

The Passover Lamb

READ Exodus 12:3,5-7,12-13

“Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. ⁵The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects. ⁶“Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. ⁷They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. ¹²On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am The LORD! ¹³But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.

REFLECT – What were the instructions God gave the Israelites about the animal they were to sacrifice? (vv. 3,5)

How would the sacrifice protect them during this time? (vv. 7, 12-13)

We are going to briefly show how this event is a picture of what Jesus did many years later on the cross. In Exodus, God told the Israelites to pick a spotless or perfect lamb to sacrifice. In 1 Corinthians 5:7 Jesus is called our Passover lamb. He was the perfect lamb of God and was without any sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).

God then told them to cover the door frames with its blood so that He would pass over that house and everyone inside would be safe. Jesus was sent as a sacrifice for us (1 John 4:10) and anyone who trusts in Him as their Lord and savior will be saved from the punishment for their sins.

When we participate in The Lord’s supper we need to remember what Jesus has done for us. It is a time to thank God for His mercy and grace by sending us a Savior to take our punishment for our sins on the cross.

RESPOND – Take some time now to thank God for sending His one and only son to lay down His life for us.

How can you follow God’s example and show love to others as He has shown love to you? (1 John 4:11)

Have each person in your family pray to God and thank Him for something and pray for someone or something that is on their mind.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____