10. EGG...

The egg often reminds us of the hardness of Pharaoh's heart toward the Israelites and God. For the Jew, the egg symbolizes sacrifice. For Christians, we often think of spring & the traditional Easter Celebration.

11. ELIJAH'S PLACE...

One place at the table has been left unoccupied. This is Elijah's place, and the door is now opened to see if he will enter and bring with him the long-awaited Messiah of Israel. As followers of Jesus Christ, we know he has come and we await His Coming again! *Malachi 4:5

 Offer a prayer for the second coming of our Lord and for all to know Him.

12. BLESS THE FOURTH CUP The Cup of Praise

"As we drink this final cup, remember the suffering of our sacrificial Lamb, Jesus. Let us be united in His suffering and proclaim the HOPE, REDEMPTION and LIFE His death brings to all who will believe. AMEN."

- * Drink the cup together
- * Revelation 19:6-9

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Additional readings about the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ

John 19 and 20 Matthew 26, 27, 28 Mark 14, 15, 16 Luke 22, 23, 24

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A Seder Meal For Christians

"I will FREE you from you oppression and I will RESCUE you from your slavery in Egypt. I will REDEEM you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. I will CLAIM you as my own people, and I will be your God" Exodus 6:6-8

Special Foods Needed:

- Unleavened Bread
- A Pitcher of Grape Juice
- "Maror" or bitter herbs such as horseradish, onions or radish
- "Charoseth" a mixture of ground apples, raisins, nuts, figs and honey
- Boiled eggs
- Parsley, Lettuce, or Celery
- Salt water
- Roasted Lamb or Chicken

1. LIGHT A CANDLE...

After the candle is lit the women will offer the blessing:

"Blessed are you, oh Lord, our God, King of the Universe. You saved us by the blood of the Messiah and commanded us to be a light for the nations. You gave us Jesus, our Messiah, the Light of the World."

The men will recite John 8:12

1 am the Light of the World. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

2.BLESS THE FIRST CUP

The Cup of Freedom

Exodus 6:6-8

"Blessed are you, oh Lord our God King of the universe who creates the fruit of the vine."

"We take up the Cup of Freedom and proclaim the holiness of this Day of Deliverance."

- * Drink the juice together.
- * Luke 4:17-19 and John 8:36

3. GREEN VEGETABLE & SALT WATER...

Exodus 11:4-7 and Exodus 12:21-30 This green vegetable (parsley) represents the hyssop that was used to place the blood of the Passover Lamb on the doorposts. The salt water reminds us of the tears of slavery.

*Take the green vegetable and dip into the salted water.

 Imagine using the branch to paint your doorpost with the blood of the Lamb. John 1:29

4. UNLEAVEAVENED BREAD....

This is the bread of affliction & haste that our ancestors (Moses & Hebrews) ate in the land of Egypt. Notice the stripes, piercing and discoloration. *Isaiah 53:5 *Luke 22:19

5. BLESS THE SECOND CUP The Cup of Rescue

"Blessed are you, oh Lord our God, King of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine. We take up the cup of RESCUE and proclaim that our rescue is found in Jesus your Son."

This cup reminds us of the Judgment on Egypt and the Rescue of the Hebrews through the 10 plagues. (Blood. Frogs. Lice. Flies. Death of Livestock. Boils. Hail. Locust. Darkness. Death of the Firstborn)

- Drink the juice together
- * Exodus 12:31-32 Psalm 78:44-52

6. THE BITTER HERBS

The Egyptians made the lives of the Hebrews bitter. This bitter herb reminds us that God delivered his people. He will also deliver us from bitter and hard times.

*Taste the herbs together.

*Exodus 1:13-14

7. "CHAROSETH"

Mix some of the bitter herbs with the mixture of apples, honey & nuts. Eat with unleavened bread.

"We eat both bitter and sweet to remember God's goodness in the midst of hard times." (John 16:33)

8. AFIKOMEN & 3rd cup The Cup of Redemption

"Blessed are you, oh Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. We take up this Cup of Redemption and we thank you for your sacrifice."

- Hebrews 10:1-12 Luke 22:20
- Everyone drinks together.

9. THE ROASTED LAMB...

The Israelites were spared by the blood of a lamb. This meat reminds us that God delivered his people and "Passed Over" them. Jesus is our Passover Lamb."

* John 1:29–30 * I Corinthians 5:7