

Sermon Notes

Mary Had a Little Lamb - Exo 12:3

March 28, 2021

I. Introduction

- a. world likes to take our focus off Christ... Thanksgiving turns into football and food... Christmas turns into Santa and gifts... Easter becomes eggs and bunnies...
- b. nothing wrong with those things... but in them, our focus should be on Jesus...
Psa 100... "give thanks to Him... for He is good... unfailing love lasts forever..."
Luke 2:11... "there is born to you this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord..."
1Pet 1:3... "given us new birth into living hope thru resurrection of Jesus..."
- c. anytime our focus gets off Christ... we are in danger...
Matt 7:13-14... "path that leads to destruction... path that leads to life..."
Rom 8:6-11... "carnal mind is death... spiritual mind is life and peace..."
Heb 12:2... "keep eyes on Jesus... champion of faith... from start to finish..."
- d. Mary had a little lamb... its fleece was white as snow... and everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go... picture of Jesus... pray...

II. Little Lamb

- a. feast of Passover started last night... ends next Sunday... symbolizes a new beginning... reminder old things gone (slavery), new had come (freedom)...
Exo 12:2... "this month is the beginning of months... first month of your year..."
2Cor 5:17... "you are a new creation in Christ... old is gone, new has come..."
- b. Jewish people have two calendars... spiritual begins at Passover (Nissan)... natural in September (Tishrei) with Rosh Hashanah... Passover was a time to forget past... forget sins, failures, regrets, disappointments... leave the *if-only* behind...
2Cor 6:1-2... "don't receive grace in vain... now is time, now is day of salvation..."
softeria... deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation, health, rescue...
1Cor 2:2... "decided I would forget everything except Jesus and Him crucified..."
Phil 3:12-18... "make every effort... forget past, look forward to what's ahead..."
- c. stories in OT are shadow of Jesus... don't ignore, but learn from them... story of Passover is a new beginning... about transformation that comes only in Christ...
Rom 15:4... "whatever was written before was for our instruction..."
Col 2:17... "these things were shadow of reality... Christ Himself is that reality..."
Rom 8:15... "not receive spirit of fearful slaves... but HS, adopted you as kids..."
Gal 5:1... "Christ has liberated us into freedom... do not submit again to slavery..."
- d. what really happened at Passover... how can it teach us today... one lamb would save entire house from death... God wants your whole family saved... when you choose lamb... more likely your entire house will also choose the lamb...
Exo 12:3... "on 10th day... each family must choose a lamb... one for each house..."
Acts 10... "Cornelius called relatives and friends together... HS fell upon all..."
Acts 16:30-31... "believe on Jesus... you will be saved... you and your house..."
1Tim 2:4... "God wants everyone to be saved... come to knowledge of truth..."

- e. people still have to make personal choice... some of you still waiting for family members to receive lamb... huge window of grace because of you... don't give up...
John 3:16-18... "everyone who believes in Him will not perish... not condemned..."
Acts 13:39... "everyone who believes in Him will be justified from everything..."
Rom 10:9-10... "confess with mouth... believe with heart... you will be saved..."
pisteuo... think to be true; place confidence in; trust Jesus is able to do something...
- f. how many lambs do you need... one little lamb is enough... not just enough, but more than enough... *if the house is too small*... lamb is never too small...
Exo 12:4... "if the house is too small for the lamb... let them share with neighbor... according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb..."
John 14:6... "I am THE way... I am THE truth... I am THE life..."
- g. this lamb (Jesus) is bigger than all your needs... not just more than enough... but so much more than enough you'll need to share Him with others... issue about supply is never about Jesus... always about our belief, asking, thinking...
Psa 36:8... "they shall be abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house..."
Mal 3:10... "I will pour out blessing so great you won't have enough room for it..."
John 10:10... "I have come to bring you life... and life more abundantly..."
Eph 3:20... "He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we ask, think..."
- h. if your needs are too small for this lamb... what do you do... share the leftovers... disciples didn't believe... the Lamb wanted to overflow them with goodness... God wants to bless you so much that you'll have to call for help...
Luke 5:4-7... "let down your nets... Peter, at your word, I will let down the net... caught great number of fish and their net was breaking... called for help..."
John 6:8-15... "5 loaves, 2 fish... when full... filled 12 baskets with leftovers..."
- i. why... because it's God's goodness that leads people to a relationship with Him...
Exo 33:18-19... "show me glory... I will let all my goodness pass before you..."
Psa 23:6... "surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..."
Psa 145:9... "the Lord is good to all..."
Luke 5:8-11... "go away, I'm a sinner... don't be afraid... left all, followed Him..."
Rom 2:4... "God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance..."
1Thess 5:18... "give thanks in everything... this is God's will for you in Christ..."
thelema... purpose of God to bless mankind thru Christ; what God wishes to do...
- j. lamb comes into house on 10th... with family 5 days... love, play, eat, sleep... what were they doing... examining to see if it was without blemish... dad would then take out and kill on 14th... helps us understand Father's love for us... Passover lamb just shadow, Jesus is reality... what was He doing 5 days before His death...
Exo 12:3-6... "take lamb on 10th... keep till 14th... no defects... kill at twilight..."
Luke 20... "priests, scribes, elders... watched closely... questioning Him..."
Luke 23... "after examining Him in your presence, I find no fault in this Man..."
- k. during 1st Passover... blood spread on side and top of door... death would then pass over... perfect lamb was only thing that saved... not our blood, sacrifice, efforts... our job is to apply the blood in faith... have you done that... pray...
Exo 12:13... "when I see THE blood, I will pass over... no plague will destroy..."
John 1:29... "behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..."
Rom 5:1-9... "declared righteous by His blood... have peace... saved from wrath..."
Eph 2:8-10... "saved by grace thru faith... it is God's gift... not from works..."
Heb 9:22... "without the shedding of blood... there is no forgiveness..."
1Pet 1:18-19... "saved by precious blood of Christ... lamb without blemish..."

