green horizontal band is overlaid on the knot, containing the text "ORDINARY TIME" in white, bold, serif capital letters. The bottom half of the image is a solid blue gradient.

ORDINARY TIME



ORDINARY TIME

- Season between Pentecost and Advent
- The term derives from “*ordinal*” = *ordered or counted*
 - *Not common, mundane, or static*
- Color *green* symbolizes growth
- Individually and corporately, we seek to *grow* as Christ’s disciples:
 - Worship, witness, fruitful labor, service to others
 - Personal renewal: refreshing rest, learning, growth in grace
 - Missional participation: prayer, service, gospel witness

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sins.

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art.”

(Chorus)

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Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious

about anything, but in everything

by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds

in Christ Jesus.

(ESV)

New City Catechism

(thegospelcoalition.org/new-city-catechism)

Part 1—God, Creation & Fall, Law (Q1-Q20)

Part 2—Christ, Redemption, Grace (Q21-Q35)

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Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. Conscience accuses no longer. Judgment now decides for the sinner instead of against him. Memory looks back upon past sins, with deep sorrow for the sin, but yet with no dread of any penalty to come; for Christ has paid the debt of his people to the last jot and tittle, and received the divine receipt; and unless God can be so unjust as to demand double payment for one debt, no soul for whom Jesus died as a substitute can ever be cast into hell. It seems to be one of the very principles of our enlightened nature to believe that God is just; we feel that it must be so, and this gives us our terror at first; but is it not marvelous that this very same belief that God is just, becomes afterwards the pillar of our confidence and peace! If God is just, I, a sinner, alone and without a substitute, must be punished; but Jesus stands in my place and is punished for me; and now, if God is just, I, a sinner, standing in Christ, can never be punished.



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God must change his nature before one soul for whom Jesus was a substitute can ever by any possibility suffer the lash of the law. Therefore, Jesus having taken the place of the believer—having rendered a full equivalent to divine wrath for all that his people ought to have suffered as the result of sin, the believer can shout with glorious triumph, “Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect?” Not God, for he has justified; not Christ, for he has died, “yes rather has risen again.” My hope does not live because I am not a sinner, but because I am a sinner for whom Christ died; my trust is not that I am holy, but that being unholy, he is my righteousness. My faith does not rest upon what I am, or shall be, or feel, or know, but in what Christ is, in what he has done, and in what he is now doing for me. On the lion of justice the fair maid of hope rides like a queen.



Lesson Series

- 4/12 – Gospel Clues & Consequences
- 4/19 – Gospel Clues & Consequences – 2
- 4/26 – Gospel Clues & Consequences – 3

- 5/3 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Bill Laughlin
- 5/10 – No Class (Mother’s Day)
- 5/17 – Gospel Clues & Consequences – 4
- 5/24 – No Class (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 5/31 – Gospel Clues, Consequences, & Convictions – 5

- 6/7 – Guest Teacher: Daniel Pope
- 6/14 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Ian Hammond
- 6/21 – ***Gospel Clues, Consequences, & Convictions – 6***
- 6/28 – Gospel Clues, Consequences, & Convictions – 7

- 7/5 - 8/16 – No Class (Summer Break)

- 8/23 – Guest Teacher:
- 8/30 – Guest Teacher:

Gospel Clues & Consequences

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Gospel Clues

- Luke 24:13-27 (25-27) – Road to Emmaus

*²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And *beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

- Scripture
- Types/Typologies
- Temple/Tabernacle

Gospel Clues

- Luke 24—²⁷ ...*beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted ... in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

- Scripture – Points to Messiah-Christ's Crucifixion

Psalm 22 ... Isaiah 53 ... Jeremiah 31 ... Zechariah 12

- Scripture – Points to Messiah-Christ's Resurrection

I Corinthians 15:3-5

... raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

- Genesis 1.12 ; 22.1-14; 40.20-21; 42.18

Exodus 15.22-25; 19.11

Esther 5.1

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Adam & Eve**

- Genesis 3.6—fruit from the tree brought curse & thorns
- 1 Cor 15.20—on the tree with curse & thorns brought firstfruits

- **Noah**

- Genesis 6.16—...*the door of the ark...*
- Jn 10.9—*I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved*
- Matthew 7.13—*Enter by the narrow gate*

- **Abraham/Isaac**

- Genesis 22.6-8—Carried wood on his back to the place of sacrifice, in obedience to his father's will
- John 19.17—*Carrying his own cross, he went out to...Golgotha*

- **Joseph**

Genesis 37, 39-50

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Moses**

- **Birth** under threat of infanticide.

