

Passover Questions and John 17

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Chronologies:

How many have read the chronologies? If you want to have fun, go home and read aloud 1-Chronicles 1-6; all chronologies. Why would God have the chronologies in the Bible? *To show the legal and genealogical carrying out of His will through those that He appointed to do it!*

It's interesting that Matthew is the first book of the Gospel after the Writings. What is the last book of the Old Testament in the original order? *Chronicles!* It's split in two, but it is considered one book.

God logically proved that the promise from Abraham down to Christ was carried out, literally. There are two genealogies: One in Matthew, which is the *legal* genealogy, coming down to Joseph. Joseph had to be of the house of Judah of the house of David in order to be His stepfather.

Matthew 1:1: "*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham begat Isaac...*" (vs 1-2). This carries it all the way down to the genealogies to Christ.

Luke 3 is Mary's genealogy. Almost every translation has Luke 3:23 incorrect. So, even some of those who deal in the Bible and write commentaries don't get it correct. We have it correct here in the *Faithful Version*.

In the *King James* v 23 reads: "As was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli..." That's not what Matt. 1 says. Why? *You can only have one father!* Eli was the father of Mary, making Joseph the *son-in-law* of Eli. How many did not know that before?

Here's how Luke 3:23 should read: "And Jesus Himself began *to be* about thirty years *old*, being, as was supposed, *the son of Joseph, the son-in-law of Eli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi...*" (vs 23-24).

In v 31 we find something most interesting in the physical genealogy, coming down to Jesus Christ. Matt. 1 was the *legal* genealogy; it had to be; God said it would be. But because certain of the kings were so evil, like Manasseh and even Solomon, it could not come down through Joseph. But *legally* Joseph was the guardian of Jesus, being his foster-father.

Verse 31: "*The son of Meleas, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David*"—not Solomon. *Solomon is excluded*

in the physical genealogy to Jesus. That is how grievous his sins were.

Then what does it do? *It goes all the way back to v 38: "...Adam, the son of God."* This is important because it had to be made public that all of this was done right, all of this was done legally and that Jesus did in fact inherit human nature from his mother.

Mary's father Eli was of the house of Judah, because it comes down all the way to David. Mary's mother was undoubtedly one of the daughters of Aaron and she was undoubtedly the sister of Elizabeth, who was the wife of Zacharias the priest. Elizabeth bore John the Baptist.

What does this put into the physical genes that Jesus received? ***Legally of the tribe of Judah! Inherently from the house of Aaron!*** Making Him, even in His physical genes, King and Priest.

I'll repeat it once again: ***Eli the father of Mary was of the tribe of Judah, coming all the way down through Nathan, not Solomon. Mary's mother had to be the sister of Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist.***

That means that Jesus had the kingship genes through David, through Mary, and the Aaronic genes through Mary—both—making Him having the genes of King and Priest even in His physical life. And in His spiritual life, after the resurrection, what is He? ***Our High Priest and He is King!*** God misses nothing!

Let's understand this: ***In the Old Testament God the Father was not revealed to the people!*** The One Who became Jesus Christ was the Lord God of the Old Testament. However, the One Who became the Father is referred to as *the Most High God*.

Hebrews 7:1: "For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God..." So, He was King and Priest when He appeared in human form on the earth to represent the Most High God. When God appeared to Adam and Eve, He appeared like a human being. When He appeared to Abraham and the other patriarchs in a very personal way, He appeared as a human being.

When He appeared to Moses, He let him see the backside of His glory, but Moses did talk to God face-to-face and He must have appeared to him in those occasions as a human being, because no man can look upon the face of God and live. Why? ***There is so much power!***

"...Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, Who met Abraham *as he was*

returning from *his* slaughter of the kings, and blessed him, and to Whom Abraham gave a tenth part of all; on the one hand, being interpreted King of Righteousness; and on the other hand King of Salem, which is King of Peace” (vs 1-2).

What does it tell us in Rev. 19? *That He has on His head many crowns*; a three-tiered crown. The pope is a counterfeit.

We know that this is One Who became Jesus Christ, v 3: “Without father, without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but having been made like the Son of God, remains a Priest forever.”

There are some commentaries that say that Melchisedec was Shem. Who was Shem? *The son of Noah!* Do we have a genealogy on that? *Yes!* But it shows how off people get in their thinking because they don’t study or read the whole thing.

How many here have put together a 1,000-piece puzzle? What would happen if you missed 50% of the parts? How about 25%? How about missing 10%? Well, you’re getting closer. How about you have 98% of the pieces? You’re almost there. What is perfection? *The last 2 pieces!* You need those! That’s why we need the Holy Spirit now to grow and overcome. That’s why we need to be faithful to the end, because *the last pieces to be put together are the resurrection!*

Beware of Leaven of the Scribe & Pharisees:

I’m going to shift gears. Thank you, Gill, for bringing that about the leaven of the scribes and the Pharisees being sin. {Note sermonette: *Leaven of the Pharisees* by Gillebaldo Elizondo} Would we say there is leaven in Protestantism? Would we say there is leaven in Catholicism? *About 99%!* They just borrow the names from the Bible so it sounds authentic.

