

OBJECTIONS AND MISCONCEPTIONS BASED ON FALSE TEACHING:

- False Teaching from Judaism
 - Teachings about the Nature of God
 - He can overlook Sin
 - He could never become man
 - Teachings about the Nature of Man
 - He is inherently good
 - Teachings about Salvation
 - Man can earn it
 - In some cases, it isn't needed!
 - Teachings about the Messiah
 - He would be an ordinary man
- False Teaching from "Christianity"
 - Teachings about the Jews
 - They are hated by God
 - They committed Deicide (Killing God)
 - Teachings about Jesus
 - He was a Gentile who hated the Jews
 - Teachings about the Church
 - They are the new Israel
 - Their head is the Pope, and Mary
 - Teachings about Salvation
 - It is through the Church and Sacraments

OBJECTIONS BASED ON SIN:

- Pride:
 - "I don't need to be saved!"
 - He doesn't want to admit he was wrong about Jesus.
- Love of the World:
 - "If I accept Jesus, I will be ostracized."
 - He doesn't want to be held accountable for his sins.
 - He doesn't want to repent of his sins.
 - He likes his stuff.

OBJECTIONS BASED ON EXPERIENCE:

- Persecution:
 - Personal Persecution
 - Physical Persecution
 - Verbal Persecution
- Historical Persecution
 - Holocaust
 - Inquisition
 - Crusades
 - Blood Libels

WHEN THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

- When we begin to talk to a Jewish person about Jesus- whether it is a person you've known for a long time, or someone you just met, inevitably you will be prompted to answer many objections and misconceptions.
- We should not be prepared with "cookie cutter" answers, but should adequately understand the misconception and/or objection, and be able to discuss and refute it.

REACH THEM IN A JEWISH CONTEXT.

- Many people want to lead a Jewish person to the Lord using the Romans road the first time they meet a Jewish Person.
- Paul said "unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
– 1 Cor 9:20-22

REACH THEM PATIENTLY.

- Sadly, Many Jewish people have experienced forced conversions at worst, and insincere "soul-winners" at best.
- They have been taught that Christians hate them, and have killed their people for hundreds of years. If you aren't willing to "put in the time" to tread through years of misconceptions, or to study the Old Testament to rightly present Jesus to them as the Messiah of Israel, then you are wasting their time, and probably doing more harm than good – believe it or not.
- This doesn't mean it has to take a long time, but we do need to show them what a true Christian is. This means having patience as we share the Truth in Love.

REACH THEM WITH HUMILITY, IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Arrogance and pride are the enemy of sincere evangelism.
- Do not rely solely on your own knowledge of the Scriptures, but rather on the leading of the Holy Spirit. Be in a constant state of prayer, asking God to help you know when to speak, and when to listen.
- If the Jewish person brings up a question that you can't answer, don't try to come up with an answer out of nowhere, pretending that you know what you're talking about. Remember point number 1? It is okay to admit that you don't know, but that you would like to study the question, and get back to them with an answer. If you try anyway, when you don't know the answer, you'll probably fall on your face.

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- Your testimony and love is indispensable while witnessing to a Jewish person.
- It was once said by a Rabbi that he had trained his congregants to defend against the evangelism tactics of Christians, but they were defenseless against a loving Christian neighbor."
- If I "have not charity, I am nothing... Charity never faileth." (from – 1 Corinthians 13:2,8)