

## Lost Sheep

Recently I have been listening to a show called “*A Jew and a Gentile.*” I really like it. Yet, it has drawn me back to the roots of the Bible. This show talks about the real Christian beginning. A Jewish beginning. The Jewish nation does not realize that Jesus was Jewish. I feel many Christians do not see it either. It is common for the Jewish community to call Jesus the Christian God. How many Christians feel that there is an Old Testament God and Jesus in the New Testament. Of course, Jesus claims to be God and with the Father from the Old books. In many ways it is blurred lines.

The Jewish show is trying to bring people back to the beginning. God chose the Jewish people for His own reasons. Jesus said He came to teach the Jewish people. Yet, throughout Bible history God has been allowing gentiles to enter His kingdom. Jesus has gentile heritage. Is Abraham Jewish? In the literal sense the answer is no. Paul was Jewish but he preached to the gentiles. It is believed that each Gospel talks to either Jew or gentile. Yet, clearly, we can see both elements in all four of them. The Acts 15 council debated the validity of being Jewish or gentile in this new Christian realm.

This show I have been listening to is great theology. A return to the real Christian roots. Recently, there have been certain, movements within the Christian world to lower God and Jesus to our level. To take out the divine. We are now made of the essence of God. People are more powerful and holy than they first believed. Yet, Jesus came to open the Jewish eyes. The church leadership had taken ownership of being God to the people. The law of Moses was also held up as a God. Jesus came to bring them back to the basics. That the Jews were God's people and He is their God.

What does God have to say? Paul got it. Romans 1:16 says “*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*” Then we have Matthew 15:24 “*He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”* It is clear in the Bible that Jews and gentiles were to make up the kingdom of God. Let us look at a few words. The first is “*who believes.*” Paul made no distinction on who. Then we have Jesus saying the word “*lost.*” Jesus came because the Jewish people were the lost sheep. It was course correction. God is God and we are His people. All of creation is His. We (Jew or gentile are not God.

Sometimes we tend to drift as humans. Its not good enough to just have facts. This era in history will be defined by blurred lines. The truth is subjective now. Solid answers are being replaced by subjective reasoning. Although 2 plus 2 always equals 4, what if it did not? What if we were the same as God? Could humans hold divine power? These questions (in themselves) are not particularly bad. It is good to know truth. To test truth. How do we know gravity exists. Jump off a building. At some point in the process, you will understand gravity. Fire burns most things eventually. Light yourself on fire, you will arrive at the same conclusion.

Yet, humans love to question things even if the answer is old and solid. It is the way we roll. I suppose each generation much test solid facts. They need to personally know the truth. This generation is no different. It is only social media that has made it look bigger than it is. The first humans figured out most of our basic truths. 100% of people die. We need air. Woman have babies. Is it ok for humans to challenge these truths? Absolutely it is! It makes us human. I would contend that it makes God, God too. Infallible humanity cannot stand up to the Divine 100% of the time. Yet, we must try as our for-fathers did.

What does this have to do with a Jewish podcast? It is good to look at the roots of the Christian world and make sure we know why Jesus died. Why God exists. Why the Bible is the word of God. The Hebrew roots are the basic Christian blocks. Yet, we need to know. We need to understand. Why do we follow the Jewish God? It is because Jesus followed the Jewish God. Judaism is not the bad guy. Bad Christianity is not the bad guy. The bad guy is not knowing your roots. The why and how God works. Our Jewish roots give us those simple answers. That is why reading the Bible is so important. It is why having the Holy Spirit is paramount. God is willing to remind us of the how and why. It is important that we ask. In the end it helps the next generation (possibly) avoid learning about gravity the hard way. It protects our youth from getting burned. However, we are human. People are lost sheep when they go it alone and do not bring the building block roots with them. It is why they are called lost. We need to remember the Jewish Jesus and why He is our saviour.