#### THE JOURNEY TO

## EASTER

THE MISSION CLIMAX







It began about 3,450 years ago ...

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### THE EXODUS



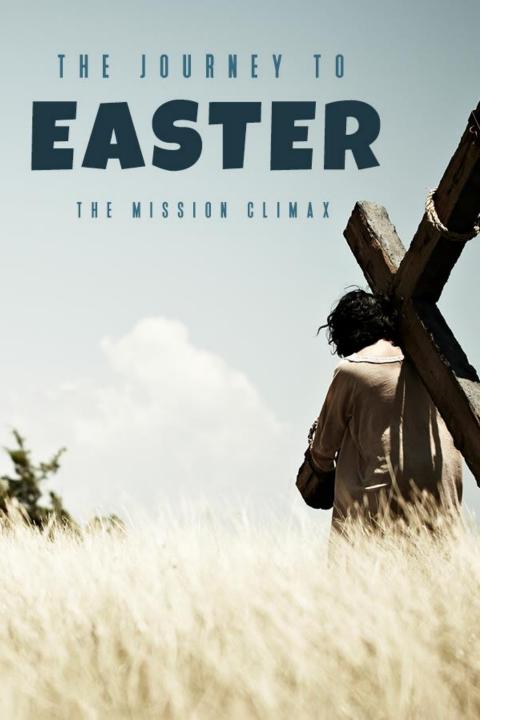
Keep the Festival of Unraised Bread! (The Passover)

This marks the exact day I brought you out in force from the land of Egypt. Honour the day down through your generations, a fixed festival to be observed always.

Exodus 12:17 (MSG)

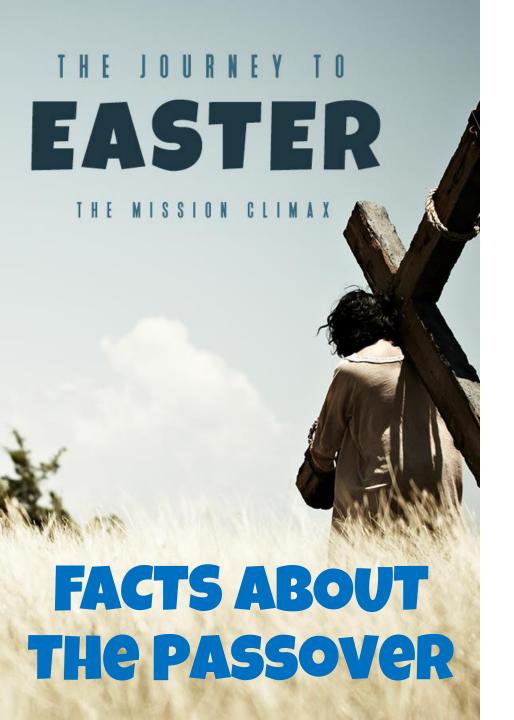
# 'THE FEAST OF FREDOM'





And he (Jesus) said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God."

Luke 22: 15-16 (NIV)



Jews drink four cups of wine at the Seder meal.

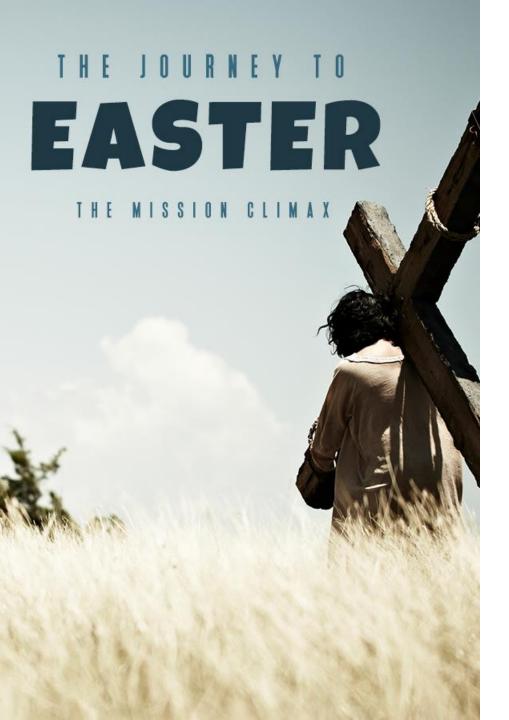
The third cup is called **the cup of redemption**, the same cup of wine taken during the Last Supper.



The bread of the Last Supper is the *Afikomen* of Passover or the middle Matzah which is pulled out and broken in two.

Half is wrapped in white linen and hidden. The children search for the unleavened bread in the white linen, and whoever finds it brings it back to be **redeemed for a price**.

The other half of the bread is eaten, ending the meal.

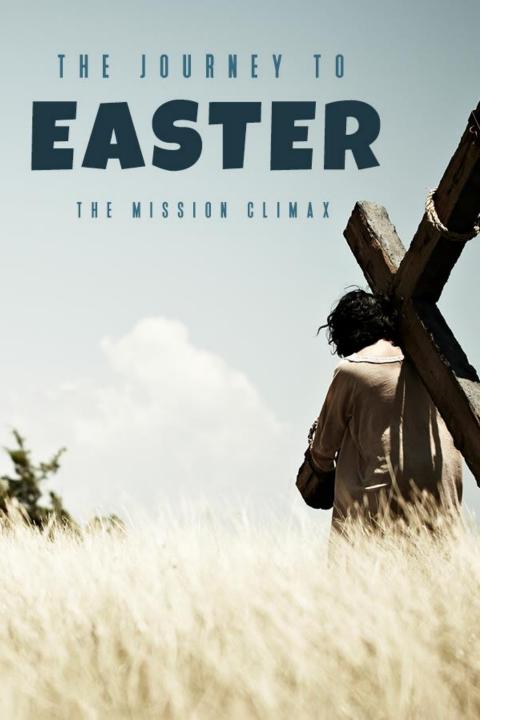


### There is a price to pay for redemption

Jesus said -

'When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Luke 21:28 (NIV)



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In him (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

**Ephesians 1:7 NIV** 

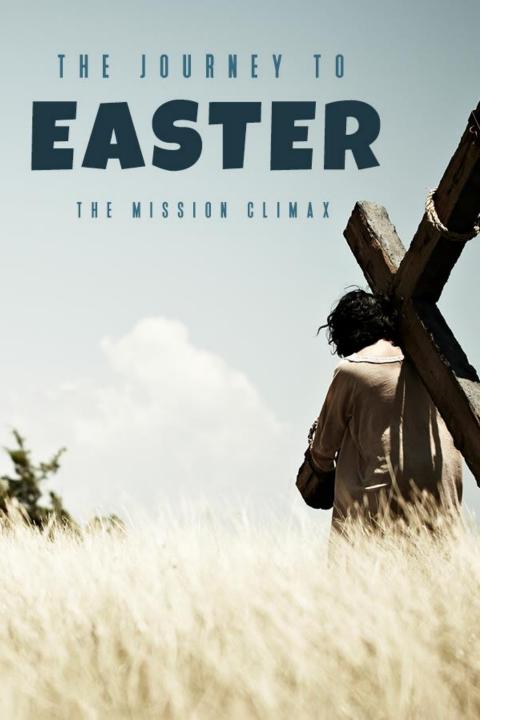
#### THE EXODUS

- Physical freedom
- God provided hope
- He came down to rescue
- He gave direction
- He provided food & water
- The Law

#### THE CROSS

- Spiritual freedom
- Eternal life and hope
- Jesus came down to rescue
- A lamp to our feet
- His word
- Grace





#### **Passover Meal**

Thursday – Easter Week

Festival of First Fruits (Barley harvest)

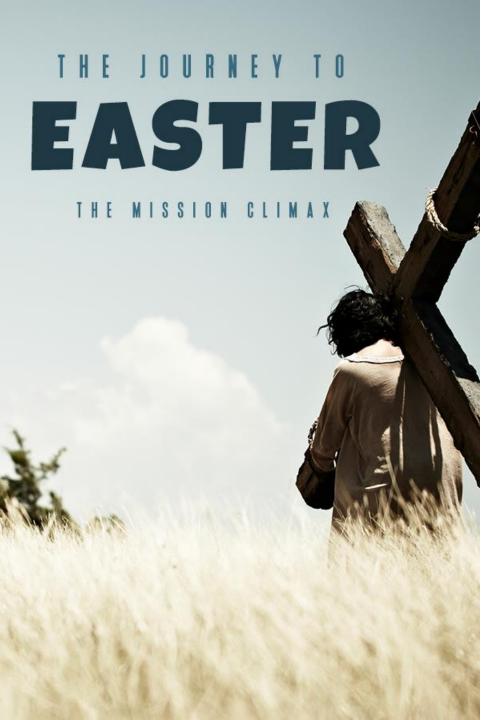
**Easter Sunday** 

'We are blessed if it's a good harvest'

Festival of Pentecost (Wheat harvest)

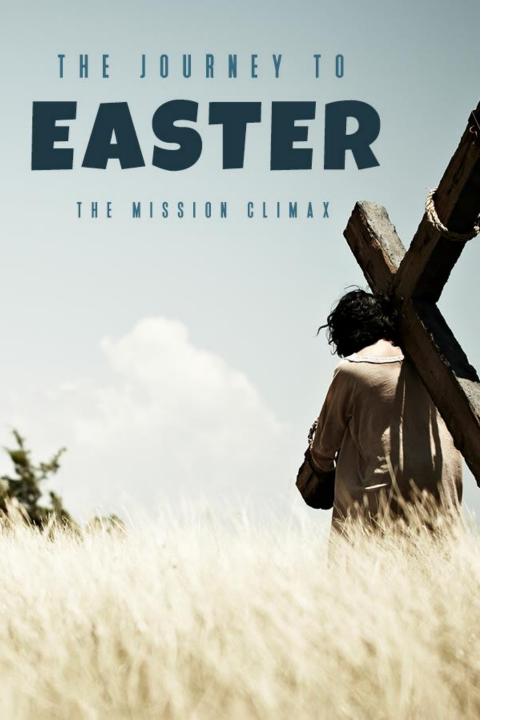
Pentecost Sunday (The Festival of weeks)

'We are double blessed if it's a good harvest'



### Festival of First Fruits Easter Sunday

- Offering first and best to God
- In anticipation of a good harvest to come



What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Romans 7:24

So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land

Exodus 3:8

### THE COMMUNION

our Feast of Freedom



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