

# Seek

Sunday, April 6, 2025  
10:30 AM

## Jeremiah 29:13

13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

What are you doing to Seek God? To seek Him with all of your heart? To seek Him in His Word? To seek Him in Prayer? To seek Him through the baptism of The Holy Spirit? To know and Pursue His will? To seek a deeper relationship with Him each new day? To follow after Him in Righteousness?

I want us to explore what it means to SEEK GOD

## Exodus 12:1-3, 5-6

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

## John 1:29-37

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

## 1 Peter 1:18-19

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

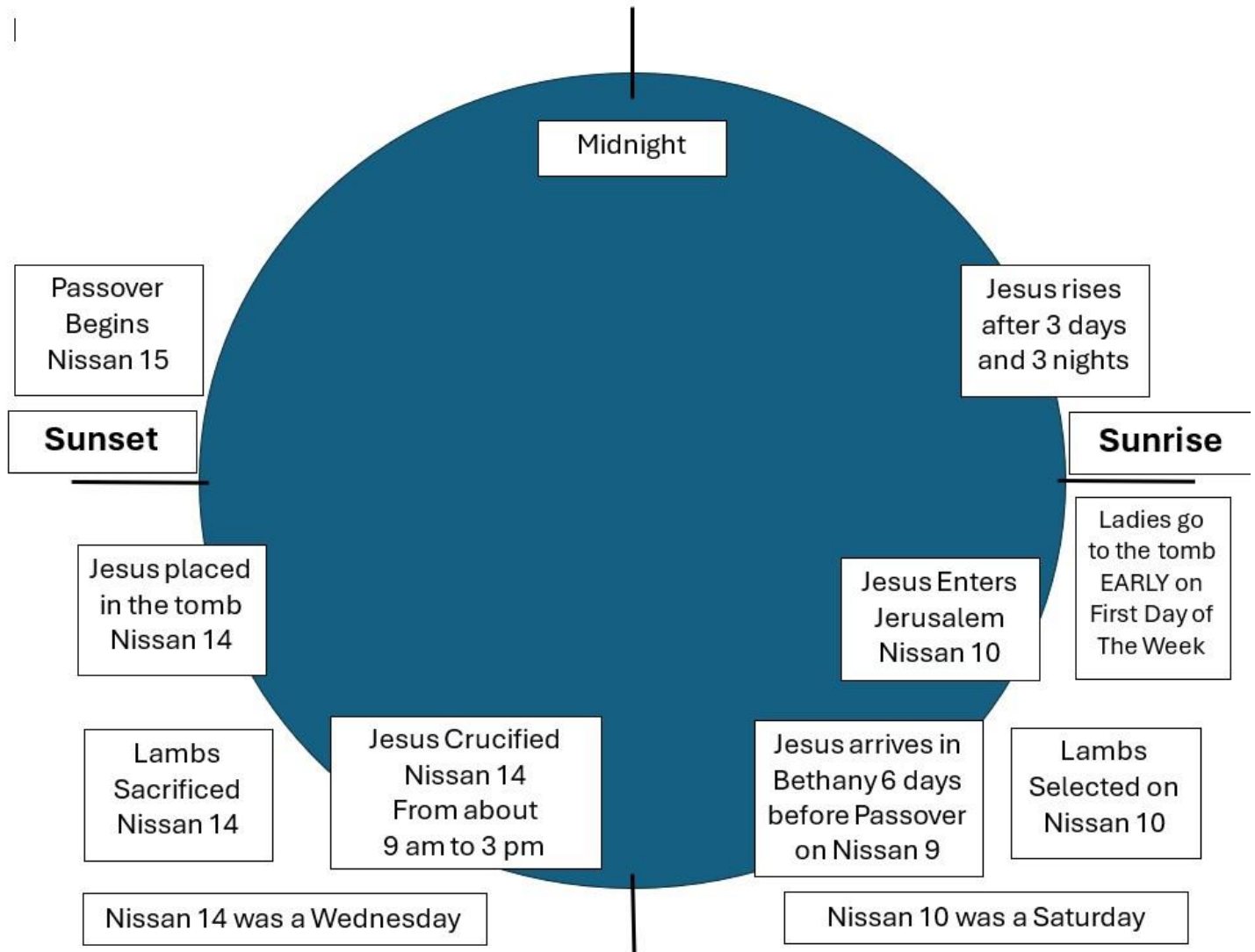
## 1 Corinthians 5:7

7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

What does the Passover have to do with SEEKING GOD?

