

Hymn: Down at the Cross/Glory to His Name

On the night of the first Passover, the Israelites applied the blood of a lamb without spot or blemish over the doorposts of their homes in obedience to the Lord's instructions (Exodus 12). This would ensure that the destroying angel would pass over their homes so that their firstborn sons would not be killed.

The Passover lamb's blood symbolizes Jesus' blood, which cleanses and saves from eternal death and destruction.

The hymn, "Down at the Cross" (also known as "Glory to His Name"), was written in 1876 by Elisha Hoffman, a pioneer in Christian music, who wrote over 800 hymns throughout his life. The refrain in its chorus says, "*There to my heart was the blood applied...*" echoing the application of blood in Exodus but symbolizing forgiveness, restoration, and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The lyrics of this classic hymn are a beautiful expression of what happened at Calvary when Christ died on the cross for all mankind, coming to abide in our hearts and cleansing us from sin.

Down at the Cross

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1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, down where for cleans-ing from
2. I am so won-drous-ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet-ly a -
3. Oh, pre-cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, cast thy poor soul at the



sin I cried, there to my heart was the blood ap - plied;
 bides with - in; there at the cross where He took me in;
 en - tered in; there Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean;
 Sav - ior's feet; plunge in to - day, and be made com - plete;



glo-ry to His name!
 glo-ry to His name! Glo-ry to His name, glo-ry to His name:
 glo-ry to His name!
 glo-ry to His name!



there to my heart was the blood ap - plied; glo - ry to His name!

