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CHOSEN TO SEE GOD'S PROVISION

While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: ² "From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you."³ Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. **Exodus 12:1-3**

What is Passover?

And when your children ask you, "What does this ceremony mean to you?" then tell them, "It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." **Exodus 12:26-27**

And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." **Luke 22:15-20**

Jesus is the FULFILLMENT of the Passover.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29**

- **The Lamb was PERFECT.**

The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. **Exodus 12:5**

(You were redeemed)...with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. **1 Peter 1:18-19**

- **The Lamb was SACRIFICED.**

Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. **Exodus 12:6**

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. **1 Corinthians 5:7**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5**

- **The Lamb was SHARED.**

If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor. **Exodus 12:4**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:19**

Our Opportunity

1. **PRAY.**

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **1 Corinthians 4:4**

2. **INVEST.**

We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

3. **INVITE.**

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:13-14