

I started thinking about how i would write a message about the Passover Feast season i thought about how sad i feel knowing how cruel us humans can be how hurtful and how uncaring then i thought about the love LORD Jesus has for us to willingly sacrifice His precious life for all mankind i thought about His pain and suffering which even now upsets me to think about it then i started to think about the last supper meal and what it may have been like and i thought about the wine the breaking of the unleavened bread and the foot washing ceremonies which Lord Jesus initiated on the night of that supper.

Luke 22:19 says at the end of the verse **this do in remembrance of Me.**

My mind seemed to be flooded with ideas and that is something which does not happen very often to me and some of these ideas which i will present to you are as i said just my thoughts and i hope that they make also provoke you into thought as well.

So to begin i feel the New Testament Passover ceremonies which Jesus initiated is like an order or command to all who follow Jesus they are to remind us that we have a Brother a Great King a creator a Great High Priest a mediator and God Who loves us and Who willingly humbled Himself to became flesh and blood Jesus was and is the Great Son of God who willingly spilt His precious blood and submitted Himself willingly to having his flesh ripped apart by heartless men wielding a crewel whip and we eat the unleavened bread to remember His broken body and we drink the wine to remember His precious blood which He willingly spilt to cover our sins.

We are reminded through the foot washing ceremony that even though Jesus was LORD and Master and our Great creator He humbled Himself and lowered Himself to do the job of the lowest servant in society.

Roland spoke about serving in his last message titled servant Kings because we are to become more like Jesus and we must learn to humble ourselves.

Then i thought about and read **John 13:1** now before **the feast of the Passover**, Knowing that His time had come to depart from the world to the Father, Jesus having loved His own who were in the world, loved them to the end, and during supper [the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot that he should betray Him] Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from GOD, and was going to GOD.

We have a habit of calling what Jesus attended with His disciples the night just before He was brutally beaten bashed mocked Blasphemed and crucified the last supper well yes it technically speaking was our LORDS last nightly meal. After thinking about this question for a while i asked myself should the LORDS last meal on Earth be called the last supper.

And one of my answers to myself was yes because most people will tell you that they call this special meal the last supper as i have also done.

But was it really or better still should it be known as the last supper well the closest Apostle to Jesus John never referred to this meal as the last supper John called that evening meal the feast of the Passover John even added and during supper in that verse maybe that is why people call this meal the last supper.

Maybe it is also because of that painting which De Vinci painted and called the last supper that people relate to the Passover feast and the last supper.

Let me go one step further I also feel that this supper was a roast lamb with bitter herbs like onion and garlic and roasted possibly vegetables with unleavened bread and vinegar in which the bread was dipped or sopped.

What LORD Jesus ate with His disciples that night was i feel the Passover feast and as i just said this is the same type of meal which the Hebrews ate in Egypt as commanded - remember that poor little lamb which they ate in Egypt that was a representation of Jesus so why would not Jesus and His disciples also eat a lamb as the same Passover feast that evening.

Let's look at.

John 18:28 Now when they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the judgment hall, and it was early, but they did not go into the judgment hall, so that they would not be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

Again John called it the Passover.

And Lord Jesus ate the Passover feast with His disciples the night before His arrest so the meal which Jesus ate that night with His disciples was the Passover feast as **John 13:1** says not the last supper John by the looks made sure that he clarified what meal this was which Jesus ate with His disciples in verse 31 and the above verse it was the Passover feast.

Luke 22:15 says And he said to them, with earnest desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

In the LORDS own words Jesus did not call this meal His last supper He called it the Passover.

And as the crucifixion record tells us by the time daylight came upon this Earth Jesus would Himself after being beaten bashed bruised and later convicted and sentenced would Himself become the Passover Lamb of God.

Jesus was the real lamb of God Who was Himself led to the slaughter by men He was killed and hung up on a tree with His precious blood dropping to the ground drop by precious drop just as the Passover lamb would have done when it had been slaughtered and hung up to bleed out.

Yes LORD Jesus went through all this for us for you and for me for the world what love Jesus has for us what a wonderful brother we have what a great mediator and High Priest we have but most of all what a great God we have.

And we have a loving Father Who could not even look upon His Son Jesus suffering because of our sin which Jesus bore upon Himself for us. Imagine the Pain imagine the Fathers pain not being able to look upon or comfort a loved one not even His Son.

Let's go back to **Exodus 12:1-14** And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, this month shall be to you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you, speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, in the 10th day of this month they shall take to each man a lamb for a father's house, a lamb for a house, and if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take according to the number of the souls, each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb, your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the 1st year, you shall take it from the sheep or the goats, and you shall keep it until the beginning of the 14th day of the same month, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the 2 evenings, and they shall take of the blood and strike it on the 2 side posts and upon the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat it, and they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread, they shall eat it with bitter herbs, do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but **roasted with fire**, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts, and you shall not let any of it remain until the morning, and that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire, and this is the way you shall eat it, with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it in trepidation, it is **the LORDS Passover** for i will pass through the

land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the 1st born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, I am the LORD, and the blood shall be a sign to you upon the hoes where you are, and when I see the blood, I will Passover you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt, and this day shall be a memorial to you, and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations, you shall keep it a feast as a law forever.

John called it the feast of the Passover.

So this meal was a to be kept as **a feast** to the Lord not just as a supper.

And a feast is also a meal or banquet where many guests are invited to attend like your neighbours for example.

What we do on Passover night is follow the example which Jesus set for us to do but because of work sickness and other family issues we eat our meal at home with our family before we attend the Passover ceremony here maybe that meal should be a lamb roast with roast onion garlic and roast vegetables but that is a side thought for us to all think about remember we are told in Exodus you shall keep it a feast as a law forever.

Also as you all here know only too well the Passover comes before the days of unleavened bread which we are now celebrating even though Jesus and the disciples ate unleavened bread with their Passover feast meal it is recorded in all 3 gospels that the disciples said that it was the first of the unleaveneds and this phrase has caused so much confusion over the years and i am certain as you are that this phrase does not refer to the 1st day of the feast of unleavened bread that phrase relates to this week which we now celebrate which reminds us of Our Lords broken and torn flesh and also of the great Exodus out of Egypt by the Israelites.

Exodus 12:17-18 and you shall keep the feast of unleavened bread, for in this very same day I have bought your armies out of the land of Egypt, therefore you shall keep this day in your generations as a law forever, in the 1st month, on the 14th day of the month at sunset, you shall eat unleavened bread until the 21st day of the month at sunset.

However i feel that there is more to the Lamb's flesh and the breaking of the unleavened bread and i hope to cover that soon.

Jesus and His disciples ate unleavened bread as that verse clearly said that they should at the night portion of the 14th not the sunset portion of the 14th

possibly this is why the disciples may have referred to the Passover feast as the 1st of the unleavened's so who are we to argue if Jesus ate unleavened bread with His Passover feast meal then we should do likewise.

Exodus 12:21-22 then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, draw out and take a lamb for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb, and you shall take **a bunch of hyssop** and dip in the blood that is in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the 2 side posts with the blood in the bowl, **and none of you shall go out the door of his house until sunrise**, for the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the 2 side posts, the LORD will Passover the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come **into your homes** to strike you.

Verse 21 tells us that Hyssop was the instrument which the Israelites were to apply the blood of the Lamb upon the doorposts and the lintel.

Although the specific reason for its use in that verse is not anywhere detailed in the Passover story however it is later connected with the rite of purification for lepers or for a plague.

Exodus 11:1 plainly tells us and the LORD said to Moses, I will yet bring **one plague** on Pharaoh and on Egypt, afterward, he will let you go from here, when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out from here altogether.

And **Exodus 12:13 or 14** again says and **the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you.**

What was that plague well verses 4-7 tell us it was the death of **all the 1st born** or add the word plague the plague of the death of the 1st born remember verse 1 said a plague.

Skipping to **Leviticus 14:4-6** we read then the priest shall command to take 2 clean live birds for him who is to be cleansed and cedar wood, and scarlet, and **hyssop**, and the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water, he shall take the living bird, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet and hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the slain bird, over the running water, part verse 7 says and he shall sprinkle on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy.

Leviticus 14-35 is about a plague in a house and if he that owns a house shall come and tell the priest saying, a plague is seen by me in the house.

The cure is in **verses 49** and he [the priest] shall take 2 birds to cleanse the house, and cedar wood, and hyssop. The same cure as that of a leper.

We must remember that Egypt was not really a forest area and according to many web sites most of Egypt's timber was imported so what were the lintel and 2 side posts made of in Egypt well this is purely my thoughts but possibly cedar from Lebanon but again we are not told however hyssop and blood are mentioned in the protection of Israelites during the plague of the death of the 1st born.

