

Jesus is Our Passover Lamb

- I. God Selects the Lamb
 - A. Notice in Exodus 12:5 that God lays out specific instructions for the lamb to be slain for the passover. Why does God give instructions for the sacrifice? What do these specific instructions—a yearling male without blemish—reveal about our God?
 - B. Why did Jesus need to be “unblemished” to atone for us? What would change about our faith if we viewed Jesus as a great man, a prophet even, with flaws like the rest of us?
- II. The Lamb is Slain By the Whole Assembly
 - A. Why is blood necessary for the forgiveness of sins? Why won't God forgive us without this violence?
 - B. What responsibility do we have as a church and as individuals in the death of Christ? What does this show us about the weight of our sin and the depth of God's forgiveness?
- III. The Blood of the Lamb is Applied to the House
 - A. Why is Israel not exempt from this final plague, as they were exempt from some others?
 - B. Why does God ask his people to apply the blood to their doorway? How does God ask us to “apply the blood” of Christ in our lives?
- IV. The Body of the Lamb Was the Feast of the Redeemed
 - A. What significance does the Passover have for communion—how are the two similar, and how are they different? What does it say about the Church, that elements of the Passover form the basis of one of our most revered practices?
 - B. In verse 11, you see a command to eat the Passover with shoes on and staff in hand. What is God calling us to be ready for today? What can we do to “have our staff in hand” at Hope church?