

## Best Story Ever: 4. Exodus (Exodus 12-14)

### Text questions

1. According to 12:1-13, what had to happen for a person to avoid God's judgment? Name as many specifics from the text as you can.
2. Speaking of God, Psalm 76:10 says, "Human defiance only enhances your glory, for you use it as a weapon." How is Pharaoh an example of this verse?
3. Read 14:1-4, 10-12. Then answer the following questions, being sure to cite one or more verses to support your response.
  - a. What command does God give the Israelites?
  - b. What does God say Pharaoh will conclude?
  - c. What do the Israelites conclude is God's reason for having them camp in a place where they'll be cornered by the Red Sea?
  - d. According to God what is the actual reason?
4. Despite having just seen God supernaturally free them from the greatest military power on the earth at that time, the Israelites doubt He can part the Red Sea (14:11-12)—and still God saves them anyway. What does this say about God's heart? About the nature of doubt?
5. Where do you see Jesus in this passage?

### Life questions

1. Author C. H. Mackintosh notes that the Israelites were saved simply by having the blood on their doorpost—not whether their faith in that blood felt weak or strong.<sup>1</sup> Does your everyday peace tend to come from your performance as a Christian (how strong your faith is, how fruitful your life is, whether you're feeling the right feelings, etc.) or Christ's work on your behalf?
2. Exodus is a salvation story. If you're a believer, how did God's salvation change you? If you're not a believer, how do you think your life might change if you were to become a Christian?
3. God let the Israelites be cornered at the Red Sea (14:1-3). In your life, how have you seen God show you His glory through taking you to the end of yourself?

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<sup>1</sup>C. H. Mackintosh, *Notes on the Book of Exodus* (London: George Morrish, 1862), 129-132.