

## GOD PARTS THE RED SEA

*There is no obstacle big enough to hinder  
the advance of God's plan of salvation.*



THE STORY: EXODUS 13

MONDAY

## God calls Israel to remember

God calls Israel to remember –The Israelites were called to keep the Passover as a lasting ordinance. But they were also called to remember and celebrate the day of their departure from Egypt - when the Egyptians lost the firstborn animals and sons, but their firstborn were spared. The Lord said that the firstborn of the Israelite animals and sons belonged to him. The Israelites were to either sacrifice the firstborn of all their livestock on that day or redeem them with the sacrifice of a substitute animal. Firstborn sons were redeemed by the sacrifice of a lamb. God desired that Israel never forget what he did for them. God wanted them to remember the Passover. This is because he had planned something like the Passover, only more wonderful. That plan was that one day the Redeemer would be sacrificed to save people from eternal death.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

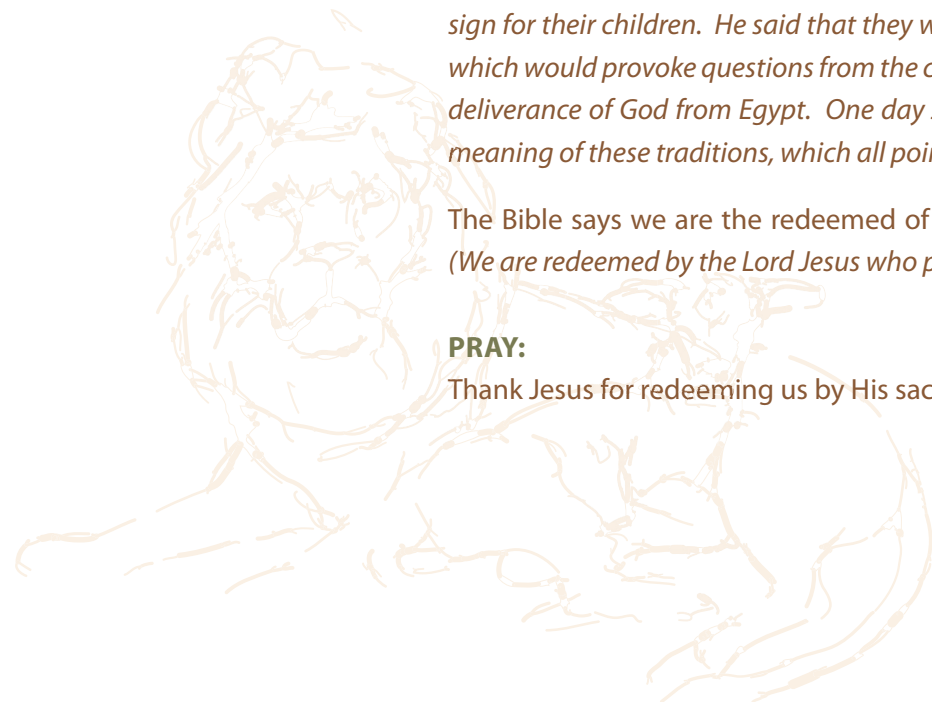
What does it mean to redeem something? (*Redeem means to buy back. The firstborn of the Israelite's donkeys, lambs, and men belonged to the Lord. The people could set the animals apart unto the Lord by sacrificing the animal or another in its place. An animal sacrifice also redeemed the firstborn sons. God would accept the sacrifice in place of the debt. Through Jesus' sacrifice we are all redeemed.*)

Why did God want them to keep these traditions? (*God wanted to use them as a sign for their children. He said that they would be like a sign on their hand or a symbol which would provoke questions from the children. Then they would be able to tell of the deliverance of God from Egypt. One day Jesus would come and explain the prophetic meaning of these traditions, which all point toward Him.*)

The Bible says we are the redeemed of the Lord (Gal. 3:13). *What does that mean? (We are redeemed by the Lord Jesus who paid the price of His own life to redeem us.)*

### PRAY:

Thank Jesus for redeeming us by His sacrifice.





## Pharaoh changed his mind

Pharaoh changed his mind – All of Israel left Egypt celebrating their deliverance and carrying off the treasures of that country. Surely Pharaoh could not have imagined the entire nation of Israel would be ready to leave immediately. The people, however, had obeyed God's command given through Moses. They had their cloaks belted and their sandals on. They had just eaten their Passover meal and were ready to go. The word went out and, even before the day's supply of bread could be leavened, the people left. When Pharaoh was told that they had all left, he changed his mind, assembled an army, and set off in pursuit of Israel.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

How did Israel's obedience to God allow them to leave Egypt safely? *(Since everyone was ready to go, they were able to leave Egypt very quickly before Pharaoh had a chance to change his mind.)*

What can we learn from their example? *(If we obey the Lord it will go well with us. If we disobey the Lord, it will only bring us trouble.)*

### PRAY:

Ask God to help you be obedient to His Word.