How about the Churches of God (Rev. 2 & 3)? It’s very interesting that Gil: ‘Be on guard against the doctrine and the hypocrisies of the scribes and Pharisees, for they say and do not’. Note Matt. 23 where Jesus condemned the scribes and Pharisees in the most vociferous and condemning way by calling them fools, hypocrites, blind guides. He did that to get them angry, so they would be sure and arrest Him. But it was true!

What did Jesus say to them? *‘You cleanse the outside of the dish and the cup, but within is full of corruption and dead-men’s bones.’* Like graves, too, He said they are like graves. Whatever they were doing led to death, that’s why they were like graves. *Cleanse the inside!* That’s what the Feast of Unleavened Bread is all about.

What did Jesus say three times in Rev. 1? *‘I am the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending, the Alpha and the Omega!’*

There is a movie out about Noah, which is very contrary to what the Bible teaches. They could have made a real good movie if they would have read the New Testament where it says, *‘As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man.’* But they didn’t want to condemn this generation and all their scientific things that they were doing.

I heard that Glenn Beck got very angry about it on his television program and said it was foolish. So, the director called up Glenn Beck and had him come for a personal viewing of it and he laughed. Everybody has missed the point. When people ‘play religion,’ the outside is nice. The persona is friendly. Even con men really do well—don’t they?

If you want to watch something very interesting—I’ve mentioned this before—watch *American Greed*. How gullible people are, because they are appealing to the greed of the one who wants something for nearly nothing and the greed of the one who has the plan to take it from them. Greed plus greed equals *loss of everything*. What I’m getting at is this. *God did not judge the world and the Flood just because of their outside behavior!*

Genesis 6:5: “And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth... [Are we there now? *Getting there!* Those were his *outward* actions.] ...and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” We have that today.

Anyone who drowns their brain in the modern music that is today, you’re setting up your mind to be non-functional. You will make a wonderful government junky so you can get your handouts. That’s what Satan wants. He doesn’t want you to think. He wants you to react. He wants you to feel. He gives everything to destroy the brain.

- you can see that on television
- you can see it in the movies
- you can see it in the magazines
- you can read it in the books
- you can see it in education

“...only evil continually” and especially with what they are trying to do now to find the secret to controlling the mind, so they can control people.

Speculation: Remember in Job 1 there was a day when the sons of God, the angels of God, came before the Lord and Satan was among them. When I refer to some different Scriptures like that, just go ahead and write them down. So, the Lord said to Satan, ‘What are you doing?’ Satan says, ‘I’m going

up and down, to and fro in the earth.’ God says, ‘Have you considered my servant, Job, how righteous he is, what a good man he is, and so forth?’ Satan said, ‘Yeah, give him to me and he will curse you to your face.’

You know the rest of the story. Come forward to our time. Was there a day when there was a similar meeting like that? Satan said, ‘Let me let loose all of this technology and **I** will create a perfect society *my way*, by controlling everyone; with that; we’ll stop all crime, we’ll stop all thievery; we will control their thoughts.’ Is that where we’re headed today?

Maybe that was a conversation sometime between Satan and God. In order to destroy men and women, Satan must pervert the mind and not allow the Holy Spirit of God in. Not allow the right understanding of the Word of God. That would defeat him.

Notice, v 11: “Now, the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt—for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth” (vs 11-12). Is that where we are today? *Yes, and it’s going to get worse!*

I will show you what I’m leading up to. I want you to remember: ‘**Guard yourself against the leaven of the scribes and Pharisees,**’ which is their doctrine and their behavior.

Paul also told Timothy, ‘**Guard the doctrine that you have learned**’ (1-Tim. 2). Doctrine is another name for teachings. It’s very important that we understand how we need to learn today.

With the seven churches, there were various problems; there were various things they did that were good. Jesus says here to the Church at Ephesus, they did a lot of works, and so forth.

Revelation 2:4: “Nevertheless, I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.” What are we dealing with here?

- love is of the heart
- love is of the mind

In leaving the first love, what were they doing? *Probably things to help people in place of learning how to become as God wants you to!*

Verse 5: “Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works...”

Verse 8—Church at Smyrna or the Smyrneans; *no correction at all!* They entered a time when Satan was really after the Church. They were faithful and they were called upon to be cast into jail for a witness for Christ and to give their lives in

martyrdom. We may be facing that in the near future. You look at how the forces of the *satanic left* in this country and in the world, that’s exactly what they are trying to do. The only ones they want to speak are their own evil representatives and no one to speak truth, regardless of what kind of truth it may be. I bring that out because we are going to face some of these things and, brethren, I’m going to show you today it’s being mailed in *The Journal* to brethren.

