

One of my favorite things

- **Passover is.**
 - One of the 7 Jewish feasts commanded by God in the Old Testament.
 - Initially in Ex 12
 - **It's when Jesus died**
 - **Certain facts**
 - **And it is FILLED with symbolism which Jesus fulfilled.**
 - **A prophetic feast/religious festival.**
 - It commemorates
 - the worst of the 10 plagues on Egypt
 - God bringing the children of Abraham out of bondage
 - The beginning of a new nation of God's people
 - 24 – or so – ways Jesus fulfilled Passover.
- No Q&A today
 - Sub
- **Passover**
 - Big picture
 - To escape the 10th plague (judgment)
 - firstborn
 - Done yearly to remember it
 - looking forward to Christ
 - Why the Passover relates to Jesus – Ex 12
 - If you're new to this
 - ***Not just direct prophecy.***
 - ***Hebrews – prophetic types and shadows***
 - ***Jesus - fulfill***
 - ***1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV) For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.***
 - Jesus' chosen time
 - "my time has not yet come"
 - Certain facts of history
 - Overview –
 - Plague on the firstborn – sacrificial lamb – put on the doorposts – safe in the house

- 1- lamb (sheep or goat)
 - animal for sacrifice
 - 1 Cor 5:7 "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us"
 - Sets the whole context for Jesus
 - He offered Himself as those animals were offered.
 - They are the shadow; He is the fulfillment!
 - Hebrews 9:12–14 (ESV) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
 - Hebrews 10:1–14 (ESV) ¹For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.' " ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor

taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

- 2- to avoid punishment for sin
 - Some sacrifices had other functions... not this one.
 - Ezek 45 “sin offering”
 - 5 sacrifices of Leviticus.
 - https://youtu.be/_GOvVSZJxCU
 - In this case to avoid judgment
 - How we see this
 - Exodus 6:6 calls these plagues “great acts of judgment”
 - Ex 12:12 specifically calls the Passover “judgment on all the gods of Egypt”
 - By punishing those who worshipped those false gods.
 - Could have just spared the Jews without it. As He did with other plagues
 - Plagues 4-9
 - Flies, livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness
 - The Passover lamb wasn’t needed.
 - Why not? They were guilty TOO!
 - **Ezekiel 20:7 (ESV) ⁷And I said to them, ‘Cast away the detestable**

things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.’

- So, this one sacrifice avoids the judgment
 - **Exodus 12:12–13 (ESV) ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.**
 - The lamb was needed because they were sinning just like the Egyptians were
- Jesus – at the last supper
 - During Passover week
 - **Matthew 26:26–28 (ESV) ²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**
 - **John 1:29 (ESV) ²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**
- 3- male – as Jesus was (represented us all as Adam did)
 - Emphasized representation
 - Adam made first and Eve from him
 - Adam all die

- 1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV) ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
 - 1 Cor 15:45 calls Jesus “the last Adam”
- Important theological connection
 - Missed by those rejecting PSA
- 4- without spot or blemish (no sin)
 - **Exodus 12:5 (ESV) ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,**
 - Without sin
 - Temptation from Satan
 - **Hebrews 4:15 (ESV) ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**
 - **1 Peter 1:18–19 (ESV) ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**
 - The lamb was inspected... not the family.
 - Jesus passes inspection, we are forgiven
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- 6 – 1-year-old (Ex 12:5)
 - An adult.
 - Not a child being offered, a Man offering.
 - Prime of life - the whole life is offered
 - “30” – when Jewish men could serve as priests
- 7- WHEN it was selected
 - Chosen on the 10th of Nissan
 - **Exodus 12:3 (ESV) ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb**

- according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household.
- When Jesus was chosen “Hosanna”
 - Palm Sunday
 - **John 12:12–13 (ESV) ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**
- 5- When it was inspected.
 - Examined from 10-14th
 - Tried and failed to build any actual case against Jesus
 - **Matthew 26:59–60 (ESV) ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward**
 - **John 19:4–6 (ESV) ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”**
- 8- in substitute of their firstborn
 - **Exodus 13:11–13 (ESV) ¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the**

womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

- Big point – they still OWE God their firstborn!
- Really in substitute of God's firstborn
 - Like the binding of Isaac and the replacement of a ram
 - Like the Levites
- Jesus is the firstborn of God, the great high priest, the ultimate Son of Israel.
 - "Firstborn" several prophetic connotations.
 - Seed of the woman
 - Abraham's offspring
 - Son of David
 - God's "only begotten"
- 9- Couldn't break its bones
 - Exodus 12:46 (ESV) ⁴⁶It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones.
 - John 19:32–36 (ESV) ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken."
- 10 – In the house... for the household
 - All who partake are family.

