

“A Memorial to Jesus Christ our Passover”
1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Exodus 12:14-20

I. We observe the Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper to remember (v. 14a).

Observing the Lord’s Supper should remind us that Christ has freed us from bondage and slavery to sin.

(Exodus 11:4-6; 12:23, 24-27, 42; Luke 22:14-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

II. We observe the Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper to celebrate (v. 14b).

Observing the Lord’s Supper should be a big occasion.

(Exodus 23:14, 17; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34)

III. We observe the Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper by making preparations (vs. 15-20).

Observing the Lord’s Supper should cause us to prepare beforehand.

(Exodus 12:43-45, 47-49)

IV. We observe the Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner.

Observing the Lord’s Supper should lead us to worship.

Scripture References and Notes

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*? ⁷Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Exodus 12:24-27

²⁴ And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever. ²⁵ When you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What does this rite mean to you?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is a Passover sacrifice to the LORD who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.’” And the people bowed low and worshiped.

Exodus 12:42

It is a night to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, to be observed by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

Exodus 12:23

For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite *you*.

Exodus 11:4-6

⁴ Moses said, “Thus says the LORD, ‘About midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt, ⁵ and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the firstborn of the cattle as well. ⁶ Moreover, there shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been *before* and such as shall never be again.

Luke 22:14-19

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ And when He had taken *some bread and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in **remembrance** of Me.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in **remembrance** of Me.” ²⁵ In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in **remembrance of Me.**” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

חָגַג (chagag)

- *betake oneself to or towards an object of reverence; make a pilgrimage*
- to make a pilgrimage, keep a pilgrim feast

Exodus 23:14, 17

¹⁴ Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.

¹⁷ Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Exodus 12:43-45, 47-49

⁴³ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner is to eat of it; ⁴⁴ but every man’s slave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it. ⁴⁵ A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel are to celebrate this. ⁴⁸ But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. ⁴⁹ The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you.”

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world. ³³ So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.

Lord, we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

– Matt Maher, Remembrance