Then the Church at Pergamos; what happened to them? *They were right at Satan’s headquarters there in Pergamos!* They saw how all organized that the priests of Zeus were. They had a big tremendous altar there in Pergamos to Satan, to Zeus. They thought, ‘Look, they are all organized. Let’s have a hierarchy like they do,’ which Jesus said He hated. They ate things sacrificed to idols. That is not just food; that is the Passover.

Remember this; mark these words: ***The first thing Satan the devil wants to get rid of is the proper New Testament/New Covenant Passover!*** He likes to sprinkle a little leaven in if he can. That’s why we keep it exactly as we find it in the Scriptures. We have to *guard* that.

He said if they didn’t repent that He would come against them. Then we have the Church at Thyatira who did a lot of things. But they got involved with so many of the Catholic doctrines. This is the Church of the Middle Ages and early Renaissance. How many have seen *Israel of the Alps*? If you haven’t seen it, order it; it’s a video. God did not desert His church. He caused it to go and hide in the Swiss Alps and it survived. However, the Catholic Church was so absolutely ruthless in their inquisitions and killing of the true Church of God, because:

- they would not submit to the pope
- they would not submit to the Sacrifice of the Mass
- they would not submit to Sunday
- they would not submit to the holidays

—so they were killed, those who were faithful. Those who were not, said, ‘Well, it’s better to give in a little that we save our lives.’ ***A little leaven!*** ‘Better that we give in a little bit to protect our children.’ ***A little leaven!*** ‘It’s better that we go along so that we don’t die.’ ***A little more leaven!*** How far did they go?

Verse 20: “But I have a few things against you, because you allow the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants into committing fornication and eating things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her fornication, but she did not repent” (vs 20-21).

In the Council of Trent there was within the Catholic Church a ‘sola scriptura only’ party, which they said, ‘We need to get rid of all tradition and teachings of men.’

How many have read *Rome’s Challenge to the Protestants*? It’s Appendix N in *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order*, if you haven’t read it. Re-read it. They didn’t repent!

Verse 22: “Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their works.”

When you come to changing the Passover, *everything else changes*. They have the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Eucharist. Back in Appendix E of *The Day Jesus the Christ Died*, read that appendix of where did the Sacrifice of the Mass come from; *from the depths of Satan the devil!*

Notice what’s going to happen, v 23: “And I will kill her children with death...” That’s the second death. If you kill someone, you are dead. But if you kill them *with death*, that’s a second death.

“...and all the churches shall know that I am He...” (v 23)—Who only looks to the outside as to how nice you dress and your hair is and if you have color coordinated shirt and trousers and tie or dress and hairdo and how lovely your fingernails are. And if you’re really something you even do your toenails with little pictures on them. You’re so lovely and beautiful in doing that and you’re so handsome and strong and acceptable. **NO!**

Jesus said, “...I am He Who searches *the reins and hearts...*” (v 23). What is in your mind and your heart? Come all the way from only evil continually and every imagination is evil, even some of the things that sound good are evil.

“...and I will give to each of you according to your works. But to you I say, and to *the rest who are* in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan...” (vs 23-24). If you go so far to know the depths of Satan, it’s over!

“...as they speak; I will not cast upon you any other burden, but hold fast what you have until I come” (vs 24-25).

Verse 26 becomes important, because what we do, brethren, *you cannot have your mind converted unless you have the actions*, motivated from a converted mind, to do what God wants. Otherwise, that becomes hypocritical.

We have a living testimony to hypocrisy, right on South Orange Grove, right here in Pasadena, California; ***the displeasure of God that He removed the whole thing!*** Every time I come down I drive by

it, and there’s more missing every time, because we didn’t get the point. God wants the mind and the heart converted. That’s the whole purpose of Unleavened Bread.

Verse 26: “And to the one who overcomes, and keeps My works unto *the end*, I will give authority over the nations.” If you do the works of God, motivated from the Spirit of God within, you are not trying to earn your salvation.

Never let anyone, anywhere, tell you that if you keep the commandments of God you are trying to earn your salvation! That is not true! If you do what God commands:

- keeping His laws
- keeping His commandments
- keeping His Sabbath
- being converted
- loving God
- loving the brethren

Whose works are you doing? Yours? *or* Christ’s? ***You are doing Christ’s works!***

If you are angry, if you are bitter, if you have all the fruits of the flesh that you haven’t overcome and you’re letting that rule in your heart, then there needs to be repentance. That’s what it’s all about with the churches here.

