

Study #6 (Wednesday May 6) Mark 14:1-25

Old Testament references (Revised Standard Version)

Passover (event): Exodus 12:13 ¹³ *The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.*

Passover (celebration): Deuteronomy 16:1-8 ¹ *Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.* ² *And you shall offer the Passover sacrifices to the LORD your God....* ³ *You shall eat no leavened bread with it....* ⁵ *You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you,* ⁶ *but at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt....* ⁸ *For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no work on it.*

Blood of the covenant: Exodus 24:8 ⁸ *And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.'*

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Leviticus 23:5-6 ⁵ *In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD's Passover.* ⁶ *And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.*

Exodus 23:15 ¹⁵ *You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed.*

Definitions

Passover: Celebrating Passover was a command from God, as a way to remember how he rescued them from slavery in Egypt and renewed his covenant with them. This rescue involved 10 plagues on the Egyptians - the last one being the death of all first-born sons. The Israelites were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a lamb so the spirit of the Lord knew to pass over the first-born in these homes.

Covenant: agreement between two parties. In the Old Testament, God enters into covenant with His people as a way to be in relationship with them. Covenants were ratified by the blood of sacrifice.

Denarius: one day's wage