

24 March 2024 MACC Digging Deeper
Exodus 12 - Passover
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Day 1

Pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for His help. As you dig deeper into His word this week, consider using a journal to write down the ideas and questions He has for you as you study. Read Exodus 12. Specific instructions are given regarding the selection and preparation of the Passover lamb. What symbolic significance might these instructions have had for the Israelites? How did the Israelites prepare for the first Passover, and what do their actions reveal about their faith and obedience? The blood of the lamb played a crucial role in the Passover event. What does this symbolize, and how does it point forward to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ?

Day2

Pray to God about what he wants you to learn as you study in His word digging deeper into the verses from Sunday's message. Again, re-read Exodus 12. What aspects of the Passover story might have been on the minds of the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is often seen as a fulfillment of prophecy (check out Zechariah 9). How does this fulfillment relate to the broader themes of redemption and deliverance seen in Exodus 12?

Day3

Pray to God as you learn from His word today. Is there someone you need to reconnect with whom you haven't spoken to in a long time? Send them a text, give them a call, and ask them how they are doing and what you can do for them. How does the celebration of Palm Sunday invite us to reflect on our response to Jesus as the Savior and King, and how might it inspire us to proclaim His lordship in our lives? How are you challenged to deepen your commitment to following Jesus as our Passover Lamb and King?

Day 4

Find a quiet place to settle your body, mind, and spirit. Pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. Write everything down in your journal for reflection and study. Consider the contrast between the temporary deliverance experienced by the Israelites in Exodus 12 and the eternal salvation offered through Jesus Christ. How does this contrast shape our understanding of Palm Sunday? How can the celebration of Palm Sunday remind us of God's faithfulness and His continued work of redemption in our lives today?

Day 5

Pray for others in your life. Ask God how He is nudging you to come alongside them with kindness, compassion, and joy. Verses 21-27 instructs future generations regarding the observance of the Passover. How do these instructions reflect the importance of passing down faith traditions and teachings within families? How does the story of the Passover deepen our understanding of God's redemptive plan and His desire for a relationship with His people? How does this event demonstrate the seriousness of God's judgment and the fulfillment of His promises? How can we apply the principles and lessons from Exodus 12 to our lives as Christians today?