Then we have the Church at Sardis. They got so weak, they got so bad that Jesus said, ‘Strengthen the few things that are left and I won’t blot your name out of the Book of Life.’ This also tells us this. If they didn’t get rid of those sins, they would be blotted out from the Book of Life.

Church at Philadelphia; no correction. Why? ***Because they were faithful to God, God’s way, with His Word!*** This is the standard for all of us. Look what has happened to every church that says, ‘We are the Philadelphians’; nothing like a little spiritual pride.

Then the Laodiceans; they don’t appreciate what they have. They think because they have all these things that they are rich and increased with goods. So much so, they have no time for Christ in their minds. Jesus spews them out of His mouth and then tells them to repent. He tells them one more thing. He says, ‘*I’m knocking at the door.*’ He hasn’t given up on you. He says to be zealous and repent. You open the door to Christ again and let Him in, because that’s where He wants to be.

I’m going to cover some things out of this latest *The Journal, News of the Churches of God*. I think he needs to re-title it: Heresies to Deceive Those Who are Trying to be Faithful.

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Passover Questions:

You have a *The Christian Passover* book, please read pages 66 & 67 about killing the lamb. The reason *The Christian Passover* book is thick is because there are that many questions challenging everything concerning the Passover:

- the lamb
- the day
- when is evening
- when is sunset
- when is morning
- when is midnight
- when is the 14th
- when is the 15th

It gets very, very confusing.

I was brought this very interesting *Journal—News of the Churches of God* (Feb. 28, 2014)

pg 4—To Kill A Lamb Takes Time, Therefore, The 14th Passover Impossible by Daniel Botha

then

How important is it really?

—killing the lamb. For the Israelites in Egypt it was really important—wouldn't you say?

Bread and wine fitting on the 14th, but that's not Passover.

Here's another one:

Forget the Calendar, Let's Talk About God's Feasts

How can you forget the calendar and talk about God's Feasts? They say, 'It's not in the Bible, so therefore we'll do it our own way.'

There are other things in here. But what I want to cover is this: How long does it take to kill a lamb and prepare it for Passover? It was very important for them. A lamb of the first year is generally a lamb that was born in what we, on our calendar today, called February and March.

On my way driving here I came past a whole herd of sheep. Guess what were in amongst the sheep? *All the newborn little calves!* They would not choose one that would be 11-months-old. Also remember that in choosing the lamb, they were to choose it on the 10th day of the month.

Exodus 12:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 'This month *shall be* to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, "In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them each man a

lamb for a father's house, a lamb for a house'" (vs 1-3). That shows it was small.

How many have gone to the petting zoo over at the L.A. Zoo and look at the little newborns? *They're little, small!* What was the first day that they could use a lamb for any kind of sacrificial purpose? *The 8th day!* So, the lambs had already been born, already been picked out on the 10th; a lamb for a house.

Verse 4: "And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take according to the number of the souls, each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. And you shall keep it up until the *beginning* of the fourteenth day of the same month.... [that's the correct translation] ...And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the two evenings" (vs 4-6).

- 'ba erev'—translated *evening*—meaning *sunset*
- 'ben ha arbayim' means *between the two evenings*, from *sunset until dark*

Keep in mind that is about an hour and fifteen minutes. In *The Christian Passover* book I tell you how we observed that.

Imagine this: they had the instructions ahead of time, and they were to kill the lamb right after sunset, 'ba erev.'

Sidebar: You cannot find 'ben ha arbayim'—which means *between the two evenings*—in *Strong's Concordance*, because that is a derivative of 'erev.' I've covered the verb 'is'; same thing there. So, people who think they know things, and have used *Strong's Concordance* in the past, try and look up 'between the two evenings.' It's not there, because *Strong's* only lists the *prime* word; that's it.

In Egypt they had flat roofs. They were to kill the lamb *between the two evenings*. I am sure that they did it this way: They had different ones stationed up on top of the flat roofs of the houses and the children of Israel were living in the land of Goshen, and they were herdsmen. That's why they were given the land of Goshen.

I am sure that they had someone up on the rooftop. Remember that Egypt is flat; Goshen is flat. To make sure that the sun had set, gone below the horizon, and it was the beginning of 'ben ha arbayim,' I imagine they had different ones in different locations up on top of the roof of the houses, saying, 'It's going down, it's going down.' They were standing there with their knives ready to

sacrifice the lamb. All of a sudden, 'It is down.' I think they were all killed at the same time. Must have been a spectacular thing to take place.

How long does it take to kill a little lamb like that and have it ready? Botha says (in his article) it takes so long that you couldn't have it on the 14th. ***He is completely wrong!***

Where does Satan like to get the leaven first, if he can? *Within the Churches of God!* So, why not send it out in *The Journal*? ***It's filled with all kinds of heresies and things!*** He does not believe in the Passover. He believes in the Lord's Supper.

To answer that question, guess what we did? There was a friend of ours at that time, he has since passed, who ran a quail farm. He would sell thousands and thousands of quail. He also raised goats and sheep. We got together and we took two little goats that had been born just a few weeks before that. This was right when I was writing the book, so this must have been 1992.

He was experienced at killing and skinning and getting lambs and also cattle and so forth, larger livestock ready to eat. Were the Israelites, who were herders, acquainted with how to kill the animal and how to get it ready to eat? I'll tell you how it was done and I gave a little extra time in the book. I put 10-30 minutes, but it doesn't take that long. What he did first, he took the two little kid goats and he tied their back hoofs, lifted them up so they are hanging down with their bellies toward him.

That took no more than about 2-3 minutes to do that. They were just hanging there, limp as could be, not fighting or anything like that. Then he took his knife and slit the throats. We put a pan under it to catch the blood; all the blood was out in about 3 minutes. At the same time the blood was being drained, he cut open the belly from up near where the tail is and then cut the intestine that went out, so you don't have everything stringing out. Then he cut straight down, right up to this part, beginning with the neck for the lamb. Then he finished it up to the head. When he did that and opened it up, there's a sac that covers all the internal organs. As soon as he opened it up, that sac fell out.

What does it take to clean up the inside of the animal? *Nothing!* If you know what you are doing, it just falls out. Then he cut where it would be for the throat and then just put it in a pan.

How long does it take to skin it? He took his knife and took one side, ran it right down between the skin and the flesh where the ribs were on both sides; did the same thing on the back legs and the front legs. Much to my surprise, I was flabbergasted, because the body is still warm. He took the edge of his hands, opened up the skin a little bit, separate a

little bit from the flesh and the bones. Then he took both hands and in less than two minutes the skin was off. Throw a little water on it; it's ready. One of the brethren said he has seen it done many times and it's done real fast, 10 minutes at the most.

Then you have the fire ready. Do you think they waited to start the fire until after the lamb was slaughtered? *No!* They had the fire ready. Fifteen minutes after sundown the lambs were already being roasted, before it got dark.

Once you take the skin, take the intestines out, they were to leave the head on and put back into the cavity of the animal the liver, kidneys, and the heart. Then it was to be put on a rotisserie stick and it was to be turned. It was not to be grilled. Or if they had a big over in their house, they could have a rotisserie on the inside of the oven and they could roast it there.

How long does it take to roast a small kid? Say maybe after everything gutted and you have 20 pounds left: 10 pounds is the head and bones, 10 pounds is the meat. How long would it take for that to roast? *Probably an hour, an hour and a half!*

So, if sundown were exactly at 6 p.m.; if they started at 6:05, they could be ready by 7:45. They were ready! How they got the meat to the neighbor I do not know. I don't know if they were permitted to cut off a leg and give that, without breaking the bone. You can't break the bone, but you can cut off the leg without breaking the bone. And give that to the neighbor for them to roast. That's probably what they did.

It was ready to go. Here, he says, it takes most of the night and they couldn't have had the Passover on the 14th. He's supposed to be one who has tended sheep and things like this. Now you know why it's in *The Christian Passover* book.

This is one of the errors that Bill O'Reilly did in his book, *Killing Jesus*, because he doesn't know anything about the Bible:

John 18:28: "Now then, they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the judgment hall, and it was early. But they did not go into the judgment hall, so that they would not be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover." Some of the Jews kept a temple-sacrificed lamb and never, *never, never* was it commanded by God to sacrifice a Passover lamb at the temple—***never!***

The Jews in the Diaspora could not keep the Passover on the 14th because they were not in the land. They kept the Passover, naming the whole Feast of Unleavened Bread *the Passover*, and kept the Night to be Observed as a Passover with a Seder meal. They kept it on the 15th, because they could

not keep it on the 14th. We've got that in *The Christian Passover* book.

When they came back out of the Diaspora, there were those who then made it a temple sacrifice of the lamb. I've got a whole chapter on there. How many lambs could they kill? How long would it take? How many were done?

Num. 28 & 29 are very important because all of the required offerings and sacrifices were to be made. The Passover was to always be a *domestic feast* kept in the home. The lamb was to be slaughtered at the house, not at the temple. That becomes very important to understand.

Numbers 28 starts out with the morning and evening sacrifices; continual burnt offering. Sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot (v 9). A burnt offering every Sabbath besides the burnt offering (v 10). Beginning of your months you shall offer a burnt offering. Two young bulls, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot (v 11). Then the meal and the wine offering (v 12).

Numbers 28:15: "And one kid of the goats for a sin offering to the LORD shall be prepared, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD" (vs 15-16).

What is glaringly missing? Every other day was to have the daily sacrifices and special sacrifices. What is missing? *No command to kill the Passover lamb!* That was to be done at the house, not at the temple.

When it talks about the Jews' Passover, it is referring to their wrong keeping of the Passover on the wrong day. During the time of Jesus, it was about a 50/50 split, maybe 70/30; 70% of the people kept the Passover with a domestically killed lamb. 30% kept it with the temple Passover lamb. You read it, because we calculated very carefully, going by the descriptions that the Jews themselves gave. That in the time allotted to kill the lambs at the temple, the most they could kill would be 18,000 lambs maximum. That's not enough for the hundreds of thousands that were there.

Jesus did something in Mark 14:1: "Now, after two days was the Passover and the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*..." It shows they're are two separate things.

I've covered v 12 recently, so I won't get into the details of it. However, you will find in *The Christian Passover* book that the *Passover Day is an unleavened bread day* and was referred to and written in history as *the first day of the unleaveneds*. That's how it is in the Greek: *The first day of the unleaveneds*. They had to get the leaven out of their houses before they took the Passover. Even

Josephus said, 'We keep a Feast of Unleavened Bread eight days.'

We're going to analyze this very carefully, v 12: "And on the **first day of the unleaveneds**... [this is exactly correctly translated from the Greek] ...when they **were killing**... [present tense verb] ...the Passover *lambs*..."

If you follow the chronology and where Jesus and the disciples were coming from, they were coming from Bethany. You have the Mt. of Olives here, which is higher than the temple area. Bethany is just over the crest of the Mt. of Olives. They were coming down toward where they were going to keep the Passover in Jerusalem.

When they got to where they were, they were killing the Passover lambs and it's nowhere near the temple. What do we have? You have many of the pilgrims there in the camping areas on the Mt. of Olives, around Jerusalem. *They were killing their domestic Passover lamb!* This was startling to the disciples, because they knew it was the Passover. Jesus didn't say a word until they asked the question.

If they were killing the Passover lambs, what time of day is that? *Just right after sundown!* Since Jesus told them nothing about where they were going to keep the Passover, the disciples were getting concerned because they could see the Passover lambs *were being killed*, present tense.

"...His disciples said to Him, 'Where do You desire that we go and prepare, so that You may eat the Passover?'.... [Jesus had it all arranged] ...And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the city, and you shall meet a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him'" (vs 12-13). That's probably the water for the washing of the feet.

Verse 14: "And whatever **house**... [domestic Passover] ...say to the master of the house *that* the Teacher says, 'Where is the guest chamber, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' And he shall show you a large upper room, furnished *and* ready. There prepare for us." (vs 14-15).

Speculation: I think it's true that the master of the house must have already killed the Passover lamb and it was probably already just starting to be roasted over fire. They would have to come down the Mt. of Olives, come on up over past the temple area, past Ft. Antonia into Jerusalem. When they got there they followed this man.

Verse 16: "And His disciples went away: and *when* they came into the city, they found *it* exactly as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover. Now after evening had come..." (vs 16-17).

What time are we dealing with concerning the killing of the lamb? ‘*Ben ha arbayim*’, from sunset until dark! When did Jesus come? How long is ‘ben ha arbayim’? About an hour and fifteen minutes! So, you’re looking from 6 o’clock until 7:15, and it’s dark.

“...He came with the twelve. And as they sat and were eating, Jesus said...” (vs 17-18). When did the eating of the Passover meal start? *Probably an hour and a half after the lamb was killed!* It was killed by the householder who had prepared everything for the Passover for them. So that’s approximately 9 o’clock, between the foot-washing and eating of the Passover lamb. Give that about an hour. So we’re around 8:30-8:45 somewhere around there.

Verse 22: “And as they were eating... [this is probably close right to the end of it] ...Jesus took bread; and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ And He took the cup; and after giving thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank of it. And He said to them, ‘This is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many’” (vs 22-24).

Matthew 26:26: “And as they were eating, Jesus took the bread and blessed it; then He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ And He took the cup; and after giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘All of you drink of it; for this is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the remission of sins’” (vs 26-28). There has to be the shed blood of Christ for the remission of sins.

What time did Jesus and the disciples leave? It would be somewhere about 9-9:30, somewhere around there. He was arrested just a little after midnight. He prayed for three hours, the same prayer three times. Then we go through all the rest of it. This blood of Christ is called the blood of the everlasting covenant (Heb. 13:20).

John 17:

I don’t know how many times we have read John 17, but in reading and recording the Bible and then Randy doing John 17 with a little background music, which made it very, very effective and listening to it quite a few times and reading it again, let’s look at this chapter and we will see it contains a summary of the whole plan of God, this one chapter. This is why we always have to continue studying and learning and growing and overcoming. Let’s go through John 17.

