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For the Christian who wants to learn about Jews and Evangelism

As I write you, Jewish people worldwide have been celebrating Sukkot, or the Feast of Tabernacles.

It's a joyous, weeklong festival and a wonderful reminder of how God sustained the children of Israel during their wilderness wanderings. (See Leviticus 23:33-44.)

What many people do not know (including many secular Jews) is the Feast of Tabernacles concludes with a holiday not mentioned among the Biblical Feasts.

"Simchat Torah," or Rejoicing in the Law, celebrates the completion of the yearly reading of all 5 books of Moses (Torah) in the synagogue as well as the beginning again of a new cycle of reading.

In the synagogue service, Jewish people will read Deuteronomy 34 to complete the cycle as well as Genesis 1 to begin the new cycle of readings. It is a very festive celebration. Congregants will dance and sing while parading the Torah scrolls throughout the sanctuary. Children are given candy apples and little Israeli flags to wave as they process behind the Torah scrolls.

The Jewish people have historically been called the People of the Book, referring to the importance of the Torah to the Jewish people, as well as our prominence in the story of the Scriptures.

As God's chosen nation, our story is told alongside His, intertwined from the beginning of time to all eternity. The two cannot be separated. But you wouldn't know that from the way most Jewish people live today.

Sadly, most Jews do not know the Scriptures very well. And the majority have never read the New Testament at all. Most have never even held a copy in their hands. Yet, in study after study, we Jews for Jesus have found that most Jewish people

come to faith in Christ as a result of encountering Jesus in the pages of the New Testament.

But amazing things can happen when a Jewish person actually reads one of the Gospel accounts.

Rabbi Isaac Lichtenstein wrote powerfully of what happened when he finally summoned the courage to read the New Testament:

I had branded the New Testament as the muddiest source of pride, of overweening selfishness, of hate, of the worst

NOVEMBER

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kind of violence; but . . . I felt myself peculiarly and wonderfully taken possession of.

A sudden clearness, a light flashed through my soul; my eyes gazed astonished into the distance, as when through an electric shock the scales fall from the eyes of a blind man.

It was to me as encouraging as health to one in sore sickness, as freedom to a prisoner in fetters; for I looked for thorns and gathered roses, I discovered pearls instead of pebbles—heavenly treasure; instead of hate, love; instead of vengeance, forgiveness; instead of bondage, freedom; instead of pride, humility; instead of enmity, reconciliation; instead of death, life—salvation, resurrection.

Such is the power of God’s Word to change the heart of an Orthodox rabbi!

In recent witnessing campaigns, we sent hundreds of copies of the Scriptures to seekers who requested them. In Israel, for example, thousands have given us their contact information, offering the opportunity to meet with them individually, give them a Bible and study it together.

Now multiply that by 14 countries speaking eight different languages, and you begin to get the picture of how much impact the Bible ministry of Jews for Jesus can have when you stand with us as a partner.

It’s the calling of Jews for Jesus to tell the whole story of God’s love for the Jewish people, and especially how He sent His only Son to die for us and secure our salvation.

That’s why we encourage those we meet to read God’s Word, especially the New Testament Gospels (which most Jewish people would never do), so they can get a clear understanding of how a Jew could be for Jesus.

For example, a young Israeli man named Avi requested a New Testament at our website and asked if he

could receive it very soon because he was going abroad. One of our missionaries called and offered to meet with him in order to deliver the book in person. They met the next day in a shopping mall.

Avi is 20 years old, plays the guitar and is a great-grandson of a very famous rabbi. For the next six months, Avi read the Gospels and particularly studied the Gospel of Matthew. One day, after two hours of conversation and study with our missionary, they prayed together and Avi received the Lord. Hallelujah!

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Right now—and year-round—we’re meeting with Jewish people one on one, engaging them with the gospel, reading God’s Word together and equipping them to follow Jesus. We do so within a context that’s familiar to them as Jews, helping them overcome the typical Jewish objections and fear of rejection that so many have to deal with in considering Jesus.

To do that, we’ll provide a free Bible to any and all who’d like to have a copy.

Through your gift today, you’ll help the People of the Book meet the Author of the Book, Jesus the Messiah. You’ll help provide the initial proclamation of the gospel, follow-up by a Jews for Jesus missionary who is trained to witness to Jewish people

and a free copy of God’s Word.

This is not mass evangelism. It’s personal witness and discipleship based on our shared heritage and the person’s desire to find truth and real answers to life’s hardest questions.

Your friendship with us tells me you trust us, agree with our approach to evangelism and want to see as many Jewish people as possible come to salvation.

Today I’m asking you to join us as a partner in helping equip our teams of hardworking missionaries to share the good news in key cities the world over. We’ll meet, connect with and engage Jewish people in meaningful conversations about meaning, faith and destiny.

You can be sure that the coming days of harvest will be a reminder to me and all of us in Jews for Jesus that, through God’s calling, YOU and other great friends have been and will continue to be His way of providing our Jewish people with the words of life.

This work would not be possible without you. Thank you!

Gratefully your brother in Christ,



David Brickner
Executive Director

P.S. Your gift today will help sow the Word of God in the hearts of people just like Avi and Rabbi Lichtenstein. As you give, you’ll help the People of the Book meet the Author of the Book, Jesus the Messiah!

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