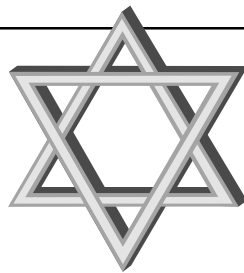


Primary scripture: John 20:30-31



1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (NIV)

I. A SURVEY OF JUDAISM

A. The Historical Development of Judaism

- Ancient Judaism (c. 2000—600 B.C.)
 - God's choosing of Abraham (Gen. 12)
 - God's rescue of his people from Egypt (Ex. 1-19)
 - God's giving of the Law to Israel.
 - Establishment of the priesthood and the temple.
- Judaism in exile (c. 600 B.C.—1800 A.D.)
 - The _____ as the place of worship.
 - The _____ as the religious leaders.
 - The _____: rules/traditions for keeping the law.
- Modern Judaism (1800 A.D.—present)
 - Orthodox: Strict adherence to the laws and traditions.
 - Reformed: Focus on principles rather than rules.
 - Conservative: A middle ground between the two camps.

B. Important Practices of Judaism

- Observing the traditional Jewish _____
- Observing the Jewish _____ ceremonies
- Observing the Jewish _____ rules

C. Major Beliefs of Judaism

- _____ *Deuteronomy 6:4* Known as "shema".
- Faithfulness is measured by _____, not belief.
- Jesus Christ was _____.

II. THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF THE MESSIAH

Hebrew word “_____” means “Anointed One”

Greek word “_____” means “Anointed One”

Matthew 16:13-20 “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

III. EVIDENCE THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

1. _____ **Jesus is the Messiah.** *John 1:1-14*
Also Jn 1:29-34, Rom 9:5, Col 1:15-20, Ph 2:5-11, Heb 1:3
2. **Jesus’ miraculous** _____
Matthew 1:18-25
3. **Jesus** _____ **the Messiah.** *John 4:25-26*
Also Mt 16:16, John 1:47-51, 5:18, 8:58, 10:30, 14:6
4. **Jesus’ unprecedented** _____
John 5:1-18
John 9:1-41
John 11:1-44
5. **Jesus’** _____ **life.**
Luke 20:20, 23:4, Mk 14:55-56, Heb 4:15
6. **Jesus** _____
Micah 5:1-3 Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. (Cf. Mt. 2:3-6)
Isaiah 7:14 Messiah would be born of a virgin. (Cf. Mt. 1:23)
Zech 9:9 Messiah King would come on a donkey. (Cf. Mt. 21:4-5)
Isa 53:3 Messiah would be rejected, sorrowful. (Cf. Jn. 1:10-12)
Isa 53:4-6 Be punished for man's sin. (Cf. Jn. 11:45-53, 1 Pet 2:24-25)
Isa. 53:7-9 Would die a horrible death. (Cf. Jn. 19, Mt. 27:57-60)
Ps. 16:10 Messiah would rise again. (Cf. Jn. 20, Acts 2:27-31)
7. **Jesus’** _____ **John 20**

CONCLUSION

- *John 20:30-31* ...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- _____: the distinctive of biblical Christianity.