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Short Study 023: The Passover Feast

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Read Exodus 12:1-13 & 43-47 (or the whole chapter if you have time).

Aspects of the Hebrew feasts foreshadowed, or prefigured, events in the life of our Lord. Nowhere is this more evident than in the feast of Passover (known as *Pesach* in Hebrew) which foreshadowed the death of Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. The purpose of this study will be to show the parallels between God's instructions for the Passover and the Crucifixion.

To compare the two, you will need to read the verses from Exodus 15 and Deuteronomy, listed in the first column, followed by the New Testament passages in the second column, then decide what it is that links the two. If you print this page you will be able to write the link in column 3. The first one has been done for you.

<i>The Passover (Exodus 12)</i>	<i>The Crucifixion</i>	<i>The Link</i>
Exodus 12:3	John 1:29	Selecting a lamb for sacrifice.
Exodus 12:5	Hebrews 4:15	
Exodus 12:3 (the set date)	Gal 4:4	
Exodus 12:6	John 19:18	
Exodus 12:6 & Deut 16:6 (time of day)	Matthew 27:45	
Exodus 12:8	John 6:51 & 1 Cor 11:24	
Exodus 12:43	1 Cor 5:7	
Exodus 12:46	John 19:33	
Deut 16:5-6a (see Psalm 135:21)	Luke 18:31-33	
Exodus 12:7	John 19:2,18 & 20:25	
Exodus 12:13	1 Cor 15:22	

To think about: In what ways does the Communion Service (otherwise known as The Lord's Supper, Eucharist or The Breaking of Bread) resemble the practice and meaning of the Feast of Passover?

To dig deeper: Read about the practice and meaning of animal sacrifices in the Old Testament, using a Bible Dictionary or Bible Encyclopaedia.

and/or Can you see any other parallels between the Passover Feast and our Lord's crucifixion?