



## Acts Chapter 11

During our study of Acts chapter 10 last week we took our time going through a lot of information including the fact that our Messiah did not come for the Gentiles, but rather for the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

We spoke about how this biblical fact has been twisted and turned and flat out hidden by most of today's Christian denominational charters of men, and how much of today's modern day Christianity is falsely lead to believe that they are a replacement the Jews, and the 12 tribes of Israel who are also known as.. "The House of Israel".

But the very real, very clear, very truthful fact is.. that according to scripture our Messiah was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And we made very clear why this had to be the case.

We learned through the scripture that our Messiah Yahshua did not come to teach an preach his own laws or his own commandments, or his own Sabbaths, or his own holiday's, or his own Feast Days.. but rather he came to teach and to preach, and to be an example to his people how to keep his Fathers laws, commandments, Sabbaths, and Feast Days.

And we learned that anyone who has ever read the "red letter" words found in their Bibles should already know these things. Our Messiah did not come to preach and teach his own dietary laws, any more than he came to preach and teach his own first day of the week Sabbath. Nor did he come to change the very anniversary of his death that he commanded us to remember on Passover day.

He did not come to created a "Good Friday" or a "Christmas".. he did not come to create a Lent, or an Advent, nor did he come to create an "All Saints Day" or a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.. he came to preach and teach what his Father had already established.

We also learned that the sheet that came down full of "all kinds of animals" in Peters dream was just that... it was a sheet full of "all kinds of animals" not just UN-clean animals.

We also learned the difference between all animals being sanctioned as "food" and the term "clean and unclean food". Food is what God says is food, not what man says is food. If a food has become unclean it was because it was prepared improperly, or it had been strangled, or it

still has its blood still in it, or it had been torn apart by another beast in the field. This is what makes food unclean according to our Father in Heaven.

A pig or a horse or a dog can never fall under the category of “unclean food” because it is not sanctioned as food by God the Father.

We also learned that Peter himself was perplexed at the dream that he had just received, and it was not until he went to the home of the gentile Centurion that he finally understood the meaning of the dream.

We also learned that Peter himself de-coded the dream of the sheet full of all kinds of animals for us in Acts chapter 10 verse 28, and he decodes it again for us in Acts chapter 11 verse 17.

We also learned that the brothers in Judea also understood the dream to be about the gentiles being saved.. and not about sanctioning all animals as food.

In fact.. no where anywhere in the scripture do we find that all animals were sanctioned as food by any Pastor, Priest, Prophet, Apostle, not by the Ruach Hokadesh, not by the Son and certainly not by the Father anywhere in scripture. No where were all animals sanctioned as food by anyone anywhere in the 66 books of our Bibles.

It's not in there, and you can't find it, and the reason you can't find it.. is because it's not in there.

Much like the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week Sunday Sabbath. It too was not commanded by any Pastor, Priest, Prophet, Apostle, not the Holy Ghost, or by the Son or by the Father anywhere in the scripture.

So we should not be surprised at what we find when we read the scripture because for those of us who have been studying for any length of time.. we already know that this is always what men have done through out the history of man kind.

We should not think that it is above our Pastors, Priests, Bishops, and Popish leaders to think to change the times and the laws of Yahovah our Father. Time and time again from the very beginning of Judaism, and on into Christianity, men have left historical bread crumbs.. a trail if you will... of their attempt to take away from.. and add to... our Fathers Word even though they were commanded not to add to.. or take away from his Word in the very scripture that they claim to preach and have faith in. (Deuteronomy 4:2 and 12:32)

Titus chapter 1 verses 13 through 16 puts it this way:

*Tit 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,*

*Tit 1:14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.*

*Tit 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.*

*Tit 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.*

And this is exactly why our Messiah told us that if our righteousness did not far exceed that of the Pharisees and the Scribes that we would never enter the kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 5:20)

As we've already learned.. the Jewish leadership has done exactly the same things by adding to and taking away from, Gods Word, and this is exactly why our Messiah was so angry with them, calling them a brood of vipers, white washed tombs, blind guides, and two fold children of hell. And once again it's important for us to remember that this is still going on throughout the Jewish religious system of today.

