# John 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

## Analysis

John notes 'the Jews' passover was at hand'—the first of three Passovers in John's Gospel, providing a three-year ministry timeline. Jesus goes up to Jerusalem, fulfilling the law's requirement. His attendance connects His ministry to Israel's central redemptive event—the exodus deliverance through sacrificial lamb's blood. The Lamb of God (1:29) approaches the feast celebrating lambs' sacrifice.

## Historical Context

Adult Jewish males were required to attend three annual feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Passover commemorated deliverance from Egypt through the blood of slain lambs. Jesus' ministry aligns with this cycle, culminating in His death at Passover—as the true Paschal Lamb.

## Related Passages

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

1. How does John's Passover framework shape understanding of Jesus' ministry?
2. What connections do you see between the original Passover lamb and Christ?

## Interlinear Text

| καὶ | ἐγγὺς | ἦν | τὸ | πάσχα | τῶν | Ἰουδαίων | καὶ | ἀνέβη | εἰς |
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| **And** | **at hand** | **was** | G3588 | **passover** | G3588 | **the Jews** | **And** | **went up** | **to** |
| G2532 | G1451 | G2258 | | G3957 | | G2453 | G2532 | G305 | G1519 |

| Ἱεροσόλυμα | ὁ | Ἰησοῦς |
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| **Jerusalem** | G3588 | **Jesus** |
| G2414 | | G2424 |

## Additional Cross-References

**John 11:55** (References Jerusalem): And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

**Luke 2:41** (References Jerusalem): Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

**John 6:4** (Parallel theme): And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

**John 2:23** (References Jerusalem): Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

**John 5:1** (References Jesus): After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.