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Reaching People...Changing History

“Meet the Jewish Jesus You’ve Been Missing”
I don’t know how many people think about Jesus’ Jewishness. Intuitively we know he was Jewish, lived a Jewish life, in a Jewish land. His parents were Jewish and he celebrated the Jewish festivals. But truly understanding Jesus’s Jewishness isn’t something most people think about. **It’s sad because when we miss that part of his life, we miss a lot of him.**

I am speaking in more churches giving a balanced perspective on the Jewish Jesus. *“Meet the Jewish Jesus You’ve Been Missing”* is a 4 day, 5 teaching seminar to help those in the church understand the Jewish roots of our faith, connect the Old and New Testaments, get to know Jesus’ Jewishness, and deepen their heart for the land and the people of Israel. **In order to fully understand God’s heart for Israel and the Jewish people we must put Israel and the Jewish people into the proper biblical perspective.** That’s what we do.

Ultimately my heart is for the gospel to the Jewish people. To have God’s heart for the gospel to the Jewish people our heart has to break over the Jewish people. Jesus’ heart was broken, Paul’s heart was broken...ours needs to break as well.

I recently conducted a *“Meet the Jewish Jesus You’ve Been Missing”* seminar in a local church. **Five consecutive teachings from Sunday morning to Wednesday night gave me the opportunity to enjoy and get to know the people of the community.** I also had the opportunity to share five different messages relevant to the church, to help them understand the rich heritage we have, as well as how Jesus is pictured in the Old Testament and the Jewish holidays.



After one of the services a lady approached me at my literature table. She patiently waited as I spoke to several people. As the crowd thinned out she came up to me to talk.

“Murray,” she said, “Your messages have changed the way I look at the Bible. I finally understand how important the Jewish people are to us as Christians. I now realize how indebted we are to the Jewish community. It is amazing how the Jewish holidays and the Old Testament point to Jesus as Messiah. I am a kindergarten teacher. Our school has always shied away from doing anything Jewish because Jewish people don’t believe in Jesus. Now I want to go back to my school and teach my children about the Jewish holidays and the Jewish roots of our faith. This is incredible. What books should I buy?”

I helped her find some books and then said to her, *“Ok, now you go and teach your class about the Jewish roots of our faith. Help them to learn to love the Jewish people and Israel. You go and affect history.”*

At that moment I realized that I had a hand in changing the lives of those children through their teacher. Maybe one of them will grow up to become

a missionary to my people! At least they will be sensitive to Jewish issues. **Jewish rabbis have a saying, “If you save one soul it as if you have saved the world.”** In our Kingdom, as we teach our children, we make disciples who will save the world with the message of Jesus. **As we share the Gospel and speaks in churches we have a hand in changing the course of lives, families, and history.** Here is how we are doing it...

In Churches

Between the middle of March and the end of April this year I had 31 speaking engagements in churches, bible studies, and in people’s homes. When there I want those there to know that I have an agenda. Not only will they learn about the Jewish roots of our faith, but will leave with a deepened burden for the Jewish people. I want to encourage others to spend more time in prayer for their Jewish friends, for the Jewish community, and for Israel. I want to equip others to go out and minister to the Jewish community. A goal of our ministry is to be known as a resource for help with any Jewish person who might be in their lives.

Ministering in churches gives us the opportunity to encourage pastors in communicating God’s love for the Jewish people and Israel to their congregation. Many pastors call our ministry for help in these areas.

Just last week a person said to me in Sunday school assembly, *“I have just realized that Jewish people need Jesus. I’ve always been taught they are the Chosen People and assumed they would get into heaven somehow.”* I asked her exactly when she came to that realization. *“This morning when you were giving your message,”* she replied.

By speaking in churches we are changing people's perspective, bringing understanding, and affecting history.

In Christian Schools

One of the expanding areas of our ministry is teaching classes in Christian schools. Every time we have an opportunity to teach a high school missions or bible class, we are influencing the lives of those students. **Many students come up to us after class relating how our presentation has changed their view of the Jewish people and our relationship to them as Christians.** Students are leaving classes with a deeper burden for the Jewish people and for Israel. Students are being equipped to witness to their Jewish friends.

Unfortunately young people today know very little about the history of Israel and the Jewish people. What they do know is primarily influenced by what they see on TV, read on the internet, or hear from their friends. The environment in schools and college campuses is becoming increasingly critical of Israel. History is being rewritten and revised. Inaccurate teaching in regards to Israel predominates the news, while accuracy and truth are relegated to the sideline.

The next generation of believers need to be influenced and equipped to carry the torch of the Gospel into the marketplace. The next generation of believers will be confronted with more tension in the Middle East. **The next generation of believers need to know that the Jewish people have a special place in God's heart and plan.**

I've spoken in several middle school and high school assemblies and classes over the past several months. **By teaching in Christian schools, and giving young people an accurate people of God's heart for the Jewish people and the land of Israel, we are affecting history.**

By Doing Outreach

Of course, the main part of our work is meeting with Jewish people one on one. **It's exciting to be a part of the Lord's work by directly affecting the lives of Jewish people.** By touching Jewish people individually, we are affecting their history, and the history of their families.



Lives are changed in incredible ways.

The end of February I received an email from a Jewish man in a relationship with a Christian woman. They have been going out for two years. Both are divorced with teenage children. Their spouses left them under very difficult circumstances. As they processed their divorces they became friends.

The woman, a Christian, told her Jewish friend that their relationship could not go very far if he did not explore Jesus. His exploration was a very shallow one until he went to hear a university professor speak on the Jewish roots of Christianity. In the process he became intrigued. **His friend saw me speak over 10 years ago and suggested he contact me.** He did without her knowing. And we set up a meeting for the three of us.

During our meeting I was able to explain to him not only how I became a believer in Jesus, but how one can believe in Jesus and maintain their Jewish heritage and identity. **He was not only interested but told me that after talking he finally feels comfortable exploring Jesus in more depth.** We will continue to talk and, of course, my prayer is that he comes to faith in Jesus as his Messiah.

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We are continuing to receive calls from people who have Jewish friends.

A lady from North Carolina called to tell us about her Jewish employer who is struggling through a difficult marriage and is depressed over his life.

A gentleman from Atlanta called to ask for help for his Jewish neighbor who is out of a job and is looking for answers to life's tough questions.

We can affect history. We are making a difference. **Thank you for keeping us out there interacting with the Jewish community, sharing Jesus with a very special people, and seeing fruit through salvation and discipleship.** We're grateful.

Israel Tour 2017

We're going back to Israel in October and hope you can join us! **Our 2017 Israel Tour is being planned now and will take place from October 13th-23rd.**

There is no place in the world with the biblical and historic significance of Israel. **You will learn about the land, the people, the geography,...through the bible and through the eyes of a Jewish believer in Jesus.** We will also meet people in Israel with whom we are collaborating for the sake of the Kingdom.

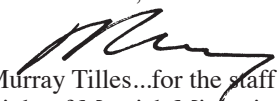
I limit our tour to 25 people. Let us know if your interested or have questions. You can find out more on our website www.lightofmessiah.org.

Thank You!!

Our ministry is here to encourage you to pray for the Jewish people and to help them hear the message of Jesus.

As always, thank you for caring enough, and trusting us enough, to send us back to the Jewish people with the love of Messiah Jesus!

In His service,


 Murray Tilles...for the staff
 Light of Messiah Ministries

