

# “Preparing for Passover”

*Am I Ready?*

**Luke 22:7-13**

*Jesus’ way is:*

## **I. Destined** - “must be killed” (verse 7)

*He understands:*

### **A. Timing** – “the day”

*Exodus 12:1-7*

- *Month of Nisan or Abib= ear for corn crop already showing ears --- first month of the year for them = same as March/April for us.*
- *On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of this month:*
  - *Separate a lamb:*
    - *Male*
    - *No blemish*
- *On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of this month:*
  - *In the evening*
  - *All the people of Israel*
  - *Shall kill it*

*\*\*\*\* Jesus was:*

- *Separated on the 10<sup>th</sup> day = Palm Sunday*
  - *Male*
  - *No blemish*
- *On the 14<sup>th</sup> day = Good Friday*
  - *In the evening = afternoon, day starts at 6pm*
  - *All the people of Israel – through Pilate, and chanting crucify Him*
  - *Killed Him*
- *Timing is important to God*
  - *It should be important to us*
    - *The Perfect Passover Lamb’s blood*
      - *Must be used before the death angel comes as was true on that first Passover.*

*\*\*\* God’s has a wonderful plan and His plan will take place in His perfect time. If He had such a perfect plan for the salvation of mankind and His timing was impeccable for such a big event with so many variables, Cant He also solve the problems in your life and do it in perfect timing?*

*He has a wonderful plan for your life and His timing is perfect. Won’t You trust Him and rest in His timing for the things of your life.*

### **B. Trouble** – “killed”

*Jesus is acquainted with trouble and knows that it is part of the plan.*

- *Hebrews 4:15 tells us that Jesus understands our troubles*
- *II Corinthians 1:3-4 tells us that God will comfort us in all our trouble.*
- *James 1:2-3 tells us that trouble produces endurance, what doesn’t kill us only makes us stronger*
- *I Corinthians 10:13 – tells us that God will not bring anything too difficult for us into our lives. He will help us make it under the heavy load.*

## II. Deliberate -“Go, prepare, make ready” (verses 8-12)

*He chooses to work with:*

### A. **People** – “Peter, John, a man”

*God could and does do whatever He wants done. He chooses to use vessels of clay like you and me.*

*He chose:*

- *Peter – perhaps for his boldness*
- *John – perhaps for his ability to demonstrate love.*
- *He chooses you because He loves you and wants you to enjoy life to its fullest.*
- *Dear Christian, He chooses to use you with your special qualities that He put in you.*
  - *Special qualities can be seen by others as weaknesses but really they are strengths misunderstood*

### B. **Places** – “Go, there make ready”

- *The Gospel is about God willing to send Jesus to Earth*
- *The Great Commission starts with “GO”*
- *The Disciples stayed with Jesus until*
- *They were called Apostles because they “Go”*
  - *Disciples means learners*
  - *Apostles means ones sent*
    - *Luke 6:13; 9:10; 17:5; 24:10*

### C. **Property-** “furnished”= **spread**

## III. Dependable - “as He had said” (verse 13)

*His Word is:*

A. **Relevant** – “that we may eat”

B. **Right** – “they went and found”

C. **Revealing** – “he shall show you”