

# Jesus IOI

## “Grace Thoughts”



IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE,  
YOU ARE FREE INDEED!  
JOHN 8:36

A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

*“Say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” ’ ” —Mark 14:14*

During a difficult season, I visited my valued mentor. He took me back to Israel’s history; and we read Exodus 14:13, 14: “But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for your today. . . . The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.’” God’s power to deliver His people was revealed through the Passover Lamb and the dividing of the sea. My mentor reminded me to trust that the battle is the Lord’s!

*When Jesus was about to surrender His life to redeem the world, He planned to eat the last Passover meal with His disciples (Mark 14:12-16). In a combination of practical arrangements and divine prescience, Jesus gave His disciples explicit instructions to find a guest room to eat the Passover together. They were to follow a man with a pitcher of water (verse 13); an unusual sight, given that mostly women carried jars of water. The owner of the house was simply to be told, “The Teacher says, ‘Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’ ” (verse 14). The word “Passover” is mentioned four times in this short narrative. Can you imagine Jesus’ thoughts as they prepared for the meal that was a memorial of deliverance and redemption, instituted back in Exodus 12:21-27, which symbolized His own death? The Israelites slayed the Passover lamb and applied the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts of the house, and the angel of destruction did not smite them, as they were thus covered. They were delivered by the blood of the Lamb. Later they encountered the Egyptians, while trapped by the sea, and once again they were reminded that the battle was the Lord’s. On their way to the Promised Land, they were reminded that God was the Provider of water and bread. The battle was the Lord’s! Back in Jerusalem, as Jesus was eating the meal, He explained to His disciples that it represented His body and His blood. Our Passover Lamb, Jesus, has been sacrificed! (1 Corinthians 5:7). He has delivered us! Now, will we trust Him to provide what we need as we journey to the Promised Land?*

Talbot, Elizabeth *Jesus Wins!*, p. 58.