

Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?

It's Feast Time!

Happy New Year, Passover & Feast of Unleavened Bread



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In good times and bad, we must strive to keep the observance of the feasts of YHVH, the Biblical new year (aviv barley/new moon), a Passover meal (remembrance of the death of Messiah) and the seven day Feast of Unleavened bread, etc.

Projected Dates for 2020:

New Year: March 25, 2020*/April 23, 2020;

Passover: April 8*/ May 7 (before sundown);

Unleavened Bread: April 8-14/ May 7-13 (sundown)

Begin Counting Days to Pentecost: April 12*/ May 10

* (if barley is aviv)

Many years ago, the Jews, no longer wanting to distinguish a difference in Passover and the Feast of Unleavened bread, combined the two events into what is now known as "Passover Week". This practice is an error if the Scriptures alone are used as a basis for denominating the Holy days.

A designation of Passover Week has led many to miss the importance of the Feast of Unleavened bread and its significance for Christians today. Jesus began the lesson with the disciples in the boat, "...*Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?*" Matthew 16:6-8

We cannot afford a vague understanding of our Lord's instruction, which seamlessly transfers the physical concept of leaven into the spiritual application for our lives today. Click to hear [Question #39 "How is it that ye do not understand?"](#) of **The Questions of Jesus** book.

We are admonished to avoid the danger, not of yeast, but of leaven in our lives.

We must determine to have a Christian observance of the Feast of Unleavened bread. Paul admonishes us to keep the Feast [Passover remembrance] in sincerity and truth, Christ being our Passover [lamb]. 1 Corinthians 5:6-8: "...*Know ye not that a little leaven [hypocrisy] leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven [hypocrisy], neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*"

An incorrect understanding of leaven has left us with merely a Spring-cleaning ritual and a casual avoidance of "sin". Because the definition of "leaven" and "sin" are so broad it has rendered itself as useless advice, save for the clean cupboards. However, if we understand the proper definition of leaven, it leaves us with a challenge to make ourselves better in a way from which we can all benefit.

The common definition is that leaven is the symbol of sin. According to our Lord Jesus, its symbology is to that of "hypocrisy". The Apostle Paul confirms that symbology with his admonition to keep the feast, not with the old leaven (of course not), but with the **leaven of sincerity and truth**.

Isn't it odd that the Apostle would tell us to keep the Passover remembrance with leaven? Not to me. I see a leavened loaf of bread on the Passover table of our Lord while He trained his disciples how to keep the feast after his death. No need to kill a Passover lamb next year. (*Do you hear the Spirit whisper "fulfilled" when you consider Pesach? Things changed when Jesus came.*)

Have you needed confirmation for the disuse of unleavened bread and its replacement with leavened bread at the Passover table? Here it is. The use of leavened bread is a spiritual symbol of sincerity and truth, not merely a flat

matzo reminder of the days of unleavened bread in the wilderness.

Removal of sin would be the fulfillment of YHVH's instruction to remove the leaven, if "sin" was indeed the correct symbolic definition of leaven. However, we must remember that this is the beginning of our New Sacred Year. I can think of nothing more important to our lives, and no better resolution than to add truthfulness.

We live in a world where what we say is conveyed by trite sayings like, "you know what I mean"... "Well... whatever" and "like" or "really". As Christians, we should be clear. It is not simply a matter of political correctness, lack of maturity for young people or lack of hormones for old people. We define words with "whatcha-ma-call-it", that "thing-a-ma-bob", or insist it's only a matter of societal mores with the use of the old standby, "potato, pa-tat-o... same thing".

No, it is not the same thing at all.

It is not misunderstood by any of us, in any way, that if sin could violently rule in our lives it therefore needs to be removed. However, it is most surprising (to me, anyway) to the point of revelation that hypocrisy could rule our lives, our testimony, and create the common mistrust with our relatives and friends. **Caring what others think -- caring how we are esteemed, wanting to belong rather than be right, will make a "actor" [hypocrite] of anyone.**

[A society soon forgets what it is unable to articulate.](#)

We cannot let our tolerance for vagary seep into our theology. We must be precise, accurate. We must be sincere, truthful, and honest. The Apostle Paul says, "Speak every man truth with his neighbor." Is this just social advice that will bring us a benefit? Or does it help us to avoid a myriad of miscommunication, misunderstanding, hurt feelings, bad business dealings, and ultimately, ineffective theology? No. This advice is crucial. It not only benefits in all these ways, it offers what will make us confident in what we believe and say.

Quakers were famous for meaning exactly what they said and saying what they mean. That is a practice I find vaporizing from the philosophies and lifestyles of those who claim to be Christian. The Quakers found a testimony of not swearing useless to a man who disregarded truth.

