

The History of the Jewish Passover – How this relates to Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day) Good Friday & Palm Sunday

Jesus Lamb of God, Manna from Heaven, reason for communion

Abraham was the father of Isaac. It was thru the bloodlines of the genealogy of Abraham that a savior (Jesus) would be born. (in the Bible at Genesis 22 the Lord God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac his son, as a sacrificial lamb, this was symbolic of God the Father sacrificing Jesus to pay for our sins) But the Lord stopped Abraham, spared Isaac and provided a lamb for the altar instead.

(Genesis chapter 15-18 Promise to Abraham from God) Genesis 21-22 Isaac

Isaac was the father to Jacob. Jacobs name was changed to Israel. Genesis 35: 9-12 Jacob was the father to 12 sons. So, his sons were the 12 tribes of Israel. Which make up the Jewish Nation. One of his sons was Joseph. Remember the story of Joseph and the coat of many colors his father gave to him. Joseph's brothers were jealous, so they sold him into slavery, and told their father he was dead. But the Lord God had a plan for Joseph's life and he ended up ruling Egypt. Genesis chapter 28-35

During his time ruling Egypt, there was a great famine in the land, forcing Joseph's brothers to come to Egypt for food. At this time, Joseph was reunited with his family and they all came to live in Egypt. The Story of Joseph is found at Genesis chapter 37- 50

Long after Joseph and his brothers died, the family continued to grow. As time passed the Israelites or Hebrews as they were called became a great nation. The Pharaoh at that time, was afraid they would war against him, so, he made them slaves to Egypt. 400 years later, there were 600,000 Jewish Israelites in Egypt. Exodus chapter 1-12

The Pharaoh made a law that all Israelite baby boys were to be killed. Pharaoh was very cruel and made life miserable for them.

There was one Israelite woman who gave birth to a baby boy who she kept hidden. She made a basket that would float and put him in it, placing it in the Nile River. The basket drifted to the daughter of the Pharaoh. The Princess claimed the child for herself and called his name Moses. Moses grew up as one of the Princes of Egypt.

At this Point if you like movies.....Disney made a carton movie of this story called "The Prince of Egypt". There is also the great classic movie film called "The Ten Commandments" with Charlton Heston. Incredible 4-hour epic also showing the parting of the red sea! This Bible account is at Exodus 1-12 The story of Moses and the Ten Plagues.

Read the Bible account as it of course is more accurate than the movies.

When Moses grew up, he killed one of the Egyptians who was beating an Israelite. He then had to leave Egypt or he would be killed. 40 years later God decided it was time to deliver his people out of the hands of Pharaoh. While Moses was on MT. Horeb (which means Mountain

of God) The Lord called to Moses from a burning bush saying “I have seen the affliction of my people Israel, who are in bondage and slavery to Egypt. I have heard their cries of suffering. I have come to take them out of Egypt to the land of Cannan, a land flowing with milk and honey”.

Moses then returns to Egypt to confront Pharaoh, telling him to let Gods people go, but Pharaohs heart was hardened against the Lord. The Lord God, wanting to prove to Pharaoh that he alone is the one and only true God then demonstrates his power by sending 10 plagues upon them, one by one. After each disaster befell them, Pharaoh had the chance to let the people go, but he would not. The Nile River was turned to blood. It rained hail with fire. Then the land was filled with frogs, gnats, swarms of locust, swarms of flies, 3 days of darkness, and then the last Plague, the tenth Plague, where the angel of death would come and kill all firstborn unless a lamb was killed and the blood was put on the doorpost of the house, then the angel would see the blood and Passover that home and let the firstborn live.

This is how the Passover celebration came to be.

To this very day in 2014 the Jewish people all over the world, still come together to celebrate this High Holy day, The Passover Feast and tell the story of their bondage in Egypt and how the Lord delivered them. It is told to the children from generation to generation.