## Where is Jesus?

Cornered by the Egyptians against the Red Sea, God took His people to a place where their deliverance could only come from God, through faith. First, there was no way that they could defeat the Egyptian army in their own strength. Secondly, when God did open up the Red Sea, the Israelites had to walk through by faith. At any moment the walls of water, representing God's judgment, could come crashing down on them. They did not come crashing down because God was leading His people back to the land of promise. As a result of their deliverance, an Israelite child would one day be born. That child was Jesus. He would bring salvation by faith, not works, lest any man boast. Moses spoke of that man who would one day come from among them (see Deut. 18:15). By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. (Hebrews 11:29)

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

Why did it take faith to cross the Red Sea? *(The people had to trust that the great walls of water would not come down upon them.)*

Do we need faith for salvation? *(Yes. We need to believe in Jesus and His resurrection Romans 10:9. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that it is impossible to please God without faith.)*

**PRAY:**

Since faith is a gift, pray that God would give you faith to believe and not doubt. Pray that you would place your trust in His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

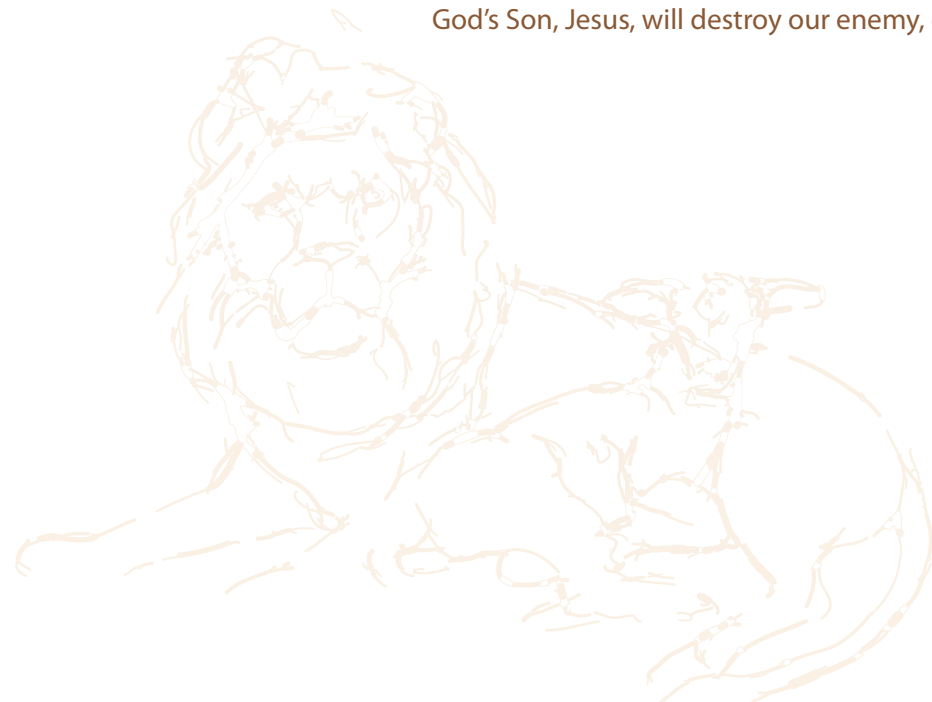


THE STORY: EXODUS 14:1-31

THURSDAY

**God's  
deliverance  
comes to Israel**

God's deliverance comes to Israel - When the Israelites saw that the Egyptians caught up to them, they began to fear. Moses, on the other hand, remained brave and commanded the Israelites not to fear but to look for the salvation of the Lord. Even then, the Israelites were being led by the angel of God in a pillar of cloud. The pillar of cloud in front of them moved to their rear, protecting them from the Egyptians. Though Israel was afraid, God did not judge them, but instead promised to deliver them from the Egyptians. That evening Moses lifted up his staff and stretched out his hand over the sea as instructed by the Lord. The waters were separated by a great east wind. In the morning, the Israelites went forward on dry ground. When they had reached the other side, God once again commanded Moses to lift up his hand. As he did so, the Egyptians were drowned by the returning waters. Not only did God save His people Israel, He destroyed their enemy forever. In the same way, God's Son, Jesus, will destroy our enemy, death, forever.



**TALK ABOUT IT:**

Did the people of Israel have a reason to be afraid? Why not? (The people of Israel had seen the power of God in His amazing deliverance. Even as the forces of Egypt came upon them, the Lord was with them in the pillar of cloud which went before them.)

Did Israel deserve to be saved? Why not? *(No. None of them, or us, deserve to be saved. We all deserve judgment. In His mercy, God extended salvation to Israel by parting the Red Sea. In even greater mercy, God extends salvation to us through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. Salvation comes to all of us by grace - it is a free gift from God! Even though the Israelites were treated unjustly their hearts and lives were sinful. Their sin was revealed in their grumbling, but God saved them anyway because He love them.)*

**PRAY:**

Thank God for His salvation which comes to us even though we do not deserve it. Thank God for grace!



THE STORY: PSALM 45:6-7

FRIDAY

## On the road to Emmaus.

This passage is quoted in Hebrews 1:8-9. Jesus is God, and it is His throne alone that remains forever and ever. Read Hebrews 1:8-9. Because of the righteousness of God we can live secure in our salvation. The salvation Jesus promises will never end. He is reigning over all and he is able to keep our salvation forever!

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

How does this passage relate to Jesus? *(Jesus has an everlasting throne and He alone could love in complete righteousness.)*

How does this passage compare to Hebrews 1:8-9? *(Hebrews 1:8-9 is a direct quote and attributes this passage to the Son, Jesus.)*

**PRAY:**

Thank God for His righteousness which will rule forever and ever.

