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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (26)  
 ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #17  
 (DDR #645)

**Objection #17: “If Jesus really is the Messiah, why are there so many objections.”**

Michael Brown’s shorter response:

The number of objections that exists is not important, since there are solid answers to each and every objection, and actually, there are far more arguments *for* the messiahship of Jesus than *against* it. In fact, it would take hundreds of books to document the various proofs. But even if there were more Jewish arguments against Jesus than for him (and there are not), what would that prove? Most Jews today don’t even take the Ten Commandments seriously. Do their objections disprove the truth of the Bible or God’s law?”<sup>1</sup>

It should be pointed out that man has a long history of being wrong about God. Look at the witness of the Hebrew Bible itself, at how often the Jews rejected God’s truth. God even tells Ezekiel that if He sent him to the Gentiles that they would more likely believe Him than His own people, the Jews did (Eze. 3:4-7).

In his longer response, Brown makes several excellent points:

The only thing that our objections to Moses and the prophets—and Jesus—prove is that as a person (including our religious leadership) we tend to stray from the path of truth and obedience. We fought with Moses and Aaron and scorned the words of the prophets. We even disregarded the voice of God himself days after he spoken from Mount Sinai. Why should it be surprising that we rejected the Messiah when he came? We have a track record of rejecting God’s prophets and laws from the beginning of our history until now.

In light of a history like this, is it any wonder we failed to embrace *the Messiah* when he came? Is it surprising we still reject him to this day. If most Jews around the world today don’t even follow *Moses* (or are just plain ignorant of what he taught), should it

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections*, 1ST ed. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 56-59. In this work, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response, which is followed by a more developed 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 longer response (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

surprise us that most Jews today don't follow Jesus (or are just plain ignorant of who he was)? Should it seem odd to us that Gentiles in general are more inclined to put their faith in Jesus than Jews . . .

Take a good look at what the Lord said to the prophet Ezekiel [3:4-7]

This is quite a statement. Maybe the fact that Gentiles, more so than Jews, have historically followed Jesus the Jews is actually a major argument *in favor* of him being Israel's Messiah! Maybe if more of us took the words of *God* more seriously we would take the words of *his Messiah* more seriously too, as the Lord said to his prophet: "But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me." Is that the root of the problem?<sup>2</sup>

I would just like to add that negative volition has not only been a problem for the Jews, but for the mass of human race as well. We are so blessed to have so many in our local church who truly are positive to the Lord not only at gospel hearing but in His plan for their lives as evidenced by their love for Bible doctrine as well as their grace attitude toward each other.

Negative volition is the only reason any unbeliever will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. Positive volition is the only reason a person believes in Jesus Christ will spend eternity with Christ. Persistent positive volition is the only requirement for moving into, maintaining, and enjoying the wonderful SUPERGRACE life.

I have been asked from time to time why God would create people He knew would reject Him and who would then spend eternity in Hell. With the granting of freewill, it is even impossible for God Himself to create a human race where every single person is positive. God could have created a world where there were only four people out of which one would go to Hell. However, He wanted (not needed) *more* to have fellowship with and *more* in heaven and the kingdom, and those who reject Him are the tragic high price. He may have to go through several generations to get to one who would believe in Him and serve Him. I will develop this concept at a later time in conjunction with Molinism, which demonstrates a category of God's knowledge known as contingent knowledge. I believe the world we live in is the best *possible*

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<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 58-59.

world as far as bringing in as many sons of God that will believe—given the nature of freewill. God determines the time and place for each person with the purpose that every single one would seek Him (Acts 17:26-27). God Himself cannot force volition one way or another.

As we make our sojourn through life, let us never forget that we are the elect and belong to the One who justifies us (everyone else can just “back off”),

**Romans 8:33** Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

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