This happened some 3494 years ago in the year 1446 BC..... Jesus is so Important that his birth split time. (BC stands for Before Christ Era in time table of years) (after Christ was born time counted forward instead of backwards and is called AD Anno Domini) The Year of our Lord see.. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anno_Domini

http://agards-bible-timeline.com/q4_ad_bc_ce.html

The 10th and last plague was at midnight. The angel of death would pass threw all of Egypt and the firstborn of every family would die. Now the Lord gave Moses instructions to give to the Israelites. They were to take a young unblemished lamb, sacrifice it and put the blood on their doorposts, this way when the angel of death came threw and saw the blood of the lamb, he would pass over that house and all inside would be spared. The Blood of the lamb having the life in it, just as Jesus blood is what gives us eternal life in Christ. Exodus 11-12

The Bible says they were to eat the Lamb, along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, to represent the years of bitter bondage to Egypt. They were to be ready to leave Egypt in the morning. Which they did!

The unleavened bread was to someday represent Jesus body crucified for us and the blood of the Lamb on the doorposts was to represent Jesus’ blood shed on the cross for our sins. In the Bible, the book of John 1:29 says, John the Baptist seeing Jesus come toward him, says “Behold the Lamb of God, which has taken away the sins of the world.” John 1:36 says John looking upon Jesus as he walked, said, “behold the Lamb of God.”

Lets jump ahead to the time of Jesus. I am sure most of you have seen the famous oil painting of Jesus and his 12 disciples called The Last Supper - Leonardo da Vinci, being the artist. If not put the Title above in Google.

At John 6: 41-58 Jesus tells the Jews, I Jesus am the Manna from heaven, the Bread of life.” (Manna was a special food that fell from the sky. It fed the Israelites after they left Egypt.) Jesus went onto say, “my body is the bread of life and my blood is the true drink of eternal life.” Verse 53 Jesus says “unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life within yourselves.” This was not actually eating his body and blood, but instead represented the unleavened bread and wine served at the Passover dinner, and then the Holy Communion, with Jesus establishing a new covenant as himself being the Passover Lamb of God!

At the last Passover dinner Jesus ate with his 12 disciples in the upper room, in Luke 22:15-20 Jesus declares a new covenant with the meaning of the bread and wine of the Passover feast. Jesus says “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover meal with you before I suffer. I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of heaven. When he had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it, giving it to the 12 saying “This is my body, which I have given for you. Do this is remembrance of me! And in the same way he took the cup saying, This cup, which is pored out for you, is the new covenant in my blood. In the Bible at Mark 14: 22-25 it reads, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said

1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 says..Do this is remembrance of the Lord Jesus. 1 Corn 11: 23- 26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(This is the Holy Communion, which Christians today do, in remembrance of Jesus. They pass cups of wine and unleavened bread and partake of them, just as Jesus demonstrated for us to do.)So Jesus is that Lamb of God, who died for us, that we might have salvation and eternal life thru him and with him, just like the Passover lambs in Egypt who gave their life blood that the angel of death might Passover the people. The blood of the lamb is also ours in Christ as our salvation!

So, with this knowledge we can appreciate Passover, the day the Jews were set free from Egypt, and also the correlation of Holy Communion and Easter. Good Friday (the day Jesus was Crucified) to wash us clean of our sins Easter Sunday (the day Jesus rose again from the dead “The Resurrection Day)

Revelation 1:17-18 Jesus says I am the first and the last, the Living One! I was dead, but am alive forever more and hold the keys of death and Hades.

Many places in the book of Revelation Jesus is called the Lamb of God.

Revelation 5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

Revelation 7:10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:15 And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 19:9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'

Revelation 21:22-23 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Rev. 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. (Read all of chapter 22)
The coming of the Lord.

Palm Sunday is the day Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem for the triumphal entrance one week before he was to be crucified. Good Friday is the day we celebrate Christ's death on the cross. Easter Sunday is the day Christ arose and conquered death, hell and the grave...

