

Bible Sunday Sermon

7-6-25

Sermon Title:

“Behold the Passover Lamb”

Opening:

Good morning, church family. The Lord has filled the pages of Scripture with pictures that all shine a single spotlight on Jesus Christ. One of the brightest portraits is the Passover lamb. Today we will travel back to the first Passover night in Egypt, watch the blood being brushed on Israelite doorposts, and then walk forward to Calvary where **“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor 5:7, NIV).**

1 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Big Idea:

God’s judgment “passes over” every person whose life is covered by the blood of Jesus.

I invite you to listen with two questions in mind:

1. What did this event mean for Israel?
2. What does it demand of me today?



“Heavenly Father, Let us pray together that the Holy Spirit stirs every heart—not just to gain knowledge, but to move into deep adoration and wholehearted trust in the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

Thank you Jesus. Amen

1. The First Passover Explained

a. Setting the Stage (Ex 11)

Nine plagues have slammed Egypt. Pharaoh still grips God's people. The LORD announces one final plague: the death of every firstborn (Ex 11:4-6).

Exodus 11:4-6 NIV

So Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. [5] Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. [6] There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt-worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.'

b. God's Detailed Instructions (Ex 12:3-13, NIV)

Exodus 12:3-13 NIV

Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. [4] If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. [5] The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. [6] Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. [7] Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. [8] That same night they are

to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. [9] Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire-with the head, legs and internal organs. [10] Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. [11] This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. [12] "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. [13] The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Key commands:

1. Spotless lamb – no blemish (v. 5).

2. Personal choice – “each household” (vv. 3-4).
3. Blood displayed – on the vertical posts and horizontal lintel forming the outline of a cross.
4. Roast whole, no broken bones – vv. 8-10; cf. v. 46.
5. Eaten in haste – belt fastened, sandals on (v. 11).

c. Night of Deliverance

Midnight struck; every Egyptian home wailed (12:29-30).

Exodus 12:29-30 NIV

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the

livestock as well. [30] Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

Yet in every Hebrew house the angel saw the blood and simply passed over. Freedom dawned.

Observation:

The safety of each family rested entirely on one thing—the visible blood of an innocent substitute.

2. The Hidden Picture Revealed

- Cross-Shape Blood – Side-posts + top-beam = vertical and horizontal strokes. Fifteen centuries before the hill side Jesus shed His

blood on Golgotha, God was sketching Calvary on Hebrew doorframes.

- No broken bones

Exodus 12:46 NIV

"It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones."

(12:46) – a prophetic detail echoed in Jesus (John 19:36).

John 19:36 NIV

These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"

- Roasted in fire –

Exodus 12:8 NIV

That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

Roasted in fire: a picture of enduring judgment for the people rather than by the people.

God embedded the gospel in the ritual. The Israelites didn't need to understand every symbol that night; they only had to obey in faith. Likewise, salvation today is received by trusting the finished work of Christ—

“Though we may spend our entire lives grasping it, the depth of salvation in Jesus is endless.”

3. Fulfillment in Jesus Christ

a. John the Baptist's Declaration

John 1:29 NIV

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John points to Jesus the way Moses pointed to the lamb.

b. Prophetic Parallels

Passover Detail	Jesus' Fulfillment
Chosen on 10 Nisan and kept for inspection (Ex 12:3-6)	Triumphal Entry—Jesus enters Jerusalem on 10 Nisan and is examined all week (Matt 21 – 22)

Spotless, without defect	“He committed no sin” (1 Pet 2:22)
Slaughtered at twilight (between afternoons)	Jesus breathes His last as Passover lambs are slain (Mark 15:33-37; Josephus’ time note)
No bones broken	Soldiers do not break His legs (John 19:36)
Blood displayed publicly	Blood streamed down the vertical post of the cross and across the horizontal beam
Eaten as memorial meal	The Lord’s Supper: “This is my body... this cup is the new covenant in my blood” (Luke 22:19-20)

c. Apostolic Interpretation

- **“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” (1 Cor 5:7) NIV**
- **“You were redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” (1 Pet 1:18-19)NIV**

Every lamb in Exodus 12 was a promissory note. Jesus being crucified was the “fulfillment” or the cashing of the check of that promissory note.

John 19:30 NIV

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

4. The Result: Judgment Passes Over

Egypt’s firstborn died, Israel’s lived. Why? Not because Hebrew homes were cleaner or morally superior, but because God saw the blood (12:13). **Exodus 12:13 NIV**

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the

blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

- Substitution: an innocent life for a guilty people.
- Propitiation: God's righteous wrath satisfied (Rom 3:25). **Romans 3:25 NIV**

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood-to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-

- Liberation: Slaves stepped out free, beginning a new journey.

For believers, **Romans 8:1 NIV** rings true:
"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

5. Present-Day Application

a. Personal

1. Have you applied the blood?

- Church attendance is not the doorway.
- Morality is not the doorway.
- Faith in Christ alone paints your life with the grace of God. (Eph 2:8-9).

Ephesians 2:8 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-

2. Assurance, not anxiety

- On Passover night no one peeked outside comparing religious résumés. They trusted the blood and rested.

• **Hebrews 10:22** urges us to **“draw near... having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us.”**

3. Live like the redeemed

- Belt fastened, staff in hand (Ex 12:11) – travel light; we’re pilgrims headed to the Promised Land (1 Pet 2:11).

b. Family & Community

- Parents: Paint the gospel on your household “doorframes” through prayer and teaching (Deut 6:6-9).
- Communion: Every Lord’s Supper is a mini-Passover—remember and proclaim the Lamb until He comes **(1 Cor 11:26).NIV²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**
- Witness: Invite neighbors under the same protective blood. The Lamb is big enough for the whole world.

c. Warning

If a Hebrew had refused the lamb, he would have faced the destroyer. Eternity apart from Christ is real. **“How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?” (Heb 2:3)NIV.** Let today be the day you step inside by faith.

6. Conclusion & Call

Brothers and sisters, the paintbrush is still wet. The Holy Spirit holds it out to you. Will you trust the Lamb?

1. Look back – Remember the crimson cross on Egyptian doorways and on Calvary’s hill.
2. Look within – Is the blood applied to your life?
3. Look ahead – One day a louder cry than Egypt’s wail will rise at the final judgment—but

everyone sealed by Jesus will stand secure (Rev 7:9-14).

Revelation 9:9-14 NIV

They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. [10] They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. [11] They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). [12] The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come. [13] The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. [14] It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”
(Ex 12:13)NIV

Let us pray.

Closing Prayer:

Father God,

Thank You for meeting with us today through Your Word and by Your Spirit. As we have looked back to that first Passover night in Egypt and forward to the cross of Calvary, we are humbled by the depth of Your love. You did not leave us in bondage, but provided a perfect Lamb—Your Son, Jesus Christ—whose blood brings life, freedom, and eternal hope.

Lord, let the truth we’ve heard today take deep root in our hearts. May we walk daily under the covering of Christ’s sacrifice, living lives that reflect gratitude, obedience, and worship. As we go from this place, may

we carry the message of the Lamb with boldness and compassion to a world in need.

We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus,

Amen.

