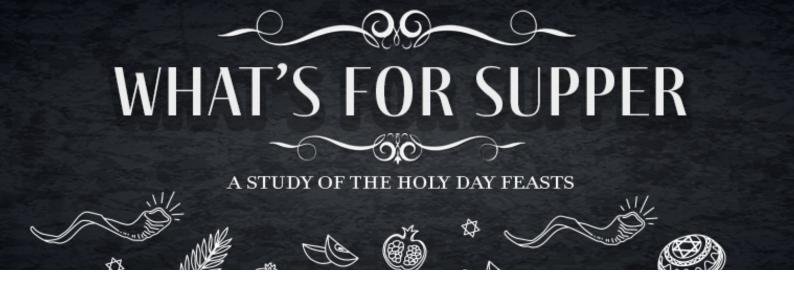


## PASSOVER:: EXODUS 12:21-28

- 1. Why do you think holidays are important? Why do human cultures and communities like to commemorate special days?
- 2. Do you think it is important for Christians to celebrate and commemorate major religious holidays that connect to our faith? Why or why not?
- 3. For the Hebrew people, their rescue from slavery in the Old Testament book of Exodus is their defining story. Why do you think it is so important to them?
- 4. God poured out judgment on the Egyptians through the 10 plagues. The final plague being the killing of the firstborn son in each Egyptian home. This kind of story offends the sensibilities of modern Americans. Can you imagine why God would have done something so extreme to the Egyptians?
- 5. Read Exodus 12:21-28. Why do you think God commanded that the Hebrews observe the Passover every year?
- 6. How does the blood of the lamb described in the story of Passover connect to the blood of Jesus in the New Testament?



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- 7. At the end of the Hebrew Passover meal, participants drink wine from a cup called, "The Cup of Redemption," citing God's words in Exodus 6:6. How does this connect to the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples?
- 8. In what way does our understanding of the Hebrew Passover help us to appreciate the Christian sacrament of Holy Communion?
- 9. How is the Christian celebration of Holy Thursday connected to the Hebrew celebration of Passover?