

DAILY DEVOTIONS:

Week of Sept 6 – Sept 11, 2021

Pesach – the Passover

MONDAY: Read Leviticus 23:4,5 & Exodus 12:1-14

Meditate with Spirit about how Jesus, as God's Passover Lamb, delivers you from spiritual death into LIFE
Are any details of the first Passover new to you? From what verse & activity does "Passover" derive its name?

TUESDAY: Read Exodus 12:1-10

As we investigate Passover, ask Spirit to help you appreciate the significance of Christ as your Passover Lamb
How do you know that Passover was the first of seven festivals to be celebrated annually? What do you think was the purpose for the 5 days between animal selection and sacrifice? What was the instruction for that period?

WEDNESDAY: Read Exodus 12:1-10

Thank God for the ways the Holy Spirit is conforming you to Christ's life by faith's persuasion & your response
What was the blood used for? Why do you think God instructed them to roast the animal with fire (*as opposed to any other way of cooking*)? Why did they burn the leftovers? Why couldn't they to take any on the trip out?

THURSDAY: Read Exodus 12:11-14

Ask the Spirit how you can more effectively "rest in & depend on" Christ's finished work to restore you to God
What does eating the meal fully dressed imply? Why does God instruct them to eat the meal with urgency?
What is God "executing" and against whom? List all those to whom the blood of the Lamb was a "saving" sign?

FRIDAY: Read John 6:53-69

Ask Spirit to make you keenly sensitive to the genuine love expressed by Jesus in His salvation from sin & death
How does Jesus want His hearers (& us) to understand eating His flesh & drinking His blood? What is the result of "taking Jesus into us" according to v56? List all the ways that the blood of Jesus allows death to Passover us?

SATURDAY: Read John 6:53-69, John 1:29 & 1John 1:7

Will you let the Spirit share the truth about Jesus as your Savior & Lord thru your life & testimony this week?
v.63 – who gives life and what does human effort (*to save oneself thru good works & self righteousness*) accomplish? How does John the Baptist refer to Jesus? What does John tell us about the blood of Jesus?

(Use your own Bible and this New American Standard Translation for comparison & better understanding)

Leviticus 23:4-5 (NLT)

4“In addition to the Sabbath, these are the LORD’s appointed festivals, the official days for holy assembly that are to be celebrated at their proper times each year.

5 “The LORD’s Passover begins at sundown on the fourteenth day of the first month.

Exodus 12:1-14 (NLT)

1) While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: **2**) “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. **3**) Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. **4**) If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat. **5**) The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.

6) “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. **7**) They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. **8**) That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. **9**) Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. **10**) Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

11) “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD’s Passover. **12**) On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! **13**) But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14) “This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. This is a law for all time.

John 6:53-69 (NLT)

53) So Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. **54**) But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. **55**) For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. **56**) Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. **57**) I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. **58**) I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever.” **59**) He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

60) Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?”

61) Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you? **62**) Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? **63**) The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **64**) But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.) **65**) Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.”

66) At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. **67**) Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” **68**) Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. **69**) We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

John 1:29 (NLT)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

1John 1:7 (NLT)

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.