

I. Read Luke 22:7-13

- A. In the passage, Jesus prepares to celebrate Passover with His disciples. Read Exodus 12:1-28 and discuss the particulars of the first Passover. Consider the following questions in your discussion:
1. What were the circumstances of Israel that brought about the first Passover?
 2. Read Exodus 11:4-7 and explain the extent of the devastation that would result from the tenth plague.
 3. How was the Passover to begin? (See Exodus 12:6 and Deuteronomy 16:6.)
 4. What was to be done with the blood of the sacrifice?
 5. Why was the bread to be unleavened (verse 8)?
 6. What did the bitter herbs represent?
 7. Why do you think the Israelites were instructed thusly: to have “a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand” (v11)?
 8. According to verse 13, what would cause the households to be spared from the judgment of God?
 9. Was this to be a *one-time* event for the Israelites (verse 14)?

- B. What special significance do you suppose the celebration of the Passover had for Jesus on this particular occasion?
- C. What New Testament sacrament did Jesus institute at this time to commemorate and signify His fulfillment of the Passover celebration?
- D. Why do you suppose Jesus' instructions to Peter and John about the location of their Passover celebration was so cryptic? ("... a man will meet you carrying a pitcher"—NAS)
- E. Consider the application of the truths gleaned from the Exodus 12 passage to your own salvation. Answer the following questions:
1. What was the condition of the pre-Passover Israelites and in what way does this reflect the condition of all men apart from Christ?
 2. What was necessary for deliverance from the consequences of the tenth plague (or God's judgment)?
 3. How does faith in Christ correspond to the Passover deliverance? (See Romans 3:23-26.)
 4. Once the blood had been applied to the Israelites' homes, did their doubting or anxiety affect their deliverance in any way?
- F. Describe how we can truly make Christ *our Passover* today, thus having the assurance that we have been spared from God's wrath.