

Why Is Jesus the Only Sacrifice For the Sin of the World?

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Now this year, the Passover falls on a Friday night. So, the Passover Day is a Sabbath. Then the first day of the week is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Now, this sets the stage for counting toward Pentecost the correct way. This is why it's important for us to understand. So, let's go there again so that we realize this and why it is so and why it is important, *because we have*:

- Easter for the Catholics and the Protestants
- Passover 15th for the Jews
- Passover on the 14th for the Churches of God

We don't know the variation from what different ones may have from that, and there's always been a confusion.

Is the Passover Day An Unleavened Bread Day?

- **IF** it is, does that give us eight days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread?
- **IF** the Passover is an unleavened bread day, how do we reconcile that with seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

Well the Jews never reconciled it! So, let's look at it this way; we have a clear Scripture in Mark 14:12, and something that we have not understood, because in the past we've even had it so that you take the Passover in the evening the way it should be, ***but then in the day portion of the 14th you go eat something that is leavened!***

There's even written up by some like Polycarp and those that followed John. On the Passover Day they were putting out leaven. And a lot of people have looked at that and say that if they're putting it out it shows that they still have it in order to put it out.

Well let's read clearly, and we need to realize this: the early Church after John had a lot of attacks of heresy against them, and that's noted in

Revelation 2:2: *in the Church at Ephesus: "...and that you did test those who proclaim themselves to be apostles, but are not, and did find them liars."*

Verse 4—*Jesus says: "Nevertheless, I have this against you, that **you have left your first love.**"*

What is the first love? ***To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, with all your being!***

- Would we then be surprised if some of the immediate followers of John had slipped away from the Truth just a little bit?
- Is that why they were putting out leaven on the 14th?

Well we relied on that quote as what we should do for years. However, ***that was not correct.***

So, should we follow... I had all of this checked out with a Greek and it was present tense. I even sent it off to Maurice Robinson to double check and make sure that I had it correct and he came back and said, 'yes that's present tense.' ***They were putting out the leaven on the Passover Day.***

So one day after the Passover, one of the brethren came up to me and said:

Does the unleavened bread for the Passover picture the sacrifice of Christ as being the sinless offering?

I said yes.

And we rely on God to forgive us our sins, correct?

Yes!

Question. Why after the Passover, the night of the Passover, do we come to the Passover Day and then we eat leaven again? If during the days of unleavened bread, leaven is sin?

Well, that presented a problem. *So, we need the clear Biblical New Testament answer!* And this is something that even the most noted scholars of the New Testament have not been able to figure out.

Mark 14:12: "And on the first day of the **unleaveneds**..."—*that's a literal translation!*

There are some translations that insert 'on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread'; *that can't be correct!*

Verse 12: "And on the first day of the unleaveneds, **when they were killing the Passover lambs**..."

As we covered last week:

- When were they to kill the Passover lamb? *On the 14th day of the month, after sunset, between sunset and dark (Exo.12).*
- Do we find any leaven anywhere on the Passover Day from the children of Israel while they were still in Egypt? *No!*

Mark 14:12: “And on the first day of the unleaveneds, when they **were killing**...”—*present tense action!*

In other words, the disciples came to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, where do you want us to eat the Passover?’ He hadn’t told them where they were going to go. And a key important thing: He didn’t want Judas knowing where they were going to keep it, because what would he had done? *They would have come and arrested Him right there.* So, He didn’t tell them. Now, all of this was pre-arranged by God, with the help of the angels to make it all come to pass.

Verse 12: “And on the first day of the unleaveneds, when they were killing the Passover lambs...”

This cannot be the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread! Why? Because beginning the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, where was Jesus? ***Already dead and in the tomb!*** So, this has to be the Passover Day, an unleavened bread day, ***which is separate from, but is joined side-by-side with the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread!*** *Two separate feasts, two different starting days!* Passover: one day.

Why is it important that the Passover Day be an unleavened bread day in relationship to the sacrifice of Christ?

Remember what John (the Baptist) said when he saw Jesus walking? *He said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world’* (John 1:29).

Now I want you to think on that. Don’t you think that the Passover Day, *which Christ was sacrificed on to take away the sin of the world*, that that is proper, ***that it be a separate single day for the Passover*** and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to take away the sin of the world.

