

# “Christ Is Our Passover—Part 4”

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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 4.” Each presentation will have a subtitle. The particular subtitle of that presentation was “The Temple and the Lamb.”

## **Keynote scripture**

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

- 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—briefly mentioning the role of the temple.

- 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.

- 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.

## Two quick questions

- If there is no physical temple, where do people offer the Passover sacrifice? (There is an even more fundamental question.)
- If Christ is our Passover lamb, do the disciples even need to offer a physical lamb? (Of course not.)

## Son of God described Himself as a 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.
- Revelation 21:22—John saw no temple, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were the temple.

## Paul described the disciples as a temple

- 1 Corinthians 3:16—Don’t you know that you are the temple of God?
- 1 Corinthians 3:17—The temple of God is holy—which temple you are.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19—Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?
- 2 Corinthians 6:16—What agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.
- Ephesians 2:19—You are members of the household of God.
- Ephesians 2:20—You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with the Son of God Himself being the chief cornerstone.
- Ephesians 2:21—The whole building (which is fitted together) grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
- Ephesians 2:22—We are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## Son of God was the Lamb of God

- John 1:29—When John saw the Son of God coming toward him, he said: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”
- John 1:36—On the next day, John said: “Behold, the Lamb of God.”
- Hebrews 13:20—When the author mentioned that the God of peace brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, he mentioned “that great Shepherd

of the sheep” and the “blood of the everlasting covenant.”

- 1 Peter 1:19—Peter mentioned that readers were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ—as a lamb without blemish and without spot.

- Revelation 5:6—John saw a Lamb in the midst of the throne.

- Revelation 5:8—John saw the four living creatures and the 24 elders fall down before the Lamb.

- Revelation 5:12—John heard a heavenly host saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.”

- Revelation 7:14—John heard how those who came out of the great tribulation washed their robes and were made white in the blood of the Lamb.

- Revelation 12:11—John heard a loud voice saying: “They overcame him [the accuser of the brethren] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”

### **Quick peek at next study**

At the next study, we will talk about: “On the Night the Passover Lamb Was Betrayed.”

- 1 Corinthians 5:7—Remember that the keynote scripture in this series says: “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Then, we can notice what information Paul added in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

- 1 Corinthians 11:23—“The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed . . .”