



## Why Jesus? Why the Passover?

**John 1:29:** (NASB) *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*



It was over 2,000 years ago that the world changed. As we look back, we can trace the events of Jesus' last week to the fulfilling of many prophecies. The events of what we now call Palm Sunday were a striking beginning to a series of circumstances that showed the value of Jesus and his sacrifice in an unmistakable and inspiring way. This is the story that we tell. Stay with us as we look at Jesus, prophecy and the Jewish Passover and their remarkable correlations.

### First, a prophecy:

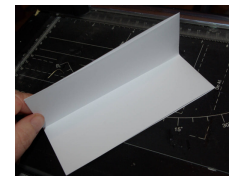
**Zechariah 9:9-12:** (NKJV) *<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you.*



### Observations:

- **Verse 9:** An unmistakably clear prophecy of the main event of Palm Sunday. It literally describes what was to happen.
- **Verse 10:** A microcosm of the consequence of the Messiah's rejection mixed with the broad spectacle of his all-encompassing dominion to the ends of the earth. This part of the prophecy is yet future.
- **Verse 11:** A continuation of the dominion - the resurrection from death.
- **Verse 12:** An admonition to come back to Christ, whom they were to reject, and the consequences of that rejection.

There are prophecies that talk about Israel having a long period of favor and then a long period of disfavor. Jesus himself said, "*Behold your house is left unto you desolate,*" meaning the casting off of the nation. In this sense, the word "double" doesn't mean "two," it means "folded over." In other words, for the same amount of time of favor would be a time of disfavor.



