

## The Passover

Read Mark 14:12-26

1. Before we consider the Passover, look again at vs 12-16.
  - How might the two sent out have processed what just happened?
  - Consider the awesome experiences of the Twelve during their time with Jesus leading up to this day.
  
2. It is no coincidence that the festival of Passover collides with death of Jesus. His ministry (and the whole history of Israel) has been leading up to this point. Passover is at the very heart of what it means to be Israel - God's chosen people led out of Egypt, freed from slavery. But just as the nation ritualistically remembers the Exodus, Jesus looks to the new exodus.
  - Look through Exodus 12 (you might want to be selective as it's quite long), then read Galatians 5:1 and Romans 8: 1-2. The Israelites were given a temporary escape from tyranny but went on to be slaves to rules. Jesus freedom is everlasting.

Watch the clip about colour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrWLP5vseJg>

3. Israel is life in black and white. Jesus is life in colour. Judas could not accept this, and even though warned, betrayed Jesus. We just have to look around us or at church history to see that many are still more interested in the legalistic black and white than life in all its full colour (John 10:10).
  - Are there ways you are more focussed on black and white faith, and don't live in the freedom of full life in Christ?

Share a simple and informal communion of bread and wine. As you take the bread and wine consider that this is the kingdom of Jesus - life in full colour given to you- and accept it.