

The Passover



Season of Lent

Purpose of Lent

To prepare for the celebration of Easter

Lenten Schedule

- *Begins Ash Wednesday*
- *Through Maundy Thursday (if you take Sundays off)*
- *Or Through the Friday before Palm Sunday*

Observance of Lent

- *Prayer – Time with God*
- *Repentance – reflection on relationship*
- *Almsgiving – giving to those who cannot give back*
- *Self-denial – _____ with Jesus*

Palm Sunday

- *The Day Jesus arrives in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival*
- *Jesus is met on the road by excited followers waving _____ branches.*
- *The whole event fulfills many Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah*

Maundy Thursday

- *In our calendar, it is the day of the Passover Feast*
- *The Passover Feast is the most important celebration of the Jewish calendar*
- *When Jesus hosted his Passover Feast for the disciples, he gives new meaning to old tradition.*
- *We still celebrate today as _____.*

The Passover

In order to understand the Passover Celebration, you must first understand the history of the Nation of Israel.

Father Abraham

- **The First _____**
- **God Made the First Promise:**
"The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; ... " (v.12:1-3)
- **First Act of Faith**
"So Abram left, as the LORD had told him;" (v.12:4)
- **Made the First _____ with God:**
⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Genesis 15:5

The Promise of Israel

"Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." Genesis 15:6

- **Sarah was _____**
"The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Genesis 16:2
- **Abraham Agreed to the Plan**
"Alrighty then." Genesis 16:3 (paraphrased)

Original Family Feud

- **Ishmael is born, but _____**
- **The, God says about Sarah:**
"I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her." Genesis 17:16
- **Abraham's Response:**
Abraham fell facedown; he laughed . . . "Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

God Fulfills His Promises . . .

. . . In his timing!

God's Promises . . .

- *Ishmael did prosper*
- **The Hebrew nation was redeemed from enslavement**
"Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. . . ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here"
- **God honors those who work to honor Him.**

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