

# The Passover and Yeshua



Five days before Pesach, a large crowd that had come for the festival heard that Yeshua was on his way into Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting, "Deliver us!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai, the King of Israel!"

After finding a young male donkey, Yeshua rode on it, just as the prophets said: 'Your king is coming to you. He is gentle and riding on a donkey.'

John 12:12-15; Isaiah 62:11; Zechariah 9:9



It was just before the festival of Pesach, and Yeshua and his disciples were at supper. Yeshua rose from the table, removed his outer garments, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the feet of his disciples.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and sat down again. Jesus asked, "Do you understand what I have just done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' And this is right, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash each other's feet. I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth. A servant is not greater than his master.

John 13:1-17



Later on at supper, Yeshua said "I am giving you a new command: that you keep on loving each other. Everyone will know that you are my disciples by the love you have for each other. While they were eating, Yeshua took some bread. He thanked God for it and broke it. Then he gave it to his followers and said, "Take it. This bread is my body." Then Yeshua took a cup. He thanked God for it and gave it to the followers. All the followers drank from the cup. Then Yeshua said, "This is my blood which begins the New Covenant (agreement) that God makes with his people, my blood poured out for many people.

John 13:34-35; Mark 14:22-25



On the day of Pesach, the Roman Governor, Pilate used to set free one prisoner, whomever the crowd requested. There was in prison a man named Bar-Abba who had committed murder. Pilate asked the crowd that had gathered who they wanted to set free, the Murderer or the 'King of the Jews?'. The Head Pharisee stirred up the crowd to have them release the Murderer. The crowds shouted to free Bar-Abba and though Pilate did not want to see Yeshua crucified, he was left with no choice but to release the Murderer as the crowds began to riot. Yeshua was whipped, laughed at, spat on and beaten repeatedly. They placed a crown of thorns on his head to mock him.

From noon until 3pm Yeshua was nailed to the stake. Then all the Land was covered with darkness and at about three in the afternoon Yeshua died. It was at this time lambs were slaughtered for the Pesach Seder Meal that evening.

At that moment the curtain in the Temple was ripped in two from top to bottom; and there was an earthquake, with rocks splitting apart. Also the graves were opened and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them. When the Roman officer and those with him saw the earthquake and what was happening, they were awestruck and said

**"He really was a Son of God."**

Matthew 27:15-54, Mark 15:1-39