

# “JUDEO-CHRISTIAN?”

## OR

### SIMPLY: **CHRISTIAN!**

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Within the world in which we now live it is very common to see or hear the term “Judeo-Christian.” Recently, I received a mailing from an organization which stated, “...standing with us...as we champion the Judeo/Christian values of Family.” As stated above, this usage is very common today in the American vernacular, especially among those who consider themselves to be Zionistic<sup>1</sup> in nature.

The question is – is this combination of “Judeo” with “Christian” a proper combination of these two radically different terms? In our understanding, this combination of these two words is entirely improper and should never be used by true followers of Jesus Christ. The term “Judeo-Christian” is completely oxymoronic!<sup>2</sup> The first century Jews clearly did not follow the Holy Scriptures as the following references demonstrate:

“Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.” (Mt 15:2 AV)

“For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash [their] hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.” (Mr 7:3 AV)

“Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?” (Mr 7:5 AV)

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<sup>1</sup> We use the term “Zionistic” to refer to anyone and everyone who tends to think that modern “Israel” is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy for the Jews.

<sup>2</sup> Expression with contradictory words: a phrase in which two words of contradictory meaning are used together... e.g. “wise fool” or “legal murder” Encarta® World English Dictionary © & (P) 1998-2005 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

I responded to the party referenced above with the following, “Just exactly what/which “Judeo values of *the* faith” are you referring too in your post? The only truly “Judeo” values that I know about are those described by John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ as follows:

“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, **O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**” (Mt 3:7 AV)

“**O generation of vipers**, how can **ye, being evil**, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.” (Mt 12:34 AV)

“**Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers**, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?” (Mt 23:33 AV)

“Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, **O generation of vipers**, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Lu 3:7 AV)

“**Ye are of your father (Adam) the slanderer, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**” (Joh 8:44)

“I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which **say they are Jews, and are not**, but *are* **the synagogue of the adversary/accuser.**”<sup>3</sup> (Re 2:9, cf. Romans 2:23, 28-29)

“Behold, I will make them of **the synagogue of the adversary/accuser**, which **say they are Jews, and are not**, but do lie; behold, I will make them

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<sup>3</sup> In Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 Jesus is speaking about the synagogues of the Jews; however, His understanding of the Jews is the same as that of Paul in Romans 2: “Behold, thou art **called a Jew**, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,” (Ro 2:17 AV) **Called a Jew**, but not actually a true Jew because they break the Law: “For the name of God is blasphemed among the Nations through you, as it is written. For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.” (Ro 2:24-25)

“**For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly**; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God.” (Ro 2:28-29 AV)

to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”  
(Re 3:9 AV)

**In addition to the above, the Bible generally describes “Judeo values” in the following manner:**

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and **suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed**, and be raised again the third day.” (Mt 16:21 AV)

“And when he was come into the temple, **the chief priests and the elders** of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, **By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?**” (Mt 21:23 AV)

“Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,” (Mt 26:3 AV)

“And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, **from the chief priests and elders** of the people.” (Mt 26:47 AV)

“And **they that had laid hold on Jesus led [him] away** to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.” (Mt 26:57 AV)

“Now **the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;**” (Mt 26:59 AV)

“When the morning was come, **all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death;**” (Mt 27:1 AV)

“And when **he was accused of the chief priests and elders**, he answered nothing.” (Mt 27:12 AV)

“But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.” (Mt 27:20 AV)

“Likewise also the chief priests mocking [him], with the scribes and elders, said,” (Mt 27:41 AV)

“And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,” (Mt 28:12 AV)

“And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,” (Mr 11:27 AV)

“And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.” (Mr 14:43 AV)

“And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.” (Mr 14:55 AV)

“And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried [him] away, and delivered [him] to Pilate.” (Mr 15:1 AV)

“Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.” (Lu 9:22 AV)

“And it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon *him* with the elders,” (Lu 20:1 AV)

“Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?” (Lu 22:52 AV)

“And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: And if I also ask [you], ye will not answer me, nor let [me] go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth. And **the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him,** saying, We found this [fellow] perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.” (Lu 22:66-23:2 AV)

“When **Pilate** therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he **saith unto the Jews,** Behold your King! But **they cried out, Away with [him], away with [him], crucify him.** Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then Pilate delivered Jesus therefore unto them (the Jews) to be crucified. And **they (the Jews) took Jesus, and led *Jesus* away.**” (Joh 19:13-16)

“**Where they (the Jews) crucified him,** and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.” (Joh 19:18 AV)

“**Then the soldiers (of the Jews), when they had crucified Jesus,** took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.” (Joh 19:23 AV)

“But when they (the soldiers of the Jews) came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: **But one of the soldiers (of the Jews) with a spear pierced his side,** and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he (Lazarus) that saw *it* bare record, and his (Lazarus’) record

is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, **They (the Jews) shall look on him whom they pierced.**” (Joh 19:33-37 AV)

“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, **ye (the Jews) have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.**” (Ac 2:23 AV)

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified**, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole.” (Ac 4:10 AV)

