

Let's Exodus with Jesus
Exodus 12-31

Heritage is reading through the Bible and I am preaching one text from the previous week.

First: Passover Us. 12:1-13

Because the passion of Christ took place the week of Passover (Matt. 26:1–2), the early church quickly understood that Jesus fulfilled the symbolism in the Passover meal as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). The marking of blood on the doorposts (Ex. 12:7–13) has a clear tie to the shedding of Jesus’ blood on the cross (Rev. 1:1–8), and it is therefore no surprise to see the Lord’s disciples link His death to the Passover throughout their writings.

1 Corinthians 5:7 – ...*Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed...*

- a) The Passover is a new beginning for Israel. 1-2
- b) It’s possible for the household to be too small for the lamb but impossible for the lamb to be too small for your household. 3-4

Acts 16:31 – Paul said to the Philippian jailor, “*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.*”

- c) The lamb was taken on the 10th day and slain on the 14th day meaning it was watched for 3 days

Luke 24:1-7 - *On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” 8 Then they remembered his words.*

At the beginning of his ministry, Satan posed this question, “If you are the Son of God...” In his burial, all creation watched for 3 days to see whether or not it was so.

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

d) The applied blood saved the firstborn (of anyone) 7 & 12-13

Second: Singing the Song of Moses. Exodus 14:10-14, 30-31 & 15:1-3

Leaving Egypt and being, reborn, is akin to our salvation which is by blood and power.

- a) The blood is the death of Jesus
- b) The power is the resurrection of Jesus

God hems in Israel on the sides and in the back so that only he can deliver them. But, before he does, Israel famously complains against Moses and God. God delivers them and then Israel happily sings Moses's and God's praise.

It's the right song but it's the wrong side.

Isaiah 61:1 & 3 - *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me...3 - to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;*

(NOTE: Let's not be Catholic during Lent. The gospel is not a reduction but addition...)

John 10:10 - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

It is not about Jesus's sacrifice and not my self-sacrifice

John 10:11 - *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

Even when we fast, Scripture guards us against self-righteous sacrifice

Matthew 6:16-17 - *And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

We all want to do something to make us feel more spiritual, closer to God, but Jesus is enough, and what he did on the cross is enough. We are warned against trying to use material/physical things to feel more spiritual – Colossians 2:8-23. These things make Jesus look inadequate).

Third: God is our Provider: Rest in Him. 16:1-5, 13-21, 22-30

- a) In the wilderness, God miraculously provides bread (*manna* = “*what is it?*” in the morning and meat in the evening
- b) The bread is sufficient for each day

Matthew 6:11 – *Give us this day our daily bread*

- c) Kept bread spoils. “Manna kept is manna worms.”
- d) Israel is to gather twice as much on the 6th day so they can rest on the 7th day
- e) But some Israelites fail to believe God, to rest in him, and go looking for bread on the 7th day

The point from Eden on, is to trust, to rest in God. God delivered them from Pharaoh and he will deliver for them in the wilderness

Ephesians 2:8 - *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Titus 3:5 - *he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...*

What’s the point of Israel’s 7 feasts: Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles? To remember and be thankful.

Fourth: Jesus is our Water of Life. 17:1-7

They’ve got bread in the morning and meat in the evenings. What else do they need? Water.

John 7:37-38 - *On the last day of the feast, [the feat of booths/Tabernacles] the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as [] the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”*

Note: The feast is the feast of booths/Tabernacles which celebrates Israel’s wilderness wandering.

Fifth: God fights our Battles. 17:8-13

Deuteronomy 8:1-10 - *The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.*

Sixth: Life in God's Family. 18:13-23

Moses's father-in-law, Jethro's instructions encourage him to divide the burden of responsibility among other men. We get a glimpse of elders here.

Seventh: The Point of it All 19:4

'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

- The Bible begins with the relationship of the Trinity. - *"In the beginning Elohim (plural) created the heavens and the earth."* (Gen 1:1).
- We were created to have part in that relationship - *"Let us make man in our image..."* (Gen 1:26).
- We are invited into relationship with the Trinity through Jesus – *"Abide in me, and I in you"* (John 15:5).
- Our relationships with one another reflect that Trinitarian unity of love –

Our deepest calling, our truest calling, our vocation, is to reflect that love. We do this in our church, our marriages, our parenting.

Eighth: The Holiness of God and Our Representative 19:12-13 & 23

Twice, God states that Israel is not to touch the mountain. We see this '2nd law (Deuteronomy) repeated because we easily forget or are tempted to reinterpret what we heard.

(Perhaps there should be a record of God twice telling A&E about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Would that have helped?)

As we live the Christian life, we must continually recognize that God is holy unique, different and separate from us. He is not like us and we are not like him. He is the Creator. We are creation. We are sinners. He is a Savior.

We do not approach him on our terms. He designs redemption and we must conform our ideas to it.

Ninth: The Ten Commandments 20:1-17 (21-24)

We are not saved by the law, but the law is how we demonstrate salvation.

We are saved by faith alone but faith that saves is not alone.

- a) They begin with God's redemption
- b) They are a reflection of God's character
- c) Four relate to God
- d) Six relate to others

It's like taking a road trip and establishing ground rules for joy. "This is how we live." They may be posted in the negative because these were the morals of the 7 nations. These rules make Israel distinct and a witness to those nations.

