



MEMORIAL SACRIFICE

Year 5 Topic 5

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The Eucharist is a memorial sacrifice in the Jewish sense of remembering, that is it brings a past experience into the present.

The Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.

Christ gives His body and blood to save all people and provides hope for the future.

OUR BIG QUESTION

Why do we need memories?



SCRIPTURE

Exodus 13: 3 - 'Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. **Eat nothing containing yeast.**'

Luke 22: 14-20 – The Last Supper

REFLECTION

Lord Jesus Christ, in you we know the love of God. When we gather in your name, we experience the marvel of your loving presence which challenges us to live for one another. Help us to follow your example so that we may never become complacent.

Help us to listen to your constant call to us to continue the work you began, you who lived and died for us.

Grant this through your Spirit of Love. Amen.

KEY VOCABULARY

Memorial sacrifice = through receiving the Eucharist, we keep the memory of the **Last Supper** and **Jesus' sacrifice** alive in our hearts and minds.

Passover/Pesach = A Jewish festival remembering when the blood of a lamb was smeared over houses so the angel of death would 'pass over' them during the time of slavery in Egypt.

Chalice = The sacred vessel used to hold Jesus' blood during mass (cup).

Eucharist = The host is blessed and becomes Jesus' body (bread). We receive the Eucharist during **Holy Communion**.

Consecration = to 'consecrate' means to 'bless'. The consecration is the part in mass when the priest blesses the bread and wine, calling down the Holy Spirit to change it into Jesus' body and blood. This process of changing from bread/wine into body/blood is known as **transubstantiation**.

Genuflect = a sign of respect paid to Jesus when entering church/before sitting in a pew. It is kneeling in front of the Lord.