

PASSOVER: PREPARATION DAY



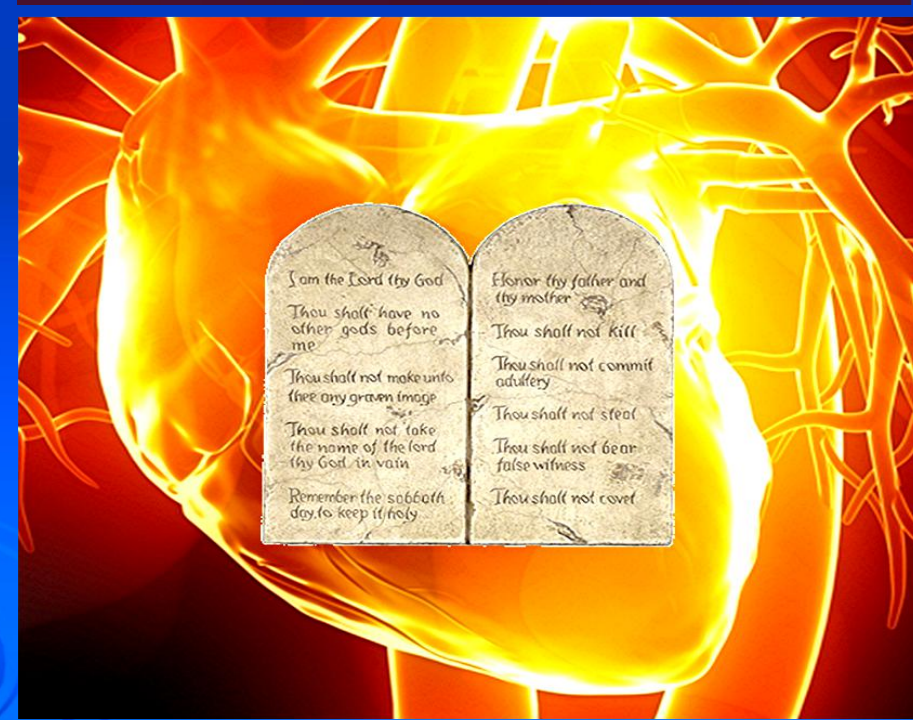
- The Lord's Supper took place within the first few hours of Nisan 14th
- John 19 says that the Judeans nicknamed Passover day (Nisan 14) as Preparation Day
- On Passover day the lambs were killed and cooked
- The Passover meal (seder) was not eaten until the day changed to Nisan 15th
- Nisan 15th the first day of Unleavened Bread (a special Sabbath day)
- Leviticus 23:4 - 8

WHAT WAS IT?

- The Lord's Supper was NOT a biblically prescribed observance
- The ceremony seems to have been a Galilean tradition
- The importance was that the bread and wine represented Christ's body and blood
- The focus was on Yeshua's humanity



- It seems that in Matthew's Gospel (and Mark's) a later Christian editor may have added the word "New"
- Jesus was likely referring to Jeremiah 31 and the new covenant promised there
- In Jeremiah the term new covenant was NOT a formal name... just a description
- The new (newer?) covenant puts what was external to us (The Law), into our inward parts
- Happened at Pentecost

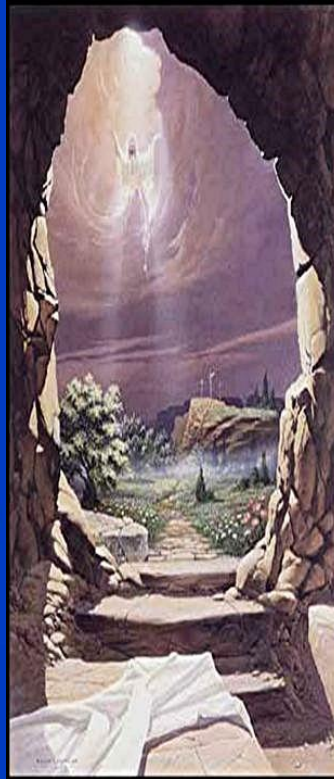




“Tonight
you will
all lose
faith in
Me...”

- Zech. 13:7
- ALL the disciples will lose faith
- Good news: later they will regain their faith in Him
- “Once saved always saved” is erroneous and is again proved here
- Were the 12 disciples “pretenders”??
- A story of faith lost and then restored

- Disciples finally believed Christ would die, but didn't accept His resurrection
- Calvin: ***“The intoxication of human self-confidence”***
- Peter is telling Jesus that He is wrong!
- Peter believes he is above temptation
- Peter represents leadership
- Statistics say that 3 in 10 faith leaders will fall



SWOON THEORY

- The swoon theory claims that Jesus only fainted on the cross and appeared to be dead. He then awoke and recuperated in the damp coolness of the tomb and fully recovered.

