

## Welcome to THE View

Here Pastor Mark and other teachers will offer more information that can help you process through the message for the day.

### 1. How does the Old Testament Passover Tie Into The Christian Celebration of Jesus' Death and Resurrection?

Passover is the story of God rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt. In Exodus 12, each family sacrificed a spotless lamb and placed its blood on their doorposts so that God's judgment would "pass over" them. That night marked both deliverance and the beginning of a new life for Israel—a rescue accomplished through the blood of a substitute.

Centuries later, Jesus Christ was crucified during Passover. This timing is deeply significant. Just as the Passover lamb was without blemish and given for the people, Jesus lived a sinless life and willingly gave Himself as a sacrifice. The New Testament makes this connection clear, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and declaring that "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

While Passover celebrated freedom from physical slavery, Jesus' death accomplishes a greater deliverance. Through His sacrifice, believers are set free from sin, guilt, and judgment. What began in Exodus as a rescue from Egypt is fulfilled in Christ as a rescue from spiritual bondage—a deeper and more eternal salvation.

Yet the story does not end with the cross. The Resurrection of Jesus is the decisive victory that follows the sacrifice. It confirms that Jesus' death was sufficient and that sin and death have truly been defeated. The resurrection transforms the meaning of the cross from tragedy into triumph.

Together, Passover and the resurrection tell one unified story: God saves His people through the blood of a lamb and leads them into new life. What was foreshadowed in Exodus is fulfilled in Christ, inviting all who trust in Him to experience true and lasting freedom.

#### How They Tie Together

You can think of it like this:

<b>Passover</b>	<b>Fulfilled in Jesus</b>
Lamb without blemish	Sinless Christ
Blood on doorposts	Blood on the cross
Judgment passes over	Forgiveness of sin
Freedom from Egypt	Freedom from sin

<b>Passover</b>	<b>Fulfilled in Jesus</b>
Beginning of new life	Resurrection life

## **2. The Pause Questions**

### **Question #1:**

When you look at your life—your goals, your relationships, your struggles—what are you honestly counting on to make things “better”? And have you seen enough evidence to life confident and certain that it can actually deliver on that hope?

### **Questions #2:**

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul says everything depends on whether Jesus really rose from the dead. If you're honest, have you ever seriously examined that claim for yourself—or have your beliefs been shaped more by assumption, upbringing, or avoidance?

### **Questions #3:**

Most of us carry things in our past—regret, guilt, or things we wish we could undo.

What have you done with yours—and do you feel like it's truly been dealt with, or just managed and pushed aside?

### **Question #4:**

Where in your life do you feel the tension between who you are and who you want to be?

What have you tried to change—and why do you think real, lasting change has been so difficult?

### **Question #5:**

If death really is the end, then meaning, justice, and “getting better” are all temporary at best. But if Jesus really did rise from the dead—what would that mean for you personally, and what would need to change in your life if that were true?