Not just to forgive the sin of the disciples, but in God’s Plan, this day was the central day of everything in God’s Plan. Because without the sacrifice of Christ as the Passover Lamb to take away the sin of the world, His Plan would not be able to come to pass! Therefore, it is important to understand this. *The Passover Day is a single day of unleavened bread!*

- ***not to be included with the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread***
- ***not to be added and say, now we have eight days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread***

Technically, in counting, that would be correct, but we are not to count it to make it ***in addition to! It is separate from, not part of!***

Because we need the sacrifice of Christ first so that we can come to God and have our sins forgiven. Then we are to walk in newness of life. Pictured by the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Now then, you cannot keep the Passover Day properly by having leaven on that day. You cannot go to God and have your sins forgiven on the Passover night through the Passover ceremony—eat the unleavened bread, and drink the wine which symbolizes the blood of Jesus Christ—then in the morning, you have your toast and your eggs. Or what we used to do was go get our Big Mac at McDonald’s.

So when that member came up to me and asked me the question, why do we eat leavened bread on the day portion of the Passover after we have had the Passover the night before for the forgiveness of sin? *We shouldn’t!*

It’s like this. After you go to God and ask Him to forgive your sins, you get up from there and you say, I have this one sin that I want to do. ***What good is your repentance?***

Paul tells them about the sins that they were glorifying in:

1-Corinthians 5:6: “Your glorying *is* not good. Don’t you know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” *Think about that!*

Unleavenedness for the Passover is required because it’s the whole sacrifice of Christ for the sins of the world according to God’s Plan. Eventually, that will include those in the second resurrection, as well.

Verse 7: “Therefore, purge out the old leaven, so that you may become a new lump...”

That’s what we were to do for the days of Unleavened Bread, but that is *after* the Passover.

“...*even* as you are unleavened...” (v 7).

So, here’s the point:

- ***What good does it do to unleaven your houses if you still live in sin?***
- ***What good does it do for people to look to Christ for the forgiveness of their sins pictured by the Passover, then turn around and sin again?***

Let’s see what Paul wrote:

“...For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us” (v 7)—*one day!*

Mark 14:12 is ***an unleavened day; that can’t be the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because***

they were killing the Passover lambs. This is the day before. It adjoins the Feast of Unleavened Bread, but this single day for the Passover is not counted with the seven. So you don't have eight days of unleavened bread as a single Feast. You have one Feast of one day unleavened bread, picturing the sacrifice of Christ for the sin of the whole world, and **THEN** you have seven days of the Feast of Unleavened **Bread showing how we grow in grace and knowledge and continuously put sin out of our lives!**

Verse 8: "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**"—**the Bread of the Passover!**

I hope this helps clarify a long-standing misunderstanding that has circulated through the Churches of God for years.

Why is Jesus Christ The Only Sacrifice for the Sin of the World?

- What is the sin of the world? *That goes all the way back to Adam and Eve!*
- What is the sin of the world?

They went by their own reasoning, Satan entered in and they followed Satan!

Satan offered them a different path to eternal life, which was easy, which was broad. Sound a little bit like today?

I was watching TBN and Daystar here recently again. They have the name of Jesus, they talk about sin, **but they never tell you to keep the commandments of God!**

Remember what Jesus said, that in the last days there shall come a multitude of false prophets and deceive many, ***but coming in the name of Jesus!***

So, I watched what they would do, and everyone ends up with the same thing, the same simple solution which is broad and easy. What did Jesus say about the way that is broad and easy? **He says enter in at the narrow gate, for straight is the way and difficult is the way that leads to Life, but broad is the way that leads to destruction!**

False prophets appear in sheep's clothing. They sound so good. They are sincere. I still can't understand why they wear all these torn Levi's, I just don't understand that. Oh, we're poor, but worth 40-50 million dollars!

Now then, let's understand some things. Satan has his substitute, what should we say, communion? Or Eucharist? Eucharist means *thanks*. They have, as Paul wrote in 2-Cor. 11:

- false apostles
- a false Jesus
- a false Passover
- a false communion

Let's start with the Seventh-Day Adventist. The Seventh-Day Adventist of the 1800s broke away from the Church of God, and they may very well be the Laodiceans of today, because I can't find a single Church of God that is really 'rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing.' But if you look at the Seventh-Day Adventist, they have 12 million members, they have 15 billion dollars worth of assets, and they're satisfied with the Sabbath that they have. But they've got this little old lady called Ellen G. White that they follow.