Now this plague purification might suggest to the Israelites a symbolic cleansing from their defiling experiences in Egypt because of the blood of the lamb which they applied on their houses their house being a dwelling their tabernacle just like their bodies and our bodies are our dwelling places and the lambs blood was placed on the house on behalf of all the people within the house.

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

The house which the destroyer was commanded to Passover because it had upon it the blood of the lamb may be symbolic of our bodies our tabernacles as **1 Corinthians 5:1** plainly tells us the Israelites were gathered together inside the house so they being inside of the house were covered by the blood of the Lamb that is just my thought you may have other thoughts yourself.

Also the Israelites may have gained further understanding about the meaning of and the necessity for the atonement sacrifices which was to typically cleanse them from their sins afterwards as they travelled on and during their Exodus out of Egypt.

Also when God later explained to Moses about the life in the blood and Moses was to relay that on to the Israelites why eating blood was prohibited they may have understood more about the necessity for the Passover lamb. **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 yourselves, for it is the blood that makes an atonement for life.

Have you thought about why the Israelites were prohibited from leaving the house during the Passover night as i read from **Exodus 12:21.**

For any Israelite to depart from the safety of their homes during that night would show a lack of faith a lack of obedience and their rejection of God's word Just like Adam and Eve and the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil.

Also the Israelites in this case by leaving the safety of their house would then expose themselves to the same punishment of death as would befall the Egyptian firstborn for whom the plague of the firstborn was intended.
I will come back to this a bit later on as well.

Remember in Joshua a generation later there was a woman by the name of Rahab who we are told was a harlot she and her family were protected in the city of Jericho by a scarlet cord which she hung out of the window of her home that story is recorded in [Joshua 2:12-21](#).

As all the people in the city died by the hand of the Israelites sword all who were gathered together in Rahab's home were saved why because of her acknowledgment and recognition of the true God the God of Israel [Joshua 6:22-25](#).

That red cord hanging from her window served the same purpose as the blood on the doorposts and lintel during the time of the Exodus all the Israelites who invaded Jericho passed by Rahab's house and killed everyone else that scarlet coloured chord was like the protecting blood of the lamb upon the house of Rahab however if any of the household ventured outside of the safety of that house then they would have been killed along with the rest of the people in Jericho they would have lost or forfeited their life because they disobeyed the Lord's command to stay inside.

In remembrance of the deliverance of the children of Israel thousands of years ago in Egypt and the liberation of the entire Israelite nation many Israelites and Jews around the world continue to commemorate the Lords Passover to this day and they commemorate this week of unleavened bread in remembrance of the Passover and Exodus from Egypt in haste.

Why because the LORD commanded the keeping of the feast of Passover in [Exodus 12:14](#) this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

And in [Exodus 12:15](#) this command you shall eat unleavened bread 7 days, even the 1st day you shall have put away leaven out of your house for whoever

eats leavened bread from the 1st day until the 7th day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Verse 17 and you shall keep the feast of unleavened bread, for in this same day I have bought your armies out of the land of Egypt, therefore you shall keep this day in your generations as a law forever.

Sadly as a nation the Israelites failed to understand the Passover as well as other sacrificial features of the Law which were designed to bring them into an acceptance of LORD Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God Who was the true Passover Lamb of God Who was sacrificed on their and our behalf and Who took upon Himself the sins of the whole world.

We read in **John 1:29** on the next day, John sees Jesus coming to him, and he says, behold the Lamb of GOD, Who takes away the sin of the world.

Also **1 Corinthians 5:7-8** for Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us, for this reason, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sincerity and truth are the keys you cannot be sincere if you only believe half the bible some people only read the new Testament because they believe the old has been done away with sincere means to believe whole heartily not holding back to be genuine and pure in your heart.

Galatians 3:24 speaks about the law in this way, the law was our tutor to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

When we partake of the wine the unleavened bread and we like LORD Jesus humble ourselves as a servant and wash our brothers or sisters feet we have entered into a covenant relationship with Jesus and the Father and we have accepted and are obedient to do as we were commanded to do because **we have accepted** Christ's atoning blood as the Lamb of GOD to save us from our sins we have accepted Jesus as LORD of our lives i love the words of Thomas and i can't help but to think of them a lot Thomas said my LORD and my God what beautiful words.

