

## Sermon Handout

### “A Sacrament of Deliverance”

Exodus 12:43-51

- I.** Background excursus
- A.** Why did God kill the Egyptians?
1. Moses a spokesman only, not allowed to strike Egypt
  2. Pharaoh killed Israel’s sons Ex 1:15-22
  3. In justice, **God** kills Egypt’s firstborn Gen 9:5-6; Rom 12:19  
The sins of Egypt do not go unpunished (Eze 18:4)  
God’s wrath falls on Egypt (covenantal wrath on a covenant unit)
- B.** In due time, God’s son dies Mt 3:17, Mt 20:28  
The wrath against sin is poured out on Jesus  
The gospel reveals the wrath of God Rom 1:18
- C.** But the resurrection reveals Jesus’ identity with power Rom 1:4  
Those linked to Jesus by covenant are also raised Rom 6:4-5
- II.** The day of Passover was the day of deliverance v. 41
- A.** “the selfsame day, it came to pass” (*cf.* v. 51)  
Not a reference to 430 years of v. 40  
A reference to the night of slaying (*cf.* v. 42)  
“at night” vv. 29, 30, 31  
“in haste” vv. 33, 39
- B.** That night the Lord protected Israel v. 23 (*cf.* v. 29)
- C.** “The evening & the morning were the first day” Gen 1  
In the evening they ate the meal  
In the morning they departed Egypt
- III.** Establishing Passover meal as a perpetual rite of God’s people v. 42
- A.** God stood watch on that night (*cf.* Meek & Moffatt transl.)  
Both death and preservation were *sovereign acts of God*
- B.** Israel is to keep a vigil on that night in perpetuity  
Covenant members only can participate vv. 43-49
- C.** Jesus redefines it with his passion and resurrection Mt 26:20-29  
At evening he sat down with them v. 20  
“Took bread . . . this is **my** body” v. 26  
“Took the cup . . . this is **my** blood” vv. 27, 28  
“I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom” v. 29  
Jesus is the True Lamb of God I Cor 5:7; Rev 5:6-10  
Raised on the **first** day of the week Mt 28:1 (*cf.* Lk 24:13-35)  
- A new calendar sequence marks a change in the covenant  
- Compare Acts 20:7 & I Cor 16:2 with Ex 12:1-2
- The Resurrection is the first day of God’s remaking the world!  
The full image of God is restored in man: we are risen with Jesus!