

The New Testament Church  
*Palm Sunday and Lamb Selection Day*  
Pastor Paul Jehle – Palm Sunday – April 10, 2022

I The Original Lamb Selection Day and Passover – **Exodus 12:3-6**

- A. Nisan 10-15 – the 1<sup>st</sup> month in the Jewish new year
1. The Israelites needed to see that it was **sin** – from conception – that separates us from God
  2. It was to mark a “new beginning” out of bondage and captivity (of 400 years)
  3. The Passover was inseparably linked with deliverance from sin (spiritual and physical)
- B. The first Passover – the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan was on a Saturday – first *Lamb Selection Day*
1. The Father of each family **selected** a lamb on that Saturday Sabbath
  2. The lamb had to be **examined** for four days by all family members; “perfect” – 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>
  3. It became **bonded** with the family – it was no longer “a” lamb – but “their” lamb
  4. Why? *Because we were all sinners and sin must be forgiven by a blood sacrifice*
  5. Eventually, lambs were born in Bethlehem and brought to Jerusalem through the sheep gate
  6. God foreshadowed in Genesis 22:8 – *God will provide (select) a lamb – a substitute*
    - a. On Nisan 14, at twilight, the lamb would be **sacrificed whole** - no bones broken...
    - b. The **blood** was put on the doorpost; and then the Passover meal would take place
    - c. The next day, Nisan 15 – a Thursday - the **Exodus** took place at midnight...
    - d. Every day, the *Tamid*, morning and evening **sacrifice** (9 AM / 3 PM) – Ex. 19; Lev. 6
  7. **Joshua 4:19-24** – crossed on 10<sup>th</sup> Nisan over the Jordan – Gilgal **stones of remembrance**
  8. Psalms 118:21-29 states **hosanna** – “save us now” – **palm** branches the “flag of victory”
  9. Hebrew calendar by lunar months; Lamb selection and Passover fell on differing week days
- C. An eternal pattern is set – *it takes pressure from within and without to bring forth God’s purpose*
1. **Romans 8:18-23** – due to sin, the bringing forth of Christ, and His Church, is pressure
  2. *Birth-pangs* of suffering, pain, grief and difficulty will accompany the Kingdom coming

II Palm Sunday; Lamb Selection Day - **Matthew 21:1-11**; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-47; John 12:12-19

- A. Lamb Selection Day – Jesus came to fulfill the Law – Mt. 5:17-19 – He is *our* Passover Lamb!
1. Matthew 21:28; Mark 11:16; Luke 19:28-24 (40%) and John 12:12-21 (66%)
  2. As the cross and resurrection approach, the intensity increases each day of passion week
- B. In the year that Jesus died – Nisan 10 fell on a Sunday – **God the Father chose our Lamb**
1. Jesus cross over Jordan on the 10<sup>th</sup>, through Jericho to Jerusalem – Sheep’s gate
  3. He was intensely examined publicly four days in the Temple – some hated; others bonded
  4. But now only the wealthy chose their lambs; the common people got them from the Priests
  5. The cry of *Hosanna!* with palms was both spiritual and physical cry for liberty – extra patrols
  6. Christ rides on a donkey fulfilling Zech 9:9 through the Sheep Gate! (Lambs inspected)
  7. On Monday the children cried *Hosanna* – the “stones of remembrance” will cry out”
  8. He cleansed the Temple that evening... He was the lamb, stopped the monetary control
    - a. The religious bureaucracy had taken the role of choosing both lambs and people!
    - b. Barred more people from the Temple than allowed in; it became people inspection day!
    - c. Jesus cast out money-changers and declared the temple *a house of prayer for all nations*
- B. Christ the fulfillment of the Passover...
1. Examined by every segment of society in what he taught (Monday through Thursday); He was found perfect – *his authority, tribute to Caesar, Offerings, resurrection, greatest command...*
  2. As families bonded with their personal lamb – so the common people did with their Savior
  3. As families had their lambs tied to the altar and then killed – they had no idea that the morning (9 AM) and afternoon (3 PM) sacrifice for atonement would now be the one true Lamb of God!
  4. He was offered whole - not one bone was broken as prophesied!