



You Are Delivering Hope to Israel

In the midst of war in Israel, our commitment to delivering the Word of God to those who want to receive it is more crucial than ever – and we couldn't do it without partners like you. Despite dangers looming on the streets of Israel following Hamas' devastating terrorist attacks, our team persists in providing Israelis with the New Testament in their native language.

Simon Stout, a dedicated member of our Jerusalem team, says a wide range of people have requested the New Testament – and whenever possible, we hand deliver them.

“When I reached out to a young man from a Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) family to arrange delivery of the New Testament, his gratitude was palpable,” Simon reported. “But since he had been drafted to serve in the war, we could not deliver it to him personally. Nevertheless, he

earnestly asked that we drop it off for him so that he could read the teachings of Jesus upon his return home.

“We were deeply moved when an Arab Christian requested a copy of the New Testament in Hebrew to share with her Jewish friends who desperately need comfort during these tumultuous times.

“A university student braved the pouring rain to meet me and receive his Hebrew New Testament. He remarked, ‘If you are offering to deliver this precious book amidst the chaos of war, then it must indeed be worth getting wet for.’”

The words of Jesus possess extraordinary power to bring hope and healing, even in the worst circumstances. Please join us in prayer for the light of the gospel to shine brightly across the nation of Israel during this dark hour.



Incarnating: Shining Light into Darkness

by David Brickner, Executive Director

The word “incarnating” is the active form of “incarnation” – which is the most dramatic and divine intervention in human history: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

Even in the best of times, we need to remember and celebrate this transformative truth: the eternal Son of God took on human flesh to bring us God’s salvation. But as I write, terrorism has once again reared its ugly head in a devastating attack against Israel. And while no one knows exactly what the situation will be by the time you receive this newsletter, it’s difficult to see any earthly hope for peace. But thank God, we have received a heavenly hope and a heavenly holiness through the incarnation. And God calls us to “incarnate” that hope and that holiness to others.

It’s no coincidence that the Son of God is called “the Word” and the Bible is called “the Word of God.” God speaks to us through His Son and through Scripture – and each speaks to us of the other. So this month, I wanted to reflect on the Word as it relates to “incarnating.”

The Word Is Implanted in Our Hearts

Through the incarnation, we now have the Word – the gospel of Jesus – implanted in our hearts, enabling us to live holy lives in an unholy world.

James tells us, “Lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21).

God wants us to participate in what He accomplished through His Incarnation by reflecting the light and love of His holiness as well as His message.

God’s Word Is More Powerful than the Best Sermon

Some pastors are distinguished for their preaching, but I recall a soft-spoken pastor whose preaching wasn’t particularly engaging or memorable. However, this pastor excelled in one area of ministry that I will never forget.

Each time we received communion, he would walk back and forth in front of the communion table quoting

large swaths of Scripture passages from memory. There was something so special, and yes, pastoral about the way he spoke the Scriptures to us. It always touched my heart and made communion even more meaningful. We sensed God in our midst as this pastor ministered powerfully through his recitation.

“Eating” God’s Word Prepares Us for Ministry

You’ve probably heard it said, “You are what you eat,” but have you ever thought about that statement from a spiritual standpoint? God paints a beautiful picture of this in the prophet Ezekiel’s call to ministry.

He said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.” So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. Then He said to me: “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.” (Ezekiel 3:3–4)

Like Ezekiel, it is only when we “eat the scroll” that we truly have something of eternal value to share with others. The greatest treasure that we can actually see and touch and hold in our hands is the Word of God; it is “able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in [Messiah] Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15).

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How God’s Word Works in Us

I learned so much from my studies at Moody Bible Institute. As we often said, “‘Bible’ is our middle name!” I remember a message from visiting professor, pastor, and author, Howard Hendricks. He shared how he and his wife were memorizing Scripture together, but it was becoming more and more challenging as the years went by. That motivated me to begin memorizing Scripture on my own, which I did for several years. At one point, I had memorized the entire book of Ephesians. But eventually I fell out of the habit, which I very much regret.

Now I know firsthand what Dr. Hendricks meant about memorization becoming more and more difficult. But it is not too late to work at it. I can’t think of a better way to keep our minds sharp than by meditating on and yes, memorizing, the Word of God. I don’t know about PrevaGen and all those other memory supplements, but I know God, and He will honour our efforts to drink in His Word till it fills our minds and hearts.

That said, I’m going to use the new Messianic Jewish edition of Tyndale’s Chronological Life Application Study Bible to reboot my habit of Scripture memorization. Some of you know that Jews for Jesus partnered with Tyndale to help readers dig into the Jewish context of the Scriptures. There is even a special 52-week parashah (portions) chart of readings from the Old and New Testaments throughout the year. And yet I know that it takes more than reading God’s Word to mine its riches.

Going back to Dr. Hendricks’ message at Moody, his most memorable point was a question: “You may have been through the Bible, but has the Bible been through you?” How do we know if the Bible has been “through” us? For one thing, we know by what comes out of our mouths when we get poked and prodded by life’s painful circumstances, large or small. Whether you get cut off in traffic or receive seriously bad news, wouldn’t it be great if a Bible verse was the first thing out of your mouth?

Sharing the Word This Season

When we internalize God’s Word, it will naturally surface when we need it. That has certainly been the case among our Israel team in the midst of war, just as it continues to be for our staff in Ukraine as they, too, are living through a terrible war. Let’s remember that all of us are in the midst of a spiritual war, and pray for ways to incarnate the power of God’s Word in everyday conversations. Just as God’s divine strategy sent his Son into the world, so He sends us to bear witness to the Messiah – not only through our actions, but by speaking the Word of God so that others can hear and clearly understand His offer of salvation.

Many observant Jews respond to questions or comments by quoting from the Torah. Let’s look for similar ways to incarnate God’s Word in everyday conversations and then watch Him go to work. And may I say from all of us at Jews for Jesus, we wish you a Merry Messiahmas!



ministry moments



Natalie Amlinsky, Sydney

Recently, our Israeli intern Natalie was getting lunch near our Jews for Jesus shop here in Sydney and overheard two girls speaking in Hebrew, so she went and said “hi” to them. They were happy to talk to someone else in Hebrew. They wanted to come back with her and visit our shop after Natalie told them where she worked. They were very interested in looking around and asking about the Jews who are “for Jesus”. They were especially touched that they could talk to people who are sympathetic to them as Israelis about the current events in Israel. Natalie had the chance to share the gospel with them and give them Bibles in Hebrew. Would you please pray that we would be able to continue to minister to them?



Online Gospel Partnerships

While Jeff Morgan serves with our Tel Aviv team, he also helps us reach people all over the world through our Jews for Jesus YouTube channel. Jeff regularly interviews Jewish believers from all walks of life. This year we were able to share personal stories of faith in Yeshua with more than a quarter of a million people.

Jenny*, a Jewish woman in her sixties, came to faith after hearing Jeff’s interview with a Jewish scientist, Dr. James Tour. Jenny had been searching for peace and hope for years. After seeing Dr. Tour’s testimony, she took him up on his offer to connect with anyone who was earnestly seeking the truth about Jesus. Dr. Tour met with her online, shared the gospel, and they studied history and prophecy. But before James could finish summarizing the historical data, Jenny said she believed and wept, leaving the call a different person. Praise the Lord! Please pray for Jenny to grow in her new faith, and for many others who see these testimonies to come to faith in Jesus.

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