



***A People Redeemed: The First Passover***  
**Exodus: The Way Out**  
**Exodus 12:1 - 13:16 | March 22nd - 28th, 2015**

**Warm Up:** When did you first surrender your life to Jesus Christ? Do you remember the time and place? Even the date? Why might it be important to commemorate this crucial event in your life each year? (Even picking a date if you don't know the exact time)

- Begin by dividing into groups of two. Take turns explaining the Passover to one another as simply as you can.
  - What is the correlation between the Passover and what Jesus accomplished on the Cross? Be as specific as you can.
- As followers of Jesus Christ, Easter season is an incredibly special time of year. Since we are so familiar with it, we can sometimes take this season for granted.
  - What is one practical way you plan to let the significance of Christ's perfect life, substitutionary death, and Resurrection impact you more deeply this season?
- The coming exile from Egypt was *such* a huge event that God told the children of Israel to remake their calendar (12:2). The new year would now start with the month of their redemption from Egypt. It was a dramatic way of saying that everything was to change!
  - Freedom in Christ means a brand new start. Everything changes. In your view, what are the broad categories in which believers in Christ should have their lives radically changed through relationship with Jesus Christ?
- In **Exodus 12:3-4** we see that the Passover Celebration was a commemorative feast. The entire nation of Israel gathered around dinner tables, remembering God's work, and eating the *entire* lamb. This lamb was to be absolutely perfect, symbolizing the perfect relationship required by a Holy God (See **Exodus 13:11-13**). The lamb's loving presence and companionship was enjoyed by the family for 4 days before it was slaughtered.
  - In this way, the lamb became a part of the family. By the time it was sacrificed on the fourteenth day, it was both cherished and mourned. How is this significant when we consider Christ's sacrifice?
- The blood of the lamb was placed on the front entrance of the home - for everyone to see. The blood was smeared in the shape of a cross, and was placed upon the doorposts *before* the meal was eaten (Redemption first and *then* feeding). The blood was a sign *to God* and *for the people* of Israel (12:13, 23). How do these practices from the first Passover powerfully depict the lives we live by faith in Jesus Christ?

**Wrap Up:** Lift up the peace of Israel and pray through **Psalm 122:6-9** as you close!