Laodiceans are they're blind, they're naked, meaning they don't have the covering of Christ. But still, they are Church of God. They tell God, 'We've got everything we need, we don't need anymore.' What did Jesus say?

You're poor and blind and naked, and no not that you are! So, I counsel of you to buy of Me gold tried in fire, so that you may be rich. ***I stand at the door and knock!***

Hello! What does this tell you? There are a lot of them that are not converted. So, He says, 'Open the door, become converted, and I will come into you and sup with you and you with Me.'

See if you can find us in the Bible. And if you believe it, ***then you're poor and blind and naked spiritually! The Seventh-day Adventists take their Lord's Supper***—when I was growing up, I never could figure out how they could have a supper early in the morning—***the first Sabbath of every quarter! That is not Scriptural!***

If you're content in doing it, though you keep the Sabbath, ***you're lukewarm and blind and you have need of nothing and you're naked!***

- Why? *First of all, let's see what it says here concerning the Lord's Supper!*
- Is it to be called the Lord's Supper?
- Why did Jesus have a supper on His last Passover?
 1. He had to finish off the Old Testament Passover
 2. after that, He had the wine and the bread-- New Covenant, as we will see

Let's see what the Bible says about the 'Lord's Supper.' There are still some people today who believe that they ought to have a lamb and eat of that and then go take of the Passover. **No, you don't need to!**

My suggestion is, since we take the Passover after sundown, that you eat a little early so you don't incur on the Passover Day with what you're eating with a meal and confuse that that ought to be part of it.

I had a man write me and say, well, can you tell me how many people are around this area so they can come and have a Passover lamb with me before we take of the Passover? *Here's your answer:*

1-Corinthians 11:18: "For first of all, I hear that there are divisions among you when you are assembled together in the Church, and I partly believe *it*. For it is necessary that heresies be among you..." (vs 18-19).

- Isn't that interesting? *We're confronted with difficulties and heresies all the time!*
- Why? *To test us!*
- Do we really believe the Truth?
- What did Paul say in Col. 2? *Don't be spoiled with the philosophies of men!*

Stay steadfast with Christ!

Philosophy comes in several categories:

1. wisdom from men
2. pagan religious practices

They have heresies come!

- How many times do we go over the problems of Sabbath and Sunday?
- Passover and Lord's Supper?
- Pentecost and whatever

It's necessary!

"...so that the ones who are approved may become manifest among you" (v 19).

What does that mean? *The ones who stick to the Truth are the ones whom God is going to use!*

- Is it in their Bible? *Yes!*
- Is it in the Catholic Bible? *Yes!*
- Is it in all the Protestant Bibles? *Yes!*

But they all say it's to eat the Lord's Supper!

Verse 20: "Therefore, when you assemble together in one place, **it is not to eat** the Lord's Supper.

- What is the day called, the Lord's Supper Day? **NO! It's called the Passover Day!**

- What does it say in Exo. 12? **It is the Lord's Passover!**

When Satan comes, as we have seen that's why we have the book: *The Christian Passover: The 14th or 15th*, and included is the was written by Lester Grabbe and Robert L. Kuhn, ***who were the enemies coming into the Church, just like it says here, to destroy the Passover.***

- Did they do it?
- What happened to Worldwide Church of God?

After the #2 in command, before he was kicked out, called the Passover 'the Lord's Supper'! Where is Worldwide Church of God today?

Like I said years ago, **IF there's no repentance, it will become a footnote in history!** That's exactly what it is today. **It is gone!**

- three colleges
- the whole church structure

Many of us have come out of that! Let's remember the lesson, because what does it say there in Rev. 3 concerning the Laodiceans or any who reject God? ***I will spew you out of my mouth!*** Did that happen? *Yes, indeed!*

It is NOT to eat the Lord's Supper! It means exactly what it says.

Verse 21: "For in eating, everyone takes his own supper first; now on the one hand, someone goes hungry; but on the other hand, another becomes drunken."

What were they doing with this? ***They were combining things with the former pagan practices that they had!***

Remember, Corinth was right close to Athens, the very center of religion and philosophy in that area.

Verse 22: "WHAT! Don't you have houses for eating and drinking?..." *In other words, you eat and drink before you come!*

"...Or do you despise the Church of God, and put to shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? **I do not praise you!** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus **in the night...**" (vs 22-23). *Not in the morning, not the first Sabbath of every month, **but in the night!***

- What night was that? *Passover night! **You can't change that!***

"...**in the night in which He was betrayed...**" (v 23)—*when was He arrested; shortly after midnight!*

After they all left from partaking of the Passover, finishing off the Old Testament, and doing the bread and wine.

