



Week 7: Q & Eh?

APPETIZER: Review... Jesus as our Passover Lamb

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

As our Passover Lamb, Jesus...

- a. Protects us from death (giving us a new start at life)
 - b. Leads us to freedom (defeating the enemy)
 - c. Gives us the New Covenant (not of Law, but of Love & the Spirit)
1. Could the wine Jesus received on the cross possibly be seen as the fourth and final cup of the Passover?
Luke 22:18; John 19:28-30

DINE IN: Questions as an Expression of Faith

2. I agree that doubting is an important part of our faith, but what about James 1:6?
3. What did Jesus mean by telling us to "hate" our lives? Does this mean ambition is a bad thing?
Luke 14:26; Matthew 22:37-40
4. How do we denounce self-preservation and maintain boundaries in life, particularly in the workplace?
5. Why does God not directly interact with us since the garden of Eden (aside from some rare occasions)? Why can't we feel his presence, see his glory, and hear his voice today?
6. How can we help non-Christians see the message of Jesus as Good News when they do not understand nor accept that they should pay for the sins of Adam & Eve?

7. How can we reconcile John 12:27 with the synoptic accounts of Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane?
8. Explain Matthew 16:28, where Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
9. How is it justice for God to put humanity's sins on Jesus? My Muslim friends would say this is not justice.
10. What was happening when Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Psalm 22; Luke 23:46
11. What did the crucifixion of Jesus actually accomplish? Or is it some form of symbol to help us understand our broken relationship with God?

ATONEMENT THEORIES...

- Moral Influence
- Sin Removal / Healing / Ransom for our Freedom
- New Covenant
- Christ Victor

1 John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Hebrews 9:15

Colossians 2:13-17

12. How can we reconcile all of the evil in the world with Jesus' statement in John 12:31, that "now the prince of this world (Satan) will be driven out"?

TAKE OUT: The Last & First Supper

Amos 2:10

"When Jesus wanted to explain to his followers what his forthcoming death was all about, he did not give them a theory, a model, a metaphor, or any other such thing; he gave them a meal."
~ N.T. Wright (The Day the Revolution Began)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

NEXT WEEK... World Vision Sunday!

Home Church Questions

NOTE: It might be good to have communion together as a Home Church this week or next.

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Do you have any lingering questions or thoughts of encouragement that are connected to this week's teaching?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

NOTE: Remember to use these questions as a menu rather than a checklist.

2. Read **Colossians 2:13-17** and compare with **Ephesians 2:13-22**.
 - a. What are your first impressions of these passages?
 - b. What was nailed to the cross in each passage? How are these related? How is this Good News?
 - c. What are the results of the cross in each passage? How are these Good News?
 - d. How are the amazing truths of **Colossians 2:14 and 15** connected?
 - e. According to Ephesians 2, we all together are God's new Temple and family members of his household. Do you have a sense of entering holy space when you gather together with other Jesus-followers? Do you have a sense of real, loving, and safe family when you get together with other Christians? If so, what helps you to encourage that awareness to grow? If not, why do you think that is?
 - f. Which theory of how the atonement works speaks to you the most/least? Why?
 - g. Let's get practical! Satan was beaten through the crucifixion of Jesus, and yet evil seems alive and well on planet Earth today. *What can we do to join in manifesting the reality of Christ's victory?* Talk about specific examples, as individuals and as a Home Church. Think about your relationships with family, friends, coworkers, customers, complete strangers, etc. Think about how you manage your words, your money, your time, your talents.

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. What is God saying to you, convicting you of, or encouraging you about this week? How are you responding?