

Reflection

- I don't know if I should say too much about this passage at this stage
- The mime story however makes the link clearly between the sacrificial lamb that were sacrificed at the temple during the Passover on the 14th of Nisan, at the beginning of the Passover festivities
- Unfortunately the writer of the song did not realise that the lambs were sacrificed the day before passover so that they could be eaten in the evening (when the new day begins according to the Jewish customs)

- But still the symbolism of the lamb that ran away to be replaced by Jesus on the cross does convey the meaning of the death of Jesus.
- During Passover the rescue of the people of Israel is celebrated and remembered
- The Passover itself remembers that those who marked their door posts with the blood of the lamb are to be saved
 - signalling that here lived the people of God and that their first born did not have to be sacrificed.
- The firstborn lamb substituted the firstborn son of each family
- With the crucifixion Jesus – the first born man – has taken over this role for us
 - So none of us have to give up our lives
- But we need to claim Jesus' sacrifice for us
- We do that not by marking the doorposts, but by accepting him as our saviour
- In this way the doorposts of our hearts are marked by his Holy Spirit

- Let us thank Jesus that he was willing the pay this price for us
- And let us commit ourselves again as his followers.