

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 12—“The Yearly Sabbaths and the Cross (part 1)”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. What is your favorite holiday, and why?
2. Do you think most holidays have a good meaning to them? Is the real meaning lost sight of sometimes?

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. What was the first feast of the year? (Leviticus 23:4,5) _____ What day was it on?

 - a. In the first month of the year, the lamb was offered (Exodus 12:2-4)
 - b. Was the lamb perfect? Was it a male or female? (Exod. 12:5)
 - c. All Israel was there to kill it. This happened at what time of the day? (Exod. 12:6)
 - d. Did the blood of the Lamb have to be applied to each personal house? (Ex. 12:7) Did the people also eat the lamb’s flesh? (v.9)
 - e. Should anything be left until the morning? (Exod. 12:10)
 - f. Did the blood of this animal save the people from death (when applied to them)? (Exod. 12:13). Did the people have to remain in the blood-stained house to be saved? (v.22)
 - g. Could the bones of this animal be broken? (Exod. 12:46)
2. Was Jesus our Passover Lamb? (1 Corinthians 5:7)
 - a. During what great event was Jesus Crucified? (**John 19:14**)
 - b. Jesus was an innocent man (male) (*ref. Matt. 27:24*)
 - c. All Israel condemned Him. (*ref. Matt. 27:25*) Jesus died in the afternoon, he was taken off the cross by the evening. (*ref. Luke 23:53,54*)
 - d. Jesus was not left on the cross till morning, neither were his bones broken. (**John 19:31-34**)
3. What was the feast that came after Passover? (Leviticus 23:6-8) _____ What day was it on? _____ (this was a Sabbath day; the day after the Passover was killed)
 - a. “unleavened” means no yeast. No corruption in the bread. Jesus had no sin in him (1 John 3:5)
 - b. Jesus is the “bread of life” (John 6:35)
 - c. “You will not allow your holy one to see corruption...” (Acts 13:35-37)

- d. So did Jesus fulfill this feast day too? _____
4. What feast would come next, “on the day after the Sabbath”? (Leviticus 23:10,11) _____
- a. There was a lamb, a food offering, and a drink offering that was also made on this day (v.12,13). *Jesus’ “body...was broken for” us. His blood was spilled for us. (ref. 1 Cor. 11:24,25)*
 - b. Nothing was to be eaten on this day **until the offering was brought to God.** (v.14)
 - c. On the Sunday morning (of Christ’s resurrection), did Jesus allow anything to stop him from presenting himself before the Father? **(John 20:17,19)**
 - d. Was Jesus Christ **“the firstfruits”** of the resurrection? (1 Corinthians 15:20,23)
5. Fifty days from the “morning after the Sabbath” (the day of firstfruits, a Sunday) was the feast of **Pentecost** (Leviticus 23:15, 16)
- a. Lambs, Drink offerings, and food offerings were made on this day (v.16-18). At this time the bread was to be *baked with leaven.* (v.17)-*because Jesus had now taken the sins of the world on himself and died for us.*
 - b. These offerings were presented—“waved”—before the Lord on this day (v.20)
 - c. This day was considered a Sabbath day (a yearly Sabbath). No work was to be done on it, and the people **all gathered together. It was a day of “sacred assembly” (v.21)**
 - d. After Jesus was risen, he showed himself to his disciples for “40 days” then he left and went back to heaven (Acts 1:3)
 - e. When the **“day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place”** seeking God in prayer **(Acts 2:1-4)**. Then they were filled with the power of God’s Holy Spirit. They went out and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to thousands!!
6. *Note: the first four feasts (Yearly Sabbath days) were fulfilled in the year **AD 31** (surrounding the death on the Cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ).*

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Can you see how Jesus Christ completely fulfilled all of these feast days? _____
2. Do you want to serve Jesus Christ forever? _____

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