REL 10, Sacred Scripture
Summer Reading Study Guide
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, by Brant Pitre

Before school begins, please read pages 1-146 (through Chapter 5). The last part of the book will be read in conjunction with Holy Week in the Spring.

### **Chapter 1: The Mystery of the Last Supper**

- 1. Why was it scandalous for Jesus to insist that his disciples must eat his flesh and drink his blood?
- 2. What are some sources outside of the Bible that the author uses in order to explore Jesus' teachings?

### **Chapter 2: What Where the Jewish People Waiting For?**

- 1. What is a messiah? What did the Jewish people expect the messiah to do?
- 2. What is the Exodus? What did the Jewish people expect to happen when the New Exodus occurred?

#### **Chapter 3: The New Passover**

- 1. How did the Jewish people slaughter lambs at Passover? In what ways were they killed in a similar way to Jesus?
- 2. Why was it important that the lamb also be eaten? What if a person *didn't* eat of the lamb?
- 3. Think about the way that time works during the Passover meal.

# **Chapter 4: The Manna of the Messiah**

- 1. In what ways is the manna given to the Jewish people more than just "bread"?
- 2. What is the more accurate, more literal translation of "Our Daily Bread?"

# **Chapter 5: The Bread of the Presence**

- 1. Why was manna called "The Bread of the Presence?"
- 2. Where was this bread stored and why?
- 3. What did the priest say when he held up this bread in front of the faithful?