

One Hour - One Decision

John 12:2 – “And Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.’”

John 21:27 – “Jesus prayed, ‘Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? “Father, save Me from this hour”? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.’”

Jesus was a Man with Purpose and Power

Nobody in the history of the world has foreknown and foretold and carried out his life and death and resurrection the way Jesus did.

PURPOSE: According to the Gospels, Jesus is a man who knows what is coming, describes what is coming, and performs what is coming, according to the purpose of God as foretold in the Scripture.

He sets His face like flint to do everything written of Him, and He will not turn to the right hand or to the left, lest one prediction of His Father in the Old Testament should fall to the ground.

POWER: Do you recall what Jesus said when Peter struck off Malchus’ ear in the garden the night He was arrested and taken to be crucified?

*In Matthew 26:53–54 NIV Jesus says to Peter, “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? **54** But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”*

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd...” (Jn. 10:14); “... I lay down My life for the sheep” (Jn. 10:15); No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.” (Jn. 10:18)

*Luke 22:14-16 – “And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. **15** And He said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.’”*

This Meal was Very Significant

- 1) The Passover illustrates His Purpose.
 - a) The Passover Feast was a spring festival instituted by God to commemorate the deliverance of Israel from the slavery of Egypt. Pharaoh refused to release the Jews and after warning him that something terrible was coming, a death angel came that night and struck down the firstborn of every living thing in Egypt.

But God make a way of escape for the Israelites. They were to slaughter a lamb and place its blood on the doorpost. For when the death angel passed through, if it saw the blood it would pass over that house.

- b) Every year after this horrifically, wonderful night, a Passover feast was celebrated. Every year after this horrifically wonderful night, thousands of Passover lambs were slaughtered and eaten by the redeemed families of Israel.
- c) Jesus is so excited because the Hour is here for Him to become the Lamb of God, who not only covers the sins for one year, but He does more, He takes away the sins of the world.

2) The Passover illustrates His Power.

- a) The Passover was a yearly acted-out living prophecy of what would come to us through the glorious Son of God.

“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.” (v.15, 16)

- b) When Jesus laid down His body on the cross, He became The Sacrificial Lamb of God that not only covers the sinfulness of His people but actually defeats death, hell and the grave!
 - i) Romans 5:12 tells us sin came into the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.
 - ii) *Romans 5:17-19 NLT – “For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.”*

3) The Passover illustrates His Substitutionary Love.

- a) Before the Suffering

*Luke 22:5 – “And He said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I **suffer**.’”*

- b) Jesus was the Great Substitute.

- i) A Substitute for the Lamb

(1) There is no need any longer for a lamb to be slaughtered for our sins.

Hebrews 10:10-12 NIV – "... we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God..."

(2) On the cross Jesus cried out, "It is finished"!

There is nothing else you need to do, no animals to sacrifice, no good works to do. The Cross will not be cheapened by your good works! You can never earn by a good life what Jesus died to purchase.

ii) The Substitute took my place.

(1) He bore my Suffering.

(2) He wore my Shame.

(3) He experienced my Separation.

(a) *"My God My God why have you forsaken me."*

Matthew 27:45-46 – "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?'"

(b) He was Separated so that we can be brought near.