

Exodus Chapter 12 – The Passover Seder

A. Passover – Seder

1. Feast of Unleavened Bread –matzoh lasts 7 days
2. Cleaning out the chometz (leaven) with prayer in Aramaic that if any leaven is left of which he is not aware, it is to him no more than dust.
3. Seder - 4 cups of wine per person
 - a) 1st cup – Cup of Sorrows
 - (1) Table Blessing
Baruch ata adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam...
 - (2) Ritual hand washing with blessing – *Christ washes disciple's feet*
 - (3) Head of the family eats the bitter herbs dipped in salt water – then passes them on to the others
 - (4) Head of the family hides the afikoman
 - b) 2nd Cup – Haggadah
 - (1) Youngest son asks the 4 questions
 - Why is this night different from all other nights?
 - Why on this night do we eat bitter herbs? – bitterness of slavery
 - Why on this night do we only eat unleavened bread? – bread of affliction
 - Why on this night do we eat in a reclining posture? – because we were slaves, but are slaves no longer
 2. Disciples ask 4 questions see Gospel of John 13-17
 - (2) The Haggadah
Passover discourse in the Gospel of John
 - (3) Little Hallel – Psalms 112 & 114
 - c) The Meal
 - (1) Charoseth – the sweetness of freedom
 - (2) The Main Meal
 - (3) Looking for Elijah
 - (4) The afikoman – redeemed with presents then broken and shared (no food is to be taken after the afikoman)
 - The bread of the Eucharist
 - d) 3rd Cup – The Blessing Cup
 - (1) Grace after meal
 - (2) After supper He took the cup
 - (3) Our blessing cup is it not a communion with the Blood of Christ? **1 Cor 10:16**
 - (4) The silence
 - e) 4th Cup
 - (1) the 4th cup is drank and the Great Hallel Psalms 115-118 is sung, ending the Seder
 - (2) But Jesus said, *“I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new in my Father's kingdom.”*
 - (3) *They sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives – Matthew 26:29-30*
 - (4) then is supposed to be an all night prayer vigil – Jesus asked His disciples to watch and pray