Further, our duty as Christians is twofold when quoting scripture. We're not only required to express ourselves correctly, but we should be sure that as we speak we are reflecting definitions as were intended by the authors of the scriptures. Paul says our communication should be flawless (...as the oracles of God). When we say the word "leaven," we should mean the word "leaven". There should also be felt a responsibility to the definition (even if symbolic) of the word leaven that the author assigned it in the reference quoted. In other words, we may not substitute, redefine, or add pseudo-spiritual significance to our Biblical speech.

Although it would be nice to begin this sacred new year (Exodus 2:12) with the intention of not sinning chances are -- you're not going to make it. The scripture admonishes us to keep the feast with the new leaven of sincerity and truth. That, we can do. **Let's resolve to put forth the effort and designate the time necessary this year to speak every man truth with his neighbor.**

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.” Ephesians 4:25

I have good news for you. You'll find it a lot easier to speak accurately and truthfully with people you love. Again we're dealing with a word without a proper definition. To love your brother does not mean to have squishy, warm, fuzzy feelings about him, but it means to respect YHVH in him. He deserves a friend he does not doubt. Love means you trust him and in return for him to trust you. Love means whatever addition you make to his life, will makes him better capable to handle the trials that will come his way. Dishonesty can't do that. Being less than candid can't do that. Love can!

The character that will provide loving consideration simultaneously demands loving consideration. This will not happen to you over-night. It will come as a result of a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly practice of keeping the feast with the new leaven of sincerity and truth.

Gather your family and bake the bread this year for your Passover table not forgetting the main ingredient that will give it life and cause it to rise, become fragrant, healthful, and beautiful.

The leaven.

The leaven of sincerity and truth.

Friendly,

[Don C. Harris](#)

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Regarding Mr. Don, progress is slow, however, there is good news. He has been able to work in the studio for partial days (in spite of limited strength and energy). Praise YHVH! As a result, Don has been able to convert TRI's recent television series, "The Words of Jesus" program for radio distribution. We have over 200 shows that are ready to go. Mr. Don says, **"Get that show on short-wave in Africa!"** With your help, Dear ThINKers, we have so done!

REPLY FROM NIGERIA: Wow! The Radio programme for Africa would be great! I have just been on facebook to "like" the page. The internet has made everything easy to access these days so surely I will be online to connect and listen and also share to others. Just bring me up to date as regards commencement of the broadcast... Thank you so much.

REPLY FROM KENYA: Thank you [TRI] in wanting to considering a weekly program on The Radio Africa Network. What a blessing to meet people like yourself from all over the world with a burden to help finish the work. Our work is to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and His soon to all the world and we need souls working with the Holy Spirit to accomplish this task.

I have NOT received the book, "Think Red Ink" by Don C. Harris... Mail service in Kenya is always very slow and it could be good if I know when you sent it so that I give it a proper timing. I will keep on checking. But have been receiving RLEzine News and Happenings through email.

If everything goes well with you on that project and get the show on short wave in Africa, then we will be able to try to access it. Most of us here have the short wave radio. YHVH bless you [TRI]... and your willingness to study and prepare for the work ahead of us.

Hey, Don...

THINKER IN IDAHO: My husband is an avid viewer of yours. He watches you on GLC via the internet. On Wednesday I happened to walk through the room when my husband was watching your program and you were making a comment about people getting DNA tested to see if they had any Jewish roots they could make claim to. Then it seemed like you were saying that there was no point in this testing because the Jews no longer have a place in God's plan. I questioned my husband afterwards and asked him if that's what you were implying and he said that was what he heard too and suggested that I write you and clarify what your understanding is on God's promise to the Jews. Whereas I agree that testing to see if we have Jewish roots is a waste of money, I really would like to clarify the rest of your statement because what I heard seems to go against the teachings of GLC's ministry.

REPLY FROM DON: First of all, let me say how much I appreciate receiving your email. At first blush some of the things I say may be interpreted as though I am anti-Semitic. I am not. However, I consider it my duty to see things the way Jesus said them, the apostle Paul taught them, the way the Scriptures teach (not abandoning the law and the prophets).

Many times the Apostle Paul's comments about the Jews, their nation, their orthodox religion were similarly misunderstood. He made a hypothetical question to answer on this behalf, "what advantage hath the Jew?" (Romans 3) It is to be noted that the list Paul gave them as to the advantage of the Jew did not include entrance to the kingdom of God because of their ethnic heritage.

Blood-line salvation is a dangerous idea. Not only does it endanger a Jew who has confidence in his own name, DNA, geographical location, or Heritage, but it endangers the purity of the gospel's tenant of faith that we must receive Jesus Christ as the son of God rather than depend on (or require) Jewish family relationship.

The initial plan of God required the Jewish nation's participation to achieve the goal of eventual worldwide salvation. Sadly, the Jewish nation rejected their Father God YHVH, His son Jesus Christ, the internalization of the commandments, the relocation of the temple to the heart of man and Jesus Christ's claim to be the son of God; in essence, the authority of Christ to reign over them. The Scriptures record, "...we will not have this man to reign over us."

