

Salvation Through A Substitute

Proclamation Life Groups; Exodus 11:1-12:42; Week of Sunday, December 5, 2021; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – God demonstrates that He is God by saving His people from death and enslavement by providing a substitute in the Passover Lamb, who points forward to the Lord Jesus, who delivers us from God's ultimate judgment and sin's tenacious enslavement.

I. Judgement on Egypt – Read Exodus 11:1-12:42

- A. According to Exodus 11:1-11, there is a judgment coming on the entire land of Egypt. Who rightly deserves God's judgment and what is the only way to be spared from it? What are some of the other things that God promises to His people in these verses?
- B. What are all the details listed about the Passover Lamb itself? What are the specific details given about how and when it should be eaten? Why are these details important?
- C. If the Israelites choose to obey God's instructions, what are the results? What are the consequences for the Egyptians? How much faith do you think it took to obey God?
- D. What are your thoughts about the description of judgment given in Exodus 12:29-42? How is this picture of judgment a helpful motivator to share the gospel with others?

II. Judgment on Christ – Read 1 Corinthians 5:7

- A. How does Paul's description in 1 Corinthians 5:7 help us to understand that the whole Bible is about Jesus? What connections do you immediately make when you think about Jesus as the one true Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins?
- B. In what ways did Jesus identify with His people? How are Philippians 2:5-8 and Hebrews 4:14-16 helpful when you think about Jesus being like us in all ways, yet without sin? Why is it critical that Jesus be like us in all ways, and yet be sinless?
- C. Read through Luke 22:14-23. Is there anything striking to you about the final Passover meal? Does Jesus faithfully follow all the instructions given in Exodus 12? What things seem to be a little different? How does He demonstrate Himself to be a willing sacrificial substitute?
- D. How are the consequences given to us in Exodus 12 for both the Egyptians and the Israelites helpful as you think about Jesus' offer to be your Passover Lamb? How do you think you're doing at responding to that offer? Are you encouraged or discouraged by your response?
- E. Read Romans John 8:34-36 and Romans 6:12-14. Believers are free from the power of sin. In what areas of your life is this truth evident? In what areas of your life does it appear that you don't have power over sin? Where would you like to grow the most?