**Favor:** From the death of Jacob (corrected from the audio) until the rejection by Jesus in AD33 = 1845 years.

**Disfavor:** AD33 to 1878 when the Berlin Congress reopened Israel (Petah Tikvah) to the Jews = 1845 years.

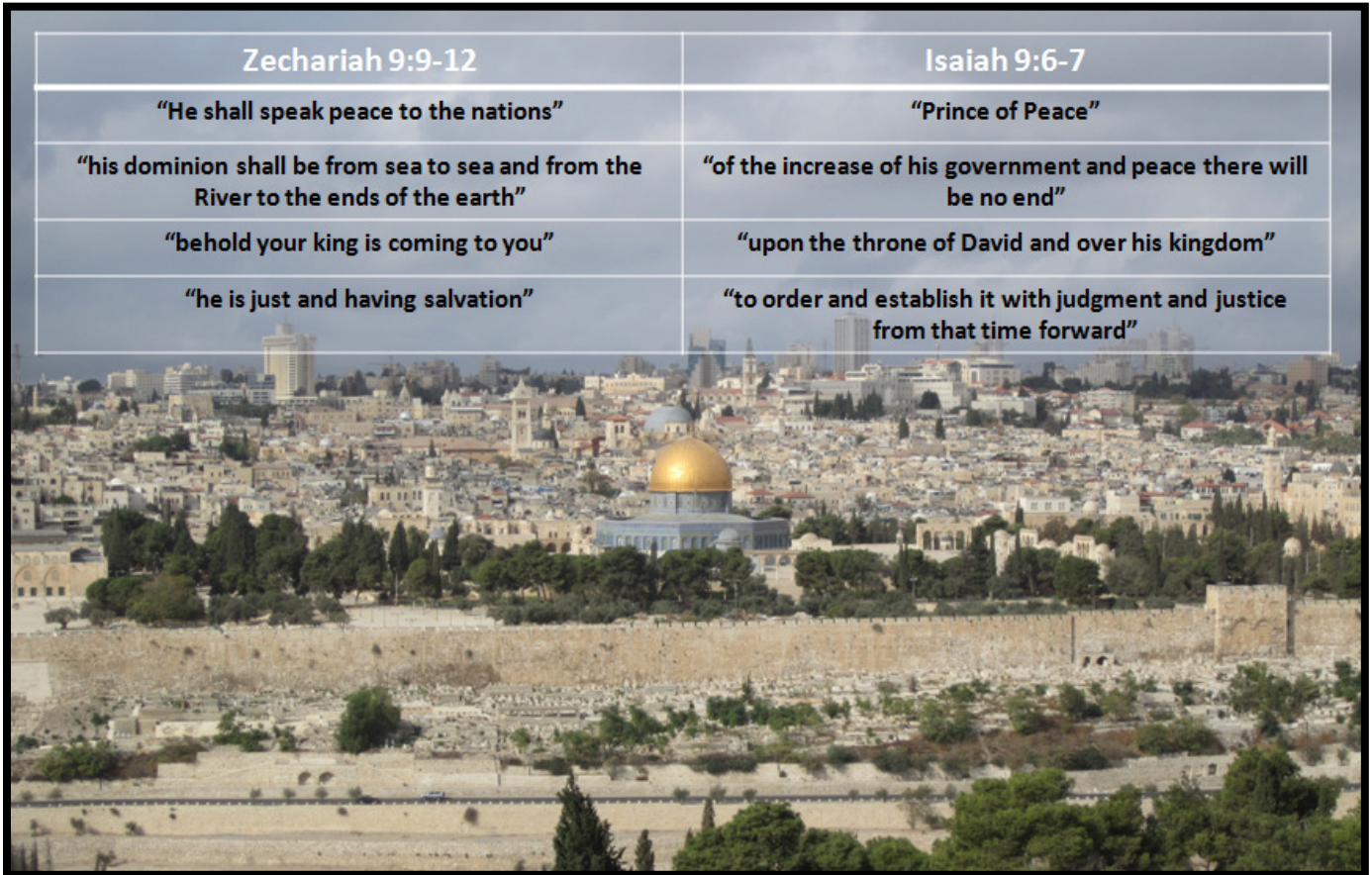


**Compare the elements of his rule to this prophecy:**

**Isaiah 9:6-7:** (NKJV) *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

There are many elements here that relate directly back to Zechariah's prophecy. We have two different prophets and two different times giving a similar message.

Zechariah 9:9-12	Isaiah 9:6-7
"He shall speak peace to the nations"	"Prince of Peace"
"his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth"	"of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end"
"behold your king is coming to you"	"upon the throne of David and over his kingdom"
"he is just and having salvation"	"to order and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward"



The events of Palm Sunday were a clear fulfillment of prophecy.

**Passover - Palm Sunday - what about the timing?**

Now, let's look at the connections between Palm Sunday and the Passover:

 **Introduction to the Feast of Passover, A Stauros Film Production**

- *There was just one passover, every year thereafter was an anniversary celebration of that one passover.*

Similarly, there was one crucifixion and death of Jesus; every year we celebrate what it meant.

**Exodus 12:3:** (NASB) *...On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.*



The one lamb would be enough to feed the entire household. The lamb was to be completely consumed.

(Nisan 10): A compilation of [Mark 11:1-11](#), [Matthew 21:1-11](#), [Luke 19:28-44](#) and [John 12:12-19](#):

For the sake of detail and simplicity we will combine the four accounts, with [Mark 11:1-11](#) as a base. Here is the complete reading that the audio program discusses individually:

[Mark 11:1-3](#): (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" [Matthew 21:4-5](#): <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. [John 12:16](#): **His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.** [Mark 11:4](#): They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, [Luke 19:33](#): **its owners asked them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"** [Mark 11:6](#): They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. [Matthew 21:6-7](#): <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. [Luke 19:37](#): **As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,** [Mark 11:8](#): Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields...(among them was) the whole multitude of the disciples, [John 12:17-18](#): <sup>17</sup>**the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead. <sup>18</sup>It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.** [Luke 19:37](#): **...(they) began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"** [Matthew 21:9](#): **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!** [Mark 11:9-10](#): <sup>9</sup>Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!" [Luke 19:39-44](#): <sup>39</sup>**Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."** <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." <sup>41</sup>As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup>They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." [Matthew 21:10-11](#): <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." [John 12:19](#): **The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"**





We will now break this down into sections:

**Mark 11:1-3:** (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ **Matthew 21:4-5:** <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **John 12:16:** *His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.*

We see that Jesus *did* understand the prophecies. He knew he was there to fulfill those prophecies. However, circumstances surrounded the events that Jesus could not possibly have engineered. His whole life was devoted to doing the Father's will. He instructs his disciples to get the animals in order to prepare for this victorious ride into Jerusalem.

