

# Living Free Ministries

## Foundational Scripture

*“Jesus said to those who believed in Him, If you continue in My word and hold fast to My teachings, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32*

## Vision Statement

*“To know, experience, and share the love, truth, and power of Jesus Christ to the world.”*

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## Passover, Last Supper, and Healing

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**Prescription-- Ex 15:26** – *“I am the Lord that healeth thee.”*

**Matt 26:26** - *“And as they were eating Jesus took bread blessed and broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, “take ,eat, this is my body”*

### **God, Our Great Physician – “Jehovah Raphe”**

God introduced Himself as Israel’s Healer, and called Himself Jehovah Raphe, in Ex 15:26. God made a healing covenant with his people there. This happened right after the Passover. Passover is described in Ex 12- 15 chapters.

The healing testimony of passover is recorded in Ps105:37... and says *“there was none feeble among His tribes.”* Imagine all these people marching across the Red Sea, healed and strengthened for the journey! These were people who were severely oppressed by slavery and beaten. Surely they needed healing from Jehovah Raphe.

### **The Passover**

On the afternoon of the night when the Angel of Death visited Egypt, the Israelites were told to kill a lamb without spot or blemish, and sprinkle its blood on the doorposts and lintel of the door into their home. When the Angel of Death saw the blood of the lamb, it passed by that house, and all who were inside were spared the horror of the death of the firstborn male of the household. Those who did not sprinkle blood of a lamb over their doors, suffered the loss of their firstborn. To think of Jesus as the Passover Lamb is to see in Him the delivering and rescuing power of God, come to earth, for the salvation of men.

The Passover Lamb was a type of Jesus, a foreshadowing of what He would do for us on the Cross – He would purchase for us deliverance from death. Just as the first Passover lamb was the sign of God’s deliverance for His people from their slavery in Egypt, so Jesus, our Passover lamb, redeemed us from the curse and delivered us from slavery to sin. For the Israelites, the lamb was not just a symbol of deliverance, it was

their deliverance. The **blood of the lamb** is what kept the Jews safe on that night of death.

***The blood of Jesus delivers us from sin and keeps us safe from the power of death.***

***There are four characteristics of a Lamb, that apply to Jesus:***

1) Dependence; 2) combined qualities of meekness, gentleness, and humility 3) innocence and purity, and 4) A spirit of sacrifice.

- John 1:36, John the Baptist introduced Jesus with the words: *“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”* |
- 1 Cor 5:7, Paul writes: *“For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”*

### ***Jesus is our Passover Lamb***

By the timing of Christ’s death, God makes it very clear that Jesus is our Passover Lamb.

God instructed the Jewish people to select a lamb for their household and set it aside on the tenth day of Nissan, which is the first month in the Jewish calendar. They then have several days to observe the lamb and verify that it has no spot nor blemish, before slaughtering the lamb on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nissan. It is informative that Jesus entered Jerusalem on the tenth day of Nissan, which we commemorate as Palm Sunday. He was then questioned by the religious leaders who tried to trick him into making an error, but they found no fault in Him. Neither did Pilate, the Roman governor, who had Jesus whipped and interrogated then declared, “I find no fault in this man.”

Jesus was crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nissan, the exact same day when the Jewish people were instructed to kill their Passover Lamb. Jesus hung on the cross from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and died at 3:00 PM, at the same hour when the Jewish people were killing their Passover Lambs. God could not have made it any clearer that He sent His Son Jesus to be the Passover Lamb for us. His blood is applied to our hearts, our sins are forgiven, and we are kept from the power of death. Revelation 12:11 says: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”

- **Isaiah 53:7** reminds us that , *“He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.*
- **Isaiah 53: 1-6** ....vs 4 states: *Surely, he has borne our griefs (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains); vs 5-6 “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned , every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”*

- **1 Peter 2:24** - *“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we having died to sins, might live for righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray...”*

Most Christians don't realize it, but the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples shortly before His death, was the Passover Meal (Seder)...

- **Matthew 26:27-28** - *Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples and said “Take, eat, this is my body.” Then He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”*

### ***The Meaning of “Unleavened Bread”... Healing in the Bread!***

The other item from Passover and the last supper ( which was a passover) to discuss is the unleavened bread. We will use matza to represent this today.

Leaven symbolizes sin. So this bread (unleavened symbolizes sinlessness).

During passover week, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, all foods containing yeast or leaven were purged out of the house and not eaten.

In the Passover meal on the table are 3 ceremonial pieces of unleavened bread, and wrapped in a cloth. The middle one is called the “Afikomen”. At the last supper with His disciples, Jesus took the *Afikomen* and held it up and broke it and said ” *Take , Eat, This is my body which is given for you, Do this in remembrance of me*” (Luke 22:19).

Look at this matza as a symbol of **Jesus, our unleavened bread of life!**

**Striped:** 1 Peter 2:24: *“By His stripes we were healed.”*

**Pierced :** Ps 22:16 - *“They pierced my hands and my feet.”*

**Bruised:** Is. 53:5 - *“He was bruised for our iniquities.”*

**Broken** - Ps 22:14 - *“My heart is like wax it has melted within me broken heart for people of the world in their sins.”*

**Unleavened** – *“Nothing to puff up, no sin, no pride.”*

The “afikomen mattza”, is wrapped in white cloth and hidden away for the children to find after the passover meal. Jesus our mediating priest was wrapped in linen cloths and hidden away for 3 days and 3 nights after His death then resurrected

### ***Declarations:***

***“Thank you Father for Your healing redemptive love demonstrated to us through the death of Jesus our Passover Lamb.”***

***“I believe and release Jesus now, at this appointed feast time, to be my Healer and Deliverer ...to produce the healing and miracle needed in my body and soul tonight. Thank You Jesus! Amen!”***