Verse 24: “And after giving thanks, He broke *it* and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body, which *is* being broken for you....’” *Now that’s interesting because that’s present tense passive.*

In other words, the breaking of that bread by Jesus in symbolizing His broken body is present tense applied to all.

“...**This do in the remembrance of Me.**’ In like manner, *He* also *took* the cup after He had supped, saying, ‘This is *the* cup of **the New Covenant in My blood.**....’” (vs 24-25).

Now we will see the New Covenant is such that we don’t go out in sin.

“...This do, **as often as** you drink *it*, **in the remembrance of Me**” (v 25).

Now everyone looks at that phrase *for as often as you drink it or as often as you eat it!* They don’t tell you something—and I never knew this until I was learning the Greek—there’s a small little Greek word, ‘a-n’ pronounced *on*. Wherever there are conditions, you find that little word *untranslatable!* There are over 200 of them in the New Testament. This means *there are conditions to the statement that I’m giving!*

- What was it that he said?
- What is the first condition?
- Anytime you want? *NO!*

First condition is ***‘in the night that He was betrayed; that’s the Passover night!***

The Passover comes on the 14th day of the 1st month according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar.

The Jews in rejecting Jesus have accepted a 15th Passover, because they can’t keep the Passover outside the boundaries of Israel.

They got in the habit of keeping a 15th Passover, which then in essence ***rejected Christ!*** They don’t understand that. So here it is. ***It is conditional!***

“...**as often as** you drink *it*...”

Verse 25: “In like manner, *He* also *took* the cup after He had supped, saying, ‘This is *the* cup of **the New Covenant in My blood.** This do, **as often as** you drink *it*, **in the remembrance of Me.**’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you solemnly proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes**” (vs 25-26).

- What is the condition? ***Once a year on the Passover night from that time forward until Christ returns!***
- What do you remember? *You remember His death! You remember everything that He went through!*

That’s why we have the book: *A Harmony of the Gospels*. Takes it step-by-step, every verse, everything, everything on that night. We’ll be covering that. But I want you to understand what this means.

Now ***IF*** that little two letter word ‘an/on’ was not there, ***THEN*** ‘*as often*’ *as* might apply. But when you have that condition, ***this tells you there are conditions to this statement!*** And Paul said ‘in the night.’

Verse 27: “For this reason, *if* anyone shall eat this bread or shall drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, he shall be guilty of the body and *the* blood of the Lord.”

Which means: ***IF you take it on any other day, if you take it in any other way, THEN you’re not doing it correctly!***

Most people don’t understand this: but in the pagan religions they had wine and bread, as well. Now that was what happened when Onias III—the renegade high priest of the Jews during the Maccabees—was exiled out of the Holy Land. He went to Egypt and he set up shop in an abandoned pagan temple.

He offered incense, bread, and wine! He knew he couldn’t offer sacrifices.

- What is it that the Catholics do today?
- What is it that the pope does, and they show it on television all the time?
- Or even a priest in the local area?
- they have incense
- they bless the cup
- they give you a wafer

What is the most blasphemous thing that the Catholics proclaim is? *They say it is the literal flesh and literal blood of Christ!*

Can’t be! I had one Catholic tell me one time he could never understand that, because every time he took it, it tasted like bread and it tasted like wine.

Why can that not be? *When Christ was resurrected He was composed of spirit!*

Spirit can appear as flesh and bone, but not flesh and blood. Why? ***Because a spirit being does***

not need blood! Furthermore, Christ has no more physical blood or physical flesh. ***So that is the most blasphemous thing that the Catholics can do!***

They're all like blind sheep going up, opening up their mouth, put that little piece of bread on the tongue. They're so righteous in all of this.

1 Cor. 10—Paul summarizes all the sins of the children of Israel.

1-Corinthians 10:14: “Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry.**”

Where do they offer the bread and wine in the Catholic cathedral? Idols everywhere! You're not running away from them, you're coming to them and literally partaking of them. ***Flee idolatry!***

Verse 15: “I speak as to those who are wise; you judge what I say.... [now, listen very carefully] ...The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not *the* fellowship of the blood of Christ?... [true] ...The bread that we break, is it not *the* fellowship of the Body of Christ?... [true] ...For we, being many, are one body *and* one bread, because we are all partakers of the bread. Consider Israel according to *the* flesh. Are not those who eat the sacrifices partakers of the altar?” (vs 15-18). *Yes they were!*

Verse 19: “What then am I saying? That an idol is anything, or that which is sacrificed to an idol is anything?”

Physically speaking, it's just nothing! Now, there may be a demon behind it, but it's not a god. It's just carved by the hand of man. ‘Oh, but it's beautiful because it's overlaid with gold.’ *Nonsense!* That doesn't make anything Holy at all. *The only thing that makes anything Holy is the Spirit of God!*

The only thing that is going to help you overcome and change is the Spirit of God and living God's way and keeping His commandments. That's why he says ***flee idolatry!***

Now I'd like you to see if you can find this on American History Channel about Hierapolis. Now, Hierapolis is mentioned in Col. 2.

They had a Church of God there, that was also a great pagan temple with ritual and sacrifice of animals. It also had hot springs, and out of the hot springs came carbon dioxide. So, the hot water comes up and the priest would be out there, because they built an altar over where the hot water was coming up. They would fool everyone, because if you breathe the carbon dioxide coming up from the fumes below, you die!

Well, carbon dioxide cannot rise. So it's possible to stand in the water as the priest would and not breathe the carbon dioxide. Then offer the cattle

that put its head down, breathe the carbon dioxide and die! Everybody was mystified. ‘Oh, look at the priest. Look at he's still alive.’

An amazing thing! They had sacrifices and they had communions.

Verse 20: “But that which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to demons...**”

That's exactly what happens in every Catholic Church. That's exactly what the pope is doing. Do you know why he goes around, mumble, jumble, all of these things, and with the incense? Because he's got to please Satan before he continues on what he's doing.

“...they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not wish you to have fellowship with demons” (v 20).

Verse 21 tells you cannot change the Passover, you cannot change the way that it should be done, and you cannot follow any of the ways of what we call Christianity today:

- with their Lord's Supper or the Eucharist
- or***
- the Jews with their 15th Passover

Verse 21: “You cannot drink *the* cup of *the* Lord, and *the* cup of demons. You cannot partake of *the* table of *the* Lord, and *the* table of demons. Now do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?” (vs 21-22).

Really? *Doesn't that tell you the story of the Laodiceans!* ‘Oh Lord, we're rich in increase with goods and we have need of nothing.’ *But you're changing everything!*

Why is Jesus Christ the only sacrifice that can be accepted? *Nothing else can be accepted!* Remember what Byron brought out about the kings. Even though they did what was right, the people were out there sacrificing to all the idols. They were partaking of the cup of demons and the bread of demons.

On the Passover night, here's what Jesus told them, After He said, ‘I'm going to go prepare a place for you,’ and they didn't know where He was going. They didn't understand what He was saying.

John 14:5: “Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going; how then can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him...” (vs 5-6).

Very dogmatic, very clear, very straight! No confusion! What gives Him the authority to say this?

- versus the authority of the pope
- versus the authority of a minister

- versus the authority of a rabbi
- versus the authority of even a minister in the Church of God who partakes of the Passover incorrectly

Verse 6: Jesus said to him, ‘**I am the Way**... [no other way] ...**and the Truth**...’—*no other Biblical Truth!*

A lot of people have things which are factual, but they are not Biblical Truths. That’s the thing we need to understand.

“...**and the Life**... [you have no life in you] ...**no one**...”(v 6):

- doesn’t matter who you are
- doesn’t matter how rich you are
- doesn’t matter how smart you are

“...**no one comes to the Father except through Me**” (v 6). *Now that’s clear!*

So all of these fake religions out there that claim to be Christian *are not, because they don’t believe Jesus, and they don’t keep the commandments of God!*

Let’s come to Rev. 12. Here comes a time of trouble against the Church, and there are a few who are taken to a place of safety. There will come a time when there will be some taken to a place of safety, physically, ***on the earth!*** It’s not a rapture to heaven!

Why is that going to take place? Because Jesus said that he’s going to build His Church (Matt. 16); *the gates of the grave will never prevail against it!*

So a few physical people are going to be taken to a place of protection. ***Only the angels are going to take them there*** (Luke 17).

