

A Simple Christian Remembrance Meal (Script) – 14th of Nisan

LEADER:

Today is Passover – 14 Nisan – the day ordained for Jesus to die. It was the day the pesach lamb was slaughtered. The night before Jesus died as our Passover lamb he had a meal with his disciples where after dinner he gave thanks and shared a cup of wine with his disciples saying

“Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

FILL the GLASSES: Tonight we fill our glasses in remembrance of Jesus.

Tonight we have incorporated many symbols into our meal of remembrance to represent the life, death, resurrection and coming again of our LORD Jesus/Yeshua and what it means for all who believe and trust in HIM.

For example not only the wine/grape juice represent his blood, but the red tablecloth represents his blood, the blood of the new covenant that covers all of our sin and purifies us from all unrighteousness. The white tablecloth represents His pure sinless nature by which we are justified and made holy and blameless like Him.

The journey begins in Egypt where God commanded the first Passover....

Light the Candles

LEADER: As we light the candles, we pray for the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts with the meaning of the Passover.

READERS: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has chosen each one of us to be transferred from the dominion of darkness to the Kingdom of your glorious light through Jesus Christ.

LEADER: The Four Cups of Wine that Jesus likely drank with his disciples on the night of the last supper represent the 4 promises of God from Ex 6

READERS: :

- ♥ "I will bring you out of Egypt...
- ♥ I will free you from slavery...
- ♥ I will save you by my own hand...
- ♥ I will take you to be my own people, and I will be your God..."

LEADER: To remember these four promises, we drink from our cups four times.

The First Cup --The Cup of Sanctification

Remember God's promise that He said...

♥ "I will bring you out of Egypt...

LEADER When Jesus began His last Passover supper, He offered a cup to His disciples and said, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it" (Lk.22:17). Let's drink the first cup remembering that Jesus has led us out of our places of bondage into freedom as His children.

READERS: Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

LEADER : Let's hold up our first cup together and bless the Lord for His sanctifying us and setting us apart to be His very own!

The Second Cup: The Cup of Plagues/judgment

LEADER Remember God's promise that He said...

♥ I will free you from slavery...

Moses went to Pharaoh with God's command, "Let my people go!" But God warned Moses that Pharaoh wouldn't easily agree. The Lord sent plagues, one by one, but with each plague, Pharaoh refused and made his heart harder against God. With the tenth and most awful plague, God broke through Pharaoh's hard heart. God's people were finally set free to worship HIM.

READERS: In exodus 12 God institutes the LORD's Pesach – the protective sacrifice we call the Passover and the feast of unleavened bread. There are 3 elements all which point us to Jesus as the Messiah: The Lamb, the bitter herbs and the unleavened bread:

God said: Take a 1 year old lamb or goat without defect. At twilight, slaughter it and take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of your house. I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Because of Christ we can say with confidence "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting. 1 Corinthians 15

LEADER God also said, On the same night take bitter herbs and bread made without yeast - The bitter Herbs remind of the bitterness of being in slavery to sin and death. It also reminds us of the cup of sorrow that Jesus drank on our behalf. He said in the garden of Gethsemane that night, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death...My Father , if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not my will, but as You will.

READERS: He has filled me with bitter herbs and sated me with gall. (Lamentations 3:15)

LEADER: The green of the herbs reminds us that out because Jesus willingly drank the cup we have new life in HIM

READERS: But He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11)

LEADER : Let's hold up our second cup together, and bless the Lord for His protection from His judgment!

The Third Cup: The Cup of Redemption

LEADER Remember God's promise that He said...

♥ I will save you by my own hand...

(Take a piece of matzoh and hold it up) This matzoh made without leaven, is a symbol of the promised, sinless, Messiah, Jesus who was pierced for our transgressions But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed. IS 53

It was after the first cup Jesus shared with his disciples at the last supper that he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." (Lk.22:19) Jesus changed the significance of the matzoh forever, to symbolize His body broken for us. In the same way to have a personal relationship with Christ we must understand that it was our own personal sin that broke His body.

(Take your Matzoh and break it).

LEADER: In the same way, to have a personal relationship with Christ we must receive His grace and forgiveness represented in the broken bread.

Take your Matzoh and eat it.

READERS: : Most gracious heavenly Father, we thank you that in Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace & that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

LEADER : Let's hold up our third cup together, the cup of redemption and bless the Lord for redeeming us through the blood of the LAMB!

The Fourth Cup: The Cup of Praise or Restoration and the Promise of Christ's Return

Remember God's promise that He said...

♥ I will take you to be my own people, and I will be your God..."

The greatest sign given that what God foretold, and what He promised was true was the resurrected LORD:

READERS: Now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. And He said in John 14, I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come back and take you to be with me.

READERS: Rev 21 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

LEADER God not only told us in His word that Jesus is returning, but In John 20 Jesus left us a sign that made it clear to His disciples that He would be back:

READERS: : 6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

READERS: Rev 19: I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." [a] He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

READERS: And then Jesus said, "This is my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin. Drink in remembrance of me." Luke 22:20

READERS: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

LEADER : Now let's drink the fourth and last cup, the cup of our joyful anticipation cup for the fourth and last time, and give thanks to our great God.