

Share Messiah  
Session 1: The Concerns about Witnessing  
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- I. Why we don't share Messiah:
  - A. Theological concerns:
  - B. Sociological concerns
  - C. Personal concerns
  
- II. Why we should share Messiah:
  - A. The ministry of urgency
  - B. The ministry of mercy
  - C. The ministry of maturity
  
- III. Why we must share Messiah
  - A. Because we're committed to G-d's redemptive program
  
  - B. Because there's an enemy who wants to stop G-d's program
  
  - C. Because the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is connected with Israel's salvation
  
- IV. The diversity of our witness
  1. The practical witness, Mat 5:15-16
  2. The personal (or private) witness, Jn 1:45
  3. The proclaiming (or public) witness, Luke 24:42-44
  4. The persuasive witness, 2 Corinthians 5:11

"Be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within you" (1 Peter 3:15).

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Session 2: Discerning the Difficulties

- I. Discerning Personal Issues: Stereotypes (Col 4:5-6)
  - A. Jewish Stereotypes of Gentiles:
  
  - B. Gentile Stereotypes of Jewish People:
  
  - C. Uprooting False Concepts: Mat 15:13
  
- II. Discerning Historical Issues: messianic faith through Jewish eyes
  - A. The faith during the apostles:
  
  - B. The faith after the apostles
    - 1. Biblical issues:
  
    - 2. Political issues
      - a. State politics:
  
      - b. 'Church' Politics:

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Session 3: History through Jewish Eyes

The anti-Semitic history of the Church: the principle: behavior follows beliefs

- Justin Martyr, 153;
- Constantine: “On the Keeping of Easter”
- Chrysostom of Constantinople, 344-407
- Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 Contra Faustum, Book XII
- Richard the Lion-hearted, 1189
- Crusaders enter Jerusalem, 1099
- Church Council, 1266,
- Spanish Inquisition, 1492
- Martin Luther, 1500’s
- Russian Orthodox Church
- Germany, 1930’s-40’s

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Session 4: The Jewish response to Anti-Semitism

I. As to the Scripture:

Rashi:

II. As to theology

Oral Law, Abot 1:1.

Middle Ages: Maimonides 13 principle of faith:

III. As to Sects

A. Orthodox Judaism (early development, 200 - 600 AD): Pharisees

B. Reform Judaism (1850-1870s) Abraham Geiger

C. Conservative Judaism (1800's) Zaharias Frankel (1801-1875);

IV. As to the impact of on the average Jewish person.

A. Sensibilities: Present Reactions to the Past Wrongs

1. Conversion:

2. Criticism:

B. Cultural identification:

Don't let history misrepresent Messiah! Be His living letters of love

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Session 5: Considerations for Communications

- I. Personal preparation in transitional implications:
  - A. Prayer not pressure
  - B. Promises not pride
  - C. Principles not doctrine: The Big “S”
  
- II. Transitioning discussions: Create an Interest in Spiritual Life: 1 Cor 9:19-23:
  - A. Be aware of the sensitivities in Jewish life
  - B. Be aware of the seasons of Jewish life: feasts
    - Lev 23: the Feasts of Israel
    - The other special days
  - C. Be aware of the symbols of the Jewish life
  
  - D. Be aware of the semantics of Jewish life

Christian Jargon	Try saying...
Christ	
Jesus	
Christian	
Converted Jew	
Church	
Old Testament	
New Testament	

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Session 6: Expressing the Messianic Faith by the Book

I. Basic scriptural issues

A. Bible:

B. G-d:

C. Sins:

D. Atonement:

II. Other scriptural issues

E. Messiah

F. Gentiles:

G. Resurrection:

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Session 7: Using and Abusing Prophecy

I. Expressing the Faith Prophetically

A. The Nature of Scripture:

It is not systematized

B. The Nature of Prophecy:

It is like mountain ranges

C. The Nature of Interpretation & Witnessing:

Witness with plain literal meaning

D. Use of rabbinical writings:

It's Jewish ...and true!

☆ Targum Jonathan on Mic 5:1/2, "One shall come forth for Me Messiah to exercise dominion over Israel."

☆ Isa 11:2, Sanhedrin 93b, The Messiah-as it is written, And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him

☆ San 98b, What is the Messiah's name? His name is 'the leper scholar,' as it is written, Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him a leper, smitten of G-d, and afflicted. (Isa 53:4)

## II. Expressing the faith Messianically:

Subject of Messiah	Tenach	New Covenant
Descendent of Abraham	Gen. 12:3	Mt. 1:1; Jn 5:58
From the tribe of Judah	Gen. 49:10	Luke 3:33
Heir of King David	Isa. 9:7 (6)	Luke 1:32
To come before temple is destroyed	Mal. 3:1	Mt. 24:1
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2(1)	Luke 2:4;5-7
Galilean ministry	Isa. 9:1(Isa 8:23)	Mt. 4:13-16
Born of a virgin	Isa. 7:14	Mt 1:23; Luke 1:26,27,30
Son of G-d	Ps. 2:7	Mt. 3:17
G-d in the flesh	Isa. 9:6(5)	Jn 1:14; 14:9; Heb 1:8-12
Forerunner to proceed him	Mal. 3:1; 4:5	Luke 7:24
Initially rejected by nation	Isa. 53:3	Jn. 1:11
Die for sins	Isa. 53:6	Mt. 20:28
To be resurrected	Ps. 16:10	Luke 24:6-7
To one day be accepted by Israel	Zech. 12:10	Rev. 1:7; 7:4; 14:1-4

## III. Expressing the Messianic faith faithfully

Subject of Israel	Tenach	New Covenant
G-d will never forsake them	Jer. 31:35-37	Rom. 11:1
They will produce the world Savior	Gen. 12:3	Rom. 9:5
They will return to the land	Ezek. 31:1-14	Mt. 24:16
They will receive a New Covenant	Jer. 31:31-34	Lk 22:20; Heb. 8:8
Anti-Semitism is anti-G-d	Ps. 83:1-5	Rom 10:1; Jn. 3:16
Israel will one day accept Messiah	Ps. 118:22	Acts 3:19-21
Israel is represented by the remnant	Isa 10:21	Rom 9:5-6
Israel will be nationally revived	Zec 12:10; 13:1	Rom 11:26



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Session 8: Asking and Answering Questions

I. Asking Questions for relationship development

A. Why ask? Gen 3:9

B. What to ask

1. "That's an interesting question. What do you think?" Luke 10:26
2. "What situation in your life makes you wonder about that?"
3. "Even though you don't know, if you had to guess, how would you answer?"
4. "Is there any answer to that you won't accept? Why?"
5. "What has led you to conclude that?"
6. "What information do you think would cause you to change your mind?"
7. "What's the strongest argument for those who disagree with you?"
8. "If everyone held that view, what would society look like?"
9. "If you found out you were wrong, what would be at risk? How would your life change?" "
10. "If that is what Messiah said, would you rule out the possibility that it is true?"

II. Answering questions of religious matters

A. Answering Millennial misunderstanding

1. The question of reliability: Why should I trust you?  
Issue: genuineness
2. The questions of relativism: Is that your own truth?  
Issue: experience
3. The questions of relevance: How's your faith useful?  
Issue: social activities
4. The question of reality: Is this personally fulfilling?  
Issue: actualization

B. Answering traditional Jewish allegations

I.e.,

9. "If the Messiah has already come, why don't we have peace?"
  - a. The promise of peace, Isa. 2:2-4, etc.
  - b. The rejection of peace with the Prince of Peace, Isa.9:5 & 53
  - c. The way of Peace, Rom. 5:1

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Session 9: Be Creative!

- I. Create an Interest in Spiritual Life
  - A. Be pro-Semitic:
  
  - B. Share a testimony:
  
- II. Create an Appetite for Spiritual Life
  - A. Share the benefits in Messiah:
  
  - B. Share the life of Messiah:
  
- III. Create an Emphasis on Spiritual Life
  - A. Emphasize their Jewish identity in Yeshua (Acts 22:3; Rom. 11:1)
  
  - B. Emphasize their personal relationship to G-d in Yeshua (Jer. 31: 3, 31-34)
  
  - C. Emphasize the eternal authority for Yeshua (Isa. 53, etc.)
  
  - D. Emphasize the Scriptural avenue to Yeshua: The Isaiah Ave.

## Session 10: "The Isaiah Avenue"

I. Sinner before G-d (Isa. 64:6)

II. Separation from G-d (Isa. 59:1-2)

III. Salvation in G-d (Isa. 53:6)

IV. Savior is G-d (Isa. 9:6)

V. Stayed upon G-d (Isa. 26:3)

✧ Ask if they would like to trust in Yeshua?

✧ Ask what reason would keep them from trusting in Yeshua?

✧ Ask them to repeat a simple prayer with you.

✧ Ask them to take silent prayer to admit to G-d all that did wrong.

✧ Have them share their decision right away.

✧ Get them immediately involved in Messianic discipleship