

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE SIN OF THE JEWS

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There are many sad verses in the Bible but in my opinion Jesus' words in John chapter 1 and verse 11 are the saddest:

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

There is no greater tragedy than to reject the only person who can give eternal life and save you from an eternity in the Lake of Fire. Why did the Jews as a nation reject Jesus as their Messiah?

THE MIND SET OF THE JEWS

The Jewish priests and scribes picked verses in the Old Testament they liked and built a doctrine. Their Messiah was not going to come and deal with sin but to destroy all Gentile kingdoms and make them become slaves to the Jews.

Isaiah 60:1-17

They did not understand that Isaiah was referring to the time after this earth has been destroyed by God and there is a new creation and a new earth and heaven. **verses 18-22; Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:22-27**

They did not want to teach repentance; instead, they trusted that sacrifices at the temple would take care of all their sins. **Isaiah 59:1-15**

Isaiah clearly pointed out that man cannot attain righteousness, it must come from God, who will bring it to pass through the Messiah. **Isaiah 59:16-21**

God had told the prophet Isaiah that the Messiah would not come and set up a Jewish kingdom but to pay for the sins of the people. **Isaiah 53:1-12**

The priests and scribes taught that only Jews had souls and could be saved. Gentiles were like animals; they had no soul and there was no salvation for them. Accordingly, a Gentile was like a beast of burden to be used by the Jews just as they would use a horse, donkey or camel.

This teaching is not found anywhere in the Bible but it is found in the Talmud (extra-Jewish commentary) that the scribes have used since the time of the Babylonian captivity. The Jewish Encyclopedia says the following:

*"...they held that only Israelites are men, quoting the prophet Ezekiel 'Ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men' (Ezekiel 34:31); Gentiles they classed not as men but as barbarians (Baba Mezia 108b)..."*¹

When Jesus gave the great missionary commandment, He told the Jewish disciples to go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all people.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹ JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, Vol. 5, 1905, p.619



The apostles were so steeped into the Talmudic teaching Gentiles not having a soul that they only preached to Jews following the day of Pentecost.

God had to supernaturally intervene and make sure that the Jewish apostles understood their marching orders that they were to preach to the Gentiles because they are not animals. Most Christians are totally ignorant of Jewish customs and beliefs and have ascribed this chapter as God declaring all foods are clean and we don't have to observe the laws of Moses.

- A. God sent an angel to the Roman Army officer Cornelius. **Acts 10:1-4**
- B. He was told to send for the apostle Peter. **verses 5-6**
- C. Cornelius sent some servants to ask Peter to come. **verses 7-8**
- D. God prepared Peter with a vision. **verses 9-16**
- E. Peter was bewildered about the vision meant until the men from Cornelius arrived and explained their mission. **verses 17-23**

THE REVELATION

Peter realized that Gentiles were men like him, even a hated Roman officer who was part of the occupation army in Palestine. Peter was now ready to listen even though Talmudic law forbade a Jew to associate with a Gentile. **verses 24-33**

The Holy Spirit revealed to Peter that God is not a respecter of persons and that Gentiles have souls and can also be saved. **verses 34-35**

After Peter had preached the sermon, the Holy Ghost fell upon all the Gentiles because they had believed the message, repented of their sins and confessed that Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, was indeed the Son of God and their Messiah too. **verses 44-48**

THE IMPLEMENTATION

Peter was then faced with the difficult task of conveying this truth to the rest of the apostles that from this point the Church of Jesus Christ was no longer an exclusive Jewish Church, but a Church made up of Jews and Gentiles. **Acts 11:1-3; 18**

It was the Jewish apostle Paul that settled this issue once and for all. **Ephesians 3:1-6; Galatians 3:26-29**

THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP REJECTED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH

Jesus did not fit the Talmudic description of the Messiah. He had shown no concern over the Roman occupation and the suppression of the Jews in their own land. He had healed Gentiles like the Centurion's servant and proclaimed that the Centurion had more faith than the Jewish people. **Matthew 8:5-13**

Jesus rejected the Talmud and jeopardized the livelihood of the priests and scribes. **Matthew 23:12-15**

The Jewish leadership came to the conclusion that they had to kill Jesus or lose their religious system. **Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16, 47-49, 57-68; 27:1-2, 11-26**

Once Jesus had been resurrected, the Jewish leadership went into full damage control and spread a lie that He was not risen. **Matthew 28:11-15**

When the Jewish apostles started to perform miracles after the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Jewish leadership extended their war against the followers of Jesus. **Acts 4:1-21**

The Jewish leadership at the time of Jesus made the fatal mistake of rejecting him as the Messiah and thus the majority of the Jewish people at that time and today continue to reject Jesus as the Messiah.

The Jewish leadership declared war on Christianity and the Book of Acts is a record of the relentless attacks by Jews in Jerusalem and other parts of the Roman Empire.

Very few Christians have understood that the Jewish leadership did not want to enter the Kingdom of God that Jesus presented to them, nor would they allow Jewish people to enter the Kingdom of God. **Matthew 23:13**

The Jewish leadership taught the following about the mother of Jesus:

- ❖ She is called Miriam, a dresser of women's hair who committed adultery.
- ❖ She played the harlot with carpenters and her son Jesus is the offspring of a soldier by the name of Panthera. The Talmud calls Jesus a bastard.

WHAT THE TALMUD SAYS OF JESUS

Jesus is referred to as "Balaam" in the Talmud and the people that follow Him are called Baal sex-worshippers.

They describe Jesus as being blind in one eye and lame in one foot.

He is called "one that ruined a people."

His churches are likened to nudist Baal worship.

While he was alive he committed bestiality and he is also accused of having seduced women.

The Talmud also teaches that Jesus is in hell, where he is boiling in hot excrement.

JEWES ARE REPULSED WHEN TOLD ABOUT JESUS

If you have been taught these things about Jesus since you were a small child, what would your reaction be if someone witnessed to you and asked if you wanted to receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour? Do you understand why so few Jews come to Jesus?

It took an act of the Holy Spirit to get Saul of Tarsus saved and it is going to take a miracle from God to get a Jew saved today. If we understand this truth our prayers for the Jewish people would be more fervent.

GENTILES ARE NOT MUCH BETTER THAN JEWS

Gentiles react to Jesus in similar ways. Scoffers always bring up the time of the Crusades around 1000 A.D. and claim that Christianity is a corrupt religion.

Others point out the endless wars that have been fought between Catholics and Protestants.

Many pastors openly state that they do not believe in the virgin birth of Christ or that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, so why should unbelievers come to church if there is no salvation, hell and need to repent?

The majority of churches in the United States run their worship services like a rock-n-roll concert with a mini-sermon at the end. A large percentage of the pastors have committed adultery, many are divorced and many are deeply into pornography. Homosexuals are even allowed to serve as pastors.

WHEN IS THE TRUE CHURCH GOING TO WAKE UP?

Listen to the cry of Jesus:

“...The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?