### FIRST CONNECTION: THE TIMING - PASSOVER PREPARATION AND JESUS' PREPARATION

**John 12:1-8:** (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples... said, <sup>5</sup>Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?...<sup>7</sup>Jesus said, Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

The dramatic raising of Lazarus probably occurred a few weeks before this account. Jesus was at the home of Lazarus the day before entering Jerusalem when anointed by Mary to prepare for his death.

**John 12:9-13:** (NRSV) <sup>9</sup>When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. <sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.



#### Observations:

- Lazarus was a spectacle to the public;
- Feeling threatened, the chief priests and Pharisees were waiting for Jesus, and now Lazarus as well;
- Word traveled through the multitudes and they also waited for Jesus;
- Jesus entered Jerusalem and the hearts of the people on the 10th of Nisan. (The exact same day the Jews of the Passover were to bring in a lamb to their households, the sacrifice that would release them from slavery.)



## How were Jesus and the lamb similar?

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<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

### SECOND CONNECTION: THE LAMB ENTERS THE HOUSE AND JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

Exodus 12:3: (NASB) ...On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.

Zechariah 9:9: (NKJV) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Lamb taken in on Nisan 10

Jesus received as a King on Nisan 10

 **Passover scene Part 1, *The Ten Commandments* movie (1956)**

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 **Passover scene Part 2, *The Ten Commandments* movie (1956)**

Revelation 5:6: (KJV) And I beheld...a Lamb as it had been slain...

There is an unmistakable correlation between the lamb and Jesus. He was obedient and submissive.

Luke 19:37: *As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,* Mark 11:8: *Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields...(among them was) the whole multitude of the disciples,* John 12:17-18: <sup>17</sup>*the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead.* <sup>18</sup>*It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.*

(Source: Biblical Commentator Poole) Their laying the garments upon the (donkey), and throwing them in the way, was a custom they used towards princes, as appears not only by many records out of profane authors, but from 2 Kings 9:13, where the like was done to Jehu, upon his being anointed king over Israel. For the acclamations, they were also such as were usual to princes.

They were treating Jesus as royalty. This is another example of something he couldn't have possibly orchestrated, "forcing" the prophecy to come true by making some 300,000 people to follow him.

(Source: Biblical Commentator John Trapp) A very great multitude: The crowd was unified behind Jesus, the son of David. Bondinius saith he was met at this time by 300,000 Jews, some whereof went before Christ, some followed after, according to the solemn rites and reverence used to be given to earthly kings in their most pompous triumphs. This was the Lord's own work.



## Who was saved by the blood of the Passover Lamb?

### THIRD CONNECTION: THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAMB AS THE SAVIOR OF ALL OF THE FIRSTBORN

Exodus 12:5-6,12: (NASB) <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. <sup>12</sup>For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD.

Everyone in the family benefitted, but only the firstborn were on trial. The firstborn played a special role in God's plan.

Exodus 13:1-2: (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses: <sup>2</sup>Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.

In Israel, the firstborn were set apart for God.

 Jesus' Baptism, *The Greatest Story Ever Told* movie (1965)

Genesis 22:16-18: (KJV) <sup>16</sup>And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: <sup>17</sup>That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; <sup>18</sup>And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

We have two distinct but connected elements - the firstborn in the Passover being saved AND all nations, not just the firstborn.

Galatians 3:29: (KJV) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Hebrews 12:22-23: (ASV) <sup>22</sup>but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, <sup>23</sup>to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Through the deliverance of the firstborn in the Passover came the deliverance from slavery of all of their families. If you are part of the "church of the firstborn," we should be able to see the connection between how the Passover worked and how Jesus was the Passover lamb.

1 Corinthians 5:7: (ASV) ...For our passover also hath been sacrificed, even Christ:

If we are part of the church of the firstborn, then our Passover is Jesus. He has been sacrificed for us.

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## Why were the people shouting "Hosanna!"?

