

SERMON NOTES

SERIES: Exodus: Set Free to Live Free
TITLE: Passover

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 11-12

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We are in a series on the Book of Exodus from the Old Testament. Why study this book? Exodus is the Old Testament story of the salvation of God's people that points forward to the great salvation that comes to us by faith in Jesus. Exodus helps us better understand what it means for God to *set us free* from our broken, messy lives so we can *live free* in loving, personal relationship with God.

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There's no better place in all the book of Exodus where this “**pointing forward to the salvation that comes to us by faith in Jesus**” is more clear than in Exodus chapters 11-12.

The Final Plague: Death (Exodus 11:4-9; 12:1-13)

Passover: The Substitute That Saves from God's Judgment (Exodus 12:1-13; 14-17; 25-32)

1. The substitute had to be ***pure***.
2. The substitute had to be ***personal***.
3. The substitute had to be ***killed***.
4. The substitute had to be ***applied***.
5. The substitute had to be ***completely consumed***.
6. The substitute had to be ***received by faith***.

Jesus, Our Passover Substitute (John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7)

1. Jesus was the ***perfect*** sacrifice for our sins.
2. Jesus must become ***personal*** to you.
3. Jesus had to ***die*** for you.
4. Jesus' salvation must be ***applied*** to you.
5. Jesus must be ***fully received***.
6. Jesus must be ***received by faith***.

Celebrate the Lord's Supper in your community group, at home with your family, or with friends

this week. Stop by the grocery store and pick up some bread or crackers and some grape juice.

The crackers don't have to be unleavened; this isn't Passover—this is communion. Prepare a plate holding the bread. Use whatever glasses you have for the juice—small styrofoam cups will do. It's what the bread represents—Christ's body broken for you—and the cup represents—Christ's blood shed for you—that matters.

Open your time together by talking about the “aha”s you may have had from the Passover message you heard in Sunday worship.

- **Have someone read Matthew 26:17-30**
- **Have someone read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.** Have someone give thanks for Jesus' giving his body to suffer for our sins. Say, “Do this in remembrance of me,” and everyone eat the bread. Take a moment of silence.
- **Have someone read 1 Corinthians 11:25.** Have someone give thanks for Jesus' blood shed for us—for how his blood caused God's judgment to pass over us, and how his blood has ushered us into a whole new kind of relationship with God, empowered by his Holy Spirit (New Covenant).
- **Close your time of communion by singing the doxology.**

For Discussion:

1. What are some of the biggest ways you see God calling you to partner with him and what he's doing—at the church, in the workplace, in our city, in the world?
2. Do you remember a time in your life when God seemed to change everything? What was this turning point and how did your life change?