

The Four Questions of Passover

Pastor John Turner - Atwood Baptist Church KS - Wed 7:00 PM - Apr 12, 2017

John 6:47-50 - The Bread of Life

Jesus did not participate in a Seder meal; but, a real passover.

Since the destruction of Jerusalem and the second temple; passover lamb replaced by Seder.

How is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights, we eat chameitz and matzah. Why on this night, only matzah?

Slavery: Matzah was the bread of slaves and poor, it was cheap to produce and easy to make.

Freedom: Matzah also commemorates the fact that the bread did not have enough time to rise when the Jews hastily left Egypt.

One piece of the bread plays a very special role.

The Afikomen: Taken from a cloth bag; broken in two; half placed between two pieces of matza.

The other half is hidden until the end of the meal

Other nights, we eat all vegetables. Tonight maror?

Slavery: The maror (bitter herbs) reminds us slavery.

Other nights, we don't dip even once. Tonight we dip twice?

Slavery: The salt water into which we dip represents the tears we cried while in Egypt. The charoset (fruit-nut paste) dip reminds us of the cement we made in Egypt.

Freedom: Dipping food is considered a luxury; a sign of freedom -- as opposed to the poor (and enslaved) who eat "dry" and un-dipped foods.

Matthew 20:22 Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

Other nights, we eat sitting or reclining. Tonight we recline.

Freedom: We commemorate our freedom by reclining on cushions like royalty.

At the end of the meal there is a reward for the finder of the hidden Afikomen wrapped in the cloth

The Afikomen is striped and pierced.

Everyone eats an olive-sized piece of the Afikomen/

Seder cannot end without eating the Afikomen

Nothing eaten after the Afikomen; only beverages.

John 6:51-56 - Those who eat this bread dwell in Him and Him in them.

Symbolic memorial

John 6:66 From that [time] many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. (67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? (68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Leader: Therefore, tonight is different than other nights because we have gathered to remember who we are, what God has done for us, and to tell to our children the story of God's grace and deliverance.

Yom Kippur and Pesach - "NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM"