



## Passover & Easter: Remembering & Rejoicing

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A few years ago, when my oldest, Jane, was about 6 years old, we started having a special dinner on Passover. I had been reading about the Passover Seder, how one of the most emphasized themes of the meal was freedom, and my interest was piqued. I attended a small lecture that gave me just enough information to be dangerous and threw the whole thing together in a day. I actually pulled it off! It was one of those parenting moves that, when you look back on it, you wonder "what was I thinking...trying to do all that in a day?"

We took a lot of shortcuts: steak in place of the lamb, horseradish sauce for the bitter herbs, asparagus for the green vegetable, pita bread and dipping oil for the matzah and spices, and grape juice for the wine. But in looking back, I can see how that dinner has shaped our family's Easter celebrations since; and it all has to do with remembering. We hear so often that we need to be present where we are. Live in the moment. Don't worry about tomorrow. All of that is true, biblical advice. But we sometimes forget the importance of looking back. Of remembering.

In a Jewish Seder, the meal begins with the retelling of the Exodus story. The one who prepares the meal sets out the food and four cups (plastic cups with Sharpie!) that represent the four "I wills" of Scripture.

*I will bring you out of Egypt.  
I will deliver you from slavery.  
I will redeem you.  
I will take you to be my people.*

Time is spent remembering and rejoicing. God's promises are so good!

### What's Happening?

#### APRIL/MAY:

#### High School Senior Study

Wednesdays in April, starting  
April 12 | 6:30-8:30pm  
Email [Janie](mailto:Janie) for more info

#### Easter Services

April 15 | 5:00 and 6:45pm

Worship Center  
[Full list of services](#)

### Antioch Applications

Due May 1

[Info and Applications](#)

Discipleship Program (10th-12th grades)

### High School Senior Banquet

May 10 | 6:30-8:30pm

Email [Janie](#) for more info

### Annual Baptism Service

May 27 | 5:00pm

Email [Gretchen](#) by May 15 if interested in baptism.

*For more information on any of the events above, email [mosaic@fellowshipnwa.org](mailto:mosaic@fellowshipnwa.org)*

*I will bring you out of Egypt.*

He removes us from our bondage, from the place of our sin with a mighty hand.

*I will deliver you from slavery.*

He delivers us to a place of freedom by gently leading us and forgiving us of our sins.

*I will redeem you.*

He redeems us through the sacrifice of his own son, Jesus, who bled and died on a cross to take away our sins.

*I will take you to be my people.*

Ultimately, he adopts us as his own children, to live in eternity with him.

This is the Gospel in 4 cups! By remembering these four truths on Passover, we prepare our hearts to worship on Easter. Easter, when everything is fresh and new, is the day that it was all accomplished. Christ is risen from the dead. Everything that was promised has now been fulfilled. Our exodus out of our own personal Egypt has brought us to the empty tomb, the place of great rejoicing!

## RESOURCES

### Articles and Books

- [How to Prepare Your Family for Easter](#)
- [Trail to the Tree - An Easter Devotional](#)
- [The Easter Story](#)
- [The Biggest Story](#)
- [What is Easter?](#)
- [God Delivered His People](#)
- [Four Cups of Wine of Passover](#)

### Activities

- [Ideas to Reach Your Neighbor at Easter](#)
- [Resurrection Eggs](#)
- [Easter Scavenger Hunt](#)

### Crafts and Recipes

- [Resurrection Cookies](#)
- [Resurrection Rolls](#)

*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!"*

[Psalm 136:1-16 NIV](#)



Looking back, I laugh at our attempt at a Seder. Lighting candles with a furry shawl draped over your head can be risky! But the lessons and the truths learned that night can be worth it. I pray that my kids know that God is serious about his promises and that it leads them to worship.

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