“But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*. But that it spread no further among the people, **let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**” (Ac 4:15-18 AV)

“Then there arose certain of the (Jewish) synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, **disputing with Stephen**. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. **Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and [against] God. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon [him], and caught him, and brought [him] to the council, And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:**” (Ac 6:9-13 AV)

“And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.” (Ac 12:11 AV)

“But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world (of Judaism) upside down are present here also; Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus. And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.” (Ac 17:5-8)

“And Paul, earnestly beholding the council (of the Jews), said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?” (Ac 23:1-3 AV)

“And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.” (Ac 23:14 AV)

“And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and [with] a certain (Jewish) orator [named] Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.” (Ac 24:1 AV)

“About whom (Paul), when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed [me], desiring [to have] judgment against him (Paul).” (Ac 25:15 AV)

**The first century disciples of Jesus were very much afraid of the Jews, as is amply demonstrated by the following:**

“After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.” (Joh 7:1 AV)

“But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.” (Joh 7:10 & 13 AV)

“And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave [him] leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.” (Joh 19:38 AV)

“Then the same day at evening, being the first [day] of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace [be] unto you.” (Joh 20:19 AV)

“And I (Paul) said, Lord, they (Christians) know that I (as Saul) imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them (the Jews) that slew him.” (Ac 22:19-20 AV)

It is certain that this kind of destructive behavior on the part of Saul and other unbelieving Jews of the first century went a long way toward instilling lasting fear of the Jews among early Christians.

Also, the Scriptures make it very clear that **the Jews of the first century were the definitive “accusers” of the brethren**, as is amply demonstrated by the following:

“For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had [his] hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? **that they might accuse him.**” (Mt 12:8-10 AV)

“Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.” (Mt 12:13 AV)

“And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when **he was accused of the chief priests and elders**, he answered nothing.” (Mt 27:11-12 AV)

“And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; **that they might accuse him.**” (Mr 3:1-2 AV)

“And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and **bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.**” (Mr 15:1 AV)

“And **the chief priests accused him of many things**: but he answered nothing.” (Mr 15:3 AV)

“And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.” (Lu 11:53-54 AV)

“And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation (of the Jews), and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.” (Lu 23:1-2 AV)

“And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.” (Lu 23:10 AV)

“And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people (The Jews): and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:” (Lu 23:13-14 AV)

“This they said, tempting him that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.*” (Joh 8:6 AV)

“On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he (Paul) was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from [his] bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.” (Ac 22:30 AV)

“This man (Paul) was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman. And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council: Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what *they had* against him. Farewell.” (Ac 23:27-30 AV)

“I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod’s judgment hall. And after five days

Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul. And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse [him], saying...For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.” (Ac 23:35-24:1-6 AV)

“(Lysias) Commanding his (Paul’s) accusers to come unto thee (Felix): by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we (the Jews) accuse him.” (Ac 24:8 AV)

“Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way (of Jesus) which they (the Jews) call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:” (Ac 24:13-14 AV)

“Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem. Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, And desired favour against him (Paul), that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him. But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly *to Caesarea.* Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me,* and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him. And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought. And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.” (Ac 25:1-7 AV)

“For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.” (Ac 25:11 AV)

“About whom, when I (Festus) was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, desiring to have judgment against him (Paul). To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him.” (Ac 25:15-16)

“Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:” (Ac 25:18 AV)

“I (Paul) think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews.” (Ac 26:2 AV)

“Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving day and night, hope to come. For which hope’s sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.” (Ac 26:7)

“And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.” (Ac 28:17-19 AV)

“(Jews) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good (Christians),” (2Ti 3:3 AV)

“Having a good conscience; that, whereas they (the Jews) speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.” (1Pe 3:16 AV)

“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**” (Re 12:10 AV)

I think that the above is enough to make my point; **“Judeo-Christian” is an ugly, mindless, oxymoron.**

I am very sorry that you probably are not liking this admonishment, but then, the leaders of the Jewish apostates did not like what Jesus had to say either.

I really do love you and others in Christ, but it grieves me so very deeply to see **you all so seriously misinformed that you would denigrate** our blessed Lord Jesus by affixing the term **“Judeo”** to the faith that bears His blessed and Holy name. *Nothing could be further from the truth.*

The phrase Judeo-Christian was designed to give the impression that Judaism *supersedes* Christianity, to imply that Christianity came out of first century Judaism, but Judaism will eventually be exalted above Christianity, i.e. Judaism will be elevated over Christianity at their imaginary future “rapture”. However, Christianity did not come out of first century Judaism! According to the apostate Jews of the first century, Christianity was a rank “heresy”(Acts 24:14)! And according to most modern ‘Jews,’ Christianity is heresy.

Contrary to the implications and innuendo of “Judeo-Christianity,” the truth is that, Christianity is the product of the Covenant which YHWH cut with Abraham<sup>4</sup>. *Abraham was not a Jew* and he knew nothing of first century Judaism.

Please stop using **the oxymoronic phrase “Judeo-Christian.”** It should be anathema to those with true faith in Jesus Christ.

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<sup>4</sup> See Galatians 3:6-16

