

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 27, 1988**

**The Last Passover
Part 1
Matthew 26:17-25
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Introduction: The timing of the last Passover is extremely important. It solves an unsolvable problem. How could Jesus both keep and be the Passover?

Verse 17: The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is Passover.

Exodus 12: 1-14: The Feast of Unleavened Bread would continue for seven days.

The preparation for Passover is important and detailed. The disciples are concerned where they will have Passover.

Jesus tells them to go into Jerusalem and find an unnamed man. **Luke 22:10** tells how they would recognize this man. Peter and John are sent to prepare for Passover.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8: Jesus is our Passover. Jesus had to keep the Passover to fulfill the Law and all righteousness. The next day the Jews are to have the Passover meal (**John 18: 28**).

Why the difference of a day? Galilean Jews and Judean Jews calculated time differently, Galilean at the beginning of the day and Judean at the ending of the day. Galilean Jews had Passover a day earlier than Judean Jews. **Matthew 27: 45-50:** Jesus orchestrated His death to the moment. At the very moment He gave up His Spirit the Judean Jews were slaughtering lambs for Passover.