

Exodus Session 6 – The first Passover

Reading and summarising

To help you have a clear idea of how this took place, read through chapters 11 and 12 of Exodus and summarise very briefly (a few words) what is described in:

Chapter 11 v 1-3

Chapter 11 v 4-8

Chapter 11 v 9-10

Chapter 12 v 1-13

Chapter 12 v 14-20

Chapter 12 v 21-28

Chapter 12 v 29-32

Chapter 12 v 33-42

Chapter 12 v 43-51

Questions for discussion

Why do you think God gave instructions for the special meal, rather than just simply dealing with the Egyptians?

Why do you think that it was only the first-born who would be afflicted?

Why should the lamb be 'perfect, without blemish'?

In this account, God kills the 'firstborn of Egypt' – how do you react to that?

How do verses 43-49 match your idea of a loving, compassionate God?

When celebrating the Passover Feast, what is the significance of the following?

- The perfect lamb
- The bitter herbs
- The unleavened bread

(Other features have since been added to the Jewish Passover celebration.)

What rituals do Christians celebrate?

What purpose do they serve?

How can rituals be counter-productive to our faith?