# It is Friday , Sunday is coming

- Back ground to Passover
  - Story of freedom of slavery
  - God delivered Israelites from the Egyptians
  - Blood applied to the doorpost
  - 10 plagues , killed the first born
  - left with bread still in the oven, feast of unleavened bread
- Jewish Calender and Tradition
  - Official name Hebrew (*Pesach*)
  - One of the 3 Eternal Feasts
    - Feast of Tabernacles
    - Pentecost
    - Feast of Unleavened Bread( Passover)
  - Begins on the 15th day of Nissan , first month of the Lunar calender(March to April)/ We use the Greogorian or Western Calender
  - Ends on the 21 day of Nissan in Israel
  - **2010 date** sunset of March 29 to nightfall of 5 April / 6 April (7th day)
  - It starts with a cleaning and ends up with a feast
  - 4 questions children had to ask
    - Why is this night different from any other night
      - Story of Exodus
    - On all other nights, we eat either unleavened or leavened bread, but tonight we eat only unleavened bread
      - Speaks about Cleansing
    - On all other nights, we eat all kinds of vegetables, but tonight, we eat only bitter herbs?
      - to bring a tear to the eyes. We cannot appreciate the sweetness of redemption unless we first experience for ourselves the bitterness of slavery
    - On all other nights, we do not dip [our food] even once, but tonight we dip twice?
      - we apply His blood to the doorposts of our heart, we too go from death into life, from slavery to sin into the freedom of being a redeemed child of God. As John the Baptist said when he saw Jesus coming towards him, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).
    - On all other nights, we eat either sitting or reclining, but tonight we only recline?
      - The sacrifice was completed ,we can rest in the work of the Lamb
  - 4 Cups of Wine
    - 1st cup
      - The seder begins with a blessing recited over the first of four cups of wine: "Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast created the fruit of the vine." Jesus himself blessed the first cup in Luke 22:17-18.
    - 2 cup
      - The second cup is to remind us of the Ten Plagues and the suffering of the Egyptians when they hardened their heart to the Lord. In order not to rejoice over the suffering of our enemies (Prov. 24:17), we spill a drop of wine (which is a symbol of joy) as we recite each of the Ten Plagues, thus remembering that our joy is diminished at the suffering of others.
    - 3rd cup
      - Cup of Redemption
        - We see that Jesus took the third cup in Luke 22:20 and 1 Corinthians 11:25, "In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."" This was not just any cup, it was the cup of redemption from slavery into freedom. This is our communion cup.
    - 4th cup
      - Cup of Praise
        - The fourth cup is the Cup of Hallel. Hallel in Hebrew means "praise," and we see in the beautiful High Priestly Prayer of John 17, that Jesus took time to praise and thank the Lord at the end of the Passover Seder, his last supper. The spotless Passover Lamb had praise on his lips as he went to his death
- Seasonal Blessing
  - There is a seasonal blessing attached to Passover
  - God shows up during these seasons of Cairos
    - break in the Chronological sequence of events
    - To super impose His Cairos over our Chronos
  - There is a reason for the season
    - Exodus 23 are listed below:
      1. God will assign an angel to you.
      2. He'll be an enemy to your enemies.
      3. He will give you prosperity.
      4. He will take sickness away from you and your family.
      5. He will give you a long life.
      6. He will cause increase in your life.
      7. He'll give a special year's blessing. Subtopic
  - In *1 Corinthians 5:7-8* , Paul tells the Corinthians: *Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven...but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*
- Difference between Passover and Easter
  - Easter
    - Pagan Institution
    - Merged with Christianity
    - Goal is to take the focus off the Resurrection
  - Passover
    - Instituted by God
    - Practised by Jesus
    - Declared by the Desciples and the Apostles
    - Desciples , Mathew , Mark , Luke, John
    - Apostle Paul 1 Cor 15vs 1-7
- Fight to Keep Passover celebrations out of church
  - Church History
  - Emperor Constantine pronounced curse
  - Combine the church with Roman Catholic Church to introduce Easter
- Importance of Passover
  - It is the Resurrection
    - 1 Cor 15vs 1-5
  - It produces a season of Everlasting Victory
    - Isai 53v3
    - 1 Cor 11vs 26. As often as you do this
    - John 13 vs 34
  - Jesus had to forfill Passover
    - Only a lamb from Bethlehem would do
      - Jesus was the lamb from Bethlehem
    - The lamb had to be examined
      - Jesus was examined by satan, by the scribes, the pharisees,by sadducees
    - Impurity had to be cast out of the house
      - Jesus cleansed the temple
    - The lamb had to undergo public display on the 14th day
      - On the morning of the 14th day , Jesus was taken to Calvary publicly
    - The lamb was slain at precisely 3 pm , the High priest would say it is finished and then blow the shofar
      - At 3 pm Jesus said Tetelestai and was finished
    - Jesus forfilled all the requirements for your Freedom
  - Subtopic
  - Subtopic
- Value of the season
  - When you value the value that God places on the value , then you can get the value of your value from the value that God values
- This is Resurrection Season
  - What needs resurrection in your life
  - You resurrection is continuous
  - Crucifiction then Resurrection
- The Passover is about Resurection
  - Friday
    - On Friday the desciples were scattered
    - On Friday Hell was rejoicing
    - On Friday there might be hopelessness
    - On Friday they killed my Lord
    - Subtopic
  - Sunday
    - On Sunday the Desciples were all gathered
    - On Sunday Heaven was Rejoicing and hell was crying
    - On Sunday there is hope
    - On Sunday my Lord was alive again
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