"Christ Is Our Passover—Part 6"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a sevenpart series that will conclude shortly before we commemorate the suffering and death of our Savior.

The overall title of the presentation was "Christ Is Our Passover—Part 6." Each presentation will have a subtitle. The particular subtitle of that presentation was "The Suffering of the Passover Lamb."

Keynote scripture

The keynote scripture for each presentation in the series will be 1 Corinthians 5:7.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:7—"For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."

Symbol of broken bread

- Matthew 26:26—The Son of God took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples—saying, "Take, eat; this is My body."
- Mark 14:22—As they were eating, the Son of God took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples—saying, "Take eat; this is My body."
- Luke 22:19—The Son of God took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to the disciples—saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-24—The Son of God took bread, had given thanks, broke it—saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Son of God foretold His suffering

■ Matthew 16:21—From that time, the Son of God began to show His disciples what was going to occur.

Go to Jerusalem.

Suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes.

Be killed.

Be raised on the third day.

John 11

- John 11:45—Some of the Jews (who had come to see Mary) had seen what He did and believed in Him.
- John 11:46—Some of the people went away to the Pharisees and told them the things the Son of God had done.
- John 11:47-48—The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said: "If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."
- John 11:49-50—Caiaphas (a high priest that year) said: "It is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."
- John 11:53—From that day forward, they plotted to kill Him.
- John 11:54—The Son of God did not walk openly, but went to the wilderness.
- John 11:55—"The Passover of the Jews" was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.
- John 11:56—People stood in the temple asking: Do you think He will come to the feast?
- John 11:57—The chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command—to report it if they saw the Son of God (so that they could seize Him).

Matthew 26

- Matthew 26:2—The Son of God said: "You know that after two days is the Passover."
- Matthew 26:3-4—The chief priests, scribes and elders assembled and plotted to kill the Son of God.
- Matthew 26:5—They said: "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."
- Matthew 26:37-46—The Son of God prayed in Gethsemane.
- Matthew 26:47-56—The soldiers took Him, and the disciples forsook Him.
- Matthew 26:59-63—The chief priests, elders and council sought false testimony against Him.
- Matthew 26:64-66—When He told them that they would see Him sitting at the right hand of the Power, they accused Him of blasphemy.
- Matthew 26:67-68—They spit in His face, beat Him, slapped Him and mocked Him.

Matthew 27

- Matthew 27:1-2—The chief priests and elders delivered Him to Governor Pontius Pilate.
- Matthew 27:14—The governor marveled at His silence.
- Matthew 27:15-25—Pilate wanted to release the Son of God, but the people chose Barabbas to be released.
- Matthew 27:26—After Pilate released Barabbas to the people, he scourged the Son of God and delivered Him to be crucified.
- Matthew 27:27-28—The soldiers stripped Him and put on a scarlet robe.
- Matthew 27:29—After they put a crown of thorns on His head and a reed in His right hand, they bowed the knee to Him to mock Him.
- Matthew 27:30-31—They spit on Him and hit Him on the head.
- Matthew 27:39-40—Those who passed by Him taunted Him.
- Matthew 27:41-43—The chief priests and elders taunted Him.
- Matthew 27:44—Even the robbers (who were crucified with Him) reviled Him.

Scriptures to consider

Following are a few verses to encourage disciples of the Son of God to deal with and to grow through the suffering that occurs on this life's journey.

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-10
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Hebrews 5:7-8
- 1 Peter 2:19-24
- 1 Peter 3:14
- 1 Peter 4:12-16