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For this tract we will look at the fact that Jesus could have kept the supper at any time; but he did not. He chose to introduce it at the Passover, thereby showing us that the church has a new remembrance. Jesus also emphasized in Luke 22:15 that he desired to eat that Passover with them. Why, because he knew that he would teach them a new remembrance at this Passover.

The scripture used to convince people on keeping the Lord's Supper many times over the year is from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. The word oft or often does not mean that we can keep it as many times as we want over the year; but that as often as we keep it over our life we are to do it in remembrance of Jesus' death. An example is when people speak of something like Christmas. They may say as oft or often as you keep Christmas keep in remembrance of Jesus birth. Does that mean you should keep it many times over the year? The above is used as an example, as we do not keep any of the pagan holidays. We must also look carefully at what Paul has said in verse 23. First this has come directly from the Lord, and secondly that it was that same night he was betrayed that he took the bread. This tells us when they were being taught to keep the Lord's Supper. We will now move on to the dating of the Lord's Supper. Christian's for the most part all go by the teaching that the new moon nearest the spring equinox is the new moon we would go by to count the fourteen days from. There is no Biblical scripture to support that teaching. Through Israel God has set out a way

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for us to know how to calculate the correct date. We are told that there is an appointed season for this memorial to be kept on in Numbers 9:3. There is a specific time to keep the Passover and thereby the Lord's Supper. In order to know the season we need to look to the exodus and in particular the seventh plague. Exodus 9:18-32. We will focus on verse 31 and 32 as these set out the season. The flax and barley was damaged because it was in a state of being only a few weeks from harvest, while the wheat and rye were not damaged as they were not grown yet. The word Abib is the state in which the flax and barley was in, being almost ripe, we find this word used in (*Exodus 13:4. This day came ye out in the month Abib.*) Through these events we see that there is an actual time line. What does it prove as to the Passover? We need to look to the feast of unleavened bread, although we do not keep this feast, only the Lord's Supper at the time of the Passover. It is crucial we understand that this feast shows us why there is a precise time for the Lord's Supper, if we believe that it must be kept at the correct time of the Passover. They had to have a first harvest to perform a sheaf offering. We know that the flax and barley was in the state of Abib and it would be the first crops to actually harvest for this offering which takes place during the feast of unleavened bread giving it another two weeks to ripen. We live in a time when we can receive information of the state of the wild flax in Israel through the internet, and no longer have any excuse of being ignorant of keeping God's plan as taught since the beginning of time. There is only one correct time to keep the Lord's Supper and it is laid out in scripture if we look.

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