

Life Link

Countdown:

Back Ground: For God So Loved

Music Video: All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

Sermon Video Illustration: (Sermon Central) Son of Man

Title: "Destroy This Temple"

Big Idea: Jesus discovers while attending the Feast of Passover in Jerusalem that the religious leaders of the Temple were wrongfully cheating the people by charging unfair exchange rate for travelers coming to celebrate the feast of Passover. Passover was required by the Old Testament Law (EX 12:14) to commemorate God's deliverance of His people from the bondage of Egypt. Today we want to look at the "Passover Past", "Passover Present" and "Passover Future".

Intro Illustration

Read Sermon Text:

John 2:13-21

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

(Matt 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48)

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. NKJV

1. Passover Past

Exodus 12:6-14 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire — its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. 11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 13 Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. NKJV

OT:6452 The Hebrew meaning of the word "Passover" (paw-sakh'); this word means to hop, i.e. (figuratively) skip over (or spare); by implication, to hesitate; also (literally) to limp, to dance: KJV - halt, become lame, leap, pass over. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003, 2006 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

- a. **Passover Required:** Jesus like an Jewish males was required by God to celebrate and commemorate the deliverance of Israel from the hand of the Egyptian Pharaoh. The Passover feast was a time of celebration and many traveled to Jerusalem to offer there sacrifice to God for their deliverance.
- b. This celebration of Gods deliverance and the birth of a nation. With establishment of the Priesthood the "Passover" It was the yearly memorial of the dedication of the people to God who had saved their first-born from the angle of death, in order that they might be made holy unto Himself (God).
- c. Requirements Of Passover:
 - i. 10 day of the month was to select a male lamb without spot or blemish
 - ii. 14th day of the month the lamb was to be slain
 - iii. The blood of the Passover lamb was to be placed on the door post of the house and the lintel with hyssop.
 - iv. The flesh of the lamb was to be roasted not boiled and the bones were not to be broken
 - v. The Passover lam should be eaten by all and uncircumcised male were forbidden to participate in the Passover
- d. The head of the family was to administer the Passover and later on with the establishment of the Priesthood the administration responsibility became that of the Priest
- e. The Passover as a type. —
 - i. The Passover was not only commemorative but also typical. "The deliverance which it commemorated was a type of the great salvation it foretold." — No other shadow of things to come contained in the law can vie with the festival of the Passover in expressiveness and completeness.
 1. (1) The paschal lamb must of course be regarded as the leading feature in the ceremonial of the festival. The lamb slain typified Christ the "Lamb of God." slain for the sins of the world. Christ "our Passover is sacrificed for us." 1 Cor 5:7. According to the divine purpose, the true Lamb of God was slain at nearly the same time as "the Lord's Passover" at the same season of the year; and at the same time of the day as the daily sacrifice at the temple, the crucifixion beginning at the hour of the morning sacrifice and ending at the hour of the evening sacrifice. That the lamb was to be

roasted and not boiled has been supposed to commemorate the haste of the departure of the Israelites. It is not difficult to determine the reason of the command "not a bone of him shall be broken." The lamb was to be a symbol of unity — the unity of the family, the unity of the nation, the unity of God with his people whom he had taken into covenant with himself.

2. The unleavened bread ranks next in importance to the paschal lamb. We are warranted in concluding that unleavened bread had a peculiar sacrificial character, according to the law. It seems more reasonable to accept St. Paul's reference to the subject, 1 Cor 5:6-8, as furnishing the true meaning of the symbol. Fermentation is decomposition, a dissolution of unity. The pure dry biscuit would be an apt emblem of unchanged duration, and, in its freedom from foreign mixture, of purity also.
3. The offering of the omer or first sheaf of the harvest, Lev 23:10-14, signified deliverance from winter the bondage of Egypt being well considered as a winter in the history of the nation.
4. The consecration of the first-fruits, the firstborn of the soil, is an easy type of the consecration of the first born of the Israelites, and of our own best selves, to God. Further than this (1) the Passover is a type of deliverance from the slavery of sin. (2) It is the passing over of the doom we deserve for your sins, because the blood of Christ has been applied to us by faith.
5. The sprinkling of the blood upon the door-posts was a symbol of open confession of our allegiance and love.
6. The Passover was useless unless eaten; so we live upon the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. It was eaten with bitter herbs, as we must eat our Passover with the bitter herbs of repentance and confession, which yet, like the bitter herbs of the Passover, are a fitting and natural accompaniment.
8. As the Israelites ate the Passover all prepared for the journey, so do we with a readiness and desire to enter the active service of Christ, and to go on the journey toward heaven. — ED.) (from Smith's Bible Dictionary, PC Study Bible formatted electronic database Copyright © 2003, 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.).

2. Passover Present

- a. Jesus anger over the defiling of the Temple can be compared to defiling of the body which is the temple of God.

1 Cor 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

2 Cor 6:16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people." NKJV

Eph 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, NKJV

Heb 3:6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. NKJV

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. NKJV

3. **Passover Future**

- a. The Book of Revelations describes a coming of The Lamb which was slain before the foundation of the world and His coming to reclaim the title deed to the world. In the beginning God created this world to have fellowship with man. But, we sold our birthright as a result of the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Jesus has paid the price for redemption.

Rev 5:6-7 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. NKJV

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, NKJV

Rev 5:12-14 saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

"Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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Text Illustration:

"Johnny Cash once did an album called "American Recordings." On the album cover is a picture of two dogs. One dog is black with a white stripe. The other dog is white with a black stripe. The two dogs are meant to say something about to say something about Johnny Cash.

In an interview with Rolling Stone, Cash explains what the two dogs mean. "Their names are Sin and Redemption. Sin is the black one with the white stripe; Redemption is the white one with the black stripe. That's kind of the theme for the album, and for me, too. When I was really bad, I was not all bad. When I was trying to be good, I could never be all good. There would be the black stripe going through." "

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