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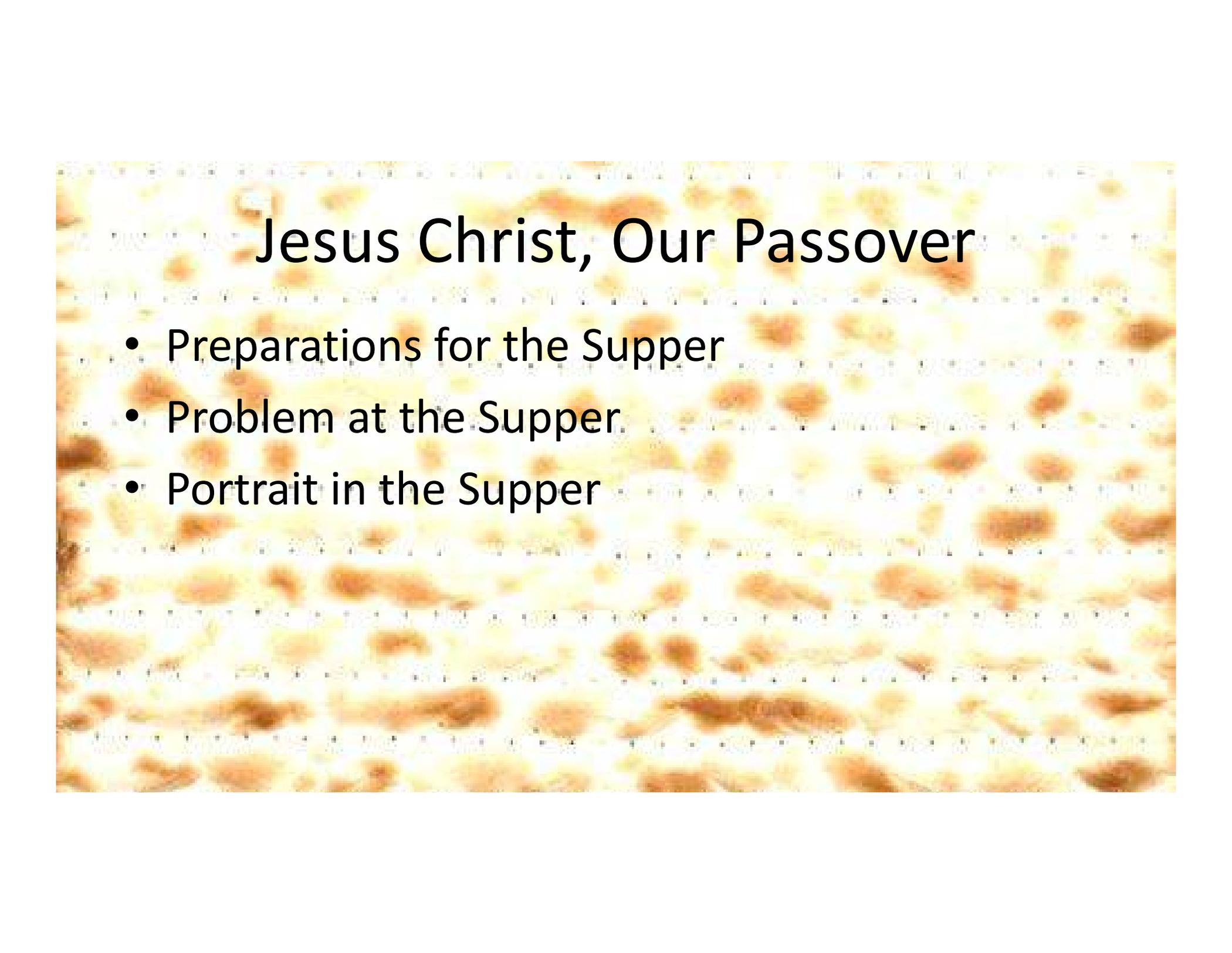
- What would you eat as your last meal if you knew you were to die tomorrow?
- The last supper Jesus ate, as recorded in scripture, was the Passover.
- For Christians, it may have been the most important meal ever eaten in the history of humankind
- The meal Jesus ate on the eve of His death was designed by God to exalt His Son.
- It is a meal that proclaims the Gospel of the grace of God and the resurrection to a home in heaven.
- It is a meal that exemplifies new spiritual covenant between God and penitent sinners.

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- 1Cor. 5:7-8 - “Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore 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.”

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- 1Peter 1:18-20 - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”



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- Preparations for the Supper
- Problem at the Supper
- Portrait in the Supper

Preparations For The Supper

- Mark 14:12-16 - “Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover? 13 And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. 14 Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, The Teacher says, Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples? 15 Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us. 16 So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.”

The Purpose For The Preparations

- The Passover was the main feast of the Jewish religious year held on the 14th day of the 1st month of the Jewish calendar (Ex. 12:6); roughly corresponds with April in the modern calendar
- Also called “The Feast Of Unleavened Bread,” because no yeast was to be used or kept in the house during the period of the feast.

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- Ex 12:1-11
- Every family in Israel was to take the following steps:
 - They were to choose a lamb, which was to be killed on the evening of the Passover - Ex. 12:3-6
 - They were to take the blood of the lamb and put some on door posts of their homes - Ex. 12:7
 - They were to roast the lamb over a fire and eat it with bitter herbs and unleavened bread - Ex. 12:8
 - They were to eat this meal dressed for a journey, with their shoes on, walking sticks in hand, and to eat it in as though in a hurry - Ex. 12:11

The Pattern Of The Meal

- They drank a cup of red wine mixed with water - Luke 22:17
- There was a ceremonial washing of hands which symbolized the need for spiritual and moral cleansing.
- They ate bitter herbs which symbolized their bondage in Egypt.
- They drank a second cup of wine, at which time the head of the house explained the meaning of Passover.
- They sang the first two Hallel Psalms - Psalms 113-114

The Pattern Of The Meal

- The lamb was brought to the table, and the head of the household distributed it with the unleavened bread. The unleavened bread symbolized haste. There was no time to allow the dough to rise before the journey would begin
- They drank a third cup of wine, and then concluded the meal by singing the rest of the Hallel Psalms - Psalms 115-118
- Orthodox Jews still observe the Passover the same way it has been observed for thousands of years. Sadly, most have lost or do not discern its meaning.

The Personal Nature Of The Passover

- The feast involved a lamb (Ex. 12:3-8). The family was to choose “a lamb,” afterward called “your lamb,” making the meal personal
- They were to select the lamb on the tenth (Ex. 12:3), and were keep the lamb until the fourteenth (Ex. 12:6).
- An attachment would develop between the family and the lamb. This was intentional; God wanted them to see the high cost of sin, and He wanted them to know that salvation is an intensely personal business.

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- The lamb was to be without blemish (Ex. 12:5), a picture of perfection and purity
 - 1Peter 2:22 - “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”
 - 2Cor. 5:21 - “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

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- The lamb was to be slain and its blood applied to the door posts of the house (Ex. 12:7, 22-23). The family was to gather inside the house and eat the meal. When the angel passed through the land to kill the first born, those in homes with blood on the doors would be safe.
- Another parallel to Jesus Christ; the only shelter anyone will have in the Judgment from the wrath of God against sin is the blood of Christ

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- Rev. 1:5 - “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”
- Rom. 5:9 - “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

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- The lamb was to be roasted in fire (Ex. 12:8), a picture of judgment
- Jesus was judged in our place
 - Gal. 3:13 - “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us”
 - 1Peter 3:18 - “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit”

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- The lamb had to be eaten - Ex. 12:8
- Jesus death on the cross is meaningless to us until we believe, obey, and partake of Him
 - Mark 14:22-24 - “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, Take, eat; this is My body. 23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.”

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- John 6:48-51 - “I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

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- Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb, sanctifies and purifies us
 - Heb. 10:10-18
- His blood saves us from sin, wrath, and death

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- Heb. 9:22-24 - “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”

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- 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
- Eph. 1:7 - “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”
- Eph. 2:13 - “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”