

Culture Reflection & Study Notes

2.2 Jewish Culture - Part II

Purpose

To explore the concept of 'chosenness' from a human perspective.

Scriptures

<u>Jeremiah 31:37</u>, <u>Malachi 3:6</u> - The Chosen People remain

Isaiah 43:1-3 - Yet being one of God's Chosen is often hard

<u>Deuteronomy 18:18-19</u> & <u>John 7:40-41</u> - The most Jewish thing a Jewish person can do is to believe in Jesus

Romans 9:1-5 - Culture is important to Jewish people yet culture must ultimately lead to Messiah

Acts 22:3, Rom 11:1 - Jewishness is not forfeited when a person believes in Yeshua

Bible Study & Reflection Questions

- 1) What was the most surprising thing you heard on this video? Why is that?
- 2) In your own words, what are some of the ways that the nuances of being the 'Chosen People' are expressed in Jewish culture?
- 3) Why is there a mixture of sadness always mingled in with Jewish culture? How can we speak into that?
- 4) How can we show our Jewish friends that believing in Jesus doesn't negate being Jewish?
- 5) What have you learnt about the nature of God in this module? How has this strengthened your own faith?
- 6) How can you share what you have learnt with Jewish people?
- 7) Can you think of any ways you can celebrate the good things in Jewish culture with your Jewish friend?

Theology Touchpoints

How Judaism regards Jesus here
Jewish people believing in Jesus and remaining Jewish here
Ten cultural misconceptions about Jesus here
Rabbis who believe in Jesus here

Prayer points

<u>Thank</u> God that He has not cast off His Chosen People (<u>Jeremiah 31:37</u>, <u>Malachi 3:6</u>). <u>Pray</u> that Christians may share the Jewishness of Jesus as an integral part of reaching out with the Gospel message to Jewish people. <u>Intercede</u> for lost Jewish people – May we have the same broken heart that the Apostle Paul did (Romans 9:1-5).

Culture is important to Jewish people and this is not forfeited when a Jewish person becomes a believer in Jesus (1 Corinthians 7:18-20). The most Jewish thing a Jewish person can do is to believe in Jesus (John 8:31-32).

Your Notes:

We recommend that you view the Care section of videos first and then watch all of the videos before you engage Jewish people with the Gospel.

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