



Series: Bridges

Message: The Passover Lamb: The Lamb of God

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- Lamb Selection Sunday: The Sunday before Passover Sunday when a Jewish family would select a lamb for slaughter.
- God was saying, "Here is MY Lamb! Will you choose Him?"
- The Passover season represented a season of freedom which symbolized the Exodus from slavery in Egypt.

*After Jesus had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As He approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"*

*Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it."*

*They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.*

*When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.*

Luke 19:28-37 NIV

- Hosanna means "save us, deliver us, get us our freedom."
- Palm branches were significant because they were a Jewish national symbol.
- The Jews were looking for national deliverance, not spiritual deliverance.

*“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”*

*When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”*

*When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept.*

John 11:21–23, 32–35 NIV

- “Wept”: From a Greek word that means “sob” or “cry quietly”.

*...and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”*

Luke 19:42–44 NIV

- Jesus gave His life as the Passover Lamb to usher in the Kingdom of God.