



Daily Verse and Comment

[Hebrews 9:19-26](#)

(19) Because after Moses had spoken every commandment of *the* law to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, *and* he sprinkled both the book *of the covenant* itself and all the people, (20) Saying, "This *is* the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you." (21) And in the same manner, he sprinkled with blood the tabernacle, too, and all the vessels of service. (22) Now almost all things are purified with blood according to the *priestly* law, and without *the* shedding of blood there is no remission *of sins*. (23) Therefore, *it was* indeed obligatory for the patterns of the heavenly things to be purified with *the blood* of these *animals*, but *the* things in heaven themselves with superior sacrifices than these. (24) For Christ has not entered into the holy places made by *human* hands, *which are mere* copies of the true; rather, *He has entered* into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; (25) Not that He should offer Himself many times, even as the high priest enters into the holy of holies year by year with *the* blood of others; (26) For then it would have been necessary for Him to suffer many times since *the* foundation of *the* world. But now, once and for all, in *the* consummation of the ages, He has been manifested for *the* purpose of removing sin through His sacrifice *of Himself*.

A Faithful Version

How did [Jesus](#) fulfill the [Passover](#) requirements? He ate the Passover with His disciples at the beginning of the 14th day of the first month. While they probably did eat roasted lamb with bitter herbs, what Jesus emphasized for His disciples was the bread and the wine. Through washing His disciples' feet ([John 13:2-17](#)), He set the example of humble service, as well as forgiving others, because cleansing is symbolic of forgiveness. Most importantly, His sinless blood was shed on Passover day.

Yet, parts of the original Passover instructions were *not* fulfilled *in their letter!* Consider that He and His disciples left the house before morning, which the Israelites were forbidden to do ([Exodus 12:22](#)). Jesus was our Passover Lamb, yet He was *crucified* rather than being *roasted* in fire ([Exodus 12:8](#)). His remains were not burned, even though that, too, is specified. His blood was not caught in a basin, nor smeared on any doorpost (see verse 7). And, as we know, He was not killed between sunset and dark at the beginning of the 14th day.

So did Jesus fulfill the Passover? We know He *absolutely did*, and our Father was satisfied. But He fulfilled it according to requirements that were *different* from what He gave to a carnal people.

Jesus set the example for us of *when* and *how* to keep it. It was during the night of the 14th when He said to partake of the bread and wine “in remembrance of Me.” In reflecting on that night, Paul instructs the Corinthians to “proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes” ([I Corinthians 11:26](#)). However, the timing of His death, which did not occur until the following afternoon, was about *far more* than just being the Passover Lamb—as pivotal as it was.

The death of the Lamb was planned from the foundation of [the world](#) ([Revelation 13:8](#)). The timing was *not* an afterthought—it was deliberate, drawing our attention to something momentous. Jesus only died once to fulfill *all* the sacrificial requirements, including those for the Passover, the [Day of Atonement](#) and the other [holy days](#) offerings, the [Sabbath](#), the New Moon—His one sacrifice satisfied it all. Yet, the date and time He was crucified do not correspond with any holy day, nor with any sacrifice that [God](#) commanded Israel to make! Rather, it corresponded with a much earlier event: God’s covenant with Abraham.

— David C. Grabbe

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