SHADOWS OF THE SAVIOR

How Passover Points to Jesus

A Quick Reference Chart

PASSOVER IN EXODUS	HOW IT POINTS TO JESUS
A lamb without defect Each household was to choose an animal without defect. Exodus 12:3-5	Jesus is the sinless, spotless Lamb whose blood paid our ransom. 1 Peter 1:18-19
Blood on the doorway The Lord saw the blood and kept the destroyer from entering. Exodus 12:7, 13, 23	Christ, our Passover Lamb, was sacrificed for us. Through His blood we have forgiveness and are saved from God's wrath. 1 Corinthians 5:7 · Ephesians 1:7 · Romans 5:9
A promise received by faith Israel acted on God's word, marking their doors and eating ready to leave. Exodus 12:11-13 · Hebrews 11:28	God saves us by grace through faith. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Ephesians 2:8-9 · Romans 10:13
No bones broken Israel was instructed to leave the bones of the Passover sacrifice unbroken. Exodus 12:46	The soldiers found Jesus already dead and left His legs unbroken. John identifies this as fulfillment of Scripture. John 19:31-36
Freedom from slavery The Lord brought Israel out of Egypt. Exodus 12:31-42	Luke calls what Jesus would accomplish in Jerusalem His "departure," or exodos. Through His death, Jesus frees people from slavery to the fear of death. Luke 9:28-31 · Hebrews 2:14-15
A meal to remember Israel was to remember the rescue and tell the next generation what the Lord had done. Exodus 12:14, 26-27	At Passover, Jesus gave His disciples bread and a cup to remember Him and pointed ahead to God's kingdom. Luke 22:15-20 · 1 Corinthians 11:26

Historical Note | The Afternoon Jesus Died

Mark places Jesus' death around the ninth hour, roughly 3 p.m. The first-century Jewish historian Josephus describes Passover sacrifices at the Second Temple taking place from the ninth to the eleventh hour, roughly 3-5 p.m. Jesus died around the same time of day when Passover lambs were sacrificed.

Whether those sacrifices took place on the same afternoon Jesus died depends on how the Gospel timelines are read.

Mark 15:33-37 | Josephus, Jewish War 6.423 | Gospel timeline study