

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER

A STUDY OF THE HOLY DAY FEASTS

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1. Talk about some of the stages in life you have gone through (childhood, adolescence, young adult, etc), and which one was your favorite. Why was it your favorite?
2. How do you feel about the fact that this life is temporary and we are “just passing through”? Does that add more meaning or less meaning to your life?
3. Pastor Mark describes the Hebrew Festival of Booths (Sukkot, pronounced “Sue-coat”) as a week- long version of our American Thanksgiving holiday. Why do you think God wanted the Hebrews to celebrate Sukkot for an entire week?
4. Why was it important for the Hebrews to remember their time of wandering in the wilderness with gratitude?
5. Pastor Mark points out how the waving of the lulav (palm branches) also pointed to the promise of a Messiah. How does that help your understanding of Palm Sunday?
6. The Water Libation ceremony gives thanks for water. Why is that so important to an ancient culture that lives in an arid climate? How does our modern life in America make it more difficult for us to fully appreciate the blessing of having fresh water?

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7. Pastor Mark points out that the Water Libation ceremony also pointed to the promise that God would pour out His Holy Spirit on all who ask. It was during this ceremony that Jesus stood up in the Temple and declared, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Then streams of living water will flow from your innermost soul." (John 7:37-39). How does this relate to the coming of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts?
8. While Christians and Jews may differ on whether or not God has already sent the Messiah and poured out His Holy Spirit, both Christians and Jews agree that life is a journey and we are to make the choice to rejoice as we go through the various stages of the journey. How are you making the choice to rejoice during the past year as we have gone through the challenges of Covid-19?
9. Christians believe that our soul is on a journey in this life, and our body is just a "sukkot" or "temporary dwelling" that will one day be replaced when we go to our eternal home. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1. How do these words help us put death in the proper perspective?
10. What will you do this week to try and be fully committed to God's plan for your life in this stage of your life? How will you make the choice to rejoice?