

Jesus Among Other Faiths #4 (Judaism)

Christianity has a unique relationship with Judaism:

- 1- Christians share a holy _____ with Judaism (the OT).
- 2- Christians share a faith in _____ as the One True God.
- 3- Christians share a spiritual _____ with Jews.
- 4- Christians follow a Jewish Savior and _____.

Despite these important connections, Christianity parts ways with Judaism over the _____ and _____ of Jesus.

Introduction to Judaism today:

What do Jews think about the Christian view of Jesus?

Christian view of Jesus (in connection to Judaism):

Jewish rejection of Jesus as Promised Messiah:

How can we demonstrate the love of Jesus to Jewish people who live in Round Rock, TX and around the world?

Final Passage: Ephesians 2:11-22

Small-Group Curriculum

Getting Started:

- (1) What comes to your mind when you think about Judaism? Where have you developed your ideas about the Jewish community?

- (2) What do you think it feels like to be Jewish and live in Round Rock, TX? What have your personal interactions with Jewish people been like in our city?

Getting Deep:

- (1) Read Ephesians 2:11-22. According to this passage, what are the relational implications of the work of the Messiah? How does Jesus' death change the relationship between Jew and Gentile?

- (2) Read Exodus 12:1-13. How is the Passover Event in Exodus 12 a foreshadowing of the work of Jesus? In what ways is Jesus' sacrifice for the world similar and different from the original Passover?

- (3) Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What did God promise would change when He established a New Covenant with His people? How has the Messiah Jesus established this new covenant today?

(4) Read Psalm 2:1-12. The reign of Messiah is described in vivid detail in Psalm 2. What parts of this prophecy have already been fulfilled in Jesus' kingdom and which are yet to come at His return?

Getting Real:

(1) What aspects of the Jewish faith and community do you most admire and respect? How can you show that respect to Jewish people in your life?

(2) In what ways can you respectfully point your Jewish neighbors and co-workers and friends to Jesus as the Promised Messiah? What strategies do you think would be the most helpful in lovingly sharing the gospel with Jewish people?

(3) The Jewish community has consistently faced opposition and persecution throughout their history. How can you support and defend the Jewish community while also making sure you show them their need for Jesus?

(4) What did you learn in this sermon about Judaism that surprised you and challenged you? What do you think God was trying to teach you through this message and this discussion?