Jesus, Our True Passover Lamb

Exo 12:3... *every man shall take a lamb... a lamb for a household...*

Jews worldwide celebrate the Passover feast. The feast... which has been kept for generations... celebrates the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. **Exo 12:14**. The night before the Israelites left Egypt... the destroyer went thru the land killing the firstborn of man and beast. Only those with the blood of the Passover lamb on their doorposts were spared. God had told them... *take a lamb, a lamb for a household*. This tells us that Jesus... our true Passover lamb... wants your whole house saved. **Acts 16:30-31**.

Your children are blessed when you receive Jesus. Your unsaved spouse and grandparents are blessed too... because Jesus is now the lamb for your whole house. Your unsaved loved ones will enjoy the blessings of the saved.

The Bible says that the *sanctified will sanctify the unsanctified*. **1Cor 7:14**. Don't misunderstand... people still have to personally receive Jesus as their Savior... but God has marked them for salvation because you are saved!!

Many of the Jews were probably anxious. Imagine one asking another... *did you hear the angel of death is passing thru tonight? We were told to put the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of our home and everything would be all right. Is that true? Like the Israelites... you might be wondering... can the blood really protect me? How much blood do I have to put on my doorposts? Will the angel of death get me if I am fearful?*

Don't add to God's conditions. He said... *when I see the blood, I will pass over you and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you*. **Exo 12:13**.

He did not say... *when I see the blood, plus your understanding, efforts, obedience, faithfulness, and refusal to give into fear, then I will pass over you*.

Each house took a lamb which God said had to be without blemish. Why? Because the lamb typified Jesus... the true lamb of God who is without sin. *Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*. **John 1:29**.

It is the blood of Jesus alone that delivers you. If you think it is because of your faith... you will always be wondering... *do I have enough faith?* No, it is His blood alone that saves. And when God sees that you know and believe that... He calls that faith in the blood... and every plague will pass over you.

It was the blood that saved the children of Israel from the destroyer on that Passover night... and it is still the blood that saves today. *Father, I thank you that the blood of Jesus alone covers me and my family. No evil, plague or disaster will befall me or my family because of the blood*. His blood.

Jesus also celebrated Passover the night before He was crucified. But He was instituting the greater Passover. This time it was not deliverance from Egypt... but from satan and his kingdom of darkness. It was not deliverance from slavery... but from a life of bondage to sin. Deliverance into a life of freedom in Christ!! And when the Son sets you free... you will be free indeed. **John 8:36**.

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Sermon Study

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1. How much do you **incorporate Jesus** into popular holidays? Read **Psa 100... Luke 2:11... 1Pet 1:3**. Is it important? Why or why not?
2. What happens when our **focus gets off Jesus**? Read **Matt 7:13-14... Rom 8:6-11... Heb 12:2**. Has that happened to you? Explain.
3. Passover was a **new beginning** for the Jews. Are there any areas of your life where you might need a new start? **Where** and **how** do you begin? Read **2Cor 6:1-2... 1Cor 2:2... Phil 3:12-18**.
4. **How many** lambs were required for each house? Read Exo 12:3. Does God want your **family to be saved**? Read **Acts 10; 16:30-31... 1Tim 2:4... 2Pet 3:9**. How does that **encourage** you?
5. Read **Exo 12:4**. Is the lamb ever **too small** for the house? Read **Psa 36:8... Mal 3:10... John 10:10... Eph 3:20**. What happens if the house is too small for the lamb? Read **Luke 5:4-7** and **John 6:8-15**.
6. Ultimately, what **leads people** to a relationship with God? Read **Exo 33:18-19... Psa 23:6... Psa 145:9... Luke 5:8-11... Rom 2:4... 1Thess 5:18** (definition of thelema). How was that **true for you**?
7. What does the **blood of the perfect lamb** do? Read **Exo 12:13... John 1:29... Rom 5:1-9... Eph 2:8-10... Heb 9:22... 1Pet 1:18-19**. Have you applied it to the **doorposts of your life**?