

ONE FINAL PASSOVER

Filled Up and Poured Out – Part 25

Mark 14:12-26

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And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." – Luke 22:15-16 NIV

On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn.... And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. – Exodus 12:12-13 NIV

Understanding the Symbols of Passover:

1. **(Lamb)** shank bone: serving as both the sacrifice for sins and the sustenance for the journey ahead.
 2. **Bitter herbs (Marror):** a reminder of the bitter misery of slavery.
 3. **Four glasses of (wine):** representing the 4 promises of the Exodus 6:
 - *"I will bring you out."*
 - *"I will free you."*
 - *"I will redeem you."*
 - *"I will take you as my own people."*
 4. **Unleavened bread (Matzo):** a reminder of the hasty departure from Egypt before the bread could even rise.
 5. **(Salt water):** symbolizing the bitter tears of a people in bondage and the Red Sea parted as God delivered His people.
 6. **An overcooked boiled egg:** embodying the sentiment, "The more you turn up the heat, the tougher we become."
 7. **Charoset:** chopped or ground apples, nuts and wine mixed into a paste symbolizing the mortar used in making bricks in Egypt.
- Children would ask four questions inviting the retelling of the Passover story.
 - An empty chair was set out for **(Elijah)** as a reminder that God's deliverance may come today.
 - A closing hymn called the Hallel (Psalm 113-118) was sung.
When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. – Mark 14:26 NIV
 - A final prayer was offered by all dispersed Jews: "Next year in Jerusalem!"

Jesus Redefined the Symbols of God's Deliverance:

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. – 1 Corinthians 5:7 NLT

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." – Matthew 26:26 NLT

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many." – Mark 14:23-24 NLT

"Do this to remember me as often as you drink it" For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. – 1 Corinthians 11:25-26 NLT