

Computer Generated Transcript - So we're glad you're here this morning and we're glad you're a part of what we're doing and we're going to continue on in a series that we started a couple weeks ago and it's about the seven feasts of Israel there are holidays almost every day of the week right if you pull out your phone and you look at your calendar right now and some of you have the holidays it has a hall for every holiday for every ridiculous thing imaginable right two Fridays ago was Puppy day I learned last month it was actually dog day like national dog day that was a celebration so if you got a dog I hope you celebrated your dog last Sunday like I don't know what that means exactly but I don't know what today is you know I mean you never know national I don't know hot coffee day I have I have no idea right we have a holiday for everything there are seven holidays that were given by God to the Old Testament or God said these are my days all right these are the days that that I want you to remember what happened and we spent the last two weeks talking about the first two weeks of the over the first two of those they are Passover and then last week we talked about the Feast of Unleavened Bread and we're going to go into that and hit this timeline again as we go on today but I want you to understand that as we talk about this we're not trying to reinstitute the Old Testament OK I'm not talking about these fees because I think somehow we need to go back to the Jewish system and somehow make sure that all these fees are done exactly the way that they did and try and reinstitute the law that is not in any way why I talk about this the reason that we're talking about these fees today is because they have a direct parallel to the to the time of year that we're in right now it was a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ and all he was going to do all right so it's not about celebrating some Old Testament feast it's about seeing Jesus in those fees and learning how it applies to us today all right so that. That's why we're going over and that's why we're talking about them that's that's what we are talking about as we go through this again I want to just make it as clear as I can it's not about having a Seder dinner over Passover and it's not about you know all of these things you don't have to travel to Israel you know every year to to do these kind of things that's not what we're talking about we're talking about Jesus I've heard it said many times and I'm sure I'll hear it said many times again that Jesus is in the Old Testament concealed and he's in the New Testament revealed All right so when you look at the Old Testament you see pictures in and foreshadows of Jesus all over the place and in the New Testament all of that comes about in his fulfill all right and so we're going to we're going to be looking at that we're going to be a Leviticus Chapter twenty three all right and we're going to we're going to look over these things Leviticus Chapter twenty three I'm going to read verses nine through fourteen if you have an electronic version use you version or a log or something like that online and you like to read the same words the pastor is going to read I'm going to read out of the New Living Translation this morning or the L.T. You can go ahead and look at that one of you have your own favorite translation and you don't care what I'm reading from that's cool all right you can pick any one of those and that's fine but I'm going to be reading in Leviticus Chapter twenty three verses nine through fourteen All right this is about the third spring feast K. It's called the the feast of first fruits verse nine the Lord told Moses to give these instructions to the Israel lights when you arrive in the land I am giving you and your harvest and you harvest your first crops bring the priests some grain from the first portion of your grain harvest on the day after the Sabbath the priest will lift it up before the Lord so it may be accepted on your behalf that same day you must sacrifice a year old male lamb with no physical defects as a whole burnt offering to the Lord a grain offering must accompany it consisting of three quarts of choice flour mixed with all of oil it will be an offering given to the Lord by fire and it will be very. Pleasing to Him along with this sacrifice you must also offer one quart of wine as a drink offering do not eat any bread or roasted grain or fresh kernels on that day until you have brought this offering to your god this is a permanent law for you and it must be observed wherever you live so how in the world does that impact us today right when you read through that what what is this talking about why are they talking about it all of these how does this how does this thing from two thousand years before Jesus ever took his first breath as a baby how does that impact us today all right and so we're going to talk about that we're going to look at that the first thing that you need to know is this is another. History a reminder of history for the Jewish people some of you can tell me this story right

some of you can do this and just as as the first feast Passover is about something that actually happened in the Old Testament see the exodus you see the story of the slaves that were the Israel light state they leave Egypt and that's what the Passover is all about it remembers how God spared them how we delivered them from from that thing and then we move in to that Feast of Unleavened Bread and that's to remember that when they left they left so quickly that they didn't have time to let their bread rise so they're remembering what God did for them as he delivers a miss is is another thing as they go through the promised land now if you're familiar with your Bible you know what happened if you're not let me tell you they go out into the desert right and they go right to the promised land. And then they send spies in and they look around and like how those people are really big and their armies are really small and so even though God just maybe months before