John 17:1: “Jesus spoke these words, and lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come... [This was pinpointed from the

foundation of the world!] ...glorify Your own Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You.” That is giving Himself, laying His life down. As Jesus said, no one took it from Him; *He laid it down!* He knew from the foundation of the world that this was going to happen.

Verse 2: “Since You have given Him authority over all flesh, in order that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.” That’s quite a statement there. God the Father does the calling. That’s why this Passover and Passover covenant is so important, because not only is Christ involved in it, but the Father is involved in it, too, ***because we belong to the Father; we belong to Christ!***

Verse 3: “For this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You did send.” Why did He say the only true God at that time? *Because as God manifested in the flesh, though He was God manifested in the flesh, because He had human nature, He was not true God, though He had been true God, because of the two Elohim.*

What does this verse tell us? *That we’re going to know the true God!* That takes us clear up to Rev. 22, where it says we will see Him face to face. That includes New Jerusalem, new heavens, new earth, everything.

Verse 4: “I have glorified You on the earth. **I have finished the work that You gave Me to do.**” Finishing that work is the preaching of the Gospel. There are three times that Jesus says this. This is the first one. “...I have finished the work that You gave Me to do.”

The second one is when the last words that He spoke when He died on the cross was, ‘It is finished.’ Preaching the Gospel was one segment. The whole Passover Day and everything to do with it was another segment. And He had to die. He said, ‘It is finished.’ Then He gave up the spirit and it went back to God. Then it says that at the beginning of new heavens and new earth, *‘It is done!’* (Rev. 21)—the whole plan of God.

Verse 5: “And now, Father, glorify Me with Your own self, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.” Back in eternity, back in time, before the world existed. That brings us up to: ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth’ (Gen. 1). This shows the expanse of time of God’s plan with it.

Verse 6: “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world...” What is the only name in the New Testament that we find? *The Father!* Remember the first time He told us how to pray? He said, ‘Say, Our Father Who is in

heaven.’ Can you find a Hebrew name? *Father and Papa or Abba*, it’s almost the same in every language.

Anyone who takes to put Hebrew sacred names in the New Testament, is adding to the New Testament what God did not want included in it. Otherwise, they would have been there. Did all the apostles know how to write Hebrew and Greek? Did Paul? *Yes!* He never put a Hebrew name there. He put an Aramaic name in Rom. 8, where we cry, Abba—Daddy—Father.

That’s the only name. There is none other. If you assign YHVH or Jehovah to the Father, you’re demoting the Father, because that belongs to the Son. Does not the Father have more glory than the Son? *Yes, indeed!*

“...They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your Word. Now, they have known that all things that You have given Me are from You” (vs 6-7).

Think of this, very important. What did Jesus say of His own self? *‘I can do nothing from My own self!’* The Greek there is ‘ek.’ From His human life He could do nothing, absent the Spirit of God, to glorify God.

- He spoke the words the Father gave Him.
- He spoke the commandments the Father gave Him.
- He kept the Father’s command. Keep that in mind.

Verse 8: “For I have given them the words that You gave to Me; and they have received *them* and truly have known that I came from You; and they have believed that You did send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world...” (vs 8-9). {note Matt. 13} Not everyone is called to salvation. The key to being called to salvation is a desire to love God and obey Him. Then God will begin working with you. We don’t come to God at any time, any one of us, anywhere, not even Jesus did. Jesus never came to the Father and told the Father what to do.

But men, because they are so important, think that they can improve upon God and improve upon the Word of God. Take it out here; throw it out there; let’s have it so it will please us. *No!* Those have come from the Father and if you do that with the Father’s words, don’t you think you’re in a heap big trouble? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 9: “I am not praying for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and all Yours *are* Mine; and I have been glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I

am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name...” (vs 9-11). *The Father’s name!* There’s the second time the name of the Father is used.

“...those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one, even as *We are one*” (v 11). How are they one? *Spiritually, with the Spirit of God!*

- one in purpose
- one in existence
- one in plan
- one in everything

What is going to happen to us? *That we may enter into the family of God at the resurrection!* See what this is? See how much is here in this tremendous chapter. ‘Even as We are one.’ That’s why it’s so important with the Passover.

Yes, we all desire to have our sins forgiven and we all need them forgiven. Yes, we do. But we also have to forgive one another the sins that we commit against each other. Because Jesus said if you don’t and forgive from the heart, then you are going to be in trouble with God. Keep that in mind as we come to the Passover.

Verse 12: “When I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. I protected those whom You have given Me, and not one of them has perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”

Someone asked me about Judas Iscariot and I knew I had done a sermon on him entitled, *The Enigma of Judas Iscariot!* We looked around and we found it and guess when I did it? *1986!* So, we’re going to include that on the next mailing. People wonder, ‘Did he commit the unpardonable sin?’ It says he’s lost. Other than that, we don’t know. Whose judgment is it? *God’s judgment!* If we know, does it make us any more converted? *No!* Does it make us any less converted? *No.*

Verse 13: “But now I am coming to You; and these things I am speaking *while yet* in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in them.” That final joy will be fulfilled at the resurrection, brethren.

