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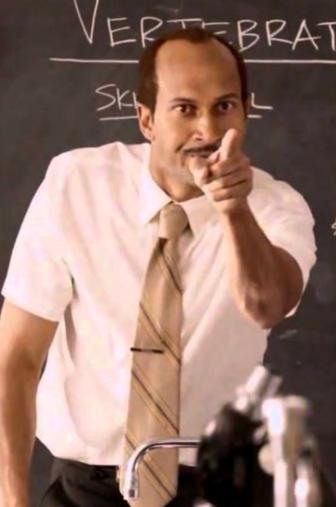
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This Week's Sermon

"The Passover Lamb"
Exodus 12:23



Previously On (the Bible)

"After Abraham's family went down to Egypt in the time of Joseph, they settled there and started to multiply. During the next four centuries, they grew from the seventy-person family that Jacob led down from Palestine into a nation of around two million people, who became known as the Israelites, after a new name that God gave to Jacob—Israel. Unsurprisingly, the Egyptians saw them as a threat—especially after a new royal dynasty that didn't know Joseph came to power. So the Egyptians enslaved the family of Abraham and forced them into hard labor. They still were not in God's Promised Land, and they were under the oppression of the Egyptians. The fact is, they needed to be rescued!"

~Excerpt From: Chris Bruno. "The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses." Apple Books, p. 60

Exodus 2:23-25

23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. 24 God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. 25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.



Exodus 12 - The Passover

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire — with the head, legs and internal organs.

10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 12:21-23

21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. 23 When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

Exodus 12:24-28

24 "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. 25 When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." Then the people bowed down and worshiped. 28 The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron.



"In a very direct way, God rescued his people with the blood of the Passover lambs. Because the lambs were sacrificed, the people did not have to die. Because the blood of the lambs was spilt, the firstborn sons in Abraham's family were safe.

It had to be this way because the Egyptians were not the only ones under a death sentence. The Israelites were just as guilty, if not more so. While the Egyptians were guilty of worshiping lots of other gods, the Israelites were guilty both of idolatry and of doubting God's promises to save them."

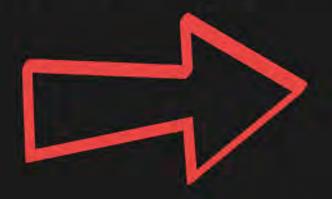
"The lambs died so that the firstborn sons would not. Although we saw hints of it before, this is one of the earliest clear examples of the important biblical principle of substitution. The Passover lambs were substitutes for the firstborn in Israel. In this first Passover, God considered the sacrifices of lambs to be sufficient to save his people from judgment—at least for the moment."





HOW WE READ THE BIBLE

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HOW WE INTERPRET THE BIBLE

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John 1:29

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Genesis 3:21

21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.





Exodus 12:3, 5-7

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Leviticus 16:7-9

7 Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the entrance to the tent of meeting. 8 He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the Lord and the other for the scapegoat. 9 Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a sin offering.

Leviticus 16:21-22

21 He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. 22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.

Leviticus 17:10-12

10 "'I will set my face against any Israelite or any foreigner residing among them who eats blood, and I will cut them off from the people. 11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. 12 Therefore I say to the Israelites, "None of you may eat blood, nor may any foreigner residing among you eat blood."

Psalm 40:6-8

6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire —

but my ears you have opened—

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

7 Then I said, "Here I am, I have come –

it is written about me in the scroll.

8 I desire to do your will, my God;

your law is within my heart."

Psalm 51:16-17

16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart

you, God, will not despise.

Isaiah 53:6-8

- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
 - he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
- and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
 - 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
 - Yet who of his generation protested?
 - For he was cut off from the land of the living;
 - for the transgression of my people he was punished.

John 1:29

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Hebrews 10:9-10

9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Romans 3:21-26

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood — to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

You Have Heard It Said...in Church

"The problem is out there, in the _____"

You Have Heard It Said...in Culture

"The problem is out there, in the _____"

But the Gospel Tells You

We have all fallen short. The biggest problem we have is the sin that is inside of us, which means we need our redemption to come from outside of ourselves. We need a substitute Savior to deliver us.

A Biblical Theology of Substitution

- 1. I can't deliver or save myself
- 2. I have incurred a debt that I cannot pay
 - 3. I am enslaved and need redemption
 - 4. My sin is serious
 - 5. I'm no better than anyone else
 - 6. God provides the Lamb
- 7. The unblemished Lamb of God has taken my place
 - 8. I am free because of Jesus!



John 15:12-13

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Galatians 6:1-2

1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.







Revelation 7:17

17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne

will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Response

Have you seen your need for a Substitute?

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What would it look like for you to demonstrate Christ's substitutionary love this week?

The Lord's Supper

"Then Jesus picked up some bread and broke it. He gave it to his friends. He picked up a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He poured it out and shared it. "My body is like this bread. It will break," Jesus told them. "This cup of wine is like my blood. It will pour out. But this is how God will rescue the whole world. My life will break and God's broken world will mend. My heart will tear apart – and your hearts will heal. Just as the passover lamb died, so now I will die instead of you. My blood will wash away all of your sins. And you'll be clean on the inside—in your hearts." "So whenever you eat and drink, remember," Jesus said, "I've rescued you!"

~Excerpt From: Sally Lloyd-Jones. "The Jesus Storybook Bible." Apple Books. P. 341