Revelation 1:17-18 And when I saw Him, Jesus, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I *am* the Living One, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

I pray if it is Easter, that you now understand its meaning better! That you take to heart what this truly means. It's not about bunnies, little chicks, colored eggs and chocolate candy. It's about opening your heart and asking the Lord Jesus to come inside. To say Jesus, I understand what you did for me, that you are that Passover lamb that takes my sins away and I want eternal life with you. Come into my heart Lord Jesus. If you have prayed that prayer, get yourself a Bible, find a good church, read, and ask about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! You are on your way to one of the most exciting personal relationships you have ever experienced! Hallelujah! -----

What is the significance of the triumphal / triumphant entry?" Palm Sunday

Jesus and the Donkey

Matthew 21:1-10 "Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, go into the village opposite you and immediately you will find a Donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,

The Lord has need of them and immediately he will send them.
All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your **King** is coming to you. Lowly and sitting on a **Donkey**,
a colt the foal of a **Donkey!**”

So, the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the Donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road, others cut down Palm branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The multitudes, who went before and those who followed cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the Highest!”

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying Who is this?
the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee!

The triumphal entry is Jesus coming into Jerusalem on what we know as Palm Sunday, the Sunday before the crucifixion (John 12:1,12). The story of the triumphal entry is one of the few incidents in the life of Jesus which appears in all four Gospel accounts (Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-40; John 12:12-19). Putting the four accounts together, it becomes clear that the triumphal entry was a significant event, not only to the people of Jesus’ day, but to Christians throughout history. We celebrate Palm Sunday to remember that momentous occasion.

On that day, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey’s colt, one that had never been ridden before. The disciples spread their cloaks on the donkey for Jesus to sit on, and the multitudes came out to welcome Him, laying before Him their cloaks and the branches of palm trees. The people hailed and praised Him as the “King who comes in the name of the Lord” as He rode to the temple, where He taught the people, healed them, and drove out the money-changers and merchants who had made His Father’s house a “den of robbers” (Mark 11:17).

Jesus’ purpose in riding into Jerusalem was to make public His claim to be their Messiah and King of Israel in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy

The verse quoted in Matthew 21:1-17; also quotes from Zechariah 9:9 and was written some 500 years before Jesus rode the Donkey in the Triumphal entry

Zechariah 9:9, “Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

.Jesus rides into His capital city as a conquering King and is hailed by the people as such, in the manner of the day. The streets of Jerusalem, the royal city, are open to Him, and like a king, He ascends to His palace, not a temporal palace, but the spiritual palace which is the temple, because His is a spiritual kingdom. He receives the worship and praise of the people because only He deserves it. No longer does He tell His disciples to be quiet about Him (Matthew 12:16,16:20), but to shout His praises and worship Him openly. The spreading of cloaks was an act of homage for royalty (see 2 Kings 9:13). Jesus was openly declaring to the people that He was their King and the Messiah they had been waiting for.

Unfortunately, the praise the people lavished on Jesus was not because they recognized Him as their Messiah. They welcomed Him out of their desire for a deliverer, someone who would lead them in a revolt against Rome. There were many who, though they did not believe in Christ with a spiritual faith, nevertheless hoped that perhaps He might be to them a great deliverer. These are the ones who hailed Him as King with their many Hosannas, recognizing Him as the Son of David who came in the name of the Lord. But when He failed in their expectations, when He refused to lead them in a massive revolt against the Roman occupiers and those who collaborated with them, the crowds quickly turned on Him. Within just a few days, their Hosannas would change to cries of "Crucify Him!" (Luke 23:20-21). Those who hailed Him as a hero would soon reject and abandon Him.

The story of the triumphal entry is one of contrasts and those contrasts are the application to believers. It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey, not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. Jesus Christ comes not to conquer by force as earthly kings, but by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. He conquers not nations, but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace with God, not of temporal peace. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us.