JC – Birth under threat of infanticide.

- **Transformed Water** to Blood as judgment.

JC - Transformed Water to Wine as blessing.

- Led People **thru Water** (Red Sea) to Freedom

JC – Leads thru Water (Holy Spirit Baptism) to Freedom of Sin

- Led **from Slavery**, thru **Trial**, w/ Fire, → **Promised Land**

JC – Led from Sin's slavery, thru Sanctification, w/ HS → Glory

- **Manna** from God (Deut 8.3) for *40 years* (Exod 16.35)

JC – *I am the bread of life...living bread...from heaven* (Jn 6.48f)

- **Rock** Stricken with Rod to yield Water for thirst (Exod 17.6)

JC – Stricken w/ Spear brings Water+Blood (Jn 19.34; 1 Cor 10)

- **Bronze Serpent** on a Pole—*look...and live* (Num 21.8-9)

JC – *... so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life* (John 3.14-15)

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Jonah**

- Jonah 2—*”I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of **Sheol** I cried, and you heard my voice. (v.2) ... To the roots of the mountains I went down, to the land whose bars closed upon me forever. Yet you brought up my life from the pit...” (v.6)*
 - Not ‘fish’ but **‘Sheol’**—Hebrew: ‘the place of the dead’
 - A city (Nineveh) is saved because it responds to the words of the preacher who was dead and yet lives
- Matthew 12:40—Jesus refers to *”the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*
 - The world is saved because it responds to the words of the Living Word who was dead and now lives

Gospel Clues

Temple/Tabernacle

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- John 2:18-22—“Destroy this temple, and in 3 days I will raise it up.” ... ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

- High Priest

- Hebrews—all of it

- Door

- 1 Kings 6.31, 7.48-50
- Jn 10.9—I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved
- Mt 7.13—Enter by the narrow gate

- Lampstand

- Exod 25.31-40—out of a talent [75 lbs] of pure gold.
- Leviticus 24.2-4—...a light...kept burning regularly/continually
- John 8.12—I am the light of the world.



Gospel Clues

Temple/Tabernacle

- **Showbread of the Presence**

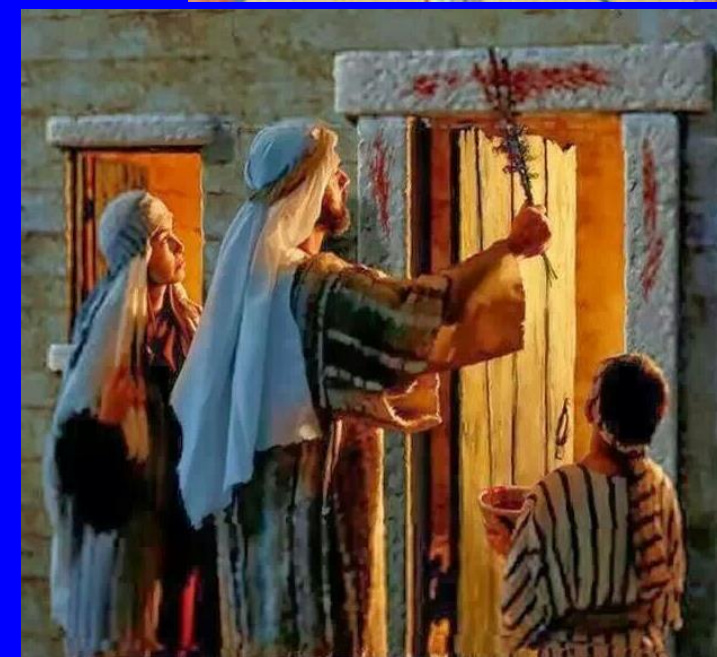
- Exodus 25.30—*...before Me always.*
- Leviticus 24.5-9—12 cakes
- John 6.35—*I am the bread of life*

- **Veil**

- Exodus 26.31-33—separated Holy Place from Most Holy Place
- Mt, Mk, Lk—at Crucifixion, ripped top to bottom
- Heb 10.20—*new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is...his flesh*

- **Sacrifice**

- Exod 12.5-7—*...take...the blood and put it on the two doorposts and lintel of the houses...*
- John 1:29—*Behold, the Lamb of God...*
- Heb 10.19—*...confidence to enter the holy places by the blood...*



Gospel Clues

- Luke 24—²⁷ ...beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted ... in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
 - Scripture
 - Types
 - Temple/Tabernacle
- It seems that, before Jesus' arrival, the Jewish People missed all sorts of "***Gospel Clues***" pointing to Jesus as Messiah-Christ
- **What about after Jesus?**
- Are there any "***Gospel Consequences***" they missed?

Gospel Consequences

- In the Jewish World of Jerusalem after Jesus, **from ~ 30 – 70 AD**, were there any “Gospel Consequences” the Jewish People missed, which also pointed to Jesus being Messiah-Christ?
- Certainly, in their midst, more and more believers in Jesus as Messiah . . .

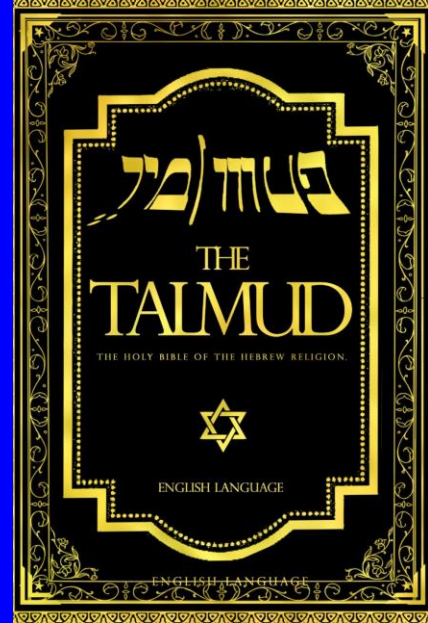
Acts 2:42-47

*42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching .. and **the prayers**. ... 43 ... and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ... 46 And day by day, **attending the temple together** 47 ... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Gospel Consequences

The Talmud

- Important, ancient writings in Rabbinic Judaism, from both oral teachings and their interpretations
- recounts fascinating occurrences from ~ 30 - 70 AD.



- Jerusalem Talmud:

“Forty years before the destruction of the Temple, the **western light** went out, the **crimson thread** remained crimson, and the **lot for the Lord** always came up in the left hand. They would close the **gates of the Temple** by night and get up in the morning and find them wide open.” (Jacob Neusner, *The Yurshalmi*, p. 156-157)

- Babylonian Talmud:

“Our rabbis taught: During the last forty years before the destruction of the Temple the **lot ‘For the Lord’** did not come up in the right hand; nor did the **crimson-colored strap** become white; nor did the **western** most **light** shine; and the **doors of the Hekel [Temple]** would open by themselves.” (Soncino version, *Yoma* 39b)

Gospel Consequences

Even "secular" historians of the time recorded some of these events

- **Josephus**, *The Jewish War* (6.5.3):
“...the Eastern Gate of the inner court of the Temple, which was of brass and vastly heavy, and had been with difficulty shut by twenty men, was seen to be opened of its own accord about the sixth hour of the night.” [i.e., midnight]
- **Tacitus**, *Histories* (Book 5, Chapter 13):
“...the temple was illuminated by a sudden radiance from the clouds; the doors of the shrine were suddenly thrown open ...”

We need to understand these references

- What was **normal** for 1st C. Jews before ~ 30 AD regarding . . .
 - ‘**Western Light**’
 - ‘**Crimson Thread**’
 - ‘**Lot for the Lord**’
 - ‘**Temple Doors**’

Gospel Consequences

What was *normal* for 1st C. Jews before ~ 30 AD . . .

- **‘Western Light’**
 - The Menorah in the temple held 7 lamps
 - The *westernmost lamp* was to be kept lit at all times as a perpetual fire
 - It was most important: from it, the other 6 were lit daily.
 - **However**, from ~ 30 – 70 AD, it **went out every single day**.
 - *“This ‘western lamp’ was to be kept lit at all times. For that reason, the priests kept extra reservoirs of olive oil and other implements in ready supply to make sure that the ‘western lamp’ (under all circumstances) would stay lit. But what happened in the forty years from the very year Messiah said the physical Temple would be destroyed? Every night for forty years the western lamp went out, and this in spite of the priests each evening preparing in a special way the western lamp so that it would remain constantly burning all night!”*
—Ernest Martin, “The Significance of the Year CE 30,” 1994



Gospel Consequences

What was *normal* for 1st C. Jews before ~ 30 AD . . .

- **‘Crimson Thread’**

- Leviticus 16:5,8-9,21—[On the Day of Atonement] *Aaron shall take from...Israel two male goats for a sin offering... Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats... Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord and use it as a sin offering [for the people]... Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel ... And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness...*
- The Babylonian Talmud says a **crimson thread** was tied to this “scapegoat”, which miraculously turned white **each year** in the wilderness, showing God had forgiven Israel’s sins.
- “*There was a crimson thread tied to the door of the sanctuary. When the goat had reached the wilderness, the thread would turn white...*” (Rabbi Ishmael, *Tractate Shabbat Folio 86a*)
- **However**, The Talmud says these miracles ceased after 30 AD.
- See: Hebrews 9:12



Gospel Consequences

What was *normal* for 1st C. Jews before ~ 30 AD . . .

