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When the people of Israel were enslaved in Egypt, God promised to deliver them, and in order to do that he sent the ten plagues. The last of the plagues was the death of the firstborn son.

In order for the firstborn of the Israelites to survive, they were instructed to kill lambs without blemish, the best of the flock, and with the blood of this animal paint the threshold (the edges) of the doors to their houses. They were to prepare a meal using bitter herbs

and unleavened bread. This became a yearly celebration called Passover, which was to remind the Israelites of how God freed them from Egypt. When Jesus came to earth he also celebrated the Passover with his disciples, but in a different way. He told his disciples, *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. Take this and divide it among you. This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant of my blood, which is poured out for you."*