About the Donkey! This is not a full grown donkey, but a colt that had never been ridden, and yet he calmly complies to his Master Jesus to be ridden. By the way, just a side note. Donkeys have the mark of the cross in their hair on their withers. It runs across their shoulders and down their backs.

They are the only animal with this marking. Isn't it interesting that it was this donkey with cross marking on his back, that Jesus rode into Jerusalem to his own crucifixion on the cross.

FACT...Although the donkey originated in Africa, it is more commonly associated with the countries of the Middle East and Asia where it soon became a vital part of the economy. Today this animal is still an important addition to many households fulfilling its role as "beast of burden" with great patience, often in the face of tremendous cruelty and ignorance.

Perhaps more than any other animal the donkey is closely connected to the Christian faith. The Jerusalem donkey, so named for the distinctive dark cross upon its back, is told in legend to have earned this characteristic mark after the first Palm Sunday when Christ rode one of these humble beasts into Jerusalem. In reality the origin of the cross was already there.

So when Jesus created the donkey, isn't it interesting he put a cross on its back.

Jesus Creator

John 1:3 Refereeing to Jesus, Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

Colossians 1:15-17 it says (Referring to Jesus) He is the image of the invisible God, the heir of all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1 Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.



Jesus Triumphal entry
Story narrated by the Donkey!

Hi everyone, my name is the colt of a donkey. I am the donkey Jesus rode at his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem the week before he was crucified. Oh how thrilling it was to have the master, creator of the universe, the King of Glory chose me, to carry him into the Holy city. What an exciting time.

Did you know that Jesus was foreordained (predetermined) before the foundation of the world, that he would die on the cross for your sins [1 Peter 1:18-20]. And [Rev 13:6- says that he was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"

That means thousands of years before God made the earth, Jesus as the Word of God knew he would die on the cross. Wow, you know what else? He also knew he would choose me, the colt of a donkey to ride in on. So you know what he did, since Jesus is the creator of all things, and knew he would die on the cross, when he created the donkey, He put a cross on our backs as a symbol of his death and resurrection.

See the photo of my friends, they all have crosses. We are special. In fact once upon a time a donkey was carrying a man named Balaam and God opened the eyes of the donkey to see an angel from heaven and then to be able to talk like a human to his master. Abraham also used a donkey to carry the wood to the mountain to sacrifice Isaac, which symbolized God the father sacrificing Jesus for us to take away our sins.

Oh, and when Mary was going to Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus, she rode a donkey to the manger. Mangers are where animals are stabled, So we the donkeys got to see Jesus be born! Then that very night Sheppard's came to visit. They told us that all the angels of heaven appeared to them, saying Today in Bethlehem a Savior was born who is Christ the Lord...and all the angels shouted, Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to all Men.

I am so elated to tell you this information; it's as if I was there with Jesus at the triumphal entry all over again... The crowds of people were waving palm branches in the air, throwing their coats along the path for us to walk on and praising God, saying Hosanna! "Hosanna," is a cry for salvation, while at the same time is a declaration of praise.

Nowadays that event is called Palm Sunday, its right before the Passover feast, and a few days later Jesus was crucified on the cross.

If you have computers and Google, there is a story on line called "The Legend of the Donkey Cross by Mary Singer...it is a poem she wrote about me. The story is not how it exactly was, but it is how I felt about my Lord! Let me share it with you... Legend of the Donkey's Cross by Mary Singer

Bring me the colt of a donkey, was the Masters request!
A young donkey was brought to Jesus to carry Him into Jerusalem.
A week later Jesus was ordered to be crucified.
The little donkey so loved the Lord that he wanted to help Him carry the cross.
But alas, he was pushed away.

The sad little donkey waited to say goodbye until nearly all had left.
As he turned to leave the shadow of the cross fell upon the back and shoulders of the little donkey.
And there it has remained a tribute to the loyalty and love of the humblest of God's creatures.

+ See more photos of the donkey cross below. +



