

“Christ Is Our Passover—Part 3”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a seven-part series that will conclude shortly before we commemorate the suffering and death of our Savior.

The overall title of the presentation was “Christ Is Our Passover—Part 3.” Each presentation will have a subtitle. The particular subtitle of that presentation was “The Passover Became a Sanctuary Event.”

Keynote scripture

The keynote scripture for each presentation in the series will be 1 Corinthians 5:7.

- 1 Corinthians 5:7—“For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Brief reminder

Here are just a few reminders about last week’s article—mentioning that the Exodus Passover was a domestic (in-home) event.

- Exodus 12:7—Put blood on the doorposts of the house.
- Exodus 12:13—The Lord mentioned that the blood would be a sign to protect the people.
- Exodus 12:22—Moses told them about the blood on the doorposts of the house—and reminded them to stay in the house.
- Exodus 12:23—Moses told them that the Lord would pass over the house and spare those inside the house.
- Exodus 12:46—The Passover had to be eaten in the house and no bone could be broken.

Sanctuary event at tabernacle

- Exodus 12:48—This verse contains wording that is associated with the sanctuary: “Let him come near and keep it.”
- Exodus 25:22—The Lord said: “There I will meet with you and I will speak with you.”

- Exodus 29:42-45—The Lord mentioned several times that He would meet with the people at the tabernacle.
- Deuteronomy 16:1—Keep the Passover to the Lord your God.
- Deuteronomy 16:2—You shall sacrifice the Passover to the Lord your God in the place where the Lord chooses to place His name.
- Deuteronomy 16:5-6—You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, but at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide.

Hezekiah at the temple

- 2 Chronicles 30:26—“So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.”
- 2 Chronicles 30:2-4—The king and his leaders agreed to keep the Passover in the second month. And why could they not keep the Passover at the regular time? There were two reasons given. First—a significant number of priests had not consecrated themselves. Second—the people had not gathered at Jerusalem. So they agreed to keep the Passover in the second month.
- 2 Chronicles 30:15—The people brought their burnt offering to the house of the Lord.
- 2 Chronicles 30:23—The whole assembly was so excited that the people kept the Feast for another seven days.

Personally, I love this example because it reveals a number of positive actions.

First, the people did not feel trapped because of teaching they had received.

Second, the motivation of the people was to do more because of “gladness.”

- 2 Chronicles 30:24—Notice how large the Passover offering was.

Hezekiah supplied 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep.

Other leaders supplied 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep.

Josiah at the temple

- 2 Kings 23:22—“Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.”

- 2 Chronicles 35:7-9—Notice how large the Passover offering was.

Josiah supplied 30,000 lambs/goats and 3,000 cattle.

Leaders supplied 2,600 lambs/goats and 300 cattle.

And other leaders supplied 5,000 lambs/goats and 500 cattle.

■ 2 Chronicles 35:16—"So all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah."

■ 2 Chronicles 35:18—"There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept."

Quick peek at New Testament

■ Luke 2:41—"His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover."

■ Luke 2:42—"And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast."

■ Luke 2:46—After Joseph and Mary realized that they left Jesus behind and had to return for Him, they found Him in the temple.

■ John 2:19—Jesus said: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it."

■ John 2:20—The Jews responded: "It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

■ John 2:21—But He was speaking about the temple of His body.

■ Matthew 27:45—From the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), there was darkness over all the land.

■ Matthew 27:46-50—About the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), the Son of God died.

■ Matthew 27:51—When the Son of God died, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.