



SCAN ME

Your partnership is life-changing for couples like Kelly and Sam

Kelly and Sam were not on the same page spiritually, but they were looking for common ground when they came to hear Tuvya Zaretsky present “Christ in the Passover” at a church in April 2016.

Tuvya says, “After the presentation, Sam was visibly nervous and had little to say. Kelly mentioned that he was Jewish, and asked about resources to introduce Jewish holidays into their home, and especially to her eight-year-old daughter. Ten months later, Kelly contacted me. She and Sam had been attending a small group at that same church, and he now had questions that he wanted to discuss with somebody Jewish.

“Sam’s questions were spot on, giving me the opportunity to open the Scriptures, as well as explain the history of how Jewish believers in Jesus became separated from the rest of the Jewish community.

“Months later, at a Rosh Hashanah service hosted by Jews for Jesus, Sam asked, ‘If I ever do believe in Jesus, how can I tell my family?’ He knew that his sister and his two estranged children from a prior marriage would likely take offense. Sam was ‘counting the cost,’ a sure sign that he was coming closer to faith.

“By the end of October 2019, Sam told me he was convinced that his sin had been forgiven at the cross of Calvary. We prayed together as he confirmed that he now trusted Messiah Jesus for eternal life. Thanks to partners like you, Sam and Kelly, along with so many other Jewish Gentile couples we are serving, have found spiritual harmony.” Tuvya has continued his friendship with Sam

and Kelly ever since. In June, he was delighted to hear that Sam is leading their church’s small group discussion as they study the Gospel of John.

When Kelly asked Sam to come see the “Christ in the Passover” presentation back in 2016, she had no idea that Tuvya was our specialist in reaching out to Jewish Gentile couples. God had orchestrated the perfect way to reach this couple, not only through the support of friends like you, but also through the partnership of the church where they first met Tuvya.

There are so many couples like Kelly and Sam. More than 50% of all Jewish marriages are to non-Jews.

Unfortunately, research also indicates 75% of those couples report serious conflict or even divorce.

Among the most common challenges confronting Jewish Gentile couples is a lack of spiritual harmony. For 20 years, Jews for Jesus has been addressing the unique struggles that Jewish Gentile couples face. This has opened many doors to share the hope of Jesus as the Messiah who not only reconciles His followers to God, but to one another.

Tuvya has always been at the forefront of our ministry to Jewish Gentile couples. Most recently, he has been working on a series of podcasts to post on our Jewish Gentile couples Facebook page and on www.jewishgentilecouples.com. The first podcast featured Daryl and Stacy McKillian.

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Daryl pastors a predominantly African-American church in Los Angeles. Tuvya met him and Stacy decades ago in the course of interviewing 50 Jewish Gentile couples to learn about the cross-cultural challenges they were experiencing. He then began ministering to Daryl and Stacy in 2001, as they were trying to work through those challenges. Stacy eventually came to faith in Christ. Now they serve in ministry together through their church.

Tuvya has been training members of our staff in Jewish Gentile couples ministry since 2016. He also presents seminars for church groups, so if you are interested in hosting a seminar, contact him at tuvya.zaretsky@jewsforjesus.org.

Please consider popping into the shop (after Lockdown) to get some resources for Jewish-Gentile couples, like *Comfortably Jewish* by the Smiths, or *Joined Together* by Scott Brown or two books by Tuvya Zaretsky. Check out the website if you live away from Bondi: <https://catalog.jewsforjesus.org.au/catalog/jewish/-gentile-couples.html> We'd love to assist your contacts to sort out the harmony.

Between the daily headlines about death and countless other disturbing news stories, it is natural for believers to wonder, "When will Jesus show up?" The story of Lazarus addresses that question in a uniquely challenging, yet hopeful way.

Jesus was baptizing people in the Jordan River when an urgent message arrived: His dear friend Lazarus was seriously ill. The Scriptures tell us, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was" (John 11:5–6). It sounds like such a bizarre contradiction. Why wouldn't He come right away? Jesus tells His disciples the delay is "for the glory of God." He's going to do something He couldn't have done had He shown up right away. But for Mary and Martha—and especially for Lazarus—His decision is hugely disappointing. Many of us can relate to that gut-wrenching disappointment and confusion when God does not prevent our own tragic losses.

Whether or not we voice it, it's natural to want to know "Why, Lord?"

Yeshua responded to the unspoken question by engaging His dear ones with His deep love, His eternal truth, His personal comfort, and ultimately, with the power of His resurrection. But not in the way they expected.

The Lord, in His deep and unconditional love, did (and does) what He knows is ultimately best for His people and for His kingdom. But the hard truth is, it's not always evident or understandable.

Yet that truth was exactly what sister Martha needed. "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). I want answers! Why did this happen? The Lord wanted to show that there was far more at stake than extending a loved one's life for a small measure of days on this broken planet.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord'" (John 11:25–27).

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Divine Delays

God's Unexpected Ways

by David Brickner, executive director

What an extraordinary exchange. Yeshua engages Martha, and He engages each of us with His everlasting truth. There is a reality beyond the number of days, weeks, months, and years that we occupy this temporal body. This life is but a foretaste of the great things to come for those who trust in Jesus.

That eternal perspective, as glorious as it is, can't inoculate us from the pain of death. We mourn and we grieve, and that is right and proper and a most human response, as Jesus demonstrates. Mary comes to Him and just like her sister, says, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). But she needs a very different response, and the Lord gives it: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Sometimes our best response is not an explanation, but simply to "weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15).

We tend to think the best part of this story is that Lazarus was raised from the dead, and yes, what a glorious miracle that was. But Jesus was after

something far greater than extending the life of a loved one on this broken planet. After all, Lazarus was going to die again someday. People who loved him would have to mourn his death all over again. No, this miracle was not the ultimate happy ending.

Jesus showed up at Bethany and gave a temporary happy ending to prepare people to believe and receive the ultimate happy ending. Then He "showed up" at Calvary to make that ending possible. Jesus' resurrection is proof that death truly has been overcome. Lazarus is now more alive than he was when Jesus called him forth from the grave, at home with the Lord in heaven—and so will we all be who love and trust Jesus.

As D. L. Moody said, "Someday you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now; I shall have gone . . . into a house that is immortal—a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His glorious body." Amen!

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

What **Messiah** are they waiting for?

by Bob Mendelsohn

Q : This frustrates me and I need help to understand the Jews. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, from beginning to end, in Old Testament to Revelation. There are prophecies and analogies and types all over the place. And Jews are smart people and they know their Bible. So why don't they believe? What Messiah are they waiting for?

--- W. G.

A: Dear WG,

Thanks for writing and for longing to help Jewish people find eternal life in Jesus. Well done! You make a few assumptions that I need to highlight and maybe those will help with the situation.

First, most Jewish people are not looking for a messiah. Most have given up such hope. There has been a steady attrition, and the Holocaust was a major factor. They aver, "If God didn't send the messiah then, when 6 million of our people died needlessly, then he never will."

Second, the Jewish religion is seen as a binding to rules and practices which most Jewish people in our days have dropped in measure. There are fewer ordinary Jewish people who practice the laws of religion (Kosher, Sabbath, etc), and since religion and beliefs are often mixed, the idea of faith in a personal God or a personal messiah is thus dumped.

Third, you assume Jewish people know their Bible. You are right that the Older Testament is their Bible and it's all there, as it is in yours, but to most Jewish folks, the Scriptures are at best mythical and moral, but certainly not historical or factual. It's seen as a fable with some ethical treatment, but not binding. So any proof you want to offer to a Jewish person about Jesus, from the Older Testament might be seen as without substance.

With all those laid out, is it any wonder that most Jewish people don't yet believe Jesus is the messiah? Please keep praying for their eyes to be opened, for their hearts to be longing, for their boldness in life to match their boldness in faithfully surrendering to God's love and messiah, and proclaiming him to others.

If you want us to help in witness to a particular Jewish person, please send us their details and we will begin with ISSUES magazine (or the like), with prayer, and in teamwork with you.

-Bob Mendelsohn, Sydney

To ask Bob a question, write to him at Bob@JewsforJesus.org.au



The art lounge bondi

It started as an old laundry room and after some serious restoration, our staff is pleased to announce the opening of The Art Lounge Bondi. It has its own website and the artists are listed with their artwork. Everything is for sale and yet it's much more than a store for art.

Each First Saturday evening (7-9 pm) of any month, the featured artist will be present as well as the paintings or photographs or sculptures. A tasteful evening with wine and cheese highlights the featured artist and their explanation of the artworks. The public is invited and so far we have had two very successful Openings.

This is a great way to serve the art community and to help share the Messiah especially with our Jewish neighbours and those in the art world in Sydney's East. The Art Lounge remains open during most of our weekday hours during the month. Then the final week of each month, the previous artworks are put away and the new artist sets up for the Opening.

Please join us on any Opening Night, and if you know of any artists here in Australia who should be featured, do let us know, won't you?

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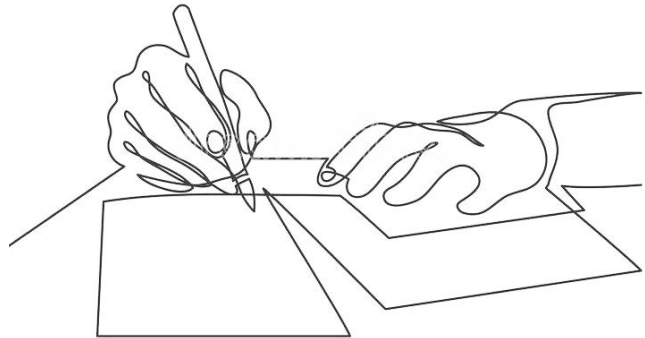
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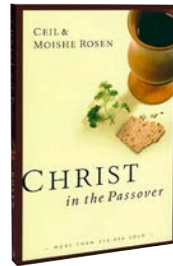
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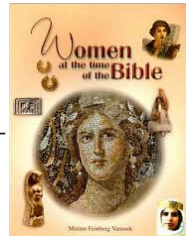
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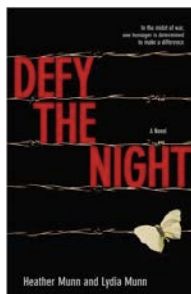
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THE VOICE OF ISI LEIBLER
Suzanne D. Rutland

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Lone Voice
Isi Leibler has been a central player in the global Jewish arena for over six decades. He passed away in April, 2021 in Israel. The preeminent Australian Jewish leader, he was pivotal in driving the issue of Soviet Jewry onto the international agenda. Suzanne Rutland is the author. **COST: \$52.**

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