Verse 14: “I have given them Your words, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” How do we live in the world and not be part of it? *By loving God, keeping His commandments, and not getting involved in the world in the operation of their religions and the operation of the things that they do in the world.* We still live in it.

Verse 15: “I do not pray that You would take them out of the world...” Every once in a while it gets bad enough we wish that were so, but it isn’t going to be.

“...but that You would keep them from the evil one” (v 15). The Father Himself rescues us from Satan the devil; from the evil one (Col. 1). How are we kept from the evil one?

- by loving God
- keeping His commandments
- doing the things that are pleasing in His sight
- by not yielding to any temptations of leaven that come along

That’s why *The Christian Passover* book was written, because this is the number one thing that Satan wants to get people to miss the mark, **not renewing the covenant, not keeping the Passover** exactly and in the way that Jesus said.

Verse 17: “Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word is the Truth.” This is a lifelong thing. We are being sanctified continuously or being perfected and being made perfect. That’s why we have the trials and difficulties that we have so we can get rid of them spiritually through repentance.

Verse 18: “Even as You did send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself... [by being that perfect sacrifice] ...so that they also may be sanctified in Your Truth” (vs 18-19). Brethren, understand this: *Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life*. We must always, **always** gauge everything by the Truth. That is the way you escape the spiritual leaven that comes along. Is it true?

Verse 20: “I do not pray for these only, but also for those who shall believe in Me through their word.” A prayer for us before we even were born. Think of all the generations that prayer covers.

Notice for what purpose. Here is the whole purpose, v 21: “That they all may be one, even as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, in order that the world may believe that You did send Me.” They don’t believe it, yet.

Little sidebar. How many have been watching the news where they are talking about the preparing for the invasion of aliens? Different programs—aliens are coming, what are we going to do. Brethren, we are in contact daily with two aliens: God the Father and Jesus Christ. They are alien to the world; they don’t know them. And all the Holy angels of God are aliens and they are carrying out the will of God.

There’s another alien who is on this planet, who is Satan the devil. He has his host of demons who are aliens. So, if anyone asks if you believe in aliens, tell them absolutely. ‘Well, are they going to come and fight and take over the earth?’ *You better*

believe it. ‘When is that going to happen?’ *When the resurrection takes place, I’ll be gone and all the saints of God are going to meet on the Sea of Glass in the air. The world is going to go bananas. All the enemies will join together to fight against the aliens. They are ready to take over the planet. Yes, we will be and we are going to. All that contained in here.*

Verse 22: “And I have given them the glory that You gave to Me...” That is the Holy Spirit of God.

- **having the Holy Spirit of God** is glory from God
- **having the Holy angels guard and protect us** is glory from God
- **understanding the Bible** is glory from God
- **keeping the Sabbath and the Holy Days** is all part of glory from God

“...in order that they may be one, in the same way that We are one” (v 22). Look at the whole powerful meaning of the Passover here, brethren; what that means. We will be one in the same way that They are one:

- Holy
- perfect
- without sin
- living forever

I don’t know what God is going to do with the universe, but He hasn’t created it for nothing.

Verse 23: “I in them, and You in Me, that they... [that’s the whole Christian growth of overcoming] ..may be perfected into one... [the family of God] ...and that the world may know that You did send Me, and **have loved them as You have loved Me**” Think on that last sentence there.

- Does God love you?
- Does the Father love you?
- *Yes!*
- How?
- *As He loves the Son!*
- Does that not give us the inspiration and the desire to leave all the leaven behind, leave all the sins behind?
- To look forward to what God is giving us”
- To look forward to what God is going to grant us?

When you have that in your mind, as Christ had it in His mind here. Of course, He had it greater than we could. But when you have that in your mind,

- how silly for us to ‘play church’
- how silly for us to think we can go tell God what to do
- how futile it is for us to be turning our back on God and trying to do things that are not right and still think that God is with us

Amazing!

So with this Passover, remember the command, the new one that Jesus gave: We are to love one another as Jesus loves us.

Verse 24: “Father, I desire... [that is His will] ...that those whom You have given Me may also be with Me where I am, so that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me; because You did love Me before *the* foundation of *the* world.” There’s the foundation of the world *before!*

Verse 25: ““Righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You did send Me. And I have made known Your name to them... [Which is what? *The Father.*] ... and will make *it* known; so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them” (vs 25-26).

These were the closing words of Christ just before He was arrested to be baptized in His own blood as the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins and opening eternal life to those that God would call!

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