Today's Jewish religious system is full of traditions, rituals, and myths not found anywhere in the Word of God, not found anywhere in the Torah, not found anywhere in the Tanakh, but simply put in place to add to.. or take away from.. Gods Word, so that the authority of the Father can be falsely placed upon the shoulders of men.

And so it is just as important for the believer today to be very wary of today's hybrid Jewish religious system, as it is for us to be wary of today's hybrid Christian religious system.. or should I say... system(s) of which there are many.

Conciser this scripture from our Messiah:

*Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.*

*Rev 3:10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.*

*Rev 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.*

*Rev 3:12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.*

*Rev 3:13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'*

My point once again is found in verse 9: “those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie”

Once again my friends.. they will be made to bow down before your feet and they will learn that our Messiah and his Father has loved us.. but only if.. we keep his word about patient endurance.. and only if.. we hold fast what we have so that no one takes our crowns.

We must be the ones who conquer. And this Word is not my own my own Word my friends.. but they come directly from the one who sent me... and not only the one who sent me.. but the one who now this very day sends you.

We also read from the book of Hosea chapter 2 verses 18 through 23 and we learned that Peters dream was a fulfillment of what had already been established by God our Father from long ago.

And seeing these things we were once again reminded how important it is to read the book from the beginning, and not from the middle.

And for even more information we took the time to study the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Mark this past 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, to glean even more information on this particular topic of whether or not all animals are considered to be food in the eyes of our Father in Heaven.

So if you'd like even more scriptural information on that topic you can find our last 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath study on the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Mark at our website at [HolyImpactMinistries.com](http://HolyImpactMinistries.com).. just click on our "7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath" tab and you'll find it there. It's free, it does not cost anything, it was freely received, and so it is freely given.

So now that we've recapped what we've already learned from Acts chapter 10.. lets go ahead and read Acts chapter 11:

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## **Acts Chapter 11:**

*Act 11:1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.*

*Act 11:2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,*

*Act 11:3 "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."*

*Act 11:4 But Peter began and explained it to them in order:*

*Act 11:5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.*

*Act 11:6 Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air.*

*Act 11:7 And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.'*

*Act 11:8 But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'*

*Act 11:9 But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.'*

*Act 11:10 This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.*

*Act 11:11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.*

*Act 11:12 And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.*

*Act 11:13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter;*

*Act 11:14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'*

*Act 11:15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.*

*Act 11:16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'*

*Act 11:17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"*

*Act 11:18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."*

*Act 11:19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.*

*Act 11:20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.*

*Act 11:21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.*

*Act 11:22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.*

*Act 11:23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,*

*Act 11:24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.*

*Act 11:25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,*

*Act 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.*

*Act 11:27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.*

*Act 11:28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).*

*Act 11:29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.*

*Act 11:30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.*

Now we've already studied the first part of Chapter 11 in our last week study of Acts chapter 10, and we've done our work in tying this recount of Peters dream into the what had happened to Peter back in Acts chapter 10.

Here in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts we see Peter simply telling the brothers at Judea what had happened to him in Acts chapter 10, but I want us all to notice something once again.. and this is that the brothers at Judea never came to the conclusion that God had just sanctioned all animals as food.

NO ONE found in the scripture.. ever comes to that conclusion concerning Peters dream of the sheet full of all kinds of animals.

The brothers at Judea came to the very same conclusion that Peter did. The dream was not about food, or even animals for that matter. It was about Peter thinking of, and treating the gentiles as animals.

Because of the Jewish "Halakah" (there man made oral laws and traditions).. Peter had always been taught that he could not enter the house of a gentile, or even eat with a gentile because they were considered "unclean" or "uncommon".

