

## 2. Don't forget the lamb!

### A) remember the Passover

God gives Moses and Aaron a lot of detail about how they should remember the Passover afterwards (see for example v14-20). Why do you think this is?

What in particular is singled out as being important? (v24-27) Why do you think this is? How can we help each other remember Jesus regularly?

### B) remember who you are

The people removed yeast from their house to remind them they were leaving their old lives behind (12v15) Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-7. How do Christians show they remember who they belong to? Think of some practical examples.

### C) worship the lamb.

At the end of the Bible, people are called not just to remember and 'look at' the Lamb of God, but to worship (see Revelation 5:6-14). Are you a worshipper of Jesus? What does it mean in today's world to really worship Jesus?

### Living in the Light of these Truths

How should your priorities and diary change in the light of God's judgment and salvation? Can you think of specific ways in which you can re-prioritise your prayer life, your diary and your attitudes?

Are there specific practical actions that you can adopt in order to better remember 'the lamb of God' in your life? (Think of specific, realistic and practical things to do this week.)

# KNOWING GOD

To know and be known

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Exodus 11-12

#### 1) Don't forget the Lamb!

**God's judgment is inevitable and terrible**

**Make sure you apply the substitute**

#### 2) Don't forget the Lamb!

**We remember the substitute at Communion and when we meet.**

**Worship the Lamb with your whole life!**



# A CLOSER LOOK

## Exodus 11-12

### Introduction

- Think of a time in your life in which everything changed for you, and that you look back on with thankfulness. (It might be when you graduated, retired, got married, became a Christian, left home etc.) What are the details about that time that you wish you still remembered?

For the people of Israel, they were never to forget the Passover. It changed everything for them. But what difference does it make for us today?

### Setting the Scene

*The Israelites have been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years, under a violent and torturous regime. In Exodus 3:7-10, God promises to rescue the Israelites, and chooses to use Moses to do this. However, Pharaoh continually refuses to let the Israelites go, even though he has been urged to do so time and time again. Eventually, nine destructive plagues hit the land. And still Pharaoh refuses to set them free.*

- Knowing all that God has promised, if you were an Israelite how would you feel, seeing that your life in Egypt hasn't changed very much? What situations are there in your life at the moment in which you feel the same about God and his promises?

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Read Exodus 11:1-8. It is now crunch time for Pharaoh and for the Israelites, with this final plague. How does the plague actually make you feel? Why?

Think back through Exodus. Apart from the obviously shocking nature of this final plague, what aspects of it are familiar? (See especially 1:15-16; 4:22-23)

In those days sons (and particularly the oldest son) represented the entire family future. What message is God giving about his authority over both Egypt and the Israelites?

Read Exodus 12:1-13. Imagine you are an Israelite at twilight (v6) on the evening of the plague, with midnight fast approaching. Bearing in mind God's promise in v13, what preparations would you ensure you make? How would your other priorities change for that night?

Paul, in 1 Corinthians 5:7, says 'For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed'. Bearing in mind Exodus 11 & 12, what does this tell us about the nature of:

- How serious our situation must be?
- How amazing God's rescue plan is?
- Who the rescue is for?
- What our response should be?

If we're honest, it can be easy to forget the seriousness of the situation when we think about God's judgement. What does this passage tell us about what our priorities should be in terms of our relationship with God, and our relationship with other people?