this miraculously delivered them from the hand of Pharaoh even though he's offered them the Ten Commandments they've walked through the red sea on dry ground they've done all I mean all of this miraculous provision they look at they're like ah those guys are too big. That's scary and so God like all right well you can just go wander in the desert for a while you want to trust me now you can go to the desert until somebody is ready to trust me all right and so then they finally come back to the to this area they come back and and they come in and they begin to conquer God begins to to give them their land and they begin to harvest crops that they did not plant All right that's how God had told them he had foreshadowed he had prophesied that they were going to harvest things that they did not put in the ground and so this is the way that they do that and they give thanks for the provision of God. On the first harvest in the spring time they harvest and they offer a piece of that back to God All right so the first crop that would come up was barley this is not barley OK This is wheat all right now I know that most of you if I hadn't told you that probably wouldn't have been able to tell the difference OK but this is wheat not barley but what they would do is they would go to their best field. They would go to their very best field and they would go to the best spot in their best field and they would bunch up some grain and they would they would they would cut it down and then they would take it to the nation or to the capital Jerusalem where where the temple was and they would offer it before they got and then they weren't allowed to do anything with their harvest before they gave thanks to God for the first fruits of their harvest. All right they weren't allowed to do any of that stuff until they had thank God for the first part all right because God has allowed that to happen and he said I don't want it all I just want to piece of it I want you to remember when you do these things that I'm a part of it right it's all mine and I'm giving you I'm letting you be a manager of these things. But remember that I'm a part of this all right. So this feast is all about first things that we spent a lot of time in churches looking at last things all right the last words that somebody said the last things that Jesus did on earth we spent a lot of time talking about last things but this is all about first things all right and so it's an important concept as well the nation is supposed to give thanks to God for this it was a mandatory feast we talked about that before everybody who is physically able is to come to Jerusalem on that day and offer their grain offering before God I rise for the city swells it's totally full and they not only do this as individuals they do it as a nation so in Jesus' time the Sanhedrin would raise some of their own crops right in their own fields and they would do this as a nation the whole nation is giving thanks to God for what they do because they would rather they had these national fields that they would raise and they would do the same thing with all of this all right and I want to tell you there's there's a part in Deuteronomy twenty six three there's a prayer that they would pray as they bring this offering before God and it's important I want you to remember I want to come back to this in just a minute and I don't want to bog you down with all these details but I want you to hear this prayer from Deuteronomy twenty six three it says I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us. And I want you to hear that all right I want you to hear that and it we're going to come back to it. But God declared in general that first fruits are his right he talked about it over and over in Exodus first born male animals are his firstborn of all the is the Israelites themselves belong to God according to the law each first born male was presented to the priest at one month of age God made provision so the firstborn could be freed from a lifetime of service but they still brought

them the most famous example we have of this is Jesus himself at one month of age Jesus is brought to the temple because he's the first born son of Mary and Joseph right so they bring in him to dedicate him to the Lord now they. Leave with their son OK which means that they give this offering so that he comes with them and it says that it says that as they go you can actually see the very first publicly declaration of who Jesus really is happens at one month of age or at the public when there's a lots of other ones that are private but publicly we see them bring them to the temple in Luke and we see Simeon takes a child and says from my eyes have seen your salvation he looked at the sky knew a little baby and he sees the savior of mankind the first fruits of mankind the second when this Anna she's a prophetess and she's living in there she declares that he is the Messiah and Luke two thirty eight to all those who look for redemption in Jerusalem here he is. This is what we've been waiting for you can see the God takes this incredibly seriously just like the other feast you can see that this is found in Jesus first Corinthians fifteen verses three thru four All right first Corinthians fifteen three three four Paul tells us for I've delivered to you first of all that which I also received that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures he died this was what Passover remembers he was buried this is what the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures and then he rose again first fruits he talks about this to the crowd right if Christ has not risen then our preaching is empty and so is your faith that's what Paul says that our entire faith does not hinge on the death of Jesus but on his resurrection lots of people throughout history have died for what they believe in. Lots of people throughout history have died for wrong things that they believed in. Only one has died. Predicted that he would rise and then pulled it off. And that's Jesus all right and so he brings into this