

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

MONDAY

“People are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” (2 Peter 2:19). The Passover story is about slaves being set free by God. We may not see a lot of literal, obvious slavery in modern American society, but how can we still be enslaved today? *Thank God that he wants to liberate you from any enslavement!*

TUESDAY

“Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants... And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord...’” (Exodus 12:26-27) The Jewish people were commanded by God to keep the Passover story every year, and for over three thousand years they have! One lesson from this: Keep telling the story. Keep telling God’s story. Keep telling your story. The story of God’s powerful grace is compelling! Look for ways to tell your story this week!

WEDNESDAY

“Christ, **our Passover lamb**, has been sacrificed.” (1 Corinthians 5:7). How is Jesus our Passover Lamb? Give thanks to God as you soak in the “Worship Wednesday” song in today’s daily video devo!

THURSDAY

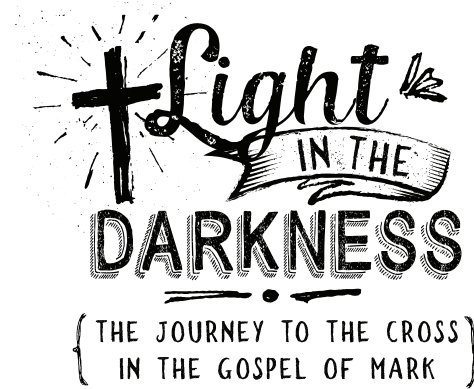
Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. This is a prophecy from centuries before Christ. What is “new” about this covenant (see v. 33-34)? How has that happened in your life? *Lord, thank you that my faith is not centered on me trying my hardest to obey religious law, but on how you are changing me from the inside out! Help me rejoice in that today.*

FRIDAY

Read Mark 14:32-36. What did Jesus mean by “this cup”? How is his prayer in verse 36 the perfect prayer? Today pray: *Lord, I bring to you today struggles I am facing. Please let them pass from me. But ultimately may your will, not mine, be done. Amen.*

SATURDAY

Read Mark 14:37-42 to prepare for the weekend message. Ask the Lord to bless the services this weekend to His glory!



PART 3: THE MEAL

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On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the **Passover** lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the **Passover**?”

So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the **Passover** with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the **Passover**. Mark 14:12-16

Four times in Mark, ___ times in the gospels, we’re told it was Passover.

What is Passover?

PASSOVER IN JESUS' TIME: 4 CUPS FOR THE 4 VERBS IN EXODUS 6:6,7

"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and **I will bring you out** from under the yoke of the Egyptians. **I will free you** from slavery, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. **I will take you** as my own people, and I will be your God.'" Exodus 6:6,7

1. The cup of sanctification: "I will bring you out..."

The point: _____

Bitter herbs

Question: "Why is this night different from all other nights?"

Answer: The story of Passover (Exodus 6,12)

2. The cup of emancipation: "I will free you..."

The point: _____

The meal (Bread broken, Passover lamb eaten)

While they were eating, Jesus took **bread**, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "**Take and eat; this is my body.**" Mark 14:22

3. The cup of redemption: "I will redeem you..."

The point: _____

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. This is **my blood** of the **covenant**, which is poured out for many," he said to them. Mark 14:23,24

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt... I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Jeremiah 31:31-32,34b

4. The cup of completion: "I will take you as my own..."

The point: _____

"Truly I tell you, **I will not drink again** from the fruit of the vine **until that day when I drink it new** in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:25

Closing hymn (Psalm 115-118)

"When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." Mark 14:26

TWO OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF THE LAST SUPPER:

• It's about _____.

"Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover **with my disciples?**" Mark 14:14

The meal reminds me:

I was a slave

I took shelter under the blood of the lamb

I escaped my captivity

Now God lives in our midst

We are following Him to the Promised Land

• It's about _____.

"He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "**Take it...**" Mark 14:22

To receive life from food, I must _____



Light
IN THE
DARKNESS

EASTER AT TLC
GOOD FRIDAY
3/30 - 5 & 7PM

EASTER WEEKEND
3/31 - 4 & 6PM
4/1 - 8:30, 10, & 11:30AM