

Resurrection Sunday Sermon – April 20, 2025

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1. THE FEAST OF PASSOVER (CRUCIFIXION)

FEAST	ISRAEL THEN	Us Now
Passover (1-Day) The Crucifixion (Leviticus 23:5)	The "Angel of Death" passed over the Israelites if the blood of a pure sacrificed lamb was on the door of their house	Salvation from death, which is the penalty for my sin, is "passed over", because of the sacrificed blood of the Lamb of God on the door of my life
The lamb began the new month on the calendar	Jesus as the Lamb of God, started the new calendar	
The lamb is brought in the house on the 10 th day	Jesus made his triumphant entry on the 10 th day	
The lamb was inspected for 4-days	Jesus was on trial for 4-days	
The lamb was to be found without any blemish	Jesus was found to be innocent without any sin	
The lamb had its blood placed shaping a cross	Jesus as the Lamb was placed on the cross	
The lamb had to go into the fire of judgment	Jesus chose to take the judgment of mankind's sin	
The lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs	Jesus was offered bitter herbs enduring the cross	
The lamb had to be finished by the morning	Jesus said; "it is finished," for resurrection morning	
The lamb saved from the death to the "firstborn"	Jesus saves as the firstborn when we're born-again	
The lamb was not to have any bones broken	Jesus had none of His bones broken, only His skin	
The lamb with bread had to be without leaven	Jesus, the bread of life, is without sin (leaven)	
10 TH Nisan	The lamb has a procession to the Temple	Jesus had His procession into Jerusalem (Matt 21)
10 TH Nisan	The lamb is examined for 4-days	Jesus is on trial for exactly 4-days (Matt 22)
14 TH Nisan	The lamb Passover Feast began	Jesus the Passover Lamb began his path to the cross
3 RD Hour	The lamb is prepared for the sacrifice	Jesus is prepared to be sacrificed on the cross (Matt 27)
9 TH Hour	The lamb would be sacrificed at 3:00pm	Jesus is sacrificed the 9 th hour at 3:00pm (Matt 27)

2. THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD (BURIAL)

FEAST	ISRAEL THEN	Us Now
Unleavened Bread The Burial (Leviticus 23:6-8)	In the exodus from Egypt the Israelites couldn't have "leaven" (sin) in the bread	I'm delivered in the exodus from the world (Egypt) by Jesus the Bread of Life Who was without sin, (leaven)
At the Passover meal, they had 3-pieces of bread	Jesus	The 3-breads represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
The 2 nd bread striped and pierced is broken into two	Jesus	The 2 nd Matzah represents Jesus' body that's broken
The Matzah-bread now is two pieces of one bread	Jesus	Jesus was two, both fully God and fully man
The larger of the two is called the "afikomen"	Jesus	Afikomen is Greek meaning "I came or I come"
The 2 nd bread is wrapped in a cloth, buried & hidden	Jesus	Jesus was wrapped in a burial cloth hidden in the tomb
A price is paid to the one who uncovered the bread	Jesus	Jesus paid the price via crucifixion-burial-resurrection

3. THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS (RESURRECTION)

FEAST	ISRAEL THEN	Us Now
First-Fruits The Resurrection (Leviticus 23:9-14)	The first fruits of the harvest were a wave offering forming a cross the 1 st day of the week	Christ's resurrection was His offering fulfilling the first fruits as the start of the 1 st resurrection on the 1 st day of the week

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KAPONO: Would you join me as we pray? Lord, thank You so much for our victories in You, Lord. Today we celebrate that You are alive and well, Lord. You are here with us, Lord, where two or more are gathered, Lord. So we praise Your name. We lift Your name up. Lord, would You speak to us in this message that pastor has for us that You have prepared in advance, Lord, knowing that each one of us, here in person, or online, Lord, You knew we would be here or listening. So would You speak to us this morning, Lord? And may somebody out there come to know You. In Jesus' name we pray.

PASTOR JD: Jesus' name. Amen. He is risen!

[Cheers and applause]

Okay.

[Applause]

So now you... (Chuckling) Thank you. God love you, man. Okay, now that you're still risen, you can have a seat. And welcome. Good morning. So glad you're here. Those of you online, we're so glad that you're joining with us.

