

## ***Jesus, Our Passover Lamb***

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***Luke 22:1-20***

### **Passover and the Passover Lamb**

📖 Exodus 12:1-14

“Like the sacrifices of Israel (e.g., Lev. 1:3), the Passover lamb was to be without flaw. The idea of substitution is evident – the lamb died in the place of the firstborn. Jesus, whose death was prefigured by the Passover sacrifice, is called the Lamb of God (John 1:29,36; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6).”<sup>1</sup>

- ❖ Jesus died in our place so that the wrath of God would “pass over” us and we would be saved from His judgment!
- ❖ Jesus is our Passover Lamb.  
“... *For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*” 1 Corinthians 5:7
- ❖ Jesus earnestly desired to eat the Passover with His disciples knowing that this would be the last time that it would be needed!  
“*He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*” Hebrews 9:12

### **The Sovereignty of God and His Awesome Plan of Redemption**

- ❖ That Jesus would be the Passover Lamb was foreknown by God before the foundation of the world!  
“*but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you*” 1 Peter 1:19-20
- ❖ Adam and Eve’s sin did not surprise God! God’s redemptive plan was already set!  
“*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*” Genesis 3:15
- ❖ From the time of creation and the fall of man, God’s glory would be seen in all the earth, culminating with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!  
“*When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.”*” John 17:1-2
- ❖ God controls the events of history.
  - ♦ God’s Sovereign knowledge and His foreordained plan is seen in the call of Abram from idolatry, the creation of the nation of Israel, and the Messiah eventually coming through the lineage of Judah.
    - f God told Abraham that his descendants would be afflicted for 400 years and then would come out with great possessions, before Abraham had any children!  
“*Then the Lord said to Abram, ‘Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.’*” Genesis 15:13-14

f God would display His glory through Israel even though they were a rebellious people!  
*“Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out before you. Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out from before you, and that He may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.” Deuteronomy 9:4-6*

f God would raise up prophets who would accurately predict future events, in order that the people would know that the Lord is God!

Isaiah ...

... called Cyrus by name. *Isaiah 44:28*

... predicted the virgin birth of Christ. *Isaiah 7:14*

... predicted Christ’s suffering and death. *Isaiah 53*

Jeremiah predicted 70 years of captivity. *Jeremiah 25:11-12*

Micah predicted the birthplace of Christ. *Micah 5:2*

f Jesus was born at the exact time predetermined by God!

*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law,” Galatians 4:4*

♦ The early church knew that God’s sovereignty over all men moved Herod and Pilate to condemn Jesus to Death thus fulfilling the predetermined plan of God!

*“for truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place.” Acts 4:27-28*

❖ God redeemed a people for Himself for the display of His splendor and glory!

📖 Ephesians 1:3-14

Jesus earnestly desired for God’s ultimate plan of redemption to be completed – and it was!  
*“looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2*

Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

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