But God created all men equal and no man was to be considered "unclean" or "uncommon" unless God said that they were "unclean" or "uncommon".

God created man in his own image, and to be his sons and daughters, he created us for his good pleasure.. and this is why God frowns on any man killing another man with out just cause. We are destroying the image of God when we do such things.

All men were created in our Fathers image for our Fathers good purpose, and all men have to make the decision as to whom they will serve. Just as Joshua so eloquently put it each man must choose whom it is they will serve.. will it be the creature.. or will it be the creator?

*Jos 24:15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

Since the fall of man back in the garden when Adam bowed his knee to the serpent.. man has had a choice to make, and our Father freely gives him that choice to make. But this in no way makes man "unclean" or "uncommon" in the eyes of our Father.

It's not the Fathers will that even one man should perish.

*2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

And so through this dream of the sheet of all kinds of animals.. our Father was simply telling Peter not to think of man as animals. All men are to be called, and not one will be left with out hearing the truth of Gods call to him:

*Mat 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

*Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

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## **The Gentiles Come**

And so it was that the gentiles began to once again be grafted into the House of Israel. And for those of you who have not been with us through out our study on the book of Acts.. we already know that the gentiles were being grafted into the House of Israel clear back during the exodus.

And for those of you who may be listening who are not aware of this, I would simply invite you to study with us and take a look at our previous studies on the book of Acts or at the very least read Numbers chapter 15 verses 14 through 16, or Exodus chapter 12 verses 48 and 49.

But I also want us to take a closer look at verses 19 through 26 here in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the book of Acts.

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Notice that most of the Jews who believed were being chased out of Jerusalem and were traveling as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch but that they were only sharing the gospel with the Jews. And yet.. some of the men of Cyprus and Cyrene were preaching to the Hellenists, and if we remember correctly the “Hellenists” were the Greek speaking people who were both Jews from the despota and gentiles that were already in the land.

So once the brothers in Jerusalem had heard of this they sent Barnabas to Antioch to help spread the message to the people there in Antioch, and when the Gospel began to really take off Barnabas himself went to get Paul in Tarsus.

Now Tarsus was about 100 miles away from Antioch so when we hear about Barnabas going to get Paul in Tarsus, it's important to understand that this was no small journey back in those days.

We think of 100 miles as nothing more than an hour and a half drive, but back in those days it would have taken days if not weeks to travel a hundred miles from Antioch to Tarsus and then turn around and travel another hundred miles back.

These men would have been traveling through the desert and all kinds of terrain.. and they would have been in danger of wild animals and thieves, and bandits, and they would have been in danger of being captured and taken back to Jerusalem to be put in prison or even killed for their faith.. they would have been in danger from the weather and the elements and all kinds of things.

But none the less.. Barnabas must have felt that it was important enough to make such a journey to go get Paul and to bring him back to Antioch to help with the ministry, and we're told that they ministered there for about a year.

So as we can imagine Antioch would have been a major hub for the Gospel to spread out from. And once again it was because of the persecution that was going on in Jerusalem that all these things were happening.

So it's clear to see that persecution was what fueled the fire of the Gospel message. Instead of throwing a bucket of water over the fire.. these Pharisees and Saducees were actually causing the Gospel message to spread even faster.

And with that in mind.. we have to wonder if what Gameleil one of the most revered rabbinical leaders had said was not coming true right before their very eyes.

Who remembers what the wise old rabbi Gamaliel had warned the Pharisees and the Scribes about just a few chapters back... when they were persecuting Peter and the Apostles?



*Act 5:34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.*

*Act 5:35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.*

*Act 5:36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.*

*Act 5:37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.*

*Act 5:38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail;*

*Act 5:39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice,*

*Act 5:40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.*

And so it was that just like Gamaliel had warned them early on... they found themselves opposing, and fighting against God, and yet even still.. even after being warned.. because of their blindness and the hardness of their hearts.. they could not see that they were fighting against the very God that they claimed to love and have faith in.