A couple of things, though, before we get started, the first of which is that we are going to partake together of the communion table at the conclusion of today's sermon. And if you haven't already, we'd encourage you at this time to get the elements, which are located up front. Take them back to your seat and just have them at the ready for the conclusion of the sermon when we partake together.

While you're doing that, I want to just mention, secondly, that on Thursday, I did a livestream with Tyler on his Generation 2434 YouTube channel, which we'll provide a link to. I had completely forgotten to mention this in advance last Sunday, so I'm doing it now, especially given that it's about my favorite all-time subject of all time. Did I say, "all time"? Okay. The sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture and not only that, the blessed expectation of the pre-Tribulation rapture.

So our amazing team — big shout out to Lane — has put a link at JDFarag.org to several downloadable PDF files, some of which are the typology, three of which — actually, one of which will be from today's sermon, where typology is, as I titled one of my Prophecy Updates a few weeks ago, too unbelievable to be believable, except it's believable.

So whereas before you had to search for that specific video in the downloadable PDF of the transcript to get the typology charts and lists, now they're all in one location. So if you want to, you can go there, download whatever you want. I mentioned First Service during the Update that everything we do is free of cost. It comes at no cost. It is freely given, and if you want to take it and use it, it's all yours. So, yeah. All right.

So today we're breaking from our verse-by-verse study through the *Book of Revelation* for a Resurrection celebration, and here's why. We're seizing the opportunity, as the Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians, by celebrating the resurrection of Jesus as our Passover Lamb.

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Now, by “seizing the opportunity,” I mean the world celebrates paganism, but we're seizing it. You got a better word? Let me know. I'll use it. We're taking it and taking that opportunity because of it and seizing it as an opportunity to bring glory to the Lamb who was slain. So this is an opportunity seized to celebrate. And I want you to listen very carefully to what I'm going to say. It's not hyperbole. It's literally. The most important event in human history, bar none: The resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

Here's what I'm hoping to accomplish today. By the grace of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I'm hoping to remove the layers, of which there are many, of worldly formality so we can see the reality eternally. Because Christ's resurrection celebration and commemoration can and sadly has easily become rote, ritual. It's just what we do every year. But here's the problem. You nullify.

You know what I mean by nullify? You erase, you delete, you dismantle its profound, and I mean profound, eternal meaning. And it's for this reason that I'd like to — and this is why I titled my sermon 'Why Christ's Resurrection Determines My Eternity' because it does. Let me try that again because I don't think that came out right the first time. Give me a do-over.

Why Christ's resurrection determines my eternity. Because in the end, it will only come down to two: The lost or the saved. And not Democrat/Republican, Red/Blue, Black/White; forget that rubbish. We're either going to spend eternity in heaven forever, or eternity in hell forever. And what determines where I will spend my eternity? The resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. That's why it's the most important, bar none, event in all of human history.

So if you'll kindly indulge me and allow me to, I want to start by rewinding back to the Book of Exodus, which is where it all began as a prophecy about the person of Jesus Christ. Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus. The Old Testament conceals that which the New Testament reveals. What's the New Testament reveal? Jesus, the Christ. We call it the *Book of Revelation*, which we're currently in, and by the way, and Lord willing we'll resume our verse-by-verse study and we will complete *Chapter 19*. I can't wait. We'll be out of the Tribulation. Finally! Because *Chapter 20* is about the Millennium.

So this was a prophecy that revealed the person of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who would be the Savior of the world. And in *Exodus 12*, the Lord's Passover is instituted in prophetic detail, pointing to Jesus and Jesus only as our Passover Lamb, who would fulfill the feast, the Lord's feast of Passover get this, at the exact time, day, and even hour. Then, subsequent to the Lord's feast of Passover was the Lord's Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Lord's feast of First Fruits.

Now, why do I emphasize the Lord's feast? Because these are not the Feasts of Israel. They're the feasts of the Lord, given to Israel. Now, the reason this was instituted in Exodus is because the Israelites would be delivered out of slavery in Egypt, where they had been for the last 400 years. And it's important to understand that Egypt in typology is always, throughout Scripture, a type, a picture of the world. Even more interesting is that it would be at the time of the final 10th plague, which was the death of the first begotten son.