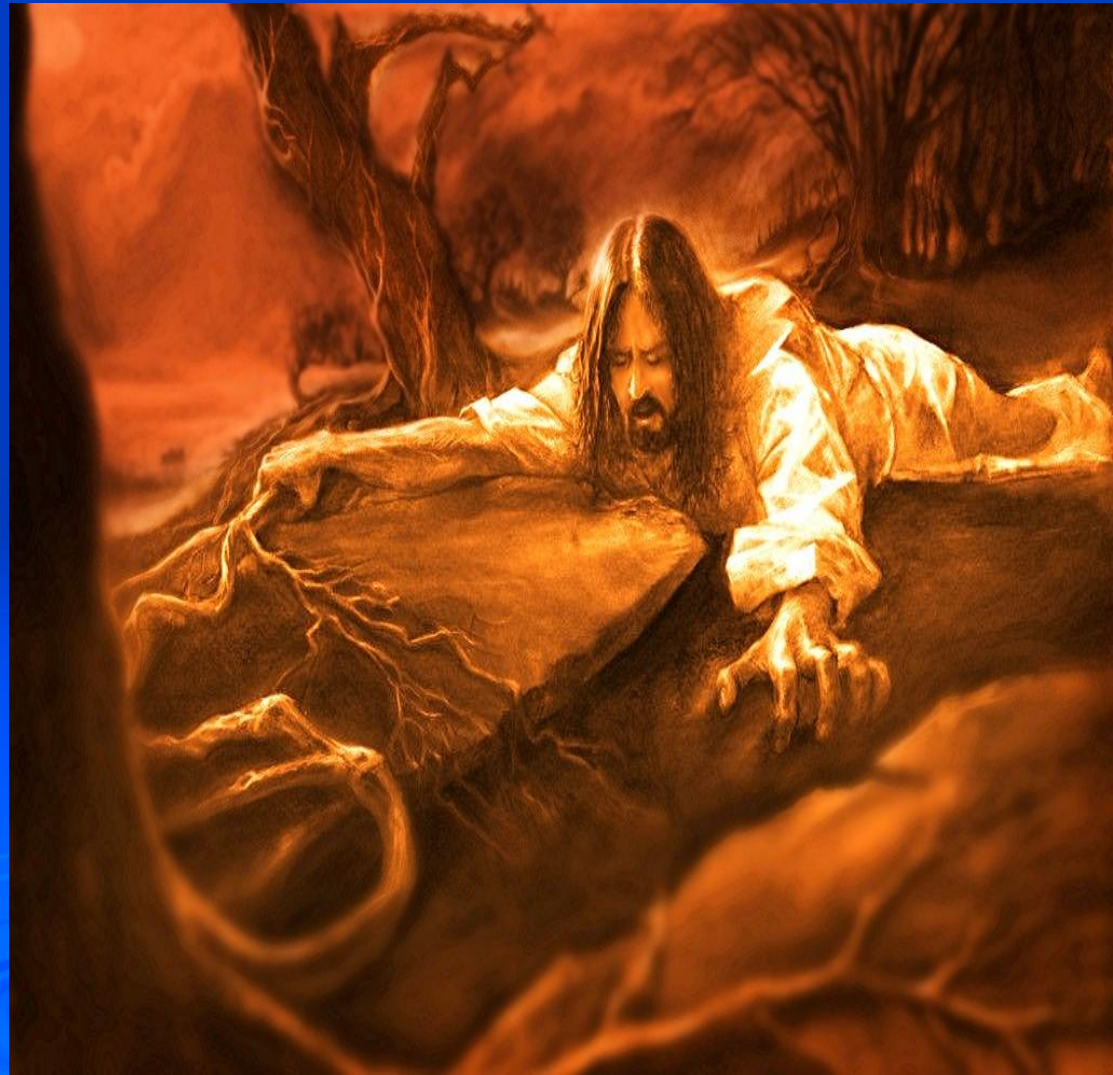




- ***Aparneomai*** = disown. Fully dissolve the relationship.
- A power struggle begins within Yeshua
- ***Gat-Sh'manim*** = Gethsemane = Olive oil press
- Yeshua again exhibits that prayer goes to The Father, and that He is subordinate to The Father
- Yeshua confesses “I wish I could die”

“My Father... let this cup pass from Me!”

- Psalm 55
- Jesus’s humanity is again on display
- In the OT, Revelation, and in the Apocrypha, cup = suffering God’s wrath
- Yeshua makes it clear He doesn’t want to face what lies ahead, but He will go through it to fulfill God’s will





CAUTION

RE-IMAGINING JESUS



- John of Damascus: *“He did in truth possess 2 wills...corresponding to His 2 natures...”*
- Paul understood Yeshua’s dilemma
- Romans 7:14 – 25
- Paul wasn’t Yeshua, and neither are we
- We cannot be cured from our corrupt nature, but we can have our symptoms relieved
- Yeshua as human as He was divine

Secularization & Social Change



**THE SPIRIT IS WILLING,
BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK.**



**Watch and pray
so that you will not
fall into temptation.**

Matthew 26:41

- The “test” coming for the disciples is if they can keep their faith in the face of death
- Our faith is under attack
- If we agree to society and government demands to see the Bible as a relic, and to overturn evil and good, then we’ll be allowed to function and exist
- If you don’t know we are being tested just as Christ’s disciples were, then **YOU ARE ASLEEP!**



- Jesus prayed the same prayer 3 times, each time returning to find the disciples asleep
- Praying 3 times meant sincerity and earnestness
- Peter denied Christ 3 times, indicating the same
- Yeshua calls Himself “The Son of Man” that highlights His divinity

JUDAS KISS



- The cohort of troops didn't seem to know what Yeshua looked like or where He was
- Judas was one of Christ's hand-selected original 12
- There is no indication that Yeshua pre-knew that Judas would betray Him
- Judas saw Christ in the wrong light, expecting the wrong things, and so he not only walked away from his faith, he also became an adversary