

## Jesus Came to Bring Salvation to the World

Jesus came to fulfill the promise that God made to Abraham, that through his seed all the nations would be blessed (Genesis 18:18, 22:18). God had a plan to redeem not just the Jewish people, but people from every tribe, tongue and nation who would trust in the seed of Abraham. Jesus came

as a babe in a manger to bring salvation to his Jewish people first and then to the Gentile nations (Matthew 15:24, Romans 1:16). The Jewish people can only gain salvation through faith in their Jewish Messiah Jesus.

In fact, it is so important for Jewish people to come to know Jesus as their Jewish Messiah that Jesus said that he will not return until the Jewish people came to faith. Jesus said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'" (Matthew 23:37-39). This is why it is so important to witness to Jewish people the truth of their Jewish Messiah.



Jewish evangelism is a difficult ministry. Satan understands that when the Jewish people come to trust Jesus as their Messiah, Jesus will return and Satan will be bound and cast into the Lake of Fire. Knowing his fate at Messiah's second coming, Satan has been diligent over the centuries to distort the truth and person of Jesus. Sadly, many atrocities have been committed against the Jewish people "in the name of Jesus." The

Crusades, the Inquisition, forced conversions, the blood libel, the Holocaust and more have been used by Satan to make the possibility of Jesus being the Jewish Messiah so odious to the Jewish mind that seeing Jesus as Messiah is nearly impossible.

However, we also have read the entire Bible and know that nothing is impossible with God! The partial hardening that Israel is experiencing means great spiritual riches for the world. "Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! (Romans 11:11-12)."

In fact we know that God's plans for the salvation of Israel has not changed. Hear the words of the Apostle

Paul in Romans 11:25-26,

"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved." God has not forgotten his Jewish people and neither can the church.

My desire, like that of the Apostle Paul, is that the Jewish people would come to know Jesus as their Jewish Messiah. Romans 10:1-4 says this,

"Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Messiah is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."

However, Jewish people who come to faith in Jesus as Messiah face many trials that Gentiles do not. Judaism is a way of life. Jewish people who come to faith in Jesus often lose the support of their family and community. Many families will treat a Jewish believer in Jesus as if he had died, even having a mock funeral followed by excommunication from the community. As Paul said, the Jewish people are zealous for God but without knowledge. But God's plan for the Jewish people will be fulfilled!

## Shofarel Jewish Ministries

is committed to bringing the truth of the Jewish Messiah to the Jewish people. We have weekly and monthly outreaches to the Jewish community. We have a Messianic Jewish Congregation where Jewish people can come and experience the love of Jesus with a Jewish worship service. Our congregation, Mishkan HaShofar is a place for Jewish people and Gentiles to share the Jewish Messiah in spirit and truth.



Members of the congregation in coordination with Shofarel Jewish Ministries go to the Jewish people with an active witness of Jesus. Handing out tracts and books that show a Jewish Jesus, teaching Bible studies from the Hebrew and Greek, meeting one on one with Jewish pre-believers to answer their questions about Jesus and celebrating the Jewish Holy days are some of the ways that we reach out to the Jewish community.

We also are committed to teaching and preaching the Jewish roots of the Christian faith in churches and Christian schools. After all, Paul said in Romans 10:14-15, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*





*I ask then:  
Did God reject his people?  
By no means! I am an Israelite myself,  
a descendant of Abraham, from the  
tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject  
his people, whom he foreknew.*

*Romans 11:1-2*

## Robert and Herta Pristoop



Robert came from a family where his father was raised in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, and his mother, an immigrant from Naples, Italy, converted from Catholicism to Judaism. They observed traditions of both religions, celebrating the Jewish Holy Days with his father's family and secular Christmas and Easter at home. After spending 27 years as a police detective, Robert felt called into ministry. Upon retirement in February 2009, he enrolled in the Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies, with Talbot Theological Seminary, where he completed his Master of Divinity degree in Messianic Jewish studies. Robert holds a double ordination, as Messianic Rabbi and a Baptist Pastor. After several years of serving as a missionary with Chosen People Ministries, he resigned to answer a call to plant a new Messianic Congregation and serve with Shofarel Jewish Ministries. Robert travels the country speaking on the Jewish roots of the Christian faith in churches and schools. Robert leads a Messianic Congregation, teaches Bible studies and seminars on witnessing to Jewish people, hosts Passover Seders and provides teachings and demonstrations on the Shofar.

Robert's desire is to reach his Jewish people with the Good News of the Jewish Messiah. Robert and his wife, Herta, enjoy sharing the Jewish roots of the Christian faith and would love an opportunity to partner with you and your church.



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## How You Can Partner With Us



Evangelizing the Jewish people is important to God. You can partner with Shofarel Jewish Ministries in three ways. You can pray for the ministry that God would provide divine appointments with Jewish people who are ready to hear the truth of their Jewish Messiah. Prayer partners are vital to our ministry and God commands that we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

You can join us in community outreaches in the Jewish community. We will train you to share the Gospel with Jewish people and become a witness. The Holy Spirit, according to the will of God, has given each believer spiritual gifts. However, every believer is commanded to share the Gospel of our Messiah in Matthew 28.

Finally, you can be a financial supporter by providing a monthly financial gift or a one-time donation that we can use to purchase books and tracts that resonant with Jewish Biblical understanding of the Scriptures which confirm that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. God commands his people to support and send missionaries to the world and the Jewish people.

We would love to partner with you. Please fill out the panel with your contact information so that we may stay in touch. If you provide your email address you will receive our monthly newsletter so that you will know how to pray for our ministry.

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