B. Cultural/Historical: Isn't Christianity Anti-Semitic?

1. Acknowledge the wrong done by professing Christians, while distinguishing that from true Christianity

2. Point out the Jewish foundation of our faith (Rom 11:17)

C. Personal: If I Believe in Jesus, Will I Stop Being Jewish?

1. Many Jews, including first disciples, gladly accepted Christ (Phil 3:8)

2. Still, must count the cost (Matt 10:21-22, Mark 8:36)

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1. Are You Into What God's Up To? God's Purpose in History
2. What's our Role? God's Sovereignty, Man's Responsibility
3. What's the Gospel? Defining the Truth that Saves Sinners
4. So What Happened To You? The Gospel and Your Testimony
5. They Believe this Too? The Local Church's Corporate Witness
6. How Do I Get Others on Board? Discipling Others in Evangelism
7. What if They Reject Me? Rejection, Follow-up & the Fear of Man
8. But What if They Ask…? Answering Objections to the Gospel
9. How Do I Get Started? Being Intentional & Strategic in Evangelism
10. How Do I Share the Gospel with Family and Co-Workers?
11. How Do I Share the Gospel with Catholics?
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Class 12: Sharing with Jews

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." - **Romans 10:1**

I. Introduction

II. Understanding Judaism

A. History

1. After the Old Testament

   - Pharisees
   - Sadducees
   - Essenes

2. From 70 AD to Today

B. Major Movements

1. Orthodox: Hoping in the Law

2. Conservative: Religious but Modern

3. Reform: Hoping in this Life

C. Putting It All Together for Evangelism

- Ask Good Questions
- Traditions and Holidays:
  - Kosher
  - Sitting Shiva
  - Passover
  - Yom Kippur
  - Purim
  - Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah, Succoth, etc.

III. <u>Biblical Themes to Use in Evangelism</u>

A. The Coming King

- Genesis 3:15 *The promised offspring...*
- Genesis 12:1-3 and 17:5-7 ...*Will come from Abraham...*
- Genesis 49:10 ...*Specifically, the line of Judah...*
- Numbers 24:17-19 ...*He will have dominion...*
- Deuteronomy 17:18-20 ... *And the king will know and obey the law*
- Daniel 7:14, Matthew 1-2 *Connecting to Christ*

B. God's Provision of Forgiveness

- Exodus 34:6 *How can God be merciful and just?...*
- Leviticus 16 ...*By providing a way for atonement...*
- Leviticus 17:11 ...*Through the death of an innocent substitute...*
- Exodus 12-13 ...*As symbolized in the Passover lamb*
- John 1:29, Hebrews 7-10 *Connecting to Christ*

C. Messianic Prophesies

- Micah 5:2 *Born in Bethlehem*
- 2 Samuel 7:12-17 *A Davidic king forever*
- Zechariah 9:9-10 *Entering Jerusalem on a donkey*
- Psalm 22 *Detailed description of the cross*
- Psalm 16:10 *Promise of Christ's resurrection*
- Isaiah 53 *The Suffering Servant*

D. Studying the Gospels

- Matthew 1:23 *Jesus is Immanuel, God with Us*
- Matthew 9:6 *Jesus has authority to forgive sins*
- Matthew 8:26-27 *Jesus has authority over nature*
- Matthew 8:29-32 *Jesus has authority over demons*
- Matthew 9:22 *Jesus has authority over disease*
- Matthew 9:25 *Jesus has authority over death*
- Matthew 26:28 *Jesus came to pour out his blood for the forgiveness of sins*

IV. <u>Answering Common Questions</u>

A. Theological: Where Was God during the Holocaust?

1. Listen and empathize. There is much we don't know.
2. God hates evil and will judge (Rom 12:19)
3. God works good through man's sin (Gen 50:20, Acts 4:27-28)
4. Jesus has tasted unjust suffering (Heb 2:18)