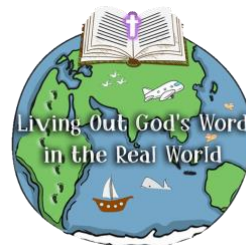


PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 19/04/2020

Text(s): Numbers 9:1–3; Exodus 12:3–14

Title: Jesus – Our Passover Lamb!

Preacher: Rev Dr Jonathan Seet

(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

Numbers 9:1–3 (ESV)

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 “Let the people of Israel keep the Passover at its appointed time.

3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and all its rules you shall keep it.”

Exodus 12:3–14 (ESV)

3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household.

4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)



- 1. In Exodus 12, God gave Moses instructions to hold the Passover Feast. In Numbers 9, God reminded Moses to celebrate the Passover Feast. The word for *feast* in Hebrew is *moedim*, which means seasons, sacred season, set feast or appointed time. The Jewish understanding of a feast is that it's not about eating and merry making but about a divine appointment to meet God. Easter and Christmas are two special days celebrated by Christians all over the world. Why do you think there is so much merry making during Christmas? And why is there less merry making during Easter?**
- 2. To prepare for the Passover Feast, each family was to select a 1 year old lamb and keep it for 4 days in order to have time to inspect it carefully to ensure that it truly is a lamb without defect. The Passover Feast was fulfilled in Jesus. He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and spent 4 days in Jerusalem being inspected by the people, especially by the Priests, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. Have you yourself taken time to examine Jesus to see who He really is, whether before or after you committed your life to Christ?**
- 3. When Moses and the Israelites held the Passover Feast year after year, they did have some understanding of the significance of the various elements of the feast but they did not have a full understanding. For example, they understood that the shedding of blood is required for the atonement of sins (see Leviticus 17:11 and Hebrews 9:22). But they didn't know that the lamb and the pole for roasting were pointing them to Christ and the Cross. What is your understanding of the time we are living in right now and the challenge we have with COVID-19? Besides the steps of personal hygiene and social distancing, what is it that we truly need to do in view of the focus on Christ as the sacrificial Passover Lamb of God?**

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)



- 1. The preacher emphasized that celebrating the Passover Feast is not about eating and merry making but about having a divine appointment with God. Nevertheless, eating was involved: eating the lamb and unleavened bread, for example. Jesus also talked about us eating His flesh (see John 6:51). How do we eat the lamb and the unleavened bread today? How do we eat the flesh of Jesus today?**

- 2. The preacher referred to Isaiah 53:5 in explaining the holes found in the unleavened bread. Christ was pierced for our sins and by His wounds we are healed. Does anyone have a testimony of how you called out to the Lord for healing and received healing in the process?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to have a new encounter with Christ everyday as we set aside time for a divine appointment with God through prayer and the reading of Scripture.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support. Pray for the foreign workers in Singapore.
- Remember to pray for our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.