Tenth: Meeting with God. 25-31

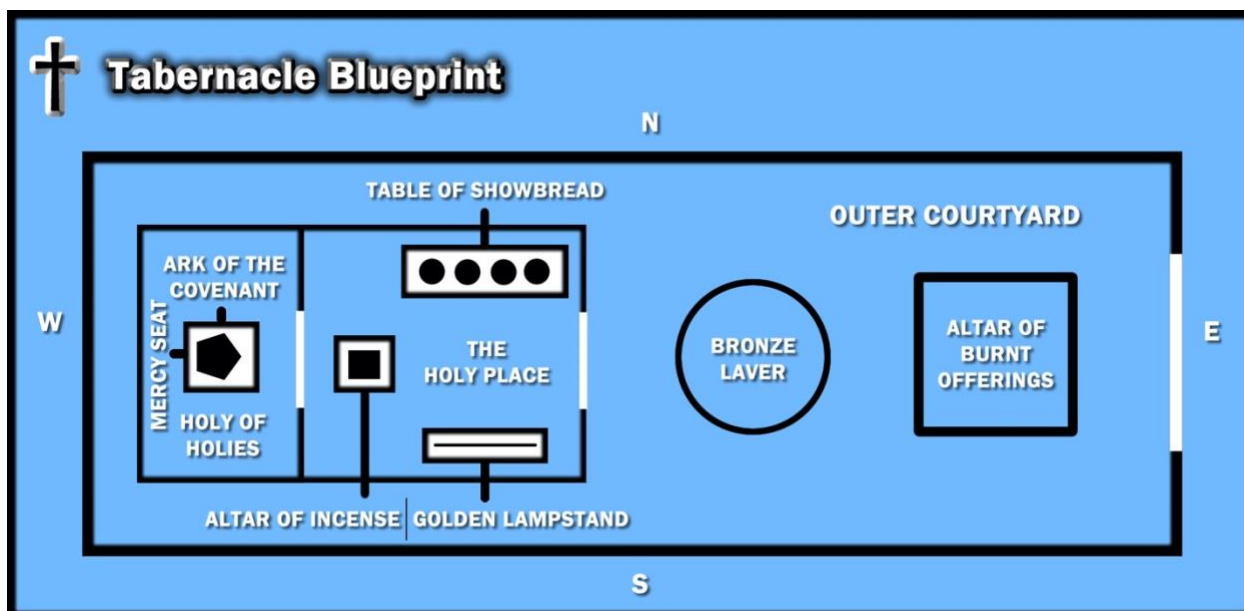
Sinai was an immovable mountain. The Tabernacle is where God met with the people as they travelled.

It is the most perfect inanimate type of Christ in the OT.

- a) It is surrounded by white, linen fence – Christ's righteousness
- b) The posts that held up the wall were set in silver basins – Christ's redemption
- c) Four posts held up three entrances – Four gospels present Jesus as the way, the truth and the life
- d) It had 7 pieces of furniture
 - 1 – The brazen altar is Christ judged
 - 2 – The brazen laver is Christ's forgiveness
 - 3 – The candlestick is Christ's intercession
 - 4 – The table of shewbread is Christ's sustenance
 - 5 – The table of incense is Christ's intercession
 - 6 – The mercy seat is Christ's sacrifice
 - 7 – Inside the ark of the covenant was
 - Aaron's rod that budded – Jesus is the resurrection
 - Manna – Jesus is the bread of life
 - Tables of Law – Jesus is the law-keeper

All the furniture is in the shape of a cross. It all points to Jesus.

SLIDE – Tabernacle Blueprint



Conclusion:

Luke 9:28-36 - *Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

Why Moses and Elijah? Moses died and Elijah never did. There is no such thing as death for a Christian. Why not? Because *“He is not God of the dead, but of the living”* (Mark 12:27).

That’s important for Jesus to know. And that’s important for the disciples to know. Why? Because Jesus is talking with Moses (dead) and Elijah (alive) about his own death. And they are assuring him, that no one in God, dies.

departure = exodus = final fate

What were they talking about? Jesus’s death.

Matthew 17:4-8 - *And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

Are you ready? Are you sure? What do we learn from the book of Exodus? Here it is: All of the exodus in the book of Exodus points to Jesus. Why? Because Jesus is our exodus! He's our way to God. He's our way out. Let's exodus with Jesus!

Community Groups:

- 1 – What are you enjoying most about reading through the Bible?
- 2 – What is most difficult about reading through the Bible?
- 3 – What advice would you give someone contemplating reading through the Bible?
- 4 – What text have you most enjoyed? Why?
- 5 – What is your most influential take-away thus far/
- 6 – How is Jesus represented in the Passover?
- 7 – What is meant by “we need to sing the right song on the right side?”
- 8 – Why is that so difficult and how can you cultivate a spirit that enables you to sing when under duress?
- 9 – How does God rescue Israel from Egypt by blood and power?
- 10 – What is manna?
- 11 – Why was Israel not supposed to gather manna on the 7th day? How does this teach Israel to live in the Promised Land?
- 12 – How does water out of the rock prefigure Jesus?
- 13 – Why wasn't Moses supposed to strike the rock on the 2nd occasion?
- 14 – How does God “giving” Israel the Promised Land point to our salvation?
- 15 – What does God's prohibition against touching Sinai point to God's holiness?
- 16 – And how does Moses being able to touch and go up the mountain point to Jesus?
- 17 – For what reasons did God give the Ten Commandments?
- 18 – How does the Tabernacle point to Jesus?