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Let me just parenthetically mention something here. It is passages like these in the word of God that cement indelibly the infallibility of God's word on my heart and my mind because there's no way man could have come up with this. So in concert with *Exodus*, we have all seven, the number of completion, feasts of the Lord. It's recorded in *Leviticus 23*, again, great detail, *Numbers 28:29*, and *Deuteronomy 16*. And please, all of them point to Jesus and have been or will still be fulfilled by Jesus.

Okay, Pastor, can you just calm down a little bit? Okay, I'll try. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I don't know if I can overstate the paramount importance of these feasts of the Lord for us. But we first need to know what the meaning of these feasts actually is in the original language of the Hebrew Old Testament. It just so happens to be the same exact word for feast in my native language of Arabic, which is the word "moad." Wasn't that helpful?

Okay, what's moad? Moad means feast, festival, or festive at the appointed time, meaning an appointment that points to a fixed time as a sign points to a destination that's fulfilled at the appointed time that it's reached.

Example, illustration. In town, maybe Honolulu, you'll see a sign: Kaneohe, 14 miles. Okay, that's a moad. What is it doing? It's pointing you to your appointed destination. These feasts were signs, moads, that pointed to, yet future, the fulfillment of the redemption and salvation of mankind by Jesus the Christ.

Well, in the interest of time, and for our purposes today, we'll do a deep dive only into the first three of the seven feasts of the Lord. And in so doing we're going to see, I pray God gives us eyes to see, how that at the exact appointed time they were fulfilled by the person of Jesus Christ and the finished work on the cross vis-a-vis His crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. First three feasts: Check the box. Fulfilled.

Now, before I have this put up, I'm just going to humbly ask that you let not your heart be troubled when you see it. That's what I thought. I'm going to go quick through the first feast, the feast of Passover, which is a prophecy, a moad, a sign pointing to the yet future crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

For Israel then, in the institution of the Passover, the angel of death passed over — Passover, get it? I know that's deep — passed over the Israelites, if the blood of a pure sacrificed lamb was on the lintel, the top, the side posts, and a base in the bottom in the shape of a cross. Are you with me? Lintel, up, side posts, basin-the bottom dripping. That's the cross before the Romans had even invented that cruel form of capital punishment. So this was an act of faith. They had to trust that they would be saved from death, but in order to be saved from death, they had to have the Passover lamb and the blood of that lamb on the door of their house.

Well, how does that apply to us now? Salvation from death, which is the penalty for my sin, is passed over. Why? Because of the sacrificed blood of the Lamb of God on the door of my life. Have you found it peculiar, those of you joining us for our verse-by-verse study through *Revelation*, that it is replete with references to Jesus Christ as the lamb? Two weeks ago, for

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those of you that were here; if you weren't, you missed it. You missed the wedding feast of the Lamb, not the wedding feast of the Christ, the wedding feast of the Lamb. Why the lamb? What was the importance of the lamb? Why the significance of the lamb? Because He fulfilled that Passover prophecy. And that's what started everything. And it will be what finishes everything.

Now we'll move on. I'll move fast. Oh, ye of little faith. You're looking at me with that look. I know that look.

Israel then: The lamb began the new month of months on the calendar.

Us now: Jesus as the Lamb of God, started a new calendar, AD. You know what that means? Adonai (Anno Domini), the year of our Lord. Every time somebody says, "AD," non-Christians, they're saying the year of our Lord. I'm like, all right!

Israel then: The lamb is brought into the house on the 10th day, very specific. Us now: Jesus made His triumphant entry on the 10th day, exactly the same day.

Israel then: They would take that lamb and inspect it for four days. Us now: Four days was the exact number of days that Jesus was on trial.

