

...the main points again

The **best meal** you have ever had?

A meal to remember, which remembers a memorable meal

The Exodus as a power struggle
The salvation/establishment (commission/conversion) of Israel,

Protecting a beloved son,

"This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son." - Exodus 4.23

Salvation that shapes life in the future

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt

Saved as God defeats the power of evil
Saved as God protects people from his holiness

A meal that saves on one occasion AND a meal to remember...

The judgement of death diverted not averted...
A people living under the protection of the blood of the lamb

Adequacy and inadequacy...

The two dimensions of spiritual warfare

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A meal in two courses-
Passover Lamb followed by Unleavened Bread...

The importance of **yeastlessness**

...anyone, whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel.

A people **set free** and **ready to go** with God

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- 1 Corinthians 5

A meal to remember?

When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'

Do this in remembrance of me...

The best meal you have ever had



...so what...

When do you gather for special meals?
With whom? What is the best meal you have ever had?

Read Exodus 11-12 again
Share your initial reactions to the events described there.
Is there anything you find difficult?

The lamb that is prescribed for the people is described very precisely. What qualities must it have?
Why do you think this is?
If you were one of the Israelites receiving instruction from Moses about this night, what do you think might have been your initial reaction? What you hesitate to follow?

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What role did the Israelites have in their salvation? If any?

Why is there such insistence of unleavened bread?
What is the consequence of failing to observe this?
Read 1 Corinthians 5.7-8 and Mark 8.15
Should we take yeastlessness more seriously?

The meal is described as a lasting ordinance.
Read again Exodus 12.25ff.
Why is this meal so significant for future generations?
Is Israel settled in the land years later still the people under the protection of the lamb?
Do you think we make the most of communion as a meal to remember and to identify us as God's people?
What could we do to our practice to make it more meaningful?

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A Meal to Remember
Exodus 11-12

Devoted to Christ, his people, his mission