- Brothers and sisters

- Ephesians 2:19 (ESV) ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
 - "brothers and sisters and mothers"
- 11- slain – Jesus killed for us
 - It's so obvious that people may miss it.
 - They not only had to eat it... they had to kill it as a ritual sacrifice.
 - Symbolic of what Jesus did in reality.
 - An offering for a purpose
 - Purchasing a people
 - Exodus 6:6–7 (ESV) ⁶Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
 - Vs 6 – how God buys them
 - Vs 7 – what for – a people.
 - Revelation 5:9 (ESV) ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,
 - Passover is the culmination of all of it.

- And the lamb must be slain!
- “must die”
 - **Mark 8:31 (ESV)** ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.
- 12- had to be at a special location
 - First Passover – not so. Later on. Yes.
 - **Deuteronomy 16:2 (ESV)** ²And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the Lord your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the Lord will choose, to make his name dwell there.
 - Why? The tabernacle – it’s access to God. Typifies Jesus.
 - **Deuteronomy 16:5–6 (ESV)** ⁵You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, ⁶but at the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt.
- 13- blood placed on the door
 - Some say it’s in the shape of the cross.
 - **Exodus 12:22 (ESV)** ²²Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.
 - **Exodus 12:13 (ESV)** ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.
 - They would enter through door with the blood and be saved.

- **John 10:9 (ESV)** ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.
- An early Jewish Midrash called “The Mikhilta of Ravbbi Ishmael” comments on Ex 12:13
 - ““And when I see the blood, I will pass over you’ —I see the blood of the Binding of Isaac.”
 - Brown, Michael L. Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus : Volume 2 (p. 160). Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.
 - It is connected to Isaac. But Isaac is connected to Christ!
 - AS if God was looking at the blood of the lambs and seeing the blood is Isaac.
 - But Isaac’s blood was never offered. Jesus’ was!
 - The almost offering of Isaac was prophetic even in Gen 22!!!
 - Of a sacrifice GOD would provide for Himself... not man would provide for God.
- Covered by the blood!
- With Hyssop – Psalm 51:7 (ESV) ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 - Yet 51:16 says no sacrifice from him is accepted
 - Also used in cleansing from leprosy (Lev 14), in the red heifer (Num 19)
- So, judgment was coming to all but the blood of the Passover lamb gave a way to be saved
- 14 – the door vs the veil

- It made the home the safe place to be in spite of coming judgment
- Jesus opened the veil
 - **Matthew 27:51–53 (ESV)** ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.
 - **Hebrews 10:19–20 (ESV)** ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,
 - **Matthew 27:51–53 (ESV)** ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
 - Opened the grave as well
- 15- eaten – not only sacrificed but consumed. Each person in the house had to do it.
 - Take it IN
 - **Luke 22:19–20 (ESV)** ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
 - Jewish tradition
 - Afikomen ceremony
- The rabbis debate where it from
- A piece of matzah
 - Without leaven, Charred, pierced
 - Wrapped and hidden
 - Brought out with the third cup
 - Jesus wrapped and hidden
 - Came back on the third day
- Jesus’ “this bread”
- Afikomen – dessert in Heb but the Greek root means “the one who is come”
- Escalation with Jesus
 - Passover = leaving Egypt, Jesus = eternal life
- 16- How it was cooked
 - Not boiled, not raw.
 - Roasted in fire (whole- head, legs, inner parts)
 - Connotes sacrifice better than if it were boiled
 - Fire/judgment
 - Ps 89:46; Isaiah 66:15–16
- 17 - Unleavened bread
 - Ex 12:19
 - Leaven = sin
 - In NT AND rabbinic literature
 - The house (all Israel home) are holy places
 - 1- Jesus is holy
 - 2- He makes us holy
 - **1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)** ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you