Hebrews 12:23-24 speaks about a future event a wonderful future event we read there to the joyous festival gathering, and to **the church of the firstborn, registered in the book of life in heaven**, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the just who have been perfected, and to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to sprinkling of the blood of ratification, proclaiming superior things than that of Abel.

We can't be perfected unless we are obedient unless we are willing to open our ears minds and hearts to listen and to learn.

But what was that Churches name the church of the firstborn, registered in the book of life in heaven.

Kind of makes you think for a moment about our future doesn't it.

Ok now a severe warning i found in verse 25 beware that you do not refuse to hear Him Who is speaking, for if they did not escape judgment, who refused to hear the One Who was on Earth divinely instructing them, how much more severely will we be judged, if we ourselves **apostatized** from Him Who speaks from heaven.

Apostatized means to renounce abandon or to relinquish

Paul gives us a warning in 1 Timothy 4:1-2 you can read that yourselves later its about falling away from the faith.

We must be willing to listen and always be ready to learn we have the word of God and If Jesus said do this in remembrance of Me then i strongly suggest that we should do it.

As we hope and pray to be future members of the church of the firstborn and having accepted the LORDS atoning blood upon us to cover our sins we understand that we have ourselves have passed over the plague of the Adamic condemnation of sin which still rests upon the remainder of mankind.

However all those who have refused to listen and believe the Word of God by stopping their ears and by stopping their ears they have placed a lock and chain on their heart and have refused to accept LORD Jesus as their LORD and Saviour by doing this they have refused His great sacrifice and they have refused His atoning blood they have turned their back and they have rejected the cleansing power of the LORDS blood.

The vast majority of the human family who call themselves Christians have not devoted their lives to follow Christ during this present age.

Now I am not judging but sad to say that statement is a fact according to studies carried out in America many people call themselves Christian but do not walk the walk neither do they talk the talk remember the old saying if it waddles like a duck and quacks like a duck don't necessarily mean its a duck.

Sadly they are not in the house which has the blood on the lintel and 2 side posts they are outside the house enjoying the pleasures of this world they are too involved in things to take time out for Jesus to remember Jesus because He is the one Who willingly died for them.

And if they are not in the house but outside it then it stands to reason they have refused to listen to instruction and have chosen to do their own thing and willingly chose to go outside where there is no protection from the destroyer of this world Satan.

Or look upon it like this if they were in the church and knew Jesus but for some reason chose to leave the Church and chose not to follow the Lord's teaching then they are subject to **Hebrews 12:25s warning** and may be judged accordingly i said may be not will be.

I read out **Hebrews 12:23-24** a minute ago remember these words **to the joyous festival gathering, and to the church of the firstborn, registered in the book of life in heaven.**

What does that verse have in common with Egypt you may ask well again as i said earlier that all those who were obedient to the word and instruction of the Lord and who were under the roof of the house whose door posts and lintel were sprinkled with blood should not go out from under it during that night now this instruction from the LORD also had a special application and force with respect to **all the firstborns** did it not.

Do you think that at this special time in world history when we have the entire bible right at our fingertips that what occurred in Egypt that Passover night may signifies to us that if any of us who are of or maybe part of the **Firstborns** of the Lords **church of the firstborns** should decide to go out from under the protection of His precious atoning blood Jesus Christ the Lamb of GOD that we like any Israelite in Egypt who may have left the safety of the house are denying Christ and His sacrifice and the penalty of such an action would be death remember and remember well these words of **Romans 6:23** **for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through who through Christ Jesus OUR lord.**

Lets look at **Acts 4:12** and **there is no salvation in any other, for neither is there another name under Heaven which has been given among men by which we must be saved.**

Whose name **LORD Jesus Christ that's Who.**

Simple you reject Jesus and His blood then **you reject life.**

You accept Jesus and His precious atoning blood which He willingly shed for you and me then we may receive His precious gift of eternal life and we may reserve a seat in the wonderful church of the firstborn.

Being a Christian is not merely opening our mouths up and saying that you believe Jesus lived and that Jesus died.

Because we all live and we all die.

We must believe with all our mind heart soul and strength that Jesus Christ the Son of God the Lamb of God the creator of all things living Who came to this Earth Who walked this Earth Who taught the wonderful message which will give us eternal life Who died a horrendous death on the cross upon which He took upon Himself **Who was innocent of sin our sins** and the sins of the whole world was put in a tomb and was raised 3 days and 3 nights later.

That is the Jesus Christ which we love honour and worship.

That is the Jesus Christ Who we love and Who loves us.

