



**-- By observing Passover, the Israelites were looking ahead to the Messiah.**

- Scripture makes clear that the Messiah came to die as a sacrifice (John 12:27, Galatians 4:4-5).
- Jesus came to fulfill the Law, especially the **PASSOVER** (Matthew 5:17-18, Luke 24:25-27).
- The Passover Feast is an amazing prophetic picture that Christ has fulfilled (1 Corinthians 5:7, Colossians 2:17).

**1.) The Passover lamb was chosen on the **10TH** of Nisan (Exodus 12:3).**

- The Lamb's selection on Nisan 10 is fulfilled on Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:9).

**2.) The Passover lamb was to be **UNBLEMISHED** (Exodus 12:5-6).**

- The Israelites were to take a male lamb into their households until the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month and inspect it for flaws.
- Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb, was unblemished indeed (1 Peter 1:18-19).

**3.) The Passover Lamb was to be slain at **TWILIGHT** (Exodus 12:6).**

- Jesus was offered up precisely when the Law required the Passover Lamb to be slain—on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan at 3 p.m.
- Every implication of the Passover had, in this moment, been fulfilled in the atoning sacrifice of Christ (1 Corinthians 5:7).

**4.) The **BLOOD** of the Lamb would save God's people (Exodus 12:7, 13).**

- Just as God saved the Israelites from His judgment on Egypt by the blood of the Passover lamb, so God saves us from His judgment on sin by the blood of Christ (Romans 5:8-9).

**5.) Passover was to be a lasting ordinance (Exodus 12:14).**

- If Passover was a forever ordinance, then why don't we celebrate it today?

- The sacrificial system of atonement ended when Christ became the perfect sacrifice for sin (Hebrews 10:12, 14).
- The ordinance of Passover was fulfilled completely in Christ.
- The lasting ordinance of Passover is now carried forward in the **LORD'S SUPPER**