

NEW PASSOVER SYMBOLS IN JESUS

*THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus
PART ONE | The Way Out
Mark 14:12-26
Jesus eats The Last Supper with His Disciples*

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THE PASSOVER IN JERUSALEM

MARK 14:12-26

- In Exodus 12 they were told to slaughter and eat the lamb in their houses. In Mark 14 Jesus sends them into Jerusalem. What happened?
- In Deuteronomy 16:1-8 The Passover Feast moved to the Temple in Jerusalem.
 - *The lamb was sacrificed at the place of worship*
 - *The Bread represented their suffering and hurry*
 - *They could return to their tents and eat no bread with yeast for 7 days.*

NEW SYMBOLS

MARK 14:17-21

- They reclined at a table together. In Exodus they stood, ready to run (12:11). Now they rested.
- The Bitter Greens were dipped in salt water tears. But Jesus used the dipping to refer to his suffering and betrayal by Judas, who was seated near Jesus and dipped in the same 'tears' (V20).
- For Judas it would have been far better to have never been born. Divine foreknowledge does not negate human choices.

MARK 14:22-26

- When the bread was lifted up at Passover, the head of the meal would say: "This is the bread of affliction which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt." But Jesus gave it new meaning.
- **Jesus took some bread, blessed and broke it: "Take it for this is My Body."**
 - The Bread now symbolized the suffering of the cross of Christ.

THE CUP OF REDEMPTION FROM EXODUS 6:6

"I am the Lord'. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment."

- Jesus said the cup was His blood
- Jesus, as God, made it a New Covenant.
- The cup was a sacrifice poured out.

The Father watches as His heart's treasure, the mirror-image of Himself, sinks drowning into raw, liquid sin. Jehovah's stored rage against humankind from every century explodes in a single direction. "Father! Father! Why have You forsaken Me?!" But heaven stops its ears. The Son stares up at the One who cannot, who will not, reach down or reply. The Trinity had planned it. The Son endured it. The Spirit enabled Him. The Father rejected the Son whom He loved. Jesus, the God-man from Nazareth, perished. The Father accepted His sacrifice for sin and was satisfied. The Rescue was accomplished.

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NEW SYMBOLS

- Until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God:
- Jesus has not yet celebrated a Passover in heaven. He still waits for all His people to be gathered to Him and then there will be a great supper - the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). This is the fulfillment in the kingdom of God Jesus longed for.

SUFFERING TO GLORY

In Psalm 118 the refrain, "His faithful love endures forever" is repeated and explained.

"When Jesus arose to go to Gethsemane, Psalm 118 was upon his lips. It provided an appropriate description of how God would guide his Messiah through distress and suffering to glory." (Lane)