How brilliantly creative is our adversary.. to have conceived such a plan.

Through their own blindness they condemned themselves time after time after time. Because they refused to let the Ruach Hakodesh of God speak to their hearts... because they chose to be anointed by men rather than being anointed by God... because they chose the wisdom of men over the wisdom of God.. because they trusted in there rabbinical schooling and the higher education of men rather than trusting in the Ruach Hakodesh and their own Messiah.. they had condemned themselves.

Sound familiar? Men who today.. condemn themselves because they refuse to let the Ruach Hakodesh of God speak to their hearts... because they choose to be anointed by men rather than being anointed by God... because they choose the wisdom of men over the wisdom of God... because they trust in their Christian schools and collages and the higher learning of their church fathers rather than trusting in the Ruach Hakodesh and their own Messiah.. they too... condemn themselves professing to know God, and yet they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.. says Titus chapter 1 verse 16.

Something that we all need to keep in mind so that we are not carried away with every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man just as we were warned by the Apostle Paul.

*Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,  
Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,  
Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to  
mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,  
Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried  
about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

And so as Evangelists.. as Shepherds, and as teachers.. let us build up the body of the Messiah so that we can all attain the unity of faith.. and so that we may all be fit for the work of ministry.. and so that we can all come together and not be tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, and by human cunning and the craftiness of mans deceitful schemes.

Let us bind together in the truth of his Word and in the faith that we have been given, and let us stand in the evil day contending for the faith, and rebuking them sharply so that we can shine the light of the one who has sent us before the world, and so that we can navigate through the evil days that we are now living in.

And let us bring up our children to fight the good fight, and to stand in the evil day, and to contend for the faith, and rebuke sharply those who teach human doctrines, and the craftiness of men.

The persecution of true Christians has been slowly marching on throughout history, and just as it once did... it is returning to rule and reign over the children of God.

We are scattered, and many of us feel alone and are void of any human contact with our brothers and sisters who believe as we do. Many of us are with out fellowship in our own hometowns and in our cities. We're shunned and condemned for teaching the truth of Gods Word by our transgendered homo-sexually driven culture, and even the leadership of our own countries are now putting Christians on the “Terrorist Watch List”, and calling us terrorists.

Just yesterday we received an email from brother Curtis that informed us that as of November 15 according to the Boston Glob.. Facebook will be shutting down any and all Christian themed content.

<http://thebostontribune.com/due-to-religious-intolerance-facebook-bans-all-christian-themed-content/>

When I was just a boy if someone would have told me that Christians would be mocked and hated and bibles would be taken out of public libraries, and prayer would be taken out of public schools, and that Christians would be forced out of our military, and men would be allowed to marry men, and kindergarten children would be forced to use the same bathrooms, and high

school football teams would not be allowed to pray on the field, and our children would not be allowed to even utter the name Jesus in their own schools I would have laughed at you.

If you would have told me that many of our town hall meetings here in the United States would be opened by a prayer to Satan.. I would have laughed at you.

If you would have told me that an exact replica of the arch of the god Baal would be reconstructed and be standing tall in downtown New York city I would have laughed at you.

But now here standing in these evil days that we now live in... ironically I find that I went to bed one night a Christian... and I woke up the next day a terrorist in my own country simply because my Father is Yahovah the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

And so just as it was in the beginning so to it is in the end. Nothing has changed... and evil just keeps marching on. And make no mistake about it my friends just as the wise old Gamaliel once told the Pharisees and the Sadducee's... man has once again.. found himself fighting against God..

Our adversary has man kicking against the bricks... thinking that through his genetically modified foods, and his transgender-ism and his trans-humanism.. and his new found religion of science.. that he himself... will soon become his own god.

After all.. is this not exactly what the serpent told Eve in the garden?

*Gen 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

*Gen 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

Food... for thought..

