

Seder

PASSOVER DINNER



What is a Seder?

The Seder is the traditional meal of the Passover, which Jesus ate the night before he was crucified. The meal is comprised of different sections of reading, eating and drinking, telling stories, and singing – all done within a specific order to commemorate the liberation of Israel from Egypt, and as Christians, we celebrate our freedom from sin through Christ's sacrifice.

What You Will Need

At Each Place Around the Table:

- ☆ **Parsley** (2 sprigs)
- ☆ **Charoseth** (1 tablespoon)
Finely chopped apples, nuts, honey, cinnamon and a touch of grape juice, mixed to your liking. (The other elements may be added to a base of apple butter to simplify preparation and give a paste-like consistency.)
- ☆ **Grape Juice** (1 cup with 6-8 ounces)
The full meal requires four cups of juice per person. You may provide four cups each or refill the single cup four times during the ceremony.
- ☆ **Saltwater** (1 small bowl/cup per 4-5 people) *Add enough salt to cloud the water.*
- ☆ **Horseradish** (1/2 teaspoon)
Make it as "biting" or bitter as possible for the participants to tolerate.
- ☆ **Matzo** (plain, 1/4 square)
Unleavened bread.

At the Leader's Place Setting, Also Add:

- ☆ **1 bowl of saltwater**
- ☆ **1 lamb bone**
meatless and oven-roasted until browned
- ☆ **3 Whole Matzo Squares and 4 Napkins**
Stacked matzos between the napkins on a plate.
- ☆ **1 roasted egg**
Boil for 10 minutes; then place it under oven broiler until shell is browned.
- ☆ **1 small basin or bowl with clean water and a small towel**
Used to symbolically wash hands
- ☆ **2 white candles in candlesticks**
Place in the center of the table.

At the Extra Setting for "Elijah:"

Keep this the same as the other "per person" settings., with one exception – this place will only have one glass of juice left next to the plate. This symbolizes the future appearance of Elijah, who will signify the coming of the Messiah.

Additional Items Needed:

- ✧ A few **crumbs of leavened bread**
- ✧ **Broom and dustpan** for cleaning up leaven
- ✧ **Special plate and cup for leader**
If an official Seder plate is used, be sure to explain what it looks like and invite participants to look at it after the ceremony is finished.
- ✧ **A small present** for the child who finds the hidden matzo (*candy, coins, or other treat*)
- ✧ **A copy of the four questions**
marked for the child who asks the questions
- ✧ **A copy of the opening comment**
marked for the mother to read
- ✧ **Matches or a lighter** to light the candles

Review with Guests Before We Begin

Purposes of the Passover

Following the instructions in Exodus 12 and other passages, the Passover was created in order to:

- 1) To remember how we are saved by God's power.
- 2) To renew our confidence in God and
- 3) To renew our commitment to serve him.

Value of observing a Christian Passover Seder:

Why observe a Christian or a Messianic Passover, whether at the appropriate annual date or in an educational setting as we are doing? Because it helps us...

- 1) To understand the backgrounds of our Jewish roots.
- 2) To gain insights into the last supper that Jesus observed with his disciples.
- 3) To clarify backgrounds of the Lord's Supper observed by Christianity.

