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“Jesus and His last Passover”

Exodus 12:5-8 and 11-15

1. The Table Setting: Pillows- Originally eaten standing, dressed for travel with your staff in your hand (because the Jews were slaves and about to be rescued by Yahweh). In the 1st century it was eaten reclining on pillows as free people!
2. The Lamb: A spotless lamb was brought into the house on the 1st day of the month. [*John 12:12-18*]
3. The Book: Haggadah = The Passover Story [*Isaiah 53:3-5*] Today it is read by a woman.
4. The Candles: The Jews would be light for the world. [*Isaiah 9:1-2*] Lit by a woman as Christ was born of a woman. [*John 8:12*]
5. The Kittel: The Man of the house wears a Kittel, or an effigy of a priestly robe. [*Hebrews 6:19-20*] He takes a feather and a wooden spoon and “finds” the last bit of leaven (sin) in the house and sweeps it into the spoon with the feather and then wraps it in a linen shroud and it is burned in the fire.

[*2 Corinthians 5:21* and *John 19:40*]

6. The Seder Plate: The 5 Food Symbols -

Greens (Parsley) = Life. Eaten dipped in salt water, because life brings tears.

Horseradish Root) = The root of Hebrews lives before the exodus was bitter and tearful.

Bitter Herbs (Horseradish) = Eaten with unleavened bread (matzah). This is “sop” [KJV *John 13:26*] (They ALL dipped in the sop with Jesus and they ALL abandoned Him) [*Mark 14:20* and *Matthew 26:56*].

Roasted Egg = Represented the Temple sacrifice (no longer done after 70 A.D. and the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus) Eaten sliced and dipped in salt water [Likely not done in the 1st century]

Haroseth (raisins/nuts/apples/cinnamon/honey) = Represents the mortar and making bricks in Egypt. A reminder that the sweetness of redemption comes after the bitterness of life. Eaten with matzah.

Roasted Lamb Shank Bone = Represents the Sacrificial Lamb offered by the High Priest in the Holy of Holies for atonement of the sins of the whole nation of Israel. [*Numbers 9:12* and *Isaiah 53:7* and *John 1:29*]

7. Recitation of the 4 Questions: Read by a young child; “Why is this night different from all others?”

8. A place setting and a cup of wine: This is for Elijah who must precede the coming of the Messiah. [*Matthew 11:13-14*]

9. Matzah Tosh:
Represents unity with 3 pieces of unleavened bread (matzah) in 1 bag [*Matthew 28:18-20*] The man of the house takes the **middle** piece of unleavened bread, breaks it, and wraps one half in a linen shroud and hides it in the adjoining room [*John 19:40*] for the children to find after dinner. [*Matthew 18:3*] This is called the Afikomen, from a Greek word meaning “That which comes after” or “Dessert”. [*Psalms 34:8*] [*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*]

10. 4 Cups of Wine Throughout the Meal:
1st: Cup of wine: **The Sanctification Cup** [*Deuteronomy 7:6*]
2nd: Cup of wine: **The Plagues Cup** (caused by the sin)
[10 drips of wine onto the Seder Plate then drank]

11. Jesus interrupts the normal flow of the meal:
He addresses a continuing debate among the disciples [*Luke 22:24-27*] Jesus leads by example and strips down to the clothing of a servant and performs a task that slaves were expected to do. [*John 13:3-10*] {**Perform foot washing ceremony**} The foot washing ceremony is a picture of cleansing the filth that sticks to the believer from walking in a sinful world. We do not and cannot lose your salvation, yet we need to regularly be in and under the Word to keep that dirt to a minimum. [*Romans 10:13-15*] [*Mark 6:11*] [*Romans 12:2*] [*John 17:17*]

12. Jesus explains how things are to be done in the Kingdom of God:
[*Matthew 20:25-28*] a) Gentile rulers lord it over their subjects.
b) NOT so with you, the GREATEST must be a SERVANT and the FIRST must be a SLAVE.
c) Look at and act like Jesus... give your life to others!

13. Jesus Creates a New Tradition:

(After Judas leaves)

He takes the middle piece of the unleavened bread (matzah) from the Matzah Tosh, blessed it and broke it in half and wraps one half in the linen shroud mentioned above. The other half He breaks into small pieces and gives to the disciples saying...

[1 Corinthians 11:23-24]

He has everyone take the 3rd Cup of wine: **The Redemption Cup** saying... [1 Corinthians 11:25]

[See *Jeremiah 31:31-33* The only Old Covenant verse mentioning the New Covenant. The Hebrew phrase translated "COVENANT" is **karat brit** which mean to cut a covenant. Cutting was the basis of ancient near East agreements. Animals were literally killed in sacrifice and cut up to show the penalty of those who entered into and then broke the covenant!]

14. The 4th Cup of wine: The Praise Cup

This is the conclusion of the Seder Meal. Jesus refused to drink this cup of wine. [*Matthew 26:29*] Modern Jews end by saying "Next year in Jerusalem!" [*Revelation 21:2*]

15. The Hail Songs: Psalm 113-118

[*Psalm 118:20-27*]

(Jesus and the disciples then went to the Garden of Gethsemane.)

