

The Preparation of the Passover Lamb

Mark 14:12-25

July 23rd, 2023

- Last Week: The Selfless Woman, The Scorning Disciples, & Jesus' Worth **Mark 14:1-11**
- Thursday - **Mark 11-16** Is One Week With Jesus
- **Mark 14-15** — Jesus' Suffering & Death & **Mark 16** — Jesus' Resurrection

The Day's Preparation

1. Jesus Prepared For That Day (**Mark 8:31-32, 9:31, 10:32-34, 12:7-11, 14:8-9, 14:12-16**)

- Jesus Was In Control Of The Events Leading To His Death
- He Prepared & Planned Down To The Last Detail (**Mark 14:12-16**)

2. Jesus Prepared For That Meal (**Mark 14:12-18, Luke 22:15**)

- Jesus 'Earnestly Desired' To Share This Meal With His Disciples

3. Jesus Prepared For His Betrayer

- Jesus Knew That Someone Would Betray Him Because Of The Scriptures & Knew Who Would Betray Him Because Of Divine Knowledge (**Mark 14:17-21, Psalm 41:9, John 13:26-27**)

παραδώσει (paradosei) - hand over, give over, to give up or surrender a person (**Mark 14:18**)

- Though Jesus Knew That He Would Be Betrayed, & Who Would Betray Him, This Did Not Decrease His Sorrow
- **ἀπώλεια** (apoleia) - destruction, waste; using, expending, or consuming thoughtlessly or carelessly (**Mark 14:4, John 17:12**)

The Years Of Preparation

1. The Preparation Of The Passover Lamb In Genesis (**Genesis 3:21, Genesis 22:8**)

2. The Preparation Of The Passover Lamb In Egypt (**Exodus 12-13**)

- Timing Of The Passover- 15th of Nisan (**Exodus 12-13, Ex. 12:6, Lev. 23:5**) Literally "between the two evenings"
- A New & Greater Exodus Was Taking Place (**Luke 9:31**)

3. The Preparation Of The Passover Lamb For Centuries (**Exodus-NT**) -Almost 1500 Years

- Not Only Have They Been Preparing Passover Lambs, The Passover Lambs Have Been Preparing Them

4. The Preparation Of The Passover Lamb In The New Testament (**John 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7, John 18:28**)

The Eternal Preparation

1. God's Eternal Preparation

- The Preparation Of The Passover Lamb In Eternity (**1 Peter 1:19-20, Rev. 13:8**)

- Jesus Is Prepared To Fast From Wine Until He Brings The Kingdom In Its Glory
- Jesus Is Literally Fasting From Wine While He Waits To Dine With His Bride (**Mark 14:25, Isaiah 25:6-8**)

2. Our Preparation For Eternity

- Judas' Betrayal Was God's Eternal Plan & Judas Is Responsible For His Actions (**Mark 14:21**)
- This Meal Is Meant To Prepare Us For Eternity (**Mark 14:22-25**)
- The Meals Meaning - 'I Am A Sinner & You Are My Savior'
- The Meals Meaning - 'I Am Yours, & You Are Mine'
- The Meals Meaning - I Have Needs That Must Be Met From The Outside In, Not From The Inside Out
- There Are Eternal Consequences To Our Actions, But Christ Left His Eternal Throne To Absorb Our Consequences By Shedding His Blood For Many (**Mark 14:21-25**)
- The Song They Sang Was Probably The Second Part Of The Hallel (**Psalm 114-118**) Is Normally Sung At That Point In The Passover Meal (**Mark 14:26, Psalm 118:22**)

"Life is the preparation, the training ground, the place where God begins his work of making us into what he wants us to be. But it is not our home." J.B. Phillips

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. What is one of your favorite places to eat? What makes it special?
2. How did preparations take place in this passage? Why would secrecy be needed as this meal and location were planned and prepared?
3. Consider the years of preparation for Jesus the Passover Lamb. How had Israel been preparing for the Passover? How had the Passover been preparing the people of Israel?
4. Why is Communion important? How does eating the Lord's Supper prepare us for eternity?

Key Words For Kids To Count: Prepare, Preparation

Suggested Reading: *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Sermon Notes for:
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The Gospel, According to Mark



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