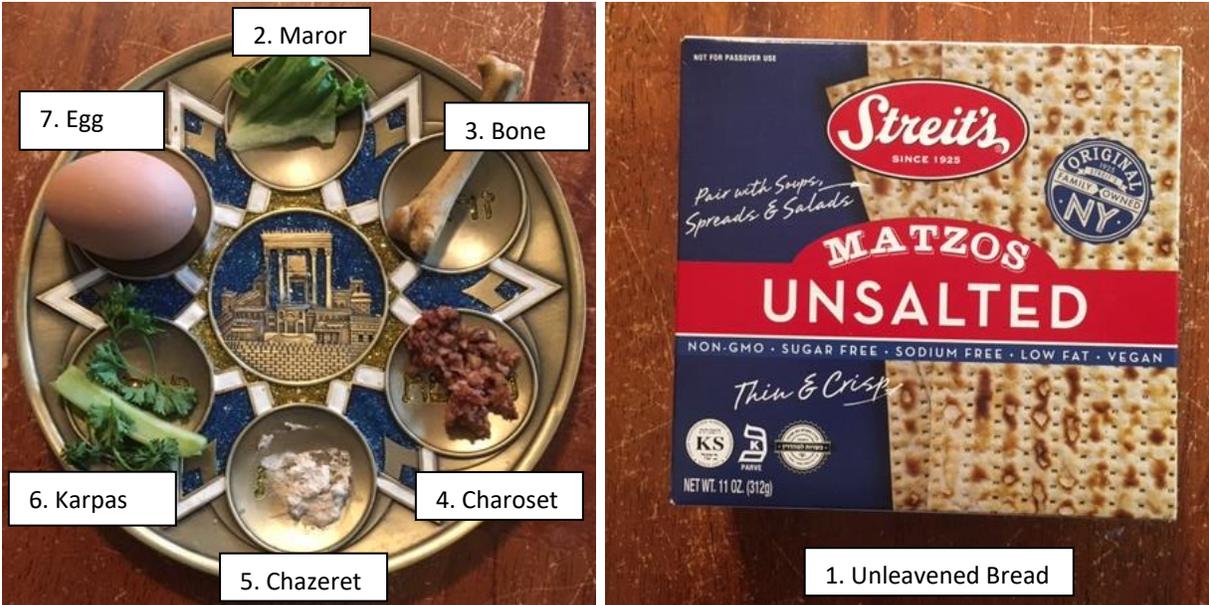


## Modern Passover and Lord's Supper

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### Elements



- **Original (Exodus 12-13)**
  - Lamb (*korban pesach*) symbolizes protection and redemption
  - #1. Unleavened bread (*matzah*) symbolizes hast and purity
  - #2. Bitter herbs (*maror*) – this can be lettuce – symbolizes the bitterness of slavery
- **Additions**
  - Four cups of wine (Exod 6:6-7) represents joy and redemption,
  - #4. Apple/fruit puree (*charoset*) – this can be apple sauce – symbolizes bricks and mortar
  - #5. Second bitter herb (*chazeret*) – this can be horseradish
  - #6. Vegetable (*karpas*) – this can be parsley or celery – and cup of salt water represent the hyssop and tears of slavery
- **Substitutions** are due to the loss of the temple and represent the Passover sacrifices
  - #3. Shank bone (*zeroa*)
  - #7. Egg (*beitza*)

Like their fellow Jews, Jesus and the disciples went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us that the Passover was the occasion of the Last's Supper. On that last night with his disciples, Jesus transformed a meal that celebrated the exodus into a meal that celebrated his death and resurrection. Below is an adaptation of a modern Jewish Seder, which can help us learn about the key elements of this last meal by comparing it with the Gospel stories. The yellow highlights are where the Seder connects with the Lord's Supper. Green font indicates what a leader should say. Blue font indicates what everyone should say and do.

