



**Series:** Messiah in the Passover

**Passage:** Exodus 12:1-6, 6:1-8

**Title:** Passover Communion Connection

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**Discussion Starter:** What was your most significant take away from what you have learned about how the Seder (Passover) meal is observed?

**Seder Plate** (Exodus 12:1-8; John 1:29; Matthew 5:17 Psalms 34:20)

- How many parallels do we see in the Passover as they relate to Christ and the events surrounding His crucifixion?
- Discuss the six traditional elements placed on the Seder plate and what they symbolize. **Shankbone**, **Karpas** (vegetable), **Chazeret** (Bitter Vegetable), **Charoset** (mixture of apples, nuts wine, etc), **Maror** (Bitter Herb), and **Egg**.
- Which of the six traditional elements served on the Seder Plate are the required ones mentioned in Exodus 12?

**The 4 Cups** (Exodus 6:1-8; Deuteronomy 28:1; Matthew 7:13-14; Psalms 113:1-3 Ephesians 1:7)

- Discuss the significance of each of the four cups of the Passover meal (*Sanctification, Praise, Redemption, Acceptance*). How do they relate to the promises of God to the Israelites in Exodus 6?
- What is the symbolism and meaning for each of the four cups and what parallels do they have in the life of a Christian?

**AFIKOMEN** (1 Corinthians 15:3-5, 11:23-26)

- The tradition of Afikomen is amazing! Discuss the implications of the three Matzahs in one.
- Discuss the significance of **“The Middle Matzah”** coming out to be broken, part of it is put back, and part of it is eaten in the Passover meal.
- What are the amazing truths that we see displayed in this ceremony and how can they help us to understand redemption?
- In what ways does this deeper understanding of the Seder meal equip us to declare the Gospel to all people? How can this help us witness to our Jewish friends?