

Josiah Celebrates the Passover; Josiah's Death - 2 Chronicles 35:1-36:1

Topics: Celebration, Death, Devotion, Encouragement, Gifts, God's Will, History, Holiness, Listening, Mourning, Obedience, Preparation, Remembering, Sacrifice, Serving, Teaching, War

Open It

1. What kind of birthday party would you really enjoy?
2. What would you write in your diary about this past week?
- * 3. What do you remember most clearly—your bad experiences or your good experiences?

Explore It

- * 4. What special celebration did Josiah reinstitute? (35:1-19)
- * 5. What were the priests and Levites to do in preparation for the Passover? (35:2-6)
 6. How were the priests and Levites to handle the sacred ark? (35:3)
 7. What three actions were the Levites to perform? (35:6)
 8. What did Josiah provide for the Passover? (35:7)
 9. What did the officials provide for the Passover? (35:8-9)
 10. What was done to the Passover lambs? (35:11-12)
 11. What offerings were prepared for the people to eat? (35:12-14)
 12. What did the musicians and gatekeepers do? (35:15)
- * 13. How long had it been since the Passover celebration had been observed exactly according to God's command? (35:18)
 14. What confrontation did Josiah have with the king of Egypt? (35:20-21)
 15. What mistake did Josiah make when he decided to fight Neco? (35:22)
 16. How was Josiah killed? (35:23-24)
 17. How was Josiah remembered by the people? (35:25-26)

Get It

- * 18. Why was it so significant that Josiah reinstated the Passover celebration?
19. Why was it so important to get the details right in the temple of the Lord?
20. Why do we tend to grow lax about the repetitious aspects of worshiping God?
- * 21. Why is it important to remember and talk about what God has done for us?
 22. On what occasions do Christians gather to celebrate and remember what God has done for them?
 23. How can church celebrations and holidays become perfunctory or misrepresent their original purposes?
 24. Why is it important to celebrate together with others?
 25. Why do you think Josiah persisted in making war against Pharaoh Neco?
 26. When have you gotten a message about God's will for you from an unexpected source?
 27. How has failing to listen to the Lord led to trouble in your life?

Apply It

- * 28. When can you take time to recall and celebrate or tell someone about something God has done for you?
29. How can you be spiritually alert and ready to accept God's leading, even from an unexpected source?