## 1. Blessing (*Kaddesh*)

- **Group:** First cup poured
- **Leader:** *"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam boreh pree ha-gafen). And You have given in love festivals for happiness, feasts and festive seasons for rejoicing, this day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and this Festival of Passover, the season of Israel's Freedom commemorating the departure from Egypt.*
- **Eucharist:** *<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Lk 22:15-18)*
- **Group:** Drink while reclining (symbolizes freedom)

## 2. Hand Washing (*Urechatz*)

### 3. Vegetable (*Karpas*)

- **Group:** Dip vegetable (parsley/celery) into salt water
  - Vegetable = hyssop of door posts
  - Salt water = tears
- **Leader:** Recite Blessing. *Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruits of the earth (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melch Ha-olam boreh pree ha'adamah).*
- **Group:** Eat vegetable while reclining

## 4. Breaking of the Bread (*Yachatz*)

- **Group:** Break middle *matzah*
- **Leader:** Hide larger half of *matzah* for *afikomen* (#12)

## 5. Tell the Exodus Story (*Maggid*)

- **Group:** Pour second cup & uncover *matzah*
- **Child ask Four questions:** *Why is this night different from all other nights? (Exod 12:26)*
  - *On all nights we eat unleavened or leavened bread, but why on this night only unleavened?*
  - *On all nights we eat any kind of vegetables, but why on this night bitter herbs?*
  - *On all nights we don't need to dip, but why on this night dip in salt water & charoset?*
  - *On all nights we eat sitting upright or reclining, but why on this night do we recline?*
- **Group Response:** The Israelites were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt. But God took them out with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. If God had not taken them out of Egypt, then they would still be enslaved. Even if everyone were wise and knew the Law, we are still be obligated to discuss the exodus from Egypt. Because everyone who discusses the exodus from Egypt at length is blessed.
- **Four Children:** The Law speaks of four children: One is wise, one is wicked, one is simple and one is too young to ask.

- **The wise one**, what does he say?
  - **Child:** “What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?” (Deut 6:20)
  - You, in turn, shall instruct him in all the laws of Passover. (Deut 6:21-25)
- **The wicked one**, what does he say?
  - **Child:** “What does this ceremony mean *to you*?” (Exod 12:26)
  - He says, “to you,” but not to him, so he has excluded himself from the community.
  - You, therefore, blunt his teeth and say to him: “It is because of this that the Lord did *for me* when I left Egypt.” “For me,” but not for you! If you had been there, you would not have been redeemed!”
- **The simpleton**, what does he say?
  - **Child:** “What does this mean?” (Exod 13:14)
  - Thus, you shall say to him, “With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.” (Exod 13:14)
- As for the one who is **too young to ask**,
  - You must initiate him saying, “I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.” (Exod 13:8)
- **Tell the Exodus Story: Leader**
  - The Israelites were oppressed & Moses was born
  - 10 plagues (spilling cup each time)
    - Blood, Frogs, Gnats (*Dam, Tze-phar-day-ah, Kee-nim*)
    - Flies, Animals, Boils (*Arov, De-ver, She-heen*)
    - Hail, Locust, Darkness (*Ba-rad, Ar-beh, Cho-shech*)
    - First born killed (*Ma-kat Be-cho-rot*)
  - (refill cup - remaining wine “causes joy”)
  - Reminder of crossing the Red Sea & Freedom!
- **Group Response: Dayenu**
  - If He had brought us out from Egypt, and had not carried out judgments against them, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had carried out judgments against them, and not against their idols, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had destroyed their idols, and had not smitten their first-born, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had smitten their first-born, and had not given us their wealth *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had given us their wealth, and had not split the sea for us *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had split the sea for us, and had not taken us through it on dry land *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had taken us through the sea on dry land, and had not drowned our oppressors in it, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had drowned our oppressors in it, and had not supplied our needs in the desert for forty years, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!

- If He had supplied our needs in the desert for forty years, and had not fed us the manna, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
- If He had fed us the manna, and had not given us the Sabbath, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had given us the Sabbath, and had not brought us before Mount Sinai, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had brought us before Mount Sinai, and had not given us the Law, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had given us the Law, and had not brought us into the land of Israel, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
  - If He had brought us into the land of Israel, and had not built for us the Temple for us, *Dayenu*, it would have sufficed us!
- **Leader's Response:** How much more should we be grateful to God for the doubled and redoubled goodness that He has bestowed upon Israel.
  - **Explain Three parts**
    - **Volunteer 1 – Lamb:** Before the Temple was destroyed, the people ate the Passover lamb, which was “the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses. And the people bowed down and worshiped.” (Exod 12:27)
    - **Volunteer 2 – Unleavened Bread:** We still eat unleavened bread (*matzah*) because “they baked loaves of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.” (Exod 12:39)
    - **Volunteer 3 – Bitter Herbs:** We eat bitter herbs (*maror*) because they represent how the Egyptians “made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor.” (Exod 1:14)
  - **Leader: Cover *matzah*, raise cup, and recite:**
    - We join together to glorify God for bringing Israel out of slavery and bondage; for granting the Israelites their freedom; and for turning their sorrow into joy. We give thanks to God for helping us reach this moment so that we may carry out the rituals of the Passover, eating the symbolic offerings and sacrifices, while singing praise for redemption and freedom.
  - **Group: Drink second cup while reclining**
    - **Leader:** *Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam boreh pree ha-gafen.)*