point of despair this is that that your faith would be right but he brings this out but now it's two words in English one work and one word in Greek but now. Christ is risen from the dead. He has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep since for an Adam all die are all dead without him and sin. But in Christ. Will be made to live. The resurrection is Jesus guaranteeing. That the first fruits that he was the first fruits and then we will be fine so let's look at this again we talked about this last week and so many times some of you this is all new and so that's OK and you have no preconceived ideas some of you have heard this story a million different ways right and what happens sometimes when we come to familiar with the story as we read it like it's an isolated bubble because we already know how it begins what happens in the middle and how it ends right and so we read it as though it's this isolated event so we read and we talk about things like we did last Sunday with the triumphal entry of Jesus right on Palm Sunday and we talk about it and it's a sick sighting day or maybe you learned about it on a flannel graph so it's a really quiet day right but in real life it says that the city of Jerusalem shook I mean all of these people this is required feast time so there they say that hundreds of thousands of extra Jews would travel to Jerusalem for this time hundreds of thousands of people would pack into the city extra because this was the feast time and so the city is in uproar as Jesus they're declaring him is their Messiah right and they expect him to go right to the Roman garrison and overthrow it and begin to reinstitute Israel as an independent nation and overthrow Rome that's what they fully expect to happen and instead of going to the center place of their arch enemies he goes to the temple and he starts throwing people out of there check it out cleansing of the Temple instead of going to the Roman garrison and kicking them out he goes to the place where they worship God and he starts booting people out of there. Because they're taking advantage of all of these people that have to go on that you do math and you pay attention how many lambs that they have to sacrifice in three days. To. They're required to sacrifice a Passover lamb and now they're required if you listen to this to sacrifice a second lamb for the first the feast of firstfruits So this is like Prime dealing time for everybody who is trying to sell stuff in the temple this is the biggest market days of their year and instead of helping people out there taking advantage of people you can see historically they're in there they're charging way too much for people who are coming to Israel and need to buy when they're taking advantage of people's need for God and their church they're charging them all of this money to get it and Jesus is like that is enough this was never meant to be a way to make money this is a way to connect with God So instead of knocking the Romans out of the

town he clears the temple. And the city is silent there's no more calls for Messiah. From this point on no one's looking at making Jesus King from that moment in history. And then they go and they begin to prepare for the feast of Passover and that feast happens on Friday we talked about that two weeks ago if you missed that I'd encourage you to go back and listen to him here how it all works together. But they come to this place in Jesus you you know it probably as communion right the Lord's Supper the Lord's Supper was a part of their passover meal. Where the innocent lamb died in their place so they could be saved sound familiar. Right now you need to understand something about the Jewish calendar to understand why this works out time wise this feast like the feast would start the day at the minute the sun goes down OK So if a feast is supposed to be on Friday the actual day starts Thursday at sundown. All right so he goes and he celebrates Thursday night. The feast of Passover with his disciples he goes and prays and you know what happens next probably. They take him. And they try him illegally. And eventually he stands before pilot. And they're going to scourge and I showed you this last week if you missed it before this is a cat of nine tails right so when you hear that Jesus was whipped you need to get the image of a bull whip out of your mind OK he wasn't bull whipped you know the way that you see him where they start snapping and fire can come off of it or they can snap a you know snap whatever something out of someone's mouth you know I mean it's not that this is the instrument that was used for a scourging for when Jesus was whipped it's called the cat of nine tails This one's got deer bones in the bottom of it right probably didn't use deer bone there probably is some other kind of bone or maybe metal chunks maybe chunks of rock and the people who are really good at scourging what they would do is the idea here isn't to crack the whip it's to drive these chunks into somebody's flesh. And then you have to physically rip them out. And you do that over and over and over again lots of people died during scourging itself a lot of people didn't even survive this process. And Jesus did that not because he was guilty but because I was guilty now because he was guilty but because you were guilty and he allows himself to be beaten then they begin to mock him right so he's not only just beaten he's humiliated they take him and they shove a crown of thorns on his head because they've just been talking about the King of the Jews right so let's give him a crown. They cram a crown of thorns on his head this is from Jerusalem at least that's where the people I bought it from said it was from from outside of the city and these are probably the type of thorns that would have been on there come in feel him sometime and sharp Don't take it you can feel him. Be careful. SHARP. Eram it on his head they call him The King of the Jews they lead him to go into the hill outside of the city of Jerusalem. This is a Roman nail OK I know a lot of you can't see this but it's really blunt. This is about the size of the nail if they were used to hang his hand on that tree. Drive it in there the one for his feet probably would have been between about seven and twelve inches long it would've been a little longer than this one to hang him on a cross and he dies for you the Passover Lamb is slain the final one ever needed is slain for you and for me not an isolated story but as a part of a plan you got to predicted this all the way back in Leviticus and given us a foreshadow what was going to happen two thousand years before Jesus through his first breath God painted a picture of what it was going to look like. And Passover in with the setting of the sun OK or not past yes Passover ends with the setting of the sun and the next day is the Feast of Unleavened Bread. OK that begins all that stuff begins that evening Jesus dies Friday. They put him in the grave. But the feast of first or the Feast of Unleavened Bread is about two things it's about removing all sin from your life because God is worth it and it's about predicting that Jesus wasn't going to stay dead. OK that he would not rot he would not stay dead and they celebrate to the sounds of Jesus hanging on a cross would have been families all over Jerusalem celebrating the most important meal of their day or of their year right many of you are going to go home or go out to eat after this some of you are already looking at your clock and we like our reservations and fifteen minutes we got to go. There celebrating the most important meal of the day the year. As Jesus dies it's a national celebration. On the day that the day that the man who came to die for their sins was killed they saw all of this for thousands of years and they missed the one it was all about so they begin to celebrate the next day the Feast of Unleavened Bread and we talked about that last week how they celebrate this day how they would go through the house they'd eat a meal together they'd

purge out every bit of leaven they could find they do all this stuff that happens on Saturday the Sabbath and the very next day. Is the feast of firstfruits the day that we're talking about right now. Sunday the day after the Sabbath. They celebrated. Having something given that they did nothing for I want you to remember that prayer I want you to think about that prayer that we talked about I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us. They did nothing to earn it God promised that he was going to give it back to him and he did all of the work for that to happen. And on this day they totally missed the symbolism there up in the morning and there would have been flutes playing all over the place and there would have been all kinds of celebration as they begin to get their grain offerings ready and take their lambs back into the temple and while they're in the temple they're totally missing the fact that the one who came and died for them and just rose from the grave is no longer in his grave and there in the temple offering grain offerings and there in the temple offering their lamb you know that thanking God for what he's done that's great but they forgot to thank God that the Passover Lamb the very final one just rose from the dead for them. None of this happens in an isolated box this is all so tied together. And sometimes we miss it. Because we're just used to it. Some of you might be like how could you ever get used to that story it sounds so ridiculous. But we can get used to anything. And listen the point I want to make this morning the point that you need to hear from me. Is simply this. Jesus came to this earth to die for you in your place he was a Passover lamb for you he died in the place that we should have die he spent time in the in the grave. And then he rose Jesus wasn't just some good man. He wasn't just some good teacher. No one who's just a good man can pull this off could die on a cross and then just you know start breathing the next day two days later the son of God. Part of the Godhead Trinity the infinite try you God. Came to this earth he died for us and he rose. And he fulfilled three Spring feasts as he did it. And now we can look back at those things and we can see the finished work of Jesus done for Passover lamb die he was without sin and now our sin can be forgiven. And the first fruits of God rose from the dead. So that we could be made new and have something we could not possibly earn. It's an amazing thing we're going have a few people baptized in a few moments if you're one of those people you get ready or if you need to get your kids ready. Now time. Somebody should probably go warn pastor Rachelle that we're getting closer to the end you got that Mandy All right man he's got to we don't need twelve people to go. I want to encourage you. As we're going through this Easter season I would talk that we start talking about it last Sunday. That God is working in and through us he foreshadowed this whole thing and it was all about you it was all for you it was all because something needed to be done that you couldn't do on your own. You can't earn the forgiveness of God but you can accept his sacrifice. You can't be good enough. To just work your way and all you have to do is say thank you and accept His sacrifice he did all the work already. It's not complicated. It's not difficult it's really not that hard Jesus says acknowledge you're a sinner believe I am who I said I am confess your sins to me you're made right with. That simple so we're going to take a few moments here. There's people moving around everybody to look around right now just see people moving around so we can pay attention again yeah there's the worship team is coming back up here so OK. We're good all right I know some of you are like me and you have the attention span of a sparrow. Here's the deal. We do this at the end of almost every week this isn't just because it's Easter. We believe in this church that this these types of moments are our why we exist. We love reaching out to our community we love being part of that we love doing things like a candy hunt to just say thanks we love doing things like a wild game feed to say we're glad we're apart we love doing that kind of stuff providing a pond hockey tournament just to rub shoulders with people and let people have a good day in the middle where we love those things which are important things. But moments like this where we give people a chance to respond to Jesus is our highest call. This is why we do those things to build relationships so that people can encounter a risen Savior and I want to give you an opportunity in just a moment to do this some of you in this place this is all new or maybe you've heard of a few times and now you're finally ready but Jesus has always kind of been an abstraction to you. Right there's an idea you maybe think of him as a teacher and I've heard of him in the past maybe you've come and done

church thing before and it left a bad taste in your mouth for whatever reason. And serving Jesus and being forgiven by him has been the furthest thing from your radar. I want you to understand but that only takes a moment to change Jesus is absolutely. And in every way ready to be the king of your life and I want to encourage you this morning to give that truth. Chance. Maybe you're in this place and you've done the church thing before but somebody drug you here today because it's Easter right one of three days if that happens a lot Easter people get drug here sometimes Christmas people get drug to church on Mother's Day right Mama's going to bring her family to church. I don't care why you're here today I don't know if this is your first time in church or you got drug here against your will you're in the best place you could be because Jesus is here not because we're the greatest church in the history of the world. What I want to encourage you to day is for whatever reason you're here today. I believe that Jesus is in that decision I believe Jesus. Is the one that really brought you here today. He loves you and he did everything we talked about this morning for you. And some of you might know that you heard it and you just. You just been done with it. But this morning. You're ready to come back to Jesus. You have before you've done the thing before you follow them you walked away and this morning you're ready to say. Today's another day. I'm starting to. Like it about your head. But you close your eyes we're not going to make this difficult I promise you I'm not going to make you come forward I'm not going to make you stand up I'm not going to embarrass you in this place this morning I believe in the Bible there's a verse that they're talking New Testament church that we should not make it difficult for people who are coming to Jesus. This is not a hard thing I just between you and me. If you're out there and you're one of those people you have never chosen Jesus before but this morning you you know that he's doing something in you. You know that in your heart you know. You need the king and you need Jesus. When I ask you. To Raise your hand we're not going to wait long I don't believe in manipulating people into this decision if I can talk you into it somebody. Else can talk you out of it. But I want to give you a chance to allow God to work is there anybody in here today you've never chosen Jesus and today you're ready for anybody you know wait just a moment. Maybe you're in here and you're in that second group you've chosen Jesus before but you know lately it is not been about Jesus it has been about you. You've been doing your own thing your own way. And for whatever reason you're here today. Near ready to make a change. You're ready to ask Jesus to forgive you of. Such your sights on him it's just you. That's you this morning like you to raise. Everything is there anybody in here at all you're. Right I got you. Or anybody else. All right here's what we're going to you can look at me. We're up right. Person raise your hand I don't know if you know how to pray so I'm going to pray I'm going to ask you repeat after me if you're in this place and you've chosen Jesus I'm asking repeat after me too so it's not one person in the middle of how many people here today OK. You're in this place and you haven't chosen Jesus you're not ready to yet we don't to make you do something you're not ready to do. All right so by all means you can sit there and not repeat after us we don't want to like I said we're not about manipulation here it's not what our aim is. We want to make you promise something that you don't want to promise OK so you can just sit there. Just sit quietly dreams. If you're in this place and you raise your hand or you're in this place and you've chosen Jesus I'd like you to repeat after me right away with me Jesus. Do. Good. I know better. And I need your for you. To live my life for you. Not just for me. Speak to me Jesus. Grow in me Jesus. I need you. In your name I pray. Amen. Those are my favorite moments some of my favorite moments. Is as a pastor I love being able to lead people through that prayer and I want to encourage you were the one the raise your hands when you talk to somebody talk the person who brought you if you have questions about what just happened come and talk to me Pastor John. Who want to answer any of those questions that you may. Want to encourage that I see kids are starting to line up out there so we're going to kick open those doors well actually before we do that to you hold on just a second back there at the door parents if your kid is walking in and you check them in back there we don't just wait just a second. If your kid is walking in right now we don't want you to grab your kid and bring him to you OK We want to make sure that all the kids in this place are safe you check them in at a classroom and we want you to go back to that classroom and pick them up at the end we don't want to get a kid lost and this kind of

shuffle OK so we're going to the kids are going to come and sit these front rows if you're going to be baptized if you come and sit over here and this this roll over on the side all the kids are going to come in here please don't grab him let him come if they run to you tell him to stay with their teacher and bring him back in here and we're going to go through this this baptism process all right now for real this time we can open up the door and bring him back in here. All your teachers of the. Here's the deal. Like many things I'll get this stuff under way you don't need insulin and your right. Like you heard me talk about during. During our worship time. We believe that this day is a day of celebration now I know that in our church on any given Sunday there are all kinds of different experiences that people have had on their faith journey some of you have been in different styles of churches with different ways of doing thing and that's awesome that's cool but on a day like today there's probably even more represented than normal OK. So I want to just tell you what to expect we are lucky I'm not even I might as well stop talking to solicit down because no infinity. Gathered cuter than me and no doubt about it. Somebody. My kids all like to be the center of attention. For the mourners quietly sitting on the end holding out on mission are. All right we're good. All right so we love baptisms here baptism I can't think of a better illustration for what what Jesus did for us baptism is all about relating to the death the burial and the resurrection of Jesus this is for believers All right this is for people who have chosen she says and publicly want to tell people yes I have chosen Jesus alright and his people go down into the water around it most to remind us symbolic of the down the price as you're under the water remind us to follow me that he died in really. It died for us as you come back under a new creation and symbolizes his resurrection and we join with him in that new love baptism and you want to be baptized in this place maybe you have been before but it was maybe a good time when you had made your own decision we want to encourage you to talk to us about this and maybe you're in here and you've been baptized and you walked away from God and you just want to publicly say yes I'm going to do this again we love the new baptism All right we love it if you are the only one who wants to be baptized on a day fill out a form and come and talk to us we will fill up this tank for one person in any Sunday of the week or that is not right any Sunday of the year. We love this all right so we've got two people who are going to be baptized today but I want you to hear from me again like I said so many different traditions so many different ways of this is not guaranteed salvation this is a way for us to relate to Jesus all right and maybe even in the church where baptisms are really somber affair right words this really quiet serious and pious thing that's cool it down to your experience that's not what's going to happen here OK people are going to go down in the water and they're going to come up and people are going to start cheering because we love it OK We love what Jesus did in people and we think it's worthy of cheering for All right it's worth it all right it's an organ and so that's what's going to happen don't let the freak out all right if that's weird for you just take a deep breath and get ready for some noise in church OK. We love baptism and we love being a part of it I'm going to let me come up here and get in the tank John gets to do one of the things that I have got to do a few times and or one time and then baptize your oldest kid it's a pretty special moment so we're going to let him talk nicely to bring it down just a little bit so we can hear it this one's kind of a special one because it's nice. To see. That's not to say he came to me and said. That was so I don't see how you wish it was of course you want something you want. To. Live because here. Is. One more day we're going to come up here. Much about we have stairs now instead of a ladder. If you look at that microphone right there and tell people why you want to be baptized today the minute you think. Yeah yeah. I love baptisms and I want to repeat it if you want to be baptized. We will fill up this tank any Sunday of the year and we will do it for one person or for twenty we want to be a part of your faith journey in this way we believe it is such an important thing Jesus told us to do what he said to be baptized all right and so we want to encourage you to do that next something we're going to be talking about the Pentecost all right and how that relates in into all of these different things you can join us for that's awesome I'm going to say a prayer and then we're going to be done for the day still the kids I think are going to go back to their classrooms right now and we're going to let them do that all right teachers if you want to get them up again parents we don't want you to grab them right now K. let them let them get back their classroom you

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don't want to lose a kid in the shuffle we care about your kids' safety. But subdued Yeah. All right all of has to rebel if you're in that class and if you're in a different one please follow your teacher's. Like herding cats someday. I want to say thank you for coming and celebrating the resurrection with us today I encourage you throughout this day to allow the truth of who Jesus is to be the focus of your celebration all right and we're going to I'm going to go ahead and say a prayer and then we're going to be done for the afternoon here all right Jesus you are good I think you are. That you came to this earth and you died for me but more than that I thank you that you were who you said you were. God that you were not just another teacher but you were the son of God Jesus and when you said that you would rise again you meant it and you did it. And now because of that my sins are no longer covered by an offering once a year by a High Priest they are removed because the final Passover Lamb did its job. I pray God that you be with us guide us speak in your name I pray Amen have a great afternoon.