



THE FOLLY AND THE POWER
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THE CROSS

PART 3

Sermon Overview

The Cross of Christ fulfilled God's plan for salvation, fulfilling the ancient celebration of Passover by shedding the blood of Christ, the perfect lamb, and paying the price of sin once and for all.

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¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

LUKE 22:14-16

LIGHT TO SEE THE WAY

Before darkness befalls us, God gives us enough light to see the way. Though Jesus was headed to the indescribable spiritual and physical agony of the Cross, He considered and prepared His disciples for their own time of horror.

A BETTER PASSOVER

Jesus wanted His disciples to understand the meaning of what was about to happen, and that the Passover was but a foreshadowing of the Cross.

In The Cross of Christ, Passover Has Found Its True Fulfillment

The first Passover delivered the Israelites from being slaves in

Egypt to being servants of God through blood sacrifice; the Cross of Christ delivers those who believe from slavery to sin to reconciliation with God through the ultimate blood sacrifice in Christ.

Because of The Cross of Christ, Passover Gives Way to Communion

The Lord's purpose of instituting the last Passover is to make His Cross eternal. Communion points away from itself to the Cross of Christ, and serves to remind us of the enormity of our sin, and the generosity of God's grace. Christ wanted all of His followers throughout the ages to participate in Communion while lifting their eyes to Heaven, remembering Christ's sacrifice and looking forward to the Marriage Supper of The Lamb.

NAILED TO THE CROSS

During the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, it was common legal practice that whenever a debt was paid or settled, the creditor would take the canceled bond and nail it over the door of the one whose debt had been cancelled. Any passerby could see that the debt had been fully paid or cancelled. According to Colossians, God nailed our debt of sin to the Cross:

On the Cross, Jesus said: "It is finished." The price of sin has been paid once and for all through Christ.