## 6. Second Washing (*Rachtzah*)

- **Group:** Wash hands
- **Leader recites:** *Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitz-votav v'tzi-vanu al nitlat yadayim.)*

## 7. Blessing of the Bread (*Motzi*)

- **Leader holds *matzah* and recites:** *Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz.)*

## 8. Eat the Unleavened Bread (*Matzah*)

- **Leader holds up top and middle *matzah* recites:** *Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of Matzah. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam, Asher kid'shanu b'mitz-votav v'tzi-vanu al achilat matzah).*
- **Eucharist:** *Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)*
- **Group:** Eat top and middle half (break off small pieces) while reclining

## 9. Bitter Herbs (*Maror*)

- **Group:** Dip bitter herbs (*maror*) into apple/fruit puree (*charoset*)
- **Leader:** *Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of Maror. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam, Asher kid'shanu b'mitz-votav v'tzi-vanu al achilat maror).*
- **Group:** Eat without reclining

## 10. Sandwich (*Korech*)

- **Group:** Make sandwich with bottom *matzah* & herbs (*chazeret*)
- **Group Recite:** In remembrance of the Temple, we do as Hillel did in Temple times. He combined the Passover lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs in a sandwich and ate them together according to the Torah. "They are to eat the lamb together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs" (Num 9:11).
- **Group:** Eat in reclining position

## 11. Passover Meal (*Shulchan Orech*)

**Eucharist:** "After supper." (Luke 22:20)

## 12. Desert (*Tzafun*)

- **Children:** *Afikomen* found and eaten
- No food after this!

## 13. Closing Blessing (*Barech*)

- **Leader:** *Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam boreh pree ha-gafen).*
- **Eucharist:** *And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." (Luke 22:20)*

- Group: Drink third cup while reclining
- **Leader:** Refill cup for Elijah
- **Leader:** According to Malachi 4:5-6, Elijah will return to earth to lead the way for an age of Peace. In the spirit of Passover as a celebration of freedom, we welcome Elijah.
- **Volunteer:** Some opens door and says: “Enter Elijah the prophet, may you soon come and issue in the great Age of Peace!”

#### 14. Praises (*Hallel* – Psalms 113-118)

• *Eucharist: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives (Mk 14:26).*

- **Group:** recite Psalms 113
  - <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!
    - Praise, O servants of the Lord;
    - praise the name of the Lord.
  - <sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the Lord
    - from this time on and forevermore.
  - <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting
    - the name of the Lord is to be praised.
  - <sup>4</sup> The Lord is high above all nations,
    - and his glory above the heavens.
  - <sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God,
    - who is seated on high,
  - <sup>6</sup> who looks far down
    - on the heavens and the earth?
  - <sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust,
    - and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
  - <sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,
    - with the princes of his people.
  - <sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,
    - making her the joyous mother of children.
    - Praise the Lord!
- **Leader:** *Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. (Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam boreh pree ha-gafen).*
- **Group:** Drink fourth cup while reclining

#### 15. Closing (*Nirtzah*)

- **Group:** “Next year in Jerusalem!” (*Li-sha-na Ha-ba-ah Bi-Yer-u-shal-yim!*)
- *Eucharist: “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Cor 11:26)*

## Shopping List

- **Hardboiled eggs (1 per plate)**
- **Bone (1 per plate)**
- **Cinnamon applesauce**– this is the “Charoset” (1 spoonful per plate) – you can also chop up apples and mix with cinnamon, grape juice, and optional walnuts
- **Horseradish sauce** (1 spoonful per plate)
- **Romaine lettuce ( r )** – any lettuce is just fine
- **Parsley bunch (or celery or potato)**
- **Salt** for salt water
- **Unleavened bread (3 pieces per plate):** found in the Kosher section (if you can’t obtain, use crackers)
- **Grape juice**