### FOURTH CONNECTION: THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE SAVING POWER OF THE REDEEMER

Exodus 12:7,13: (NASB) <sup>7</sup>Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it...<sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

The only salvation available as a deliverance from slavery for Israel and as a deliverance from certain death for the first born was the blood of the lamb. This blood was to cover them completely, as symbolized in the striking of it on the two door posts and the lintel. If we are truly seeking Christ as the "firstborn" class, it is necessary to LIVE under the blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup>but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

The firstborn, on trial, were delivered from death. Here the Apostle Peter is telling us that we are delivered with the precious blood of Jesus, the ransom power. Justice required death for Adam. The blood of Jesus as the lamb accomplished the deliverance of this firstborn class.



**John the Baptist, *The Greatest Story Ever Told* movie (1965)**

All attention was now to be on the Lamb of God, Jesus.

Hebrews 10:19-22: (NRSV) <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

What about the crowd shouting "Hosanna"? What does that mean?

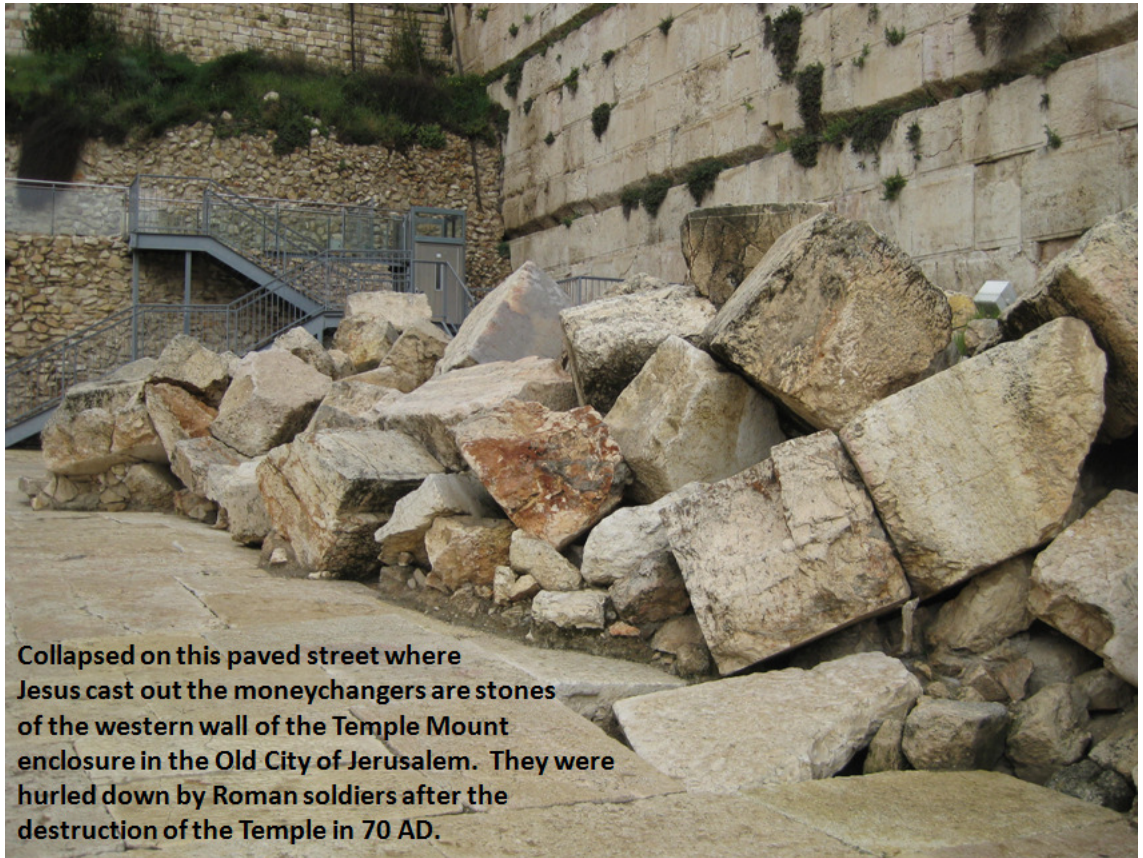
**Hosanna:** Strongs #5614 hosanna (ho-san-nah'); of Hebrew origin; oh save!; an exclamation of adoration

When we look at the use of the Hebrew words, in every instance the thought is not only "oh save" but "Save Us Now!"