Israel then: The lamb had to be found without any blemish. Couldn't have a broken bone, a defect spot, no spot, no wrinkle, no blemish, no nothing. Had to be pure, innocent, just as Jesus was found to be innocent, without any sin, no blemish, no spot. So this is when then the lamb had its blood placed shaping a cross, as I mentioned. Just as with Jesus as "the Lamb" would be placed on that cross, foreshadowed in the Exodus. For

Israel then: The lamb had to go into the fire of judgment, which is what fire is, a type of judgment. And this is where it gets very difficult in some ways because Jesus chose willingly to endure the humiliation on the cross, taking upon Himself the sins of all mankind. And He knew it. And it would be the first time He would ever be separated from the Father, which is why He would cry out, **"Father, father, why hast Thou forsaken me?"**

Why have I forsaken you? Because sin separates us from God. It's been wisely said that sin will keep you from the Bible, and the Bible will keep you from sin. That's *Psalm 119*. Jesus took that judgment, that fire, that fourth cup, which, by the way, the Jews to this day don't drink. It's the cup of wrath. The first three are drunk from in the typical — they've added to the customs. That's not surprising. But they won't drink from that fourth cup. That's the cup that Jesus, in the garden, prayed that if there was any other way to save or redeem mankind, please, Father, take this cup filled with the fury of Your wrath from Me.

"Nevertheless, not My will, but Your will be done." So please don't miss that.

The lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs, just as Jesus was offered the bitter herb enduring the cross. The lamb had to be finished by the morning. Jesus said, **"It is finished."**
[Period] [Speaking of resurrection morning]

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The lamb saved from death to the firstborn, just as Jesus saves as the firstborn for us to be born-again.

The lamb was not to have any bones broke. Do you know that Jesus never had any of His bones broken? He had His skin broken. And do you also know that His skin was broken in seven, the number of completion, places? Two feet; two wrists is four; His back scourged down to the bone, five; the thorn of crown, six, impaled into His head, very vascular; and the seventh completed skin breaking was when the soldier, who would usually break the bones, he didn't do that. God would never let that. He took his sword and pierced the side. And out came two elements present at birth: blood and water, just as a type of the second and final Adam. God put Adam in a deep sleep, and from his rib, from his side he made him a bride. Jesus on the cross as the second Adam, which we'll talk about more shortly, that was the birth of the church, from His side.

The lamb with bread had to be without leaven. Leaven is a type, always in scripture, of sin. Leaven puffs up, yeast, if you prefer. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is without sin. Sinless. Perfect sinlessness.

Now let's get into more specificity, which is the section in red. I'm not too bad, right? That wasn't very convincing. Let's get down to the hour, man. Let's get down to business here.

On the 10th of Nisan, or Aviv, the lamb had its procession into the Temple. On the 10th of Nisan, Jesus made His procession into the Temple.

The lamb, again, is examined for four days. Jesus is on trial for exactly four days.

On the 14th of Nisan, the lamb Passover began. Jesus as our Passover lamb began His path to the cross at that exact time on that exact day.

The lamb is prepared for the sacrifice. Jesus is prepared for the cross.

The lamb was to be sacrificed at 3:00 p.m., the sixth hour. Pardon me, the ninth hour. Jesus is sacrificed when? The ninth hour, 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m., down to the hour. The exact, precise — listen, with God it's not 99.9999%. No, it's 100% precision accuracy.

Let's talk about the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This was fulfilled — this is so cool, by the way — with the burial of Jesus. So for Israel then, in the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites couldn't have leaven, yeast, a type of sin, in the bread because it would puff it up. Us now? Well, I'm delivered in the Exodus from the world, Egypt, by Jesus, the Bread of Life, who was without sin, leaven.

This is where it gets interesting. Did you know that at the Passover meal they had three pieces of matzah bread, from one, in one bag, but in three compartments? You see where this is going? The three breads were a type of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

Now the second matzah bread — and by the way, I'm sorry. This is the best we can do. We want to be sanitary and, you know, so we have these nice, tidied up, you know, communion

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cups, prepackaged. That's the best. That's as good as it gets. So build a bridge and get over it.

But if you were to really have matzah bread without yeast, it's flat, square, kind of big. But check this out. They would pierce it with holes so it wouldn't rise. And they would bake it on the grill, which made stripes. You with me? And then the fire created a brown, like a bruise, Bruise, stripe, pierced. Sound familiar?

And, oh, let's see. Eeny, meeny, miny, moe, which matzah bread should we go with? Did that...? No, the second. Why? And then they would take the second one and they would break it in two. And here's why. This is amazing. The second matzah bread represents the second person of the Trinity, His body, the second person of the Godhead, that's broken for us instead of us.

