

The Exodus and Christian Connection

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- The Eucharist, the Last Supper, is the Passover Meal for Jesus

- The Gospels
 - Show Moses and Jesus together, Jesus as the new Moses
 - Old and New Testament, Covenant, Law
 - The Commandments and the Greatest Commandment
 - The 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes
 - Jesus as God's interpreter of the Mosaic Law
 - Sabbath Laws
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 - Covenant is a solemn agreement made with a religious ritual.
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I want to make just a quick little connection between the Exodus and Christians. The Passion, the Cross and the Resurrection is Jesus' Exodus. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the Lamb who is offered on the night of the Exodus. The Eucharist and the Last Supper is the Passover Meal for Jesus. You all know that but you have to remember that this is what we are talking about.

So, in the Gospel shows Moses and Jesus together, cause when we start reading the Gospel, especially this year, because this year is the Gospel of Matthew and Matthew presents Jesus (there are 4 Gospels and each present a different view of Jesus just as much as if you talk to 4 people

about me, you get 4 different images of who I am or any of you if your 4 children must have different visions of who you are right. This year we are in Matthew. Matthew presents Jesus as the Great Teacher. He is the new Moses. And you can tell because He does the big sermon on the mount. When we say mount, we mean mountain. So it was a sermon on the mountain. So he is the teacher who goes up the mountain. So it should sound like Moses. And when he is up on the mountain he gives the new law. You have all been hearing about this cause you have all been going to Mass and you hear Jesus say "You have heard it said 'An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' , now I tell you this." He is creating a new law, not based on the old law. It's not different than the old law. What he has done, he has called us beyond that old law, to what he says is the fulfillment of the law. Because there is the doing of the law and there's the fulfillment of the law. When we say fulfillment of the law we mean a law that changes us. It forms us so that we no longer do it because we are told, we do it because it is the right way to live. It is the right thing to do. That's why he is saying that "don't kill anybody" says Moses. Jesus says that anger that causes killing starts first in your heart, so don't be angry. That's where it begins. The fulfillment of the law is take care of your heart, don't grow angry and then you will never kill anybody. You won't get that far obviously.

Jesus is the new Moses because he also goes up the mountain, teaches them and he gives the 8 beatitudes. Right at the beginning, Matthew Chapter 5. The eight beatitudes are the new version of the Ten Commandments. Right, so you see that link, that Jesus- Moses connection in the New Testament.

The Old and the New Testament are talking about a covenant or a law. That's why people don't understand that we are a covenantal people. We have made a covenant with God; God has made a covenant with us.

We use that word “covenant” and you who are married have made a covenant with each other and a covenant is a kind of contract or relationship that is based on love, not on mutual responsibility. So that’s why we say that people enter a married covenant – when you are in a contract, once you fulfill your duty the contract is over. Right so I entered a contract with you to buy this house. Once I pay you, you give me the house. We are no longer bound. A covenant is the next step higher which is based on love, which then has no ending to it, no matter what, even if I fulfill the commitments of this covenant, it does not release me from that bind. And that’s because it’s based on love and it’s eternal and we can do a whole covenantal theology, which is what we are in. The other name for covenant is also when we talk about testament. We have the old covenant and we have the new covenant. And where do you have the new covenant? In the New Testament. The New Testament is a new covenant. We hear it at Mass. “Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the new and eternal covenant.” The old covenant was the Ten Commandments and it was based on the law. Jesus gives us the new covenant and it is based on love. And love is the fulfillment of the law. Because now you do it because you love the person, not because you are required by law to do it. That’s why covenantal theology is so key and so the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. You can see the greatest commandment and the greatest commandment was love.

Jesus as the interpreter of the Mosaic Law so that’s why he gets into trouble with the Sabbath Laws is because he is God and he is teaching them the true interpretation of the Sabbath Law. He does not abolish the Sabbath Law. As a matter of fact, he himself fulfilled the Sabbath law by going in to the synagogue on the Sabbath. However, what he is trying to do is to correct their understanding of the Sabbath law and what its meaning is.

The laws of clean and unclean, the laws of marriage, divorce and love. That's what is happening when Jesus is teaching. He is giving a new interpretation of all of these laws that Moses gave.

The covenant is a solemn agreement made with a religious ritual. So we have the marriage covenant and it confirms a special relationship with the parties.