

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
The Lord's Supper (Sacrifice)
Matthew 26:17-29; Hebrews 9:22-10:25
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How do we escape the brokenness of this world and find the peace for eternity we all yearn for?

How can sin be paid for and we be reconciled to God

God has a plan and it started with Abraham.
Abraham had two sons: Ishmael and Isaac.
Isaac had two sons Esau and Jacob.
Jacob had 12 sons.
For four hundred years the sons of Jacob lived in Egypt.
Moses led over 1 million people out of Egypt.

The first Passover marked the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt towards the Promised Land that God had promised to Abraham.

PREPERATIONS FOR PASSOVER

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ *He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"* ¹⁹ *So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.* Matthew 26:17-19 NIV

Each year for 1,483 years lambs were selected on the 10th of Nisan and slaughtered on the 14th as a representation of blood symbolically paying for our sins.

THE LAST PASSOVER

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ *And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."* ²² *They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"* ²³ *Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me."* ²⁴ *The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."* ²⁵ *Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"* *Jesus answered, "You have said so."* Matthew 26:20-25 NIV

The lamb is only a symbol of a greater sacrifice that would actually pay for the sins of humanity.

The necessity of the sacrifice does not excuse the crime of betrayal.

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTITUTED

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ *Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."* ²⁸ *This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.* ²⁹ *I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."* Matthew 26:26-29 NIV

The bread represents the sacrifice of His life and body.

The cup is the blood of the New Covenant poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

All who believe may benefit from Jesus' sacrifice.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:15 NIV

The Lord's Supper is a constant reminder of the cost of our salvation provided to us by this amazing sacrifice made by Jesus.