

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

Study Intro: God used a meal to creatively paint a picture that points to His plan of redemption...His Son. This was not just any ordinary meal. It was a special meal to be prepared once a year, to remember that the Blood of the Lamb holds power to rescue His people from bondage and death. The Passover Meal is a road sign pointing to our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Passover | Exodus 12:1-7 NIV

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 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.

Identifying the Passover Lamb | 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!

Passover Meal - The Last Supper | Luke 22:19 NIV

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Christ, Our Passover Lamb | 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.

Jesus; The Fulfillment | 1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.



PART 1: OBSERVATION STUDY

Observe Exodus 12:1-7 - A time of "Firsts" - The First Lamb / The First Month

- **Archetype:** An archetype, in its simplest form, is a perfect or typical example of a particular kind of person or thing, or an original model or pattern from which others are copied.
 - *In Greek: arché (Strong's G746) Derived from the verb $\alpha p \chi \omega$ (archō), meaning "to begin" or "to rule."
 - The Greek word "arché" primarily denotes the concept of "beginning" or "origin." It is used to describe the starting point of something, whether in time, order, or rank. In a broader sense, it can also refer to a position of authority or rule, often translated as "ruler" or "principality." This dual meaning reflects both the temporal and authoritative aspects of the term.

*Resource: BibleHub.com Lexicon

Observe John 1:29 - "The Lamb Identified"

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

Observe Luke 22:19 - "The Lamb Shared"

• And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is ______ given for you; do this in remembrance of ______."

Observe 1 Peter 1:18-19 - "The Lamb's Worth"

• 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as ______ or _____ that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the ______ blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Observe 1 Corinthians 5:7

• Go to BibleHub.com and do a search by typing 1 Corinthians 5:7 in the *"Enter Reference or Keyword"* box and then click on the magnifying glass.

- Once it loads, click on the button titled "Study"
 - Read the **Study Bible** section.

PART 2: AFTER - STUDY SUMMARY

In Exodus 12:1–7, God marks a fresh start for His people by declaring a "month of firsts," a new beginning where time itself would be reset around redemption. At the center of this moment is the first lamb; unblemished, chosen with care, and sacrificed so that its blood could protect households from death. That lamb wasn't just a rescue plan for Egypt, it was a living symbol, a preview of something greater to

come. Fast forward to the New Testament, and John the Baptist points directly to Jesus, saying, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Jesus is not just another teacher or prophet; He is the Lamb, the fulfillment of that first rescue story. The first lamb rescued them from bondage of Pharaoh, our First Lamb, Jesus, rescued us from the bondage of sin and death!

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus shares bread with His disciples and says, "This is my body, given for you" (Luke 22:19), offering Himself like the Passover lamb was once shared among families. But this time, the sacrifice wasn't just symbolic...it was final. Paul writes, "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7), and Peter reminds us that we were bought not with money or empty tradition but "with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18–19). For anyone navigating identity, purpose, or pain, this story is yours. The Lamb was chosen, shared, sacrificed, and victorious...not just in ancient history, but for your freedom today.

PART 3: APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- If Christ is your Passover Lamb, what areas of your life still need to be surrendered under His covering of protection and redemption?
- The Israelites had to trust God's plan by putting the lamb's blood on their doorframes. What does trusting Jesus look like in your life right now, and what's one way you can actively walk that out this week?



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