First, let's take a quick look at how these two events directly relate to each other.

## TIMELINE



Just as people had to select (seek out) the Passover Lamb in order to use its blood to be protected from death. So too must we (seek out) Jesus and by faith enter into a relationship with Him thus applying the protection of His blood to our lives

It is this thought of SEEKING JESUS that I want to dive into today. And as I have told you so many times about spiritual things; this is not just a one-time decision, but rather an ongoing action needed in our lives

As we study this word, we can learn its true definition by breaking it down into several key descriptors.

## 1. Purpose

*"You will seek me and FIND me..."*

The purpose of this seeking is to FIND a relationship that brings LIFE

The Passover Lamb brought life (for 4 days they entered into a relationship with that lamb so that they could be sure that this lamb was the one that would bring life. Only a spotless (without blemish or defect) year-old male met the requirements.

This idea of purpose and seeking is also seen in the preparation for Passover. Because the Israelites left in the middle of the night, the bread was without yeast. Yeast was a symbol of sin, the old life in Egypt. They were instructed that in their celebration of Passover they were to remove all yeast from their homes on the 15 of Nissan (the first day of the feast of unleavened bread) and not have anything with yeast in it for 7 days. (the number of completion) In order to make sure they complied with this regulation, they would begin the task of cleaning and searching the house even before the 15th. Through this God was teaching them to seek His will and His ways. To seek to be free from sin. To seek His righteousness

Paul alludes to this and builds a New Testament application in 1 Corinthians 5:7

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**Amos 5:4 New (NIV)**

**<sup>4</sup> This is what the Lord says to Israel: "Seek me and live..."**

**Amos 5:14 New International Version (NIV)**

**<sup>14</sup> Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.**

## 2. Pursuit

To SEEK means to go after or to pursue... This takes effort...

When considering this descriptor of SEEKING I like to remind myself of Jesus words to Zacchaeus...

**Luke 19:9-10**

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

In other words, you didn't pursue me... I pursued you... I came to get you, save you and bring you life.

This same type of pursuit is seen in the Parable of the Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep in Luke 15. The Shepherd of the sheep and the owner of the coin will pursue that which is lost until it is found.

This is the kind of seeking that we are called to do in our seeking of God and our continued relationship with Him

### 3. Passion

These two parables also reveal another descriptor of the act of SEEKING - PASSION.

With PASSION they seek what they are looking for

Two other parables speak of this type of SEEKING in relation to the Kingdom of God

The parable of The Hidden Treasure and The parable of The Pearl of Great Price

**Matthew 13:44-46**

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Is that how you SEEK after Jesus?

David describes the Passion, the desire, the intention, the, earnestness of His SEEKING after God...

**Psalm 63:1**

1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

It is interesting to see that even though David begins by saying he is already in a relationship with God his passion for seeking Him is not diminished

#### 4. Priority

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

When John told his disciples again, to look at Jesus, The Lamb of God, they immediately shifted their priorities from following John to Following Jesus

To SEEK means to make the at which is being sought the number one priority

Isiah 55 has contains a beautiful invitation to SEEK The Lord that emphasizes this priority of SEEKING...

Isaiah 55:1-7

55 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

#### 5. Single-Minded

To SEEK God requires a single-minded devotion to that which we SEEK. If we allow ourselves to constantly be distracted by SEEKING many things we will find we are left with nothing. It's not Jesus AND... It is Jesus ONLY...

But If we will SEEK Jesus, we will have everything

*"and all these things will be given (added unto you) to you as well"*

James 1:8 reminds us that *a double-minded person is unstable in all their ways* and should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

This selection of the Lamb required the utmost priority and single-minded focus

## 6. Wholeheartedly

Finally, we are reminded by our key text that this SEEKING must be with ALL our Heart. Do not be half-hearted in your pursuit of Jesus and an ongoing relationship with Him.

If we put this all together we have our definition of Seek...

**SEEK:** *To passionately pursue with single minded, wholehearted, priority for the express purpose of finding eternal life.*

In Luke 24 we are told that the women who went to the tomb early on the first day of the week encountered two Angels in the tomb who asked them *"Why do you seek for the living among the dead?"*

Friends, we have a LIVING SAVIOR who desires to have a life-giving relationship with us. Let's SEEK Him with all of our hearts