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Exodus 12:1-13

Blood . . .

What comes to mind when you hear the word, "blood"? Injury? Suffering? Death?

The Jews associated blood not only with death but also with life. Life was in the blood. When animals were butchered for food, the Jews would make sure the blood was drained from the carcass. It was one thing for animals to be used by the Jews for nourishment, it was something else entirely for the Jews to consume the blood of the animals and in so doing, take the life of the animals into themselves!

As the people of Israel prepared to leave Egypt, each family butchered a lamb so that there would be meat for the journey. The life blood of the lamb was spread on the "wooden" doorpost so that the angel of death would pass over. The life of the lamb was offered instead of the life of the firstborn.

Jesus is our Passover Lamb! We remember his sacrificial death for us and receive by faith his life poured out for us and in us.