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4. When you consider the above and that Jesus' death and resurrection inaugurates the New Covenant, explain how this makes sense:

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The Teacher Note for this lesson is at:

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### Teacher Notes

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Provide the context of this passage to the student. The day before, Passover was celebrated with people who were hoping to be healed or sought to witness miracles. Because they celebrated Passover with bread that Jesus provided, most of the people who followed Him the next day were Jews.

Ask the student: what was heard and learned from Father God?

Recipient of God's word, the Jews learned and heard the Old Testament by oral tradition.

Ask the student: who were the ones who learned from God? Who would be aware of the God of Abraham or Messianic prophecies?

The ones who learned and had the faith of Abraham were Old Testament Believers who were mostly Jews.

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Ask the student: is Jesus just praying for the eleven disciples with Him?

Jesus is praying for all those who believe that He was the Messiah and Son of God.

Ask the student: what did Jesus mean when He said, "Yours they were, and You gave them to Me?" What do you observe about these people?

These people were once in possession by God. Now they are of Jesus' possession.

Ask the student: what did Jesus do to them?

Jesus taught them the truth: He was the prophesied Messiah sent by God and Son of God.

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Inform the student: when you survey the entire Bible, this is the only passage that explains: 1) who were God's treasured possession among all peoples, and 2) what qualified a person to be of His possession.

Ask the student: what qualified a person to be of God's treasured possession?

Those who obey God's word in voice and covenant. Because the covenant in view is the Mosaic Covenant, these were Old Testament Believers.

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Ask the student: when Jesus says, “no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him,” what is He saying? Who would recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah?

Only genuine Old Testament Believers would be drawn / attracted to Jesus, because they would be aware that His birth, life, and works fulfilled many prophecies pointing to the Messiah.

Because primarily Jews knew of God's word, the Old Testament, God sent His Son first to the “house of Israel.” At this time, Israel was without a prophet shepherd king.

Ask the student: can you explain how a Believer under the Old Covenant becomes a Believer under the New Covenant?