

## I. The Exodus and Passover

### A. The Exodus

- i. recorded in the book of Exodus
- ii. escape for the descendants of Israel (Jacob) from slavery in Egypt after 400 years

### B. The Passover

- i. an annual celebration
- ii. remembering the final plague that broke Pharaoh's will, and their exodus
- iii. promised to Moses (Exodus 11:4-8) READ
- iv. the people of Israel were to keep a lamb or kid from 10 until 14 Nisan
- v. God's angel would pass through the land and destroy the firstborn
- vi. followed by a seven-day "feast of unleavened bread," (Exodus 12:34)
- vii. these celebrations were to be perpetual and annual
- viii. occasions for teaching about God's work of redemption (Exodus 12:24-27)

### C. The Passover in Jesus' Day (Exodus 6:6-8)

## II. Passover for Jesus and his disciples

### A. Secret location

- i. vv. 7-13 reflect a plan by Jesus
- ii. Jesus has been spending his days in Jerusalem, his nights on the Mount of Olives
- iii. Jesus knows well that the time is coming, but it is not quite yet
- iv. Jesus sends Peter and John ahead to "prepare the Passover"

### B. Jesus starts out saying something odd. He could mean here two things ...

### C. Jesus gives thanks for and passes around some of the unleavened bread and one of the cups of wine

- i. "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (19)
- ii. "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." (20)

## III. A new covenant and an Exodus

- A. Back in chapter 9 Jesus was transfigured, with Moses and Elijah on either side of him
- B. Luke tells us that they spoke of the "exodus" which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem
- C. The exodus that Jesus would soon accomplish would mean the liberation from sin and death of countless millions of human beings (and that's just so far in history)
- D. But remember that the original exodus started with an act of judgment in Egypt
- E. This exodus, too, starts with an act of judgment