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A photograph of a Mother's Day gift. On the left is a small, light green gift box wrapped with a vibrant pink ribbon tied in a bow. To the right is a yellow ceramic vase containing a bouquet of purple tulips with green leaves. A pink, tag-shaped card is attached to the gift box with a white string. The card has the text "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" printed in white, with a stylized signature or flourish at the end. The background is a light-colored wooden surface.

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Today's Message:
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The Passover is to be observed as a “memorial day.” Biblically understood, this is a world removed from what we usually mean by “memorial.” Memory (remembrance) in biblical thought does not mean “calling to mind.” “Remembering” means *present and active*.

~ Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*,
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Remembering what The LORD did *Through eating the Passover meal*

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~ Stuart, Douglas K. Exodus. Vol. 2. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006. Print. The New American Commentary.



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¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

The Passover and the Exodus are reflected in the Lord's Supper in a number of ways, all of which underscore the active presence of God doing something completely new, even as the ancient saving event (of the Exodus) is recalled as the prototype. The *something-completely-new* is that this time, instead of intervening from on high as in the the exodus, the intervention has taken place *from within God's own life, in the form of the Son's self-offering*...Jesus' death has been construed from the very earliest of moments of the Christian church as the new Passover, and his resurrection as the new exodus.

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