

Does it bother you when you see missionaries distributing leaflets in the subways, at parks, on streets or where you work and live?

You can do something about it!

Volunteer to work with the
Spiritual Deception Prevention Project

Contribute as much time as you are able.

Stand up for yourselves and the Jewish people.

Assist us by calling when you see missionaries.

Lend us a hand by counter-leafletting with us.

With your help we can make a difference!



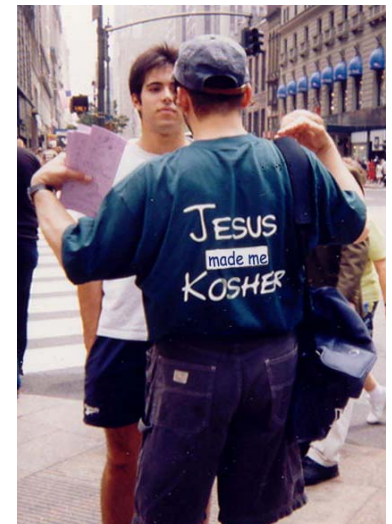
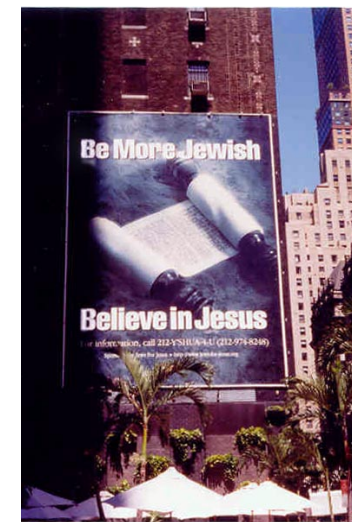
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What Are They Selling?

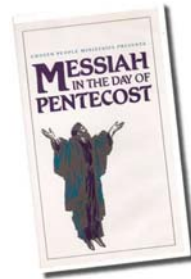
Missionaries have developed a cunning marketing strategy presenting Christianity with a Jewish veneer.

Their tactics include simulating holidays and rituals. For example:

- Missionaries may wear skullcaps and prayer shawls
- Missionaries may light Shabbat candles and read from a Torah
- Their “celebration” of Jewish holidays includes distorting their meaning, such as claiming at Passover Seders that
 - the 3 Matzohs symbolize the Christian Trinity and
 - the 4 cups of wine represent the blood of Jesus



Messiah in the Passover Complete Set



In addition, they frequently use misleading euphemisms:

- They say ‘rabbi’ in place of pastor,
- They say ‘become a completed Jew’ instead of ‘convert to Christianity’
- They say ‘mikvah’ service instead of baptism
- They say ‘synagogue’ instead of church.

Missionaries claim that it is ‘Jewish’ to believe in Jesus and that Jews can retain their identity even after becoming Christian.

Jewish Opinion

In a document, *Meeting the Challenge*,¹ ratified in 1993 by the religious leaders of all four major Jewish movements (Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform), it is stated that:

“Jewish leadership has unequivocally declared ‘Hebrew Christians’ as completely separate and disassociated from the Jewish community.

*“Though Hebrew Christianity claims to be a form of Judaism, **it is not**. It is nothing more than a disguised effort to missionize Jews and convert them to Christianity.*

“Hebrew Christians are in radical conflict with the communal interests and destiny of the Jewish people. They have crossed an unbreachable chasm by accepting another religion. Despite this separation, they continue to attempt to convert their former co-religionists.”

Rabbi Binyamin (Craig) Miller, a former Hebrew-Christian and current expert in missionary movements relates his experience:

“I thought believing in Jesus would make me a better Jew. Instead, I found that Hebrew-Christianity is nothing more than Evangelical Christianity combined with a thin veneer of pseudo-Jewish rituals and practices mostly taken out of context. By studying my heritage I discovered that Judaism is the religion for the Jews.”

¹ *Meeting the Challenge-Hebrew Christians and the Jewish Community*, by Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman

Christian Opinion

Many Christian leaders agree with Jewish scholars and religious leaders from all streams of Judaism that ‘Hebrew Christianity’ is NOT Judaism. Some Christian leaders even go one step further—they will tell you that these so-called “Messianic Jews” (as Hebrew Christians prefer to be called), are neither representing true Judaism, *nor are they conveying true Christianity!*

Christians of good faith recognize the distinction between our two faiths, and would never think of attempting to redefine Judaism in order to convert Jewish people. The Rev. Billy Graham has, on several occasions, publicