

What is the Significance of Jesus being Jewish?

In a previous teaching, we mentioned that the mission of Jesus was to bring restoration of the people to God and then eventually to the land. We mentioned that over the years, the people had lost their relationship with the Father and that the restoration of the relationship to Him was a priority before the land could be restored to God's kingdom authority.

The personal restoration was highlighted by the baptism of the Holy Spirit that was accessed through the gift of salvation that Jesus the Jewish Messiah brought to the people. The full authority of God is accessed through the Spirit. This is why Jesus spoke to the women at the well of the need for proper worship to Him, John 4:23 NLT: *But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way.* The restoration of our personal relationship revolves around our understanding of Him and His ways, as the Holy Spirit reveals it to us, John 4:23 NLT: *When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.*

It is important for us to understand that our obedience to God's kingdom authority depends on us having a proper understanding of God's instructions for our lives. Often times we can be confused by listening to the wisdom of man rather than listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus had to come as Jewish rabbi (teacher) to show us the way to intimacy with the Father. Only a Jewish Messiah could set the people free and Jesus had to be consistent with the instructions of the Torah, which was the guide that led Jewish life at that time.

Jesus then sent the Holy Spirit to lead the Jewish apostles as they brought the spiritual truth from the Torah instructions to the peoples of the world. Everything that Jesus taught was consistent with Jewish law but it went against the traditions of the religious leaders. It was the continued work of believers, both Jewish and Gentile, to bring God's truth to the world.

Jesus spoke of a time when the Good News would be preached into all the world, Matthew 24:14 NLT: *And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. The end will involve the restoration of the land of Israel to the Jewish people with Jesus ruling for a thousand years, Revelation 20:4. The rule of Jesus from Jerusalem by the rule of the Torah instructions is a fulfillment of a promise that God gave to King David, 2 Samuel 7:10-13 NLT: *And I will provide a homeland for My people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won't oppress them as they've done in the past, starting from the time I appointed judges to rule My people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. "Furthermore, the LORD declares that He will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for My name. And I will secure his royal throne forever.* At the end of the thousand years, the New Jerusalem will come to earth and God will be with His people, Revelation 21:1-4. The pains of the former life will be gone forever thanks to the work of Jesus.*