- really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
- “bread of affliction”
 - Deuteronomy 16:3 (ESV) ³You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.
- 18 –Bitter herbs
 - Exodus 12:8 (ESV) ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.
 - bitter herbs
 - Bitter herbs = the bitterness of their slavery
 - Exodus 1:14 (ESV) ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.
 - Jesus was sinless but experienced the bitterness caused by sin
 - Isaiah 53:4 (ESV) ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
 - A reminder of the bitterness we may also endure as we follow.
 - Philippians 1:29 (ESV) ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,
- 19- How they ate it
 - Exodus 12:11 (ESV) ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.
 - Because they were on their way out.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV) ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
 - Eternal glory awaits... and our hope is there.
 - Romans 8:18–23 (ESV) ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.
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- 20- None could remain till morning
 - Exodus 12:10 (ESV) ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.
 - Jesus wouldn’t REMAIN on the cross
 - John 19:31 (ESV) ³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would

not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

- 21 – It's a FINAL CLIMACTIC JUDGMENT
 - 9 plagues lead up to this.
- 22 – It's a judgment and **sacrifice** that brings deliverance from slavery
 - Let my people GO
 - Sets captives free
 - **John 8:31–36 (ESV)** ³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
- 23- Ultimately only one lamb
 - **2 Chronicles 35:11 (ESV)** ¹¹And they slaughtered the Passover lamb, and the priests threw the blood that they received from them while the Levites flayed the sacrifices.
 - The return from exile – speaks as if there was only ONE lamb for all the people.
 - **Ezra 6:19–21 (ESV)** ¹⁹On the fourteenth day of the first month, the returned exiles kept the Passover. ²⁰For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were clean. So they slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves. ²¹It was eaten by the people of

Israel who had returned from exile, and also by every one who had joined them and separated himself from the uncleanness of the peoples of the land to worship the Lord, the God of Israel.

- There were likely more!
 - Josephus
- This makes it more profound
 - Going out of the way to teach us something.
- Jesus – THE LAMB
 - Jn 1 – “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”
 - Rev “worthy is THE LAMB”
 - **Revelation 5:12 (ESV)** ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”
- 24 – It's not only against sin, it's against the world and spiritual rulers
 - Over Pharaoh
 - A battle between God and Pharaoh
 - Over the gods of Egypt
 - **Exodus 12:12 (ESV)** ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.
 - The world
 - **Galatians 6:14 (ESV)** ¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
 - Victory over Satan, not merely the world.

- Colossians 2:15 (ESV) ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
 - Hebrews 2:14 (ESV) ¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
 - Undoing any claim they have over us
 - Satan – the accuser of the brethren (Rev 12:10)
 - Has no accusation!
 - Romans 8:1 (ESV) ¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 25+ - bonus
 - An OT text that uses the Passover imagery
 - Isaiah 53:7 (ESV) ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
 - Passover was the first national lamb slaughtered for the people of Israel
 - Jesus is the ultimate “lamb of God”
- 26+ - Bonus
 - The necessity of Passover
 - Numbers 9:13 (ESV) ¹³But if anyone who is clean and is not on a journey fails to keep the Passover, that person shall be cut off from his people because he did not bring the Lord’s offering at its appointed time; that man shall bear his sin.
 - Cut off
 - Rom 11 - In Jesus grafted in
 - Bear his sin

- He bore our sin
 - 1 Peter 2:24 (ESV) ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
 - John 14:6 (ESV) ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 - Jesus died during the feast of Passover.
 - It was always about Him.
 - Jesus movie???
 - Closing
 - It’s not just Passover
 - All the Jewish feasts represent Christ.
 - And the LAW
 - And the prophets
 - JinOT – LINK
 - What stood out to you?
 - Share this with someone.
 - Tuesday at 5pm. PT
 - We take refuge in Christ.
 - Forgiven by grace
 - Jesus defeated death
 - Romans 8:34–39 (ESV) ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor

depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RED SEA CROSSING TYPOLOGY

17 – After Passover God parts the Red Sea

- Jesus opened two things
 - 1- The veil
 - 2- The grave

Heb 11:29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

- Red Sea correspond to Jesus how?
 - 1 Corinthians 10:1–2 (ESV) ¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
 - Baptized
 - Baptism represents being connected to Christ in His death and resurrection
 - Romans 6:3–4 (ESV) ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- The Red Sea is the OT type for this
 - In it they finally break free from slavery
 - They go under the water (like death)
 - They pass through safely (as we do in Jesus)
- “baptized into Moses”
 - Moses led them. Parted the sea.
 - Red Sea = baptism
 - Moses = Jesus
 - Through death
 - *Exodus 14:13–14 (ESV) ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”*
- In Christ we pass through death unharmed but those who reject Christ will stand alone against it.