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# **Go And Make Disciples**

**The Cross and Beyond**

## **Lesson 10:**

**Jesus Celebrates the Passover**

### Scripture

Matthew 26:17-25  
 Mark 14:12-21  
 Luke 22:7-23  
 John 13:1-30  
 Exodus 12:1-30

### Memory Verse

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
 John 1:29 (CEV)

### Lesson Goals

Understand that the Feast of the Unleavened Bread shows us that our lives should be characterized by putting away sin

Understand that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, sacrificed for our sin

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

On this journey to the cross with Jesus, we find ourselves nearing the end of that week. The Bible tells us that, "It was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That was the time to sacrifice the Passover Lamb." (Mark 14:12 NIV) We can learn a little about this feast and the Passover from the book of Exodus (chapter 12) when the very first Passover was celebrated. The Israelites (who we now know as the Jews) had been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. God had heard their prayers and was ready to rescue them. God gave important instructions to Moses. On the tenth day of the month, the man of the house was to choose a perfect, year old lamb for himself and his family. They were to take care of the sheep for four days and on the 14th day of the month, the whole community would kill their lambs when the sun went down. God instructed them to take some of the blood and, "put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses" where they ate the lambs. (Exodus 12:6-7 NIV) They were to cook the lambs over fire and eat them with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast (unleavened bread). And they were to eat it quickly, ready to leave Egypt. On the night of the fourteenth, God passed over Egypt and killed the firstborns who were not protected by the blood of the lamb. The Israelites were protected because they obeyed God. God instructed Moses to tell them to, "Always remember this day. For all time to come, you and your children after you must celebrate this day as a feast in honor of the Lord. It is a law that will last forever." (Exodus 12: 14 NIV) God even changed their calendar. Their month of Abib (Nisan after Babylonian captivity) would now become their first month. That is how important this Passover was to them. After the Passover, they were instructed to eat unleavened bread, or bread made without yeast, for seven days. The people did as God instructed and they were freed from slavery in Egypt.

So, in obedience to His Father, Jesus prepared to eat the Passover meal in remembrance of God's rescue of His people. "Jesus sent Peter and John ahead. 'Go,' He told them. 'Prepare for us to eat the Passover meal.'" (Luke 22:8 NIV) They asked Jesus where they should go to prepare for the meal. Jesus told them to go into the city. They would meet a man carrying a jar of water. They were to follow him to a house and tell the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, 'Where is the guest room? Where can I eat the Passover meal with my disciples?'" (Luke 22:11 NIV) Peter and John did what Jesus had told them to do and they prepared the Passover meal.

That evening, Jesus and His disciples went to the room that Peter and John had prepared. "Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world. It was time for Him to go to the Father. Jesus loved His disciples who were in the world. So He now showed them how much He really loved them." (John 13:1 NIV) They were at the table and the meal was being served. "So [Jesus] got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples'

### Application

We have looked at two feasts, or festivals, in our lesson that we don't usually celebrate. What can we learn from them, though?

Our memory verse helps us understand the Passover. One day, when John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, John said: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29 CEV) Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed once, for all, to free us from the slavery of sin. When Jesus makes you free, you are really free. (John 8:36)

The Feast of the Unleavened Bread lasts for seven days and begins with the removal of yeast from homes. In the Bible, yeast symbolizes sin. The Bible tells us to "Get rid of the old yeast. Be like a new batch of dough without yeast. That is what you really are, because Christ has been offered up for us. He is our Passover Lamb." (1 Corinthians 5:7-8 NIV) We are to live lives characterized by throwing off the sin that holds on to us so tightly and keep on running the race. (Heb 12:1)

feet, drying them with the towel He had around him." (John 13:4-5 NLT) When He had finished, Jesus put His robe back on and returned to His place at the table. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call me "Teacher" and "Lord." You are right. That is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet. So you also should wash one another's feet. I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you." (John 13:12b-15 NIV)

