

THE LAMB OF GOD

The Bible is one big story. The events of the first Passover are like a shadow that points forward to an even greater rescue many generations later, involving God's own Son, Jesus Christ.

Look up the following passages.

How do they help us to understand the meaning of Jesus' death?

Luke 22:7-20

1 Corinthians 5:7

1 Peter 1:19

Which event is most important in the Christian calendar? Why?

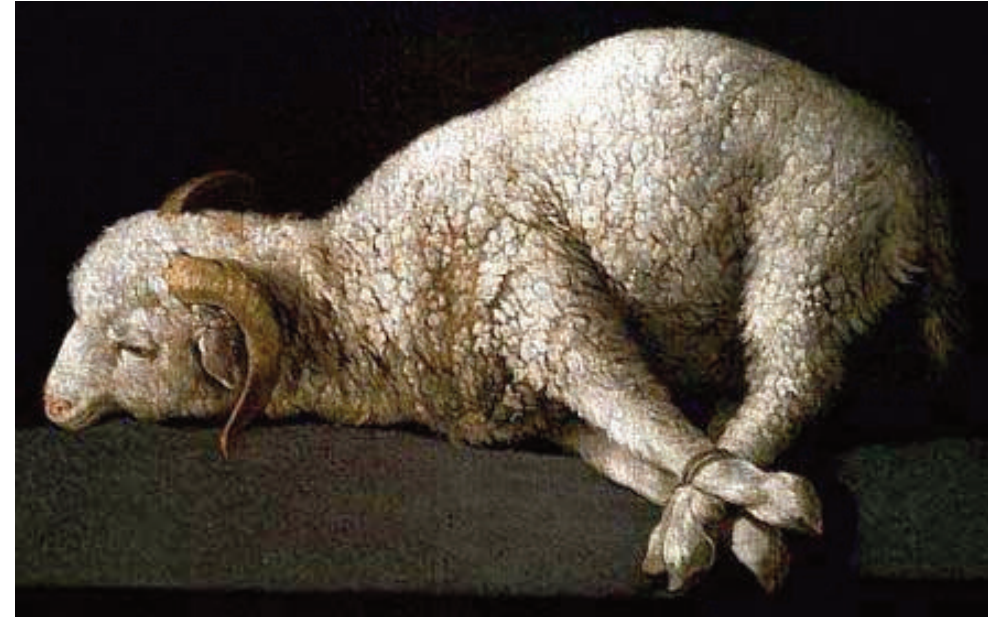
In the same way that God's anger passed over all the households in Egypt who took protection under the blood of a lamb, so now everyone who takes protection under the blood of Jesus will be saved from God's judgment. This is why Jesus' death on a cross is the most central part of Christianity.

Are you safe from God's judgment?

PRAY



BIBLE STUDY



Exodus • Week 4

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ICEBREAKER

When does the New Year traditionally begin in your culture? Do you know why?
How do people celebrate?

THE STORY SO FAR

The book of Exodus is part of the Bible's one big story. God chose a man called Abraham to be the ancestor of a great nation who God would use to eventually bless all peoples on earth. But 400 years later, Abraham's descendants (the people of Israel) were in slavery in a foreign land, Egypt. God then sent Moses to rescue his people, but the king refused to let them go. So God responded by sending plagues to show the king who he was.

The 10th plague is the climax of the story so far, and becomes the most important event in the history of the people of Israel.

THE FINAL PLAGUE

Read **Exodus 11:1-10**.

What final plague is God going to bring on Egypt?

What will happen – to the king?

– to the people of Israel?

Read **Exodus 12:1-28**.

What did the people of Israel have to do?

Imagine you are an Israelite. Write out a calendar for this first month of the year, and list the tasks and ingredients you will need for certain days.

What will God do?

What caused God's punishment to "pass over" a house?

On what basis does God make a distinction between people?

The only way of escape from God's punishment is by the blood (death) of an innocent substitute. The innocent lamb dies instead of the people.

Even before it happens, God told Moses that this night of their rescue was to be remembered every year. The Passover would become their New Year's celebration. For on this night the people of Israel had a new start. They were no longer slaves but free.

Read **Exodus 12:29-42**.

Why is this plague special compared to the previous 9 plagues?

What do we learn about God from this chapter?