Now you've got the second of three in one, broken in two, two pieces. Why? Because Jesus was two. Fully God, fully man. I got chicken skin right there. You know, just on that one. Okay. It gets better.

The larger of the two is called the afikomen, afikomen. In Greek it carries with it the idea of I came, I come, I have arrived, or I'm going to arrive. That's where moad comes in. I'm going to arrive at My final destination, which is the world, to shed My blood and pay the price in full for the sins of the world.

Now, even more interesting; I mean, again, you think man's going to come up with something like this? Good answer. The second bread is now wrapped in a cloth and buried and hidden. What does that sound like? Jesus the Christ, the body of Christ, wrapped in a burial cloth, hidden in the tomb.

This is where it gets even cooler. Just when you thought it couldn't get cooler enough. I'm not talking about the AC. Check this out.

Now they would have the children search for the hidden, buried, covered in cloth, bread. And if they found it and uncovered it, they would receive a prize. Because the father would pay the price for that prize to the child who found the buried bread and uncovered it. Oh, do I even need to bother here? The prize of the high calling. I mean, I could just go — and you know I can — I won't — I can go on and on and on.

Eyes on the prize. Hands to the plow. Paying the price. You are not your own. But you are purchased with a price. Who purchased you? Jesus. What did it cost Him? Everything. Why? Because He loves you. **“Greater love hath no man that he would lay down his life for another.”** This was fulfilled in the burial. You see how the Feast of Passover was fulfilled by the crucifixion and the feast of Unleavened Bread by the burial?

Now we get to the feast of First Fruits. This will give you hope. A lot smaller, yeah? Did that give you hope? I don't want to give you false hope. What's First Fruits? The first fruit that comes up out of the ground. It's the resurrection.

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So for Israel then: The first fruits of the harvest were actually a wave offering to God. Now check this out. Can I have a little bit of fun with this? Let me have it. Okay? I'm not talking the wave. Do they still do that? I don't know; I don't watch sports anymore. They do? They need Jesus then. Because that's not what this was. This wave offering: The priests had specific instructions in offering the first barley harvest, the first fruits out of the ground, just as Jesus was the first one out of the ground.

On the third day they were to take that offering and wave it up, north, south, east, west. What did I just do? Thank you. You know when Jesus is having this confrontation with His detractors, of which there were numerous, many, He said, you know, you search the scriptures. I'm going to really paraphrase this. You search the scriptures, not knowing that they all speak of Me. I'm right here. I'm right here.

I'm the fulfillment of all of that starting in *Genesis 1:1*, **“Let us create man in our image.”** Why not let me create man in my image? Because “us” is God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and we're created in His image: body, soul, and spirit, in the image of God, triune nature, three persons/one God, three aspects/one God.

Okay, so when would they do this wave offering in the shape of a cross as a moat pointing to the fulfillment on the cross, burial, and resurrection? The first day of the week, which is Sunday, by the way, just, you know. I know you can play around with apps and make the calendar, have Sunday be the seventh day of the week. It's not. Shabbat is.

And by the way, just for the record, parenthetically, let me say because there's a lot of debate on this. That week that Jesus was crucified — and you can do your own research. Be a Berean and don't take my word for it. See if what I say is true. Search the scriptures for yourself. There were two Sabbaths that week, the High Sabbath and Shabbat, the regular Sabbath. That changes everything. All of a sudden now, everything fits. That's — I'm gonna leave it at that because I will get — I will get a lot of email on that if I go any further.

Okay, so the first day of the week, huh? So the first fruits rise up, offered up? That's the resurrection, man. That's the resurrection, man. It was His offering, fulfilling the first fruits as the start of the first resurrection on the first day of the week, exactly as God had prophesied in the beginning. And He fulfilled it.

Can I draw your attention to Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church, *Chapter 15*, beginning in *verse 16*? Listen to what he says. Now you have to understand the context. Let me give a quick backstory. So he's in that Corinthian church. And in that day, at that time, there was this thing going around. It's a huge deal. They were saying there is no such thing as a resurrection from the dead.

Well, the Apostle Paul has something to say about that, and with irrefutable evidence, proves it. By the way, another parenthetical, side note, just real quick. There is more evidence, not Christian, secular as well, archeological, all the above. There is more evidence that Christ resurrected from the dead than that Caesar even lived. How about that?

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Oh, don't listen to me. Don't take my word for it. What do I know? I'm just a preacher. You search the scriptures for yourself for a change. No, I didn't.... (Chuckling) I didn't mean it like that. I'm not going to do your homework for you. And do it because you're going to be tested on it next week. No, not really.

So, Paul, just, by the power of the Holy Spirit, inspired by the Holy Spirit, I mean, he just, he argues his case brilliantly, beautifully, perfectly, and says, *verse 16* — and I would really encourage you in your own time in God's word read the preceding verses because you know Paul was not bashful. I mean, he was like, (Pounding fist into hand) I mean, head on, in your face, up in your grill. I heard of a sign someone had behind their desk. Be brief. Be blunt. Be gone.

[Laughter]

I'm working on the first one. (Chuckling) I should say the Lord is working on me with the first one. I am walking in complete victory on being blunt. Be gone? You can't get rid of me that easily. So that's between you and the Lord. But that was Paul: to the point.

Now listen to what he says, *verse 16*. **“For if the dead are not raised...”** In other words, he's making them think through the absurdity of their statement that there's no such thing as resurrection from the dead. So he's saying, okay, game on. For — let's just say for purposes of discussion, hypothetically speaking, that if the dead are not raised, well then Christ has not been raised either. Is that what you're saying? Paul didn't say that. I'm — effects added.

He takes this further; this is what I love about Paul. I can't wait to meet him. I hope he's as excited to meet me as I am to meet him, but we'll see. But he takes it further. I love this about him. I mean, he says — now he takes it, and he says, **“...and if Christ has not been raised...”**

He's writing to the church. This isn't to the world, to the nonbelievers. This is to the believers who were being duped and deceived and distracted and derailed by this false teaching that there's no such thing as the resurrection. I mean, if you remove the resurrection from the equation, what are you doing here? I'm getting ahead of myself, but we could just go home. Don't go home. Don't leave yet. But we could. And that's what he says. **“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.”**

And then he, I mean, he just drives it home. **“You are still in your sins.”** Then that's not all. He even takes it further. I don't think I would have taken it any further. I'd have probably — I'd have done the third part, be gone. He goes, **“Then those also who have died in Christ are lost.”** He's talking about their loved ones, the aunties, the uncles, the mamas, the babas, the children, God forbid, brothers, sisters.

So if what you're saying is true, then your loved ones who died in Christ, well, they're lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, who you say is not resurrected because there's no resurrection from the dead, well, then, **“...we are, of all people most to be pitied.”**

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I don't want anybody to pity me. Do you pity me? I'm just asking. You know what Paul's saying here? He's saying if your — if what you're saying was true, and thank God, as we're going to see next, it's not, then people should look at us worshiping a resurrected Lord and feel sorry for us for being so stupid. By the way, stupid's in the Bible, *Proverbs 12:1*. You can check it later. Not now. I'm still preaching.

Okay, so now, I mean, wouldn't you think he's probably got their attention at this point? So he says, “...we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ...” Wow! Mic drop. I won't drop the mic. It's too expensive.

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the [Watch this] firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, [Whoa!] those who belong to Him.”

We will be part of that first resurrection at the rapture, pre-Tribulation rapture. One more real quick. *1 Corinthians Chapter 5*. Now I included this. You'll see why here in a moment because it's going to beautifully tie into the partaking together of the communion celebration. So again, this Corinthian church — by the way, if I lived in Corinth, I would not go to this church. I'm just saying. Okay, I mean, he's — they were so contentious. They were divisive, spreading discord, gossiping, boasting. Listen to what he says, *Chapter 5*. We're still in his first letter.

Verse 6, “Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?”

It spreads. What's yeast? Sin. It's contagious.

“Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast, as you really are.” [A new creation] Better understood: You're a new creation in Christ.

“For Christ [Now watch this and listen very carefully] our Passover lamb...”

There's a very interesting succession, for lack of a better word in *Exodus 12*. It goes from the lamb to — no, a lamb to the lamb to your lamb, and easily missed at first read. But I ask the question of you today: Is Jesus Christ your lamb? Are you covered with His blood?

[He] “For Christ, [He is] our Passover lamb, [Why? Because He, as the Passover lamb] was sacrificed. Therefore [Now listen] let us keep the Festival [Moad] not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.”

