



MEMORY VERSE

**“This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”
“This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.
“LUKE 22:19-20”**

Lesson Goal: Jesus is our Savior, Jesus is the Passover Lamb

LESSON TIME!

In today's lesson we are going to have dinner together. In fact, this lesson will take us to not just one dinner, or two dinners but three dinners:

History and background:

1- **Dinner # 1 The Passover Dinner:** There was another dinner in the Old Testament that symbolized and referred to God's Salvation through His Blood and that was the Passover dinner.

Throughout Exodus Chapter 12 you will find details on how God informed the Israelites to get one year old, male, non-blemished lamb that had to be watched for 4 day then they take from his blood and mark their houses with it [put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses they were eating it] they have to barbeque it and eat it all that night while dressed up and very ready travel.

At that night the angel of God passed by all the houses of Egypt and where he saw the blood no harm was done to that house; confirming that they were saved by the mark of the blood. The next day the Israelites were saved by getting out of Egypt as God promised them.

2- **This Last Supper with Jesus** [Jesus and His Disciples Prepare the Passover] took place at the night of the Passover to celebrate that but also to establish for a New Covenant; The Eucharist; Jesus confirmed that through Him is the salvation and that He is the lamb of God referred to in Exodus and that His blood shed for us is the one that was symbolized for in the Passover dinner.

3- **Our Coptic Orthodox Church** is centered around the Eucharist. Our liturgy teaches us; our faith; that we are partaking in the communion of the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ, this is no longer a symbol or a celebration; it is taking on Christ's true blood and true body given for the forgiveness of our sins and for eternal life

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Dinner #2: The Last Supper

The Last Supper [dinner] takes place in the time of Jesus' life on earth. This dinner took place with Jesus and His disciples in the upper room which was located in St. Mark's House

Who was the first dinner with? (Moses and the all the people of Israel)

Who is Saint Mark? one of the 70 disciples who have witnessed Jesus's life; wrote the Gospel of Mark and came to Egypt to preach Christianity; he established and founded our Coptic Orthodox Church.

Luke 22:7-13

7 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." 9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"

10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. 11 Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'" 12 Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."

13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

This was the day of unleavened bread [Passover night]. This day came four days after Jesus entered into Jerusalem for the Passover week. **Do you remember how many days the lamb had to be watched by the people of Israel in the story of Exodus Passover dinner?** (four).

Jesus told His disciples, Peter and John, to go make preparation for the dinner. They were to go into Jerusalem and find a man with a jar of water [St. Mark]. **What was special about a man with a jar of water?** In those days usually only women carried the water; therefore, it was easy to find him. It would be rare to see a man carrying a jar of water. This man would lead them to the house that they would have dinner in. This house would be all set up for dinner. The only things they would need were groceries.

Let's go shopping with Peter and John. They would purchase:

- **The lamb:** Symbol of Jesus Christ.
- **The bitter vegetables:** They were supposed to be bitter so they would remind the people of slavery, and the bitterness of Sin as well as the passions [Pain] of Christ
- **The bread.** It was supposed to be unleavened. Unleavened meant that it didn't have any yeast in the bread. Yeast is what makes bread and cakes rise and get fluffy. This yeast represented sin against God.
- **The wine** It would represent the blood of the Passover lamb that had to die for the families of deliverance. And it was a symbol of Christ's blood shed for our salvations from sin.

Now that the shopping is done, let's go to the dinner.

Luke 22:14-20

14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."



When the time came for the Passover dinner the apostles were at the table with Jesus ready to eat. Jesus said to them that He wanted to eat this meal with them before He suffered. Suffered? How was Jesus going to suffer? He was about to die on the cross. He wanted to prepare the disciples that He was going to die as the Passover lamb.

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Jesus gave thanks to God for the bread, and He broke the loaf and told the disciples that it is His body. Just as the bread had no leaven, Jesus had no sin. Jesus was a spotless lamb. He had been observed by man, and He was sinless; later, when the Jews and Pilate would investigate Him; He would be found innocent (2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5).

After dinner Jesus took the cup of wine and said this is His blood that would be poured out for them. Just as the blood of the lamb had been spilled for the families in the Passover, so Jesus shed His blood for all men. **Jesus is our Savior; Jesus is the Passover Lamb.**

Jesus Established the Eucharist; and revealed that the blood of the lamb was a symbol of His own blood.

In our Coptic Church, When the priest [Abouna] prays: "For every time you eat of this bread and drink of The blood you preach My death and confess My resurrection". What a gift. That Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us His own body and blood to unite us with Him, to forgive our sins, and to make us all His disciples. [**Remember the Hymn**: Amen, Amen, Amen, your death of Lord we proclaim.....]
We Love our Coptic church and Love to partake of the Eucharist.

Let us see how the early Church instituted for the Eucharist and made it part of all prayers; later on became the Liturgy.

Dinner #3: Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 [Institution of the Lord's Supper]

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Our third dinner was established by the early church; this part is from Paul's Message to the Corinthians; Communion takes place today in every Orthodox Church building on what Jesus taught us as well as the apostles and the early fathers taught us as well.

For Servants: *take a moment to encourage the children to take communion, when they pray liturgy and emphasize its importance.*

Take Communion: Who can take Communion? [Discuss with the kids]

- To take Communion, you must've been **baptized** in the Coptic Orthodox church
- **Repent and Confess**; Remember Abouna comes to our building to take our confession; when you grow up you can also go to his office and enjoy his fatherhood when confessing and repenting.
- Come early to the liturgy and be attentive with a dedicated heart to pray and love God; Jesus Christ.
- Sleep early and have your cloth prepared so that the next day you would be fully aware and attentive.
- People also like to shower to prepare themselves for meeting the King of kings: Jesus Christ.

Visual Aid Activity: Last Supper

Have a servant dress up as Jesus.

Prepare a big table and have the kids set around the table

Put a plate with Qorbana [or a round Pita bread] on it.

A big cup of grape juice

Distribute around the table little plates and little cups.

Start acting the last supper using the verses from Luke 22 mentioned in this lesson.



Activity: Quick revision: Ask the Children what each item meant:

These are the things that the Passover elements represent:

- Egypt represents slavery to sin.
- The Passover lamb represents Jesus.
- The blood on the doorpost represents Jesus' blood.
- The bitter vegetables represent the passion of Christ for us.
- The unleavened bread represents Jesus' sinless, spotless life.
- The Passover represents God's Salvation: God's passing over our lives and sparing us from judgment by saving us.
- The traveling clothes: the Jews had to be ready and fully dressed at the Passover dinner; this symbolizes our always readiness to receive God.

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For Servants, this Lesson teaches Luke 22:7-20 and it does not go beyond to that to Judas's betrayal as the focus of this lesson is on the establishment of the Eucharist for this age group.

Questions/activities:

<https://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Original/Curriculum/CURR229.PDF>

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the sacrifice made for our sins. Thank the Lord for His body and blood that He established for us to partake of for the forgiveness of our sins.

Email to Parents:

This week we learned about The Last Supper. The theme was “Jesus Is Our Passover Lamb.” The Lord established the Eucharist with His disciples in the upper room just before His arrest and death on the cross. Communion is a central part of our church, and the children learned that through tying the story to liturgy.

The bread is Jesus’ body that was broken for us and the wine is His blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. How important it is for our children to understand and live that. We also see that the Passover in the Old Testament is a picture of communion and Jesus is our Passover Lamb. The Passover represents Jesus and the sacrifice that He would make for us. Praise the Lord for giving us so great salvation.

The section of scripture that we studied was Luke 22:7-20

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EXeEQ62kog>

Pictures to help with Servants prep.