- ***‘Lot for the Lord’***

- Each year on the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*), one goat was chosen as a sin offering “for the Lord” and the other to be the scapegoat sent into the wilderness.
- These two goats for the Day of Atonement were ***chosen by lot***
- The priest would reach both hands into an urn to select both a white stone and a black stone, for one to be placed on the head of each of the two goats.
- The people always hoped that the white stone (sin offering “for the Lord”) would be in the priest’s right hand.
- This happened about half the time, as one might expect.
- ***However***, between 30 – 70 AD, the white stone never once turned up in the right hand of the priest. It turned up in the left hand every single time.
- See: Acts 2.34, quoting Psalm 110:1
- See also: Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 1:3, 12:2.

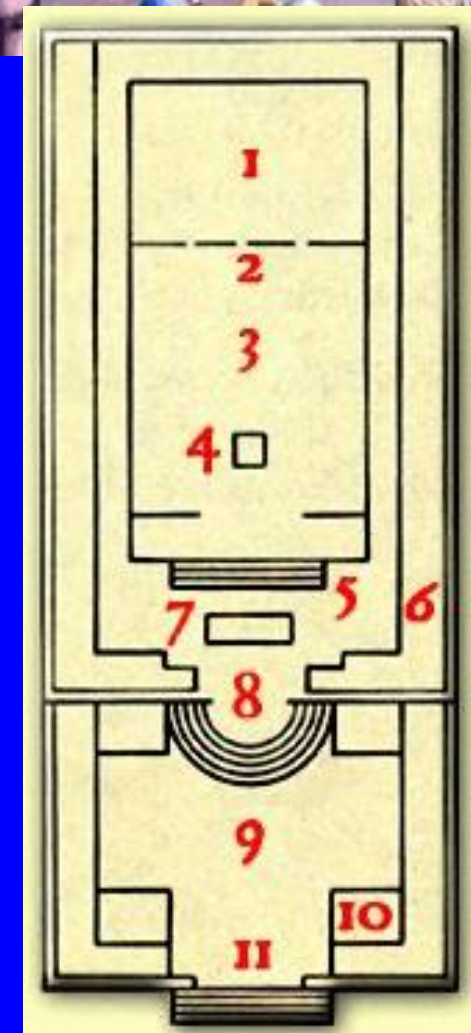


Gospel Consequences

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- ***‘Temple Doors’***

- Doors faced east and separated the Court of the Priests (5) from the Holy Place (3), which held the Altar of Incense, Menorah, Table of Showbread, then the Veil covering the Holy of Holies with the Ark of the Covenant
- Per Josephus, these Doors were 82’ tall, 24’ wide each, made of cedar, over-laid with gold.
- Required 20+ priests to open them, and then close & lock them each evening after services.
- **However**, beginning ~ 30 AD, every night these Doors swung open on their own.
- Both the Jerusalem Talmud & Babylonian Talmud speak of this and say the Rabbis interpreted this as a sign the Temple would soon be destroyed.
- There’s also indication that the Doors of the successive eastern gates leading out of the Temple complex did the same.



Gospel Consequences

Ascension Day → Pentecost

- Acts 1:8-12

“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

*9 ... as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ... ¹² Then **they returned to Jerusalem** from the **mount called Olivet**, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.*

- Acts 2:1,4, 42, 46—*When the day of Pentecost arrived ... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... And they devoted themselves to ... **the prayers**. And day by day, **attending the temple together** and breaking bread in their homes...*
- **The early Messianic Christians continued faithfully the biblical Jewish practices and feasts they had always followed**
- **How might these ongoing Jewish practices have served to affirm in them Gospel Convictions?**



Gospel Clues, Consequences & Convictions

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Gospel Convictions

'Feasts of the Lord' in Israel's Life

- Leviticus 23

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.

- Sabbath – v.3
 - Passover – v.4-8
 - Firstfruits – v.9-14
 - Weeks – v.15-22
 - Trumpets – v.23-25
 - Day of Atonement – v.26-32
 - Booths – v.33-43
- We will be asking:

How does Jesus reveal, enrich, and fulfill each Feast of the Lord?

