The Means of Evacuation

The salvation of God's people came through the shedding of blood, pointing to the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Exodus 12:1-16



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(Exodus 12:1-16) ¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. ¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. ¹⁵ For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do.

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What events or holidays in your family's history are celebrated most faithfully? Why is that particular observance so special?
- When was the last time you told someone the story of how you came to know Christ?
- What has been the most dramatic difference your journey with Jesus has made in your life up until this point?

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read Exodus 12:1-11

- According to the instructions in these verses, what would have been the most significant part of the Passover for you? The most challenging?
- Read Hebrews 9:22-28. How do passages like this help you connect the Passover with the redemptive work of Jesus?

Have a volunteer read Exodus 12:12-13

- How do you think you would feel if you were in a house with blood on the posts, listening to the swell of horrific mourning all around you?
- It is tempting to think that idolatry was something that occurred millennia ago. What "false gods" do you see our culture worship as an avenue for providing worth, security, and happiness?

Exodus 12:1-16

Have a volunteer read Exodus 12:14-16

- What are the key moments in your journey with Christ, both pre-salvation and since, if you are a believer? How ready are you to share those stories with others? Why are those stories so important?
- What regular commemorations do you celebrate that lead you to tell stories (i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, etc.)? What are the key points to those stories that you always make sure to include?

COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD'S STORY

- Who do you need to share your story with so that they can know God like you do? How would you describe how God provided a way of escape for you?
- What about your worship experience would you like to be different this year as you commemorate what Christ did for you? What new traditions or modes of remembrance would you like to share with others?
- How does it impact you to know that, when you could not save yourself from your own enslavement, Christ came to die in your place? What does it mean to you to see that God has been preparing for the salvation of His people since even before Moses?

PRAYER: Pray that the Holy Spirit would enrich our understanding of what Christ offered for us. Ask Him to make the Word of God alive to us so that our appreciation leads us to authentic worship. Pray that our gratitude over being covered by His blood would lead us to tell others about it as well.

CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD'S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:	H.E.A.R. Method:
DAY 1 – Exodus 19-20	Highlight a verse or two.
DAY 2 – Exodus 24-25 DAY 3 – Exodus 26-27 DAY 4 – Exodus 28-29 DAY 5 – Exodus 30-31	Explain what the text means.
	Apply the verse to your life.
KEY VERSE: Exodus 20:2-3	Respond to God.

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