

Mercy, look at all the persecution the Jews have suffered at the hands of "Christians" during the Christian era including the 6,000,000 killed during the Holocaust; the Jewish people were by no means "given a pass." They gave their lives clinging to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It seems that most on this thread believe that salvation comes to the Jews by knowledge, by them updating their doctrine. Let me tell you about Rabbi Izadore Zwern. It's twenty years since I read his book so this is just my recollection of it . . .

Rabbi Zwern was a well respected Conservative Rabbi on the West Coast, so back in the 50's he was asked to be head of the Zionist Movement for the Western states.

Rabbi Zwern: "Well, I guess I better study the messianic scriptures. Is there a Jewish university somewhere, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem that teaches on them?"

"Oh no, nobody studies them, they're too dangerous," from his fellow rabbis.

"Well, how can I be the head of any Zionist movement if I don't study the messianic scriptures?"

So for the next two years Rabbi Zwern studies Psalm 22, Isaiah 40, 53 and the rest of the scriptures about the Lord. Then one Sabbath Rabbi Zwern tells his congregation, "Folks, I have news for you, Yeshua is the Mashiach!" He does this two sabbaths in a row and on the third sabbath cops met him at the door of the synagogue . . .

Cops: "We have orders, you can't go in there, rabbi."

Rabbi Zwern: "What are you talking about, this is my synagogue, I built it."

Cops: "We don't understand it, but if you try to enter that synagogue you'll spend the day in jail."

So Rabbi Zwern goes home. The next day is Sunday, so dressed in his rabbinical robes Rabbi Zwern goes to the local evangelical church. After the service, members of the congregation gather around this strange looking person to check out his spiritual condition and the conversation goes something like this . . .

People: "Do you know the four spiritual laws?"

Rabbi Zwern: "Yeshua is Mashiach."

People: "Have you said the sinner's prayer?"

Rabbi Zwern: "Yeshua is Mashiach."

People: "You haven't accepted Jesus as you're Savior so you're not saved."

Rabbi Zwern shakes the dust off his feet and on the following Sunday tries another evangelical church where basically the same thing happened. Rabbi Zwern then founded the first messianic synagogue in Burbank, CA.

I told that whole story to get to this: Rabbi Zwern wrote, "I was raised to be a rabbi and have been aware of the presence of the Kodesh Ruach (the Holy Spirit) all my life!"

What? The Holy Spirit actually indwelling the heart of an unregenerate Jew? Impossible!

According to your traditions, the Jews are lost unless they update their doctrine. I don't know whether to laugh or cry. That blindness according to Romans 11:28 made the "enemies of the Gospel for our sake," but God didn't break covenant with His people. Yeshua died for both Jew and Gentile and He saved us both.