These actions are not without consequence. It looks to me like the Jews were "stepped over" to save the Gentiles, so that in turn the Gentiles would be a witness to the Jew. Have we? No, unfortunately, the Gentiles stand where the Jews did 2000 years ago. In nearly total defiance of the words of Christ. May God have mercy on our souls.

The Jews are still a part of God's planned kingdom (as are we) through faith in Christ. However, their utilization in God's plan of salvation has been severely curtailed. I say this with sorrow for the Jew and as a warning for Christians. "Grafted in branches" are not to boast against cut-off "natural branches," rather our witness, love and relationship with Christ should make the Jews jealous, so that they return to YHVH via Messiah (the true vine). (Romans 11)

It is my opinion, that had the Jews (as a nation) accepted Jesus as the Messiah, we would have been living in the Millennial Reign of Christ for the past 2000 years. Read the parable of the great supper (Luke 14). Those who were chosen, the preferred guests, did not/would not come. A decree went forth, "call the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind (us), compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" [those who were far less than those who were desired].

Thank you again allowing me to address your concerns.

THINKER IN IDAHO: Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. I'm following what you're saying but your reasoning brings to mind yet another question. How does the Jews being "stepped over" come into play in the end times with regard to the 2 prophets or the 144,000 witness from the 12 tribes?

REPLY FROM DON: Sorry, I have not been given understanding regarding the book of Revelation. My focus is on getting God's people to the place that they will not be "overtaken in the last days" come what may. One comment regarding people who claim to be "somewhat", proclaiming one's role does not seem to be the pattern of the Gospels. Neither Jesus, nor John claimed the distinction of "Elijah" or "that prophet"- Jesus did not come 'in His own name'; personally, I have some fear of those who do.

THINKER IN NEW MEXICO: Thanks for program 19104 this morning on GLC. I struggle with thinking that I don't have any more Christian friends to turn to. Their doctrines have always been less than what I felt to be true. I am keeping the commandments of God but struggle to be still and hear from God. I am going to try till I get this. There is no going back now. Thanks!!

REPLY FROM DON: On your way...

THINKER IN TENNESSEE: ...where can I find the name of the Herod's wife's daughter...you asked this of us years ago...and I still have not been able to find out?

REPLY FROM DON: When asked the name of Herod's wife's daughter people say, "Salome" which cannot be found in the Scriptures. My point in asking the question is to show that people believe things to be in the Bible that are not there.

THINKER IN TEXAS: Thank you for responding to my inquiry about idle words. I think I have a better understanding than I did previously, although I might not be able to perfectly identify idle words in a lineup. :-) I liked the paraphrase you used that we will be judged by the life we have communicated to someone else.

The "wait time" (the 10 seconds suggestion) response after someone else has finished his or her sentence is proving to be quite challenging.

I wasn't able to watch your show for several weeks as there was a programming glitch with GLC. However, the cable company was able to repair it and I started back watching last week. The teachings on the tare and the wheat (including the "tare bait" concept) are very thought provoking. I appreciate your thoughts and suggestions. Thanks again for responding.

REPLY FROM DON: Regarding the "wait time" challenge - I appreciate your effort and your candor. Honesty always makes me smile. Don't give up. You'll get it.

THINKER IN IRELAND: Some ministries are preaching the rapture "as a chance and hope for Christians, because they will be taken away without experiencing death".... It's terrible how they package this idea out of one single verse of the Bible (there are other promises in the Bible probably more important and worth talking about). The rapture has become their new idol that you cannot deny. In one program the preacher was saying that the word is coming from the word "rapturo" in Latin, so I went to check and in the verse it is not even that word (the liars): "Deinde nos, qui vivimus, qui relinquimur, simul *rapiemur* cum illis in nubibus obviam Christo in aera, et sic semper cum Domino erimus." [1 Thessalonians 4:17] I wonder how it is possible to spread false ideas & information, but then after a minute or two I remembered all the theater going on in the Vatican, hahaha... Before watching TRI I had never heard about that rapture theory, so I listened to Don with a blank mind~. I am thankful to Don for this. It is said that people tend to believe the "very first source they encounter", hahaha, I was lucky on that one! At least I did not have to undo anything in my head.

REPLY FROM DON: Agreed.

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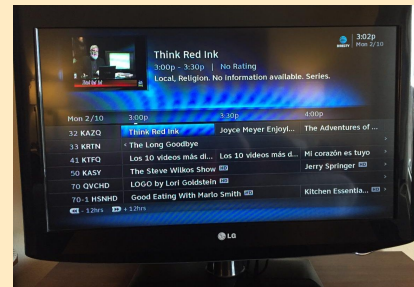
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