



## Taking Worship Into Your Week

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**“Normal.”** Not a word we would have read and yearned for, just a year ago. But now? “Normal” would be wonderful. What a comforting thing it would be for us to prepare for a normal Thanksgiving and Christmas, with the familiar plans for family, friends, food, and shopping without a thought about the limitations changes we are experiencing now. Does our Lord have something to share about this lack of “normal?” Let’s prepare to be surprised at how our Savior changes what is “normal” and makes it “new.”

1. Read Ex. 12:1-14. What were the Israelites to celebrate, every year? Why might we call this a “Jewish Thanksgiving?”
2. Read Jn. 7:37 ff. Using your study Bible, identify the festival Jesus was attending. In what way did he change the celebration so that it was not “normal?”
3. Read Lk. 22:15 ff. How did Jesus change the “Jewish Thanksgiving” forever? In what way is communion like Passover? In what ways is it distinct and special?
4. What will be the most difficult part of the upcoming holidays for you?
5. Using your Concordance, look up the word “comfort” and identify passages that mean the most to you, now and in the days of Thanksgiving and Christmas to come.