



## Passover Robert Morris

**Focus** Passover reminds us of when the angel of death passed over the homes marked with the blood of the Lamb. The Feast of Passover included unleavened bread and firstfruits, and Jesus fulfilled both at Passover. Jesus is the unleavened bread and firstfruits offering.

**Fun** What is your favorite thing to do at the state fair?

**Review** Key Scriptures: Exodus 12:7, 11, 13–14; Matthew 10:32, 26:2; Luke 22:15; John 6:56; 1 Corinthians 5:7

### 1. The Festival

The Jewish people were commanded to come to Jerusalem for Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, which included planting, firstfruits, and harvesting. God wanted His people to come together and celebrate. The day after the Sabbath, the Jewish people were to wave a firstfruit offering, and this is the day Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus Christ is our Passover, our Unleavened Bread, and our Firstfruit.

### 2. The Meal

In Luke 22:15, the word “Passover” is referring to a meal. The Last Supper was a Passover meal. In John 6:56, the word “abide” refers to Jesus abiding in us and us abiding in Him. We abide in Jesus and He abides in us when we publicly confess that He is the Son of God. Jesus doesn’t want us to be secret disciples. Jesus died for us publicly and we should confess Him publicly.

### 3. The Lamb

The lamb was to be set apart four days before Passover. Jesus entered Jerusalem four days before Passover. God provided a lamb for every family. If a

family was too poor, then they shared another family's lamb. The priest didn't examine the man, instead the priest examined the lamb. The blood on the doorpost in the form of the cross represents Jesus' hands, feet, and crown of thorns. Jesus is our Passover lamb.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Baptism weekend is April 10–11. Encourage anyone in your group who wants to be baptized to sign up. Show your support by attending the baptism of group members and celebrating with them.

### **Discuss**

1. What is your favorite festival to celebrate each year?
2. Why do you think God likes it when His people come together to celebrate?
3. What does the word "Passover" mean, and why is it important for us?
4. Why do you think the priest would inspect the lamb and not the man who brought the lamb? What does that mean for us as we think about Jesus, the Lamb of God?
5. Read Matthew 10:32. Why is it important for believers to make a public confession of faith?
6. Read Exodus 12:7. What does it mean to you that the blood on the doorpost forms a cross?
7. Have you made a public confession of your faith in Christ? If not, would you like to now?

### **Take Home**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- The festivals point us to Christ.
- Jesus is our Passover lamb.
- We partake in the fulfillment of Passover by receiving Jesus.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus. Thank you for giving the firstfruit of Christ who takes away our sins. We confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and our Savior. We thank You that through the blood of Jesus, death has passed over us, and we receive Your gift of everlasting life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** Pastor Robert shared that he and Debbie got re-baptized as a couple. Even though you are a group leader, you may not have been baptized or you may want to be re-baptized. Now is the time. Sign up today to be water baptized!