



## Easter – The Journey from Slavery to Freedom

**Ice Breaker:** What is your family tradition around Easter?

**Read:** Luke 22:14-20

**Remember:** Exodus 6 outlines 4 statements and during Passover, the Jewish people would have read these scriptures and drank a cup of wine with each of them.

1. “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
2. “I will free you from being slaves to them.”
3. “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.”
4. “I will take you as My own people.”

**Reflect:** God had a plan from the very beginning. Recall the history of God’s plan and reflect on Jason’s comments about them. Share with each other.

Genesis 3:15 - God is telling Satan that Jesus will crush his head. From the very beginning God is making His plans known.

Genesis 12, 15, 18 & 21 - Abraham and Sarah – God promises to bring many children and to bring forth a Deliverer through them. Abraham and Sarah did not understand the full scope of what God was promising them.

Genesis 25 & 32 - Isaac – had twins and Jacob is marked with a limp after being touched by “a man” that he wrestled with.

Genesis 37-50 - Joseph – Jacob’s son who is “lost” and God makes him a ruler in Egypt. He put Joseph in Egypt to make sure that the nation of Israel would be preserved through the famine. The nation comes to Egypt and is given the land of Goshen.

As the story unfolds, many years later, a pharaoh who did not know Joseph came to power and put the Israelites in slavery. He wanted to stop the nation from increasing, so he ordered all boy babies to be thrown in the Nile River. Moses is born and his mother hides him in a basket in the reeds. Pharaoh’s daughter finds him and has Jochebed (his mother) nurse him and then takes him into her home to be her child.

**Discuss:** What can you imagine Jochebed would have spoken over Moses while she was nursing him before sending him to the palace?

Exodus 3:2-14 - After growing up, Moses murdered a slave driver and fled to the wilderness where he became a shepherd. Then God calls to him from a burning bush. Moses asks for confirmation of how to identify that God sent him. God said, “Tell them, ‘I AM who I AM.’”

Moses went and confronted Pharaoh and God sent 10 plagues to convince Pharaoh to let the people go. When the last plague was being dealt out, God told the Israelites to put blood on the door of their homes. When the angel of death came, it would “PASSOVER” the homes with the lamb’s blood.

The Cup of Sanctification – “I will bring you out from under the burden of the Egyptians.”

**Reflect:** God was faithful to bring the people out of Egypt. The Jewish people REMEMBER that deliverance every year on Passover. So, when Jesus and His disciples were having their last supper just before Jesus’ death, they were celebrating a Passover seder together. On that Passover before He died, Jesus told them, that from now on they should do Passover, not in remembrance of the deliverance from Egypt, but in remembrance of HIM. This statement was groundbreaking, because once again He was declaring His identity as the Son of God. Jesus was telling them to now remember HIM as the ultimate Passover Lamb. He was the ultimate sacrifice that causes death to PASSOVER us.

**Share:** As you discuss this together, share any revelations you may have had as Jason shared.

**Pray:** Together, pray for God to give you a revelation of what He wants to set you free from. Prepare your hearts to receive the gift of the Lamb.