Revelation 12:14: “And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly to her place in the wilderness, where she is nourished ***for a time, and times, and half a time***, from the face of the serpent.” *That’s three and a half years!*

Verse 16: “But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed up the river that the dragon had cast out of his mouth. Then the dragon was furious with the woman...” (vs 16-17)

Notice, here are other physical Christians who didn’t get to a place of safety. *God is the only One Who’s going to make that decision!* But notice what it says of them, and this is what is important when you start looking at all this fake Christianity wherever it is, and what they say and what they do.

Here are the last physical Christians, let’s see what they do:

“...and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (v 17).

Now what is the great testimony of Jesus Christ? *Take, eat, this is My body, which is broken for you; and of the blood, drink this, this is the New Covenant!*

Revelation 14:12: “Here is *the* patience of the saints; here *are* the ones **who keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**”

Now that’s a very interesting statement, isn’t it? Connected together, why? ***Because it takes faith from God through His Spirit to keep the Commandments of God the way God wants them kept!***

Is that not simple enough? *Yes indeed, there it is right there!*

Now let’s come back here to John 6. Let’s see what this obligates us to do in taking the Passover.

John 6:50: “This is the Bread, which comes down from heaven...”

The Jews said, ‘Oh, give us this bread continually.’ They didn’t know anything about what He was talking about, so he said:

Verse 55: “For My flesh is truly food, and My blood is truly drink.”

Now that was a prophecy of the coming Passover.

John 6:46: “No one has seen the Father except He Who is from God; He has seen the Father. Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me has eternal life” (vs 46-47).

Now, believe is not just an emotional thing. There’s emotion involved in it, but there’s Spirit involved in it. It takes your spirit and God’s Spirit and your decision and God’s decision combined. That’s called ***repentance and conversion***. That’s working all the time.

Verse 48: “**I AM the Bread of Life.**”

They wanted to have this bread always because he fed the 5,000 and they had look at all they had left over. I mean, think of it today in our society where they depend on the government for everything. If you had someone who could produce bread and continually make it, you don’t have to work. All you have to do is sit down on the grass

and eat it and drink it. Hey, you would have lines that would never end!

Verse 49: “Your fathers ate manna in the desert, but **they died**. This is the Bread, which comes down from heaven so that anyone may eat of it and not die” (vs 49-50). *Now, that shows the end result—Eternal life!*

Verse 51: “I AM the living Bread, which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this Bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is even My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

That’s why the Passover Day is an unleavened bread day, because that sacrifice was given on that Passover day!

I mean, everything about it. You follow that all the way through from sunset at the beginning of the day to sunset at the end of the day. He started out, let’s go keep the Passover, and ended up dead in the grave. All according to prophecy.

You get *A Harmony of the Gospel*—and I also have it in *The Christian Passover book*, and also *The Day That Jesus the Christ Died—28 Prophecies Fulfilled in One Day*. That’s why it’s an unleavened bread day.

Verse 51: “And the bread that I will give is even My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Verse 52: “Because of this, the Jews were arguing with one another, saying, ‘How is He able to give us *His* flesh to eat?’” *That’s why the bread is symbolic!*

Verse 53: “Therefore, Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves.’”

That’s why, through the Word of God, that we literally feed our minds with, we grow in grace and knowledge.

Verse 54: “The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in **the last day**.”

The last day, that’s interesting, isn’t it? For the first resurrection, what is the last day? As we will see, *it’s on Pentecost!* What is the last day? The fiftieth day! Doesn’t that end the count of Pentecost?

Now, what about the Last Great Day at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles? *That’s another whole fulfillment of it!* But it all comes back to this,

whether it is in the first resurrection or the second resurrection.

Verse 55: “For My flesh is truly food, and My blood is truly drink. The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood is dwelling in Me, and I in him. As the living Father has sent Me...” (vs 55-57).

Here’s the key: When we come to the Passover to eat of that bread, drink of that wine, wash one another’s feet, and we’re there praying, and we’re thinking about the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and we are there with the brethren, and we’ve washed one another’s feet, this is the end result of it. And we will see it is the New Covenant.

Verse 57: “As the living Father has sent Me and I live by the Father; so also the one who eats Me shall live by Me. This is the Bread, which came down from heaven; not as your fathers ate manna, and died. The one who eats this bread shall live forever.” (vs 57-58).

- that’s why the Word of God is Life
- that’s why the Word of God is True
- that’s why He’s given it to us
- that’s why Jesus said, ‘I’m **the Way, the Truth, and the Life**’

Next week we will find out why that is so, and nothing can change that or replace it or modify it!

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