And so it is that I believe that in these evil days that we are now living in... it will be the same. Just as it was in the days of Noah.

It will be persecution that will fan the flames of truth. When Gods people are shaken, when the sky's turn black just as they did in the days of the Jewish Holocaust... when people are shaken out of the every day bubble of what they think is reality only to find themselves imprisoned, beaten down, and tortured just as in the days of the Apostles.. and worse...

Then and only then will a great revival really come. Then and only then will a great awakening come to pass. To many would be Christians have made void the word of God in order to hold onto their own traditions. They honor our Father with their lips but their hearts are far from him and in vain to they worship him because they are teaching the doctrines of men.

Today's modern day Christians are pre-programmed by their denominational charters of men. Brainwashed if you will into believing that it is men that have the truth rather than God their Father.

But soon they will awaken to the truth of Jeremiah chapter 8 :

*Jer 8:8 "How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us'? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.*

*Jer 8:9 The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them?*

*Jer 8:10 Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors, because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.*

*Jer 8:11 They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace.*

*Jer 8:12 Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among the fallen; when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD.*

*Jer 8:13 When I would gather them, declares the LORD, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them."*

Every Christian should read and be aware of what is written in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Jeremiah and see what happens to a nation that turns it's back on Yahovah God our Father. Because I tell you the truth my friends.. what has already happened is about to happen again in front of our very eyes.

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### **And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.**

Moving forward I want us to also make note of verse 26:

*Act 11:25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,*

*Act 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.*

Notice in verse 26 it tells us that “in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians”.

Once again it's important to understand that the disciples were called “Christians”. Now does it say that the “gentiles” were called Christians? Does it say that the gentiles took over the faith?

Does it say that the gentiles started their own churches separate and apart from the Jews at this point in time?

Does it say that there was born a dispensational replacement church that can do as thou wilt apart from the laws of God?

No!.. It simply tells us that the disciples.. who were originally Jews my friends... both Jew and Gentile disciples... were first called “Christians” at Antioch.

Now to get an even better grasp of this... I want us to understand what the word “Christian” means.

The word Christian is an English word that comes from the Greek word “Christians” which in turn is derived from the word “Christos” which means anointed, or Messiah. In Hebrew it would mean “Mashiach” or the Messiah.

So the very word “Christian” does not represent some new religion, or some new dispensation of grace, or some new theology, or some new doctrine, it does not represent some new philosophy, or some new church, or some new religious foundation, or some new denominational charter of men does it?

“Christian” means “Messiah” or “Meshiach” and the very word “Christian” means one who follows after the Hebrew... the Jewish... Meshiach... or Messiah.. one who is anointed, set apart by God, for God.

Lets make no mistake about it.. Paul and Peter, and Barnabas, and the Apostles were “Christians”. Were they Jewish? Yes.. but they were also followers of the Mashiach... the Messiah... that came out of the house of David and the tribe of Judah.

And so too are we my friends. It's important for us to remember my friends that a true “Jew” is indeed a Christian who accepts and believes in, and has faith in, his Jewish Messiah that even Moses wrote about and proclaimed clear back in the book of Deuteronomy, and who came to preach and teach and to be an example for Gods people to obey the commandments, the laws, the precepts, the feast days, the appointments, and the sabbaths of his Father.

A true Jew will never reject his Mashiach.. his Messiah, and so it is with all of Gods people who have been grafted into the “Olive Tree” that is the House of Israel. None of us.. will ever reject or deny our Mshiach.. our Messiah. And those that do will not be included into the House of Israel.

*Luk 10:16 "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."*

And who is it that does not believe, and what happens to them?

*Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

*Joh 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*

*Joh 3:20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

*Joh 3:21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*

Let your works be carried out in God this week as we venture closer to Yom Teruah and the sounding of the shofar this weekend. Sound the trumpets, and alert the House of Israel as the day of his return is closer now than when we first believed.