For the first 10 days before the Passover and feast season the Israelites were to do nothing but Just prepare themselves mentally and inwardly for what was about to happen.

We read that Judgment was going to fall upon all the Egyptians the Egyptians i feel were a picture of all the Sinners in this world and only those in Egypt where the precious blood of a lamb was applied to the doorposts and lintel would escape that judgment.

They were to kill this poor innocent little lamb This was prophetic of the death of Christ.

This as far as it relates to us has already been done.

The Lamb of God has been slain tortured torn and crucified for the sins of the whole world.

The LORDS sacrifice has been made and His blood has been shed.

They were then to apply the blood of the lamb to the doorposts of their homes Remember our bodies are a tabernacle of God and for man this happens when we truly repent and ask forgiveness of our sins and are baptised.

At that very moment the blood of Jesus Christ however it may happen cleanses our hearts-- and by our faith we are set free from the judgment and wrath of God which is to come upon this world.

The blood of Christ must therefore be on the door of our hearts and upon the lintel of our minds for us to escape.

They were to stay in the house **Verse 22** says **And none of you shall go out of you house until morning.**

I believe that we are to stay in the house of God.

We are to stay in fellowship with God and with our brothers and sisters in Christ and we are **to remain steadfastly in God's house.**

We all need the house of God why because it's a place of sustaining substance of life a place of power and prayer and of exhortation **and encouragement.**

We need to stay in God's house!

They were to wholly eat the Lamb this is extremely important because it i feel relates to Christ His Word and the Church His church.

We are to also continue to partaking of the Lamb remember none of the lamb was to be wasted not a morsel.

And nothing was to be kept until morning.

Exodus 12:3 says **if the household is too little for the Lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take according to the number of the souls, each one, according to eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the Lamb.**

We as believers must **consume Christ** we must eat and partake of His substance **daily and not let any of Him or His Word go to waste** we must share His Word with our neighbours.

That is a call to us believe it or not.

Jesus Christ Who is the Lamb of God is so vast and so great that he fills this whole Earth and fills all of the whole Universe Jesus is so eternally enormous and He loves us dearly.

We are to invite our neighbours and **we must share the Lamb which was slain** we are to share it with others and tell them about the atoning sacrifice which Jesus Christ our LORD made for us!

Who are our neighbours well Jesus told us who they are Jesus said love your neighbour as yourself the whole world is our neighbour and we are to invite them to join us share the whole gospel message spread the word **shout the word from the rooftops to them if we have to.**

When we read [Matthew 15:24](#) we read that Jesus said **I have not been sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel** and then after His brutal death at Passover Jesus Himself was shared with His neighbours the Gentiles through Paul and Paul shared his message of Salvation through Jesus to the world.

Remember **if the household is too little for the Lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take according to the number of the souls.**

SO as you can see when God's Lamb was killed He was so large and so large vast that God did more than call all of Israel together He called the whole world.

Now this is my thoughts and i have been wrong many times so maybe i am wrong again the Lamb which we also know as the Word of God was to be eaten the whole lamb and nothing was to be left today modern man uses a knife fork and plate to eat their meals with.

However the Hebrews back at the time of the exodus cut the lamb then broke it up into pieces and then handed the pieces to their family members and to their neighbours who may have used banana leaves as plates or a piece of pottery.

My point being the Passover Lambs meat was broken its flesh torn and ripped apart like the whip on the LORDS flesh ripped it apart what did Jesus say in [Luke 22:19](#) as He broke the bread **and He took bread and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, this is My Body which is given to you, do it in remembrance of Me.**

Yes we know that Jesus is the bread of life.

But possibly the bread is also tied in with the breaking of the Lambs flesh as i said this is my thought and i may be wrong.

God called together all the nations of the world to come to His Table of Grace and to partake of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

And the Lamb of God was and is so vast that people are still to this very day feasting on the precious Lamb of God the Word of God.

The Passover feast and the following feast of unleavened bread which we are at present celebrating are not just a pile of old dusty stories which have been

done away with they hold many special lessons and meanings for us today to learn from as i hope i have shown.

We here at FiG have a web page and on that web page we place messages which we hope and pray may bring people to Christ our neighbours we advertise by way of the banner which we place on the fence we speak to people we have a community announcement on the local radio station if you have not tried to get in touch with your neighbour then please do so there are many ways in which you can also share the Lamb of God share Jesus Christ the wonderful bread of life with your neighbours.