The crowd was proclaiming that Jesus was the son of David, a prophet and healer, and they were immediately looking for deliverance.

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Collapsed on this paved street where Jesus cast out the moneychangers are stones of the western wall of the Temple Mount enclosure in the Old City of Jerusalem. They were hurled down by Roman soldiers after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD.

### What was the cost of deliverance?

#### **FIFTH CONNECTION: THE MANNER OF THE SACRIFICE - TOTALLY CONSUMED BY FIRE/TRIAL**

Exodus 12:8,10: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs...<sup>10</sup>And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

One of the agonies of crucifixion is dehydration, just like the lamb in the Exodus could not be boiled.

Hebrews 5:7-9: (NRSV) <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

*Loud cries and tears + Reverent submission + Learned obedience =  
The source of our eternal salvation*

Jesus had to sacrifice himself day by day.

Luke 9:23: *If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself take up his cross daily and follow me.*





## SIXTH CONNECTION: THE MANNER OF THE SACRIFICE - NO BONES COULD BE BROKEN

**Numbers 9:12:** (NASB) *They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.*

### The Passover Lamb vs. Jesus as the Lamb



Lamb taken in on Nisan 10

Jesus received as a King on Nisan 10

Lamb slain on Nisan 14

Jesus slain on Nisan 14

Lamb slain late afternoon "at even"

Jesus died at 3pm "the 9<sup>th</sup> hour"

**John 19:32-33:** (NASB)

<sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with him; <sup>33</sup>but coming to Jesus, when they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

This is another fulfillment of the Passover, signifying the sacrifice of Jesus.

**Isaiah 53:3-5:** (NRSV) <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But

he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

**Matthew 21:10-11:** <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, *Who is this?* <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, *This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.* **John 12:19:** *The Pharisees then said to one another, You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!*

Jesus, as the Passover Lamb, delivers the firstborn. Through that original deliverance, all of Israel was able to come out of bondage. Through the deliverance of the true church, all of the world will come out of the bondage of sin and death. That is the picture of the Passover.

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The Jewish people participate in the Passover Seder. The Haggadah, the order of service, is followed worldwide.



The task of the day before the actual Passover: The removal of all leaven from each household. They take a candle and search the entire house for leaven and destroy it. After the search, they pray: "May all manner of leaven in my possession, whether I have seen it or not or whether I have removed it or not be hereby annulled and considered dust of the earth..."

More detail on "Hosanna:"

5614 hosanna (ho-san-nah'); of Hebrew origin [3467 and 4994]; oh save!; hosanna (i.e. hoshia-na), an exclamation of adoration: KJV-- hosanna.

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Hebrew words for "Hosanna" 4994 AND 3467 (KJV) - all Old Testament uses:

2 Kings 19:19: (KJV) *Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.*

Psalms 118:25: *Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.*

Isaiah 47:13: *Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.*

**ANOTHER CONNECTION: THE RESULT - ALL OF ISRAEL WAS DELIVERED THROUGH THE FIRSTBORN - ALL OF MANKIND ALSO TO BE DELIVERED THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL FIRSTBORN, THE TRUE CHURCH**

Psalms 136:10-16: (NRSV)<sup>10</sup>*who struck Egypt through their firstborn, for his steadfast love endures forever;* <sup>11</sup>*and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever;* <sup>12</sup>*with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever;* <sup>13</sup>*who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever;* <sup>14</sup>*and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever;* <sup>15</sup>*but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever;* <sup>16</sup>*who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

1 Timothy 4:10: (KJV) *For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.*

1 John 2:2: (NIV) *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Romans 8:16-23: (KJV) <sup>16</sup>*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:* <sup>17</sup>*And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.* <sup>18</sup>*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* <sup>19</sup>*For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.* <sup>20</sup>*For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,* <sup>21</sup>*Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.* <sup>22</sup>*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.* <sup>23</sup>*And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*



**Isaiah 35:8-10: (KJV)** <sup>8</sup>And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



Standing on the Mount of Olives, looking towards the Old City. Notice the many graves in the foreground.