Gospel Convictions

'Feasts of the Lord' in Israel's Life

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- In its Feasts, **God had Israel rehearsing their gospel salvation** weekly and yearly, pointing toward that which they did not yet see.
- Precision, not coincidence.
- ***Because God plans salvation history down to the day, He's not late in your story. He's not behind. He's not improvising. Though you may be waiting, He's right on schedule with you.***

Gospel Convictions

‘Feasts of the Lord’ – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:3 - Sabbath
 - ... on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn **rest**, a **holy convocation**. You shall do **no work**. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places.
 - ‘holy convocation’ = (Heb:) ‘*miqra-kodesh*’ = something called out (a day; a people) ... a sacred gathered assembly ... reading ... rehearsal
 - Genesis 2:2-3—God rested on the 7th day and blessed it
 - Exodus 20.8-11—the 4th of God’s 10 Commandments
- Luke 4:16—*as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day*
 - His keeping the Sabbath reveals its Priority & his Faithfulness

Gospel Convictions

‘Feasts of the Lord’ – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:3 - **Sabbath**
 - John 7:22-23—*Moses gave you circumcision...and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?*
 - Matt 12:12—*“It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath?”*
... before healing a man with a withered hand
 - Redefines & enriches Sabbath’s meaning & faithfulness
 - Points to God’s heart of mercy & grace to us in Christ

Gospel Convictions

‘Feasts of the Lord’ – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:3 - **Sabbath**
 - Mark 2:27-28—after his disciples pluck grain to satisfy their hunger ... *”the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”*
 - Jesus shows his divine authority over Sabbath

How does Jesus reveal, enrich & fulfill the Sabbath?

- Jesus fulfills the Sabbath and its purpose by bringing and giving the rest, peace, and salvation it symbolizes and points to
- In Christ we find deep, true, **lasting spiritual rest and completion of what the law anticipated.**
- In Jesus the Sabbath becomes less about a day alone and more about God’s gift of life, wholeness, and restoration.
- **“Shabbat shalom”** = may you have rest, wholeness, harmony, completeness ... in your self ... relationships ... world

Gospel Convictions

‘Feasts of the Lord’ – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:5-8 – Passover ... Unleavened Bread
 - *In the first month, on the 14th day of the month at twilight is the **Lord’s Passover**. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.*
 - Exodus 12:1-20—... *the beginning of months... take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it... The blood shall be a sign for you... And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you... a memorial day... throughout your generations, as a statute forever... Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses ... observe the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt.*

Gospel Convictions

‘Feasts of the Lord’ – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:5-8 – Passover ... Unleavened Bread
 - Isaiah 53.5-7— A **Suffering Servant** who ... was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ... the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ... like a lamb that is led to the slaughter ...
 - John 1:29—Behold, the **Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!
 - John 19.33-36—...when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ... these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” (Psalm 34:20)
 - Exodus 12:46 & Numbers 9:12 command that no bone of the Passover lamb be broken

Gospel Convictions

'Feasts of the Lord' – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:5-8 – **Passover** ... **Unleavened Bread**
 - Luke 22.14-20—*And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”*
 - **New Meaning & New Covenant**
 - Looks back: a Memorial of rescue from slavery in Egypt
 - Looks forward: a Sign of Christ’s saving work on the Cross
 - Continues: for perpetual spiritual nourishment, a feast with Him & feeding on Him, his body and blood
 - **In the same time (Thu-Fri) that Passover lambs were giving their lives yet another year to atone for peoples’ sins, Christ lays down his life once for all, to deliver us from death**

Gospel Convictions

‘Feasts of the Lord’ – How Jesus reveals, enriches, & fulfills each?

- Leviticus 23:5-8 – Passover ... Unleavened Bread
 - 1 Corinthians 5.7-8—*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. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*
 - Leaven often symbolized sin (1 Cor 5), which spreads and overwhelms like yeast
 - Galatians 5.9—*a little leaven leavens the whole lump*
 - Christ is our **Unleavened** Bread of Life, who sacrificed his sinless body and gave us his life *of sincerity & truth*
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- *Jesus’ Resurrection (Raising of the First Sheaf ... after Passover) signifies & pledges a greater Harvest (our future Resurrection)*

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- Romans 8.29 – *those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the **firstborn** among many brothers*
 - Jesus is the Firstborn of many to come
 - Fits Leviticus because Firstfruits highlights Resurrection Life and precedes Weeks
- 1 Cor 3:6 – *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth*

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 - *In the first month, on the 14th day of the month at twilight is the Lord’s Passover* – for the Hebrew calendar, the *first month* coincides with March-April in our western Roman-Gregorian calendar.
- The next Levitical Feast moves us into our western Fall season ...

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Prayer