

Passover, Part 2  
Exodus 12:29-49

The Israelites are driven out of Egypt but before they go, they observe the Passover. They paint their doorframes with the blood of the lamb and God passes over their homes sparing them from the last plague – the death of the firstborn. The Passover is to be kept as a memorial of their redemption out of Egypt.

The timing of these instructions is intriguing.

- They are told of the certainty of the redemption before the act of redemption actually occurs. Keep the Passover as a lasting ordinance. It hasn't even happened. We memorialize things after they happened. God memorialized this before it happened.
- All the future generations who kept the Passover were already out of Egypt. They didn't need the Passover for redemption...

***What's the value of observing the Passover AFTER that first night?***

The Passover event is an important part of their story.  
Being a part of God's people means you have a story of redemption to tell.  
Everyone has a story. God's people have a story that speaks of God.

The Passover is the Lord's Supper of the OT.  
When we celebrate communion, we are telling the story of God's great love that He sent Jesus.

Here are some parallels between the OT Passover and the NT Lord's Supper with an emphasis on Jesus.

- The selection of the Lamb
- Passover observed in community
- Lamb without defect
- Blood of the Lamb
- No broken bones
- Memorial

In the Old Testament, the community of God's people looked back at the Exodus through the Passover meal. In the New Testament, the community of God's people look back at the cross and resurrection of Jesus to the Lord's Supper.

The first Passover meal publicly revealed who was in the community of God's people.  
The Lord's Supper also publicly reveals who is in the community of God's people.

The Lord's Supper is not for a collection of individuals who just happen to be in the same room at the same time. The Lord's Supper is not just a memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Lord's Supper involves the celebration of a new community. The Lord's Supper is reserved for the gathering of a local Church. This is a meal for people who are right with God and right with each other.