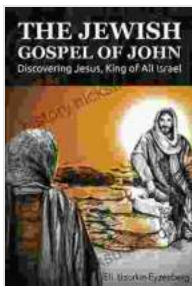


# Discovering Jesus, King of All Israel: Jewish Studies for Christians



Jesus of Nazareth is one of the most influential figures in human history. His life and teachings have shaped the beliefs and practices of billions of people around the world. However, many Christians are unaware of the

Jewish roots of their faith. Jesus was born into a Jewish family, raised in a Jewish community, and taught within the Jewish tradition. To truly understand Jesus, it is essential to have a basic knowledge of Jewish studies.



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### Jesus in Jewish History

Jesus lived during a turbulent period in Jewish history. The Roman Empire had occupied Judea for over a century, and the Jewish people were struggling to maintain their religious and cultural identity. Many Jews were hoping for a messiah, a figure who would deliver them from Roman oppression and establish a new kingdom of God. Jesus' message of hope and salvation resonated with many Jews, and he quickly gained a large following.

However, Jesus' teachings also challenged some of the core beliefs of Judaism. For example, he taught that God was not only the God of the

Jews, but the God of all people. He also taught that the kingdom of God was not a physical kingdom, but a spiritual kingdom that was present in the hearts of all who believed in him. These teachings led to tensions between Jesus and the Jewish authorities, and ultimately resulted in his crucifixion.

## **Jesus as a Jewish Teacher**

Despite his differences with the Jewish authorities, Jesus remained a devout Jew throughout his life. He attended synagogue regularly, observed the Jewish festivals, and taught in the Jewish tradition. He also saw himself as a fulfillment of the Jewish prophets, and he believed that his kingdom of God was the culmination of God's plan for Israel.

As a Jewish teacher, Jesus emphasized the importance of love, compassion, and forgiveness. He taught that the greatest commandment was to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. He also taught that people should forgive their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.

## **Jesus as King**

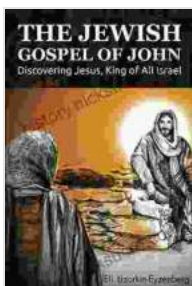
In addition to being a teacher, Jesus also claimed to be the king of Israel. This claim was based on his belief that he was the Messiah, the promised deliverer of the Jewish people. Jesus' followers believed that he would establish a new kingdom of God on earth, a kingdom of peace and justice that would last forever.

However, Jesus' kingship was not a political kingship. He did not seek to overthrow the Roman Empire or establish a new earthly kingdom. Instead, he taught that his kingdom was a spiritual kingdom, a kingdom that was present in the hearts of all who believed in him.

## The Significance of Jesus for Christians

For Christians, Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. They believe that he died on the cross to atone for their sins and that he rose from the dead to give them eternal life. Jesus' life, teachings, and death have had a profound impact on the world, and his followers continue to spread his message of hope and salvation to this day.

Jewish studies can help Christians to gain a deeper understanding of Jesus, his life, and his teachings. By understanding the Jewish context in which Jesus lived and taught, Christians can better appreciate the significance of his message and its relevance for their own lives.



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