While they were eating, Jesus told the disciples how much He had wanted to eat this meal with them before He suffered. Jesus was still trying to prepare the disciples for His death. He told them that they wouldn't eat this way again until they celebrated the Passover in heaven. And then Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and told them all to drink from it. Then, Jesus said that His blood would be poured out forming a new covenant, or promise, between God and man. He also took the unleavened bread, gave thanks, and broke it. Then, Jesus told them that His body would be broken as this bread had been broken. "It is given for you," he said. "Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me." (Luke 22:19 NIV)

While they were still at the table eating, Jesus told His disciples, "What I'm about to tell you is true. One of you who is eating with Me will hand Me over to My enemies." (Mark 14:18 NIV) The disciples were saddened by this and began to ask Jesus one by one if it were them. We now know that Jesus was talking about Judas Iscariot, but they didn't immediately think of him. You see, Judas had blended in so well that they didn't realize it was him. Jesus reminded them that He had come to die, just as God had already decided, but He also said that it would be terrible for the one who actually handed Him over. (Luke 22:22 NIV) "It would be better for him if he had not been born." (Mark 14:21 NIV) It was then that Judas left and Jesus told him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." (John 13:27 NIV) Still no one understood what Jesus had said to Judas. They simply thought that, since he was the treasurer of the group, he was going to buy some of the things they needed for the feast or to give things to the poor.

### Preparing for the Next Lesson

Who's the Greatest?



## Preschool Lesson

### Teachers:

Bring grape juice in a glass and matzo bread. (Substitute pita bread if matzo is unavailable, even though pita bread is not unleavened.)

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Jesus wanted to celebrate a special day with His disciples. He wanted to eat a special meal with them to remember God's goodness. Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to prepare for the meal. Jesus told them to go into the city. They would meet a man carrying a jar of water. They were to follow him to a house and tell the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, 'Where is the guest room? Where can I eat the Passover meal with my disciples?'" (Luke 22:11 NIV) Everything happened just like Jesus said it would. Peter and John did what Jesus had told them to do. They got everything ready for the Passover meal.

That evening, Jesus and His disciples went to the room that Peter and John had prepared. They ate lamb with bitter herbs and flat bread. They had wine to drink. While they were eating, Jesus told the disciples how much He had wanted to eat this meal with them before He suffered. Jesus was still trying to prepare the disciples for His death. He told them that they wouldn't eat this way again until they celebrated the Passover in heaven.

Jesus took the cup. He gave thanks for it. He told them all to drink from it. Then, Jesus compared the wine to His blood. He said that His blood would be poured out. That meant He was going to die. His death would make a new promise between God and man.

Jesus also took the flat bread. He gave thanks for it, too. Then, Jesus broke the bread. He told them that His body would be broken like this bread had been broken. "I'm doing this for you," He said.

And then Jesus told them to remember Him every time they ate this meal in celebration of the Passover.



## Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Make sheep masks from paper plates or sheep headbands with ears. Print the memory verse on the craft.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring grapes for the snack.
- Encourage your students to reenact the story. Share in the Lord's Supper together.
- Sing "In Remembrance of Me," "How Beautiful," "There is a Fountain," "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone," or "Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King." Listen to Michael Card's "Come to the Table."
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- Find Jerusalem on a map. Then, find Egypt. Talk about slavery in Egypt and a route of escape to the Red Sea.
- Bring a wooden cross, hammer, and nails. (If this is unavailable, bring a bulletin board, a poster board cross, and thumbtacks.) Talk about the forgiveness of sin that Jesus provided in His death on the cross. Talk about the need to throw off the sin that so easily tangles us up. (Hebrews 12:1) Provide small pieces of paper. Prayerfully encourage your students to write those sins down on the paper provided. Then allow a time for those to be nailed to the cross.
- Bring a broom and dustpan to class. Encourage your students to sweep, being sure they have swept in every corner. Share with them that they have just done what people in Jewish homes do to remove the yeast from their homes for the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. Yeast itself is not bad, but in the Bible yeast represents sin. Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. This passage talks about the importance of examining oneself before taking the Lord's Supper. Discuss the passage.

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Trace the letters.

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# Focus on the Story

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**Main Characters:**

**Story Summary:**

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# Word Search

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