



Sermon Notes: Preparing for A New Exodus

1. The Meaning of Passover.

- a. To memorialize God rescuing His people from slavery.
- b. To memorialize God rescuing His people through substitution.

2. The Preparations for Passover.

- a. A conspiracy to betray and murder Jesus.
- b. A conspiracy to rescue and reconcile sinners.

3. The Transformation of Passover.

Key: Jesus reveals that the Passover pointed to his death all along.

- a. Jesus will offer his life as the Substitute Savior.
- b. Jesus will offer his life as the Mediator of a New Covenant.

4. The Relevance of the New Passover.

- a. You can trust Jesus with your pain.
- b. You can trust Jesus with your unknowns.
- c. You can trust Jesus with your future.



Gospel Applications: Preparing for A New Exodus

Discuss.

1. What stood out to you this time through the familiar story of "The Last Supper"?
2. How do you think you would've reacted to Jesus' radical reinterpretation of the bread and wine had you been there in person, expecting to participate in a traditional Passover Meal?
3. Now that you understand how Jesus took symbols of The Exodus – the formative event in Israel's history – and made them about himself, what's your reaction?
4. Why didn't the religious leaders arrest Jesus publicly? What critical piece did Judas provide in the plot to betray and murder Jesus?
5. What are some possible motives behind Judas' betrayal of Jesus? How do these serve as a warning to those who think themselves near to Christ today?
6. Why do you think one of the central sacraments of the Christian Church is to remember the bloody death of Jesus on a cross? What benefit is there in that?
7. How does this message change the way you approach communion?
8. Jesus said, "*Do this in remembrance of me*" and called us to proclaim his death until he comes (1 Cor. 11:23-26). How could we physically take communion and still fail to obey the spirit of these commands? How could we honor the spirit of these commands in many other ways beyond the in-church taking of communion?

Pray.

1. Ask God to reveal the things in your life right now that he died to free you from. Agree with God that these things are a form of slavery and confess them as sin.
2. Praise Christ for the willing sacrifice of his body and blood. Thank him that you can trust every aspect of your life to him.