Oh, my goodness. Enter *Luke's gospel, Chapter 22*. I'll begin in *verse 14*, but I want to make one quick observation before we partake together. This is the account of what we affectionately refer to as the Last Supper. Why? Because it was the last supper, the last Passover feast that Jesus would have with His disciples. And we're going to hear Him say

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two times that this will be the last time until the next time when this is fulfilled in My kingdom.

You know what He's talking about? What we just celebrated about two weeks ago, the wedding feast of the Lamb. The Lamb. So when Paul says, “**celebrate the feast, but with the new,**” and that's what Jesus did, and we'll see that in a second, but notice conspicuously absent from that Last Supper in that Upper Room was the lamb.

You had the bread; you had the cup. Where's the lamb? You're looking at Him. Get that Da Vinci painting out of your mind, by the way. They weren't seated. They were reclined. I'm sorry if you've paid a lot of money for that work of art. Sell it and give the money to the poor. It's wrong on every level. They were reclining at the table to celebrate what? The Passover.

It reminds me of when Abraham took Isaac, unknowingly — by the way, Isaac was 33 years old. Isaac, a type of Christ, the year, the age that Jesus was when He died. That's why it's a number adopted and perverted by Masons, 33. And it's also the percentage of angels that were cast out of heaven with Lucifer, 33. You know why 13 is unlucky? I hope you don't believe in that. In fact, I've heard shared this before. Some hotels or buildings don't have a 13th floor. No for real. Check it out sometime. 12, 14. Where's 13?

No, no, no, no, no. Why? Well, you have 12 disciples plus one makes 13. That's Jesus. That's Satan wanting to mar, distort, pervert. By the way, you understand that Lucifer is the root from where we get “lucky.” Did I mess you up? Did I just mess you up? Okay, well, have a nice afternoon.

So verse 14, “When the hour had come, He [Speaking of Jesus] sat down and the 12 apostles with Him. Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire [Some of your translations render it I eagerly await] I have desired [Eagerly awaited] to eat this Passover [Passover] with you before I suffer [Speaking of the cross]. For I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’”

Oh my goodness, this is practice. What we're about to do here today is but a foreshadow of that which is yet to come when the kingdom of God comes, and this is fulfilled. Try to wrap your mind around that. We're going to be at His side as His bride, now His wife, partaking together in His kingdom, symbolized by what we're going to partake together of today. We're partaking together of this today in remembrance of Him. But when this is fulfilled, we'll be partaking together, not in remembrance of Him, but with Him. With Him. With Him.

“Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and said, 'Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say to you [And this is the second time now] [This is the last time] I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until [The next time] [When's the next time?] [When] the kingdom of God comes.' And He took bread, gave thanks, and broke it [The Matzah bread] and [He] gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body [A symbol of My body] which is given for you. [And then He says this] Do this in remembrance of Me.’”

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Don't you find it interesting that of all of the ordinances, the Lord would emphasize the partaking together of the bread and the cup? He's the lamb. We don't need no lamb. We've got the Lamb of God right here. Forget Costco lamb. No need. I got the Lamb, the Lamb, my Lamb, our Lamb.

He's saying I know in your fallenness, your proneness to forget. And I want to keep this at the forefront. I always want you to do this, not as a ritual, a routine, a formality, liturgy. (Spoken with a reverb voice} How am I doing on the reverb?

No, I just want you guys, whenever you do this — He didn't stipulate, you know. He just said whenever you do this, as often as you do this, do this in remembrance of Me, more specifically, what I'm going to do for you. What are You going to do? I'm going to die for you. I'm going to purchase you. I'm going to purchase for you the gift of eternal life with My broken body and My shed blood. And I want you to remember that because it will go well for you if you do. Because sometimes we get caught up in the cares and the affairs of this life, and we forget. Wait a minute, dude, I'm saved. (Gasping in almost disbelief) I need to act like it. Remember?

So what I'd like to have you do, those of you that are here, if you'll peel back the top of the packaging, you'll find the bread. Just take the bread out. Just hold on to it for a moment. Those of you online, if you want, you can have the bread ready at this time as well. We'll partake together. But... You can break it if you want.

We hold in our hands a symbol of the body of Jesus, the Christ that was broken, as the second person of the Trinity, pierced, bruised, stripes, when He was presented before Pilate after receiving yet another 39 lashes. They stopped at 39. 40, usually they were dead by that time. 40, the number of judgment. 39 times. And He had been spit on, beat on. Some Bible scholars that have done research on this say that He was unrecognizable. He had been so bloodied, so beaten, so bruised. He carried the cross. Those things aren't light.

And He's brought up just prior to the crucifixion. He's brought out to Pilate, and Pilate is astonished. He says, **"Behold, the Man."** I've never seen anything like this before. Most of the guys you bring out to me, they're dead. But Jesus came as God the Son, the Son of God, enduring the shame, paying the price because of His love. And He stood before that man for whom his sins could have been paid for too. And Pilate says, **"Behold, the Man."** Guys, get a good look at this guy. That's a man. You're not kidding that's a man. That's no ordinary man. That's the God man.

As we partake together, I would just ask that we do so in remembrance of His body that was bludgeoned and beaten and broken for us and instead of us. Would you partake with me? Lord, thank You. There's just no way other than just to say thank You because this side of the fulfillment of what we just did, there's no way we could ever adequately express to You our love for You, our thanks to You, our remembrance of You. Thank You. Jesus, for Your body broken for us.

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Luke goes on to write in *verse 20*, **“Likewise, He also took the cup after supper, saying, [Now pay attention to this] 'This cup is the New Covenant...’”**

Remember what Paul said? The new feast, the New Covenant fulfills the Old Covenant. Remember that sign illustration I used? It's been fulfilled. It fulfilled its purpose. It's still there. He didn't abolish the law. He fulfilled it. The sign: it fulfilled its purpose, the road, pointing us to, but it's still there. So the New Covenant does not do away with the Old. It fulfills the Old in magnificent and marvelous, unspeakable, indescribable ways.

It's the cup of the New Covenant **“...in My blood.”** There is no remission of sin, removing of sin, cleansing of sin without the shedding of blood. See, the Old Covenant was only kofar, covered. But the New Covenant is removed as far as the east from the west, remembered no more. **“Though your sins be as scarlet, He makes them white as snow.”** There is power in the blood. We sing it, we say it, we know it. But do we really completely fathom and understand it? He says this cup, which He would drink from, filled with the fury of God's wrath for the sins of mankind, and He would have His blood, the innocent, pure blood of a spotless lamb, the Lamb of God without blemish. And His blood was shed in my stead. And that's what the cup represents.

If you'll take the remainder of the package. And we're done, by the way. Don't look at Your watches. Hold on to it for just a moment. This is what I meant at the beginning by saying that there's this pull almost, this proclivity, if you prefer, to just kind of get into the formality of the religiosity, you know, the ritual. This is what we do this time of year every year, which, by the way, is on a different day every time of the year. You noticed that? But we're seizing that opportunity, by the way. We're — I know Arabs shouldn't use this word, but we're hijacking that day and seizing it as an opportunity.

That was bad, wasn't it? That's okay. I say all that to say this in closing before we partake for when we partake. Please, I implore you, as we partake, please remember this is a symbol of the cup of the New Covenant in the pure blood of the Lamb of God that was shed for all our sins. Period. Would you partake with me? When you're done, you can stand. And Kapono, if you would please come up. We'll close in prayer and song.

I did my best, Lord. This is just majestic and mighty and awesome that You would do this for us, that You're even mindful of us. **“Who is man that You're even mindful of him?”** You drank from the cup so we wouldn't have to. And You gave us this ordinance, symbolic of the cup of the New Covenant, to remind us that You, drunk from the cup filled with the fury of God's wrath when You didn't deserve it. We did. But You did it for us and took it from us instead of us. And for that, Lord, again, there's no way to ever say thank You enough. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus.

Lastly, I don't know if there may be someone here today in this church or even watching online that has never put their trust in You for the forgiveness of sins. Or unsure? Or kind of distant from You, walked away from You, backslid. Lord, what a day today, the perfect day to be the day of their salvation or return or recommitment to You. Because as we look at

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the world around us, Lord, it's becoming abundantly clear that time's up, and we're going up. And to that we say Maranatha. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.