The Haggadah through the Ages

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Mishna
Pesaḥim 10:4
Kaufmann MS
(Budapest)
Italy, c. 1200

Three questions:
- Dipping
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- Roasting

http://kaufmann.mtk.hu/en/ms50/ms50-cool1.htm

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Dropsie Haggadah
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Qiddush
(sanctification over the wine)

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Mah Nishtana
(start)

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Mah Nishtana
(continued)

MS JTS 9560 | Passover Haggadah | fol. 1a-1b
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The ‘Four’ Questions / המ שחתה

Mishna manuscripts
Three questions (dipping, matzah, roasting)

Mishna printed editions
Four questions (matzah, bitter herbs, roasting, dripping)

MS JTS (New York)
Two questions (dipping, roasting)
(matzah most likely missing due to mistake)

MS Dropsie/Penn (Philadelphia)
Three questions (dipping, matzah, roasting)
Birds Head Haggadah | Germany, c. 1300 | Israel Museum

Sarajevo Haggadah | Barcelona, c. 1350 | National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Washington Haggadah – The Library of Congress
Joel ben Simeon | 1478 | Rhineland and Northern Italy

https://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/hs/hsspecialcollections.html

https://www.rferl.org/a/28701521.html
Library of Congress purchased the Haggadah from Ephraim Deinard, 1912 – 1920

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Reading Room of the African and Middle Eastern Division, Library of Congress

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