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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (21)
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #12
(DDR #640)

Objection #12: “No religious or educated Jew would ever believe in Jesus.”

Michael Brown’s shorter response:

This statement is an absolute falsehood. There have been prominent rabbis along with brilliant Jewish scholars who have become believers in Jesus, but you rarely hear about them because they are generally discredited by their own people once they prove unshakable in their faith. Whereas they were revered as saintly giants before they believed, they are reviled as ignorant sinners after they believe. The fact is that Jews who are more religious than you and more highly educated than you do believe Jesus is the Messiah.¹

The big issue here is to get them investigate not only the Messianic prophecies, but also the long history of Jewish rabbis and scholars who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah. It is not education and learning that stop people from believing in Yeshua the Messiah. It is education and learning as to who he really is and what our Scriptures really say about him that matters.

A historical list of prominent Jewish scholars and rabbis who have believed in Jesus/Yeshua as the Messiah throughout history can be found at

<http://www.messianicassociation.org/profiles.htm>.

¹Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections*, 1ST ed. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 42-45. In this work, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response, which is followed by a more detailed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his detailed responses (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

After Brown discusses three illustrious Jewish Christians—Daniel Zion, Auguste Neander, and Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky—he notes:

When you stop and consider the facts, you'll have to admit that one of your excuses is erroneous: Educated and religious Jews *have believed* in Yeshua the Messiah and *do believe* in Yeshua the Messiah. It is not education and learning that stop people from believing in Jesus but rather ignorance as to who he really is and what our Scriptures really say about him.²

I could not have said it better!

I have been imputed with the God's absolute righteousness (declared righteous, justified) of Christ by faith alone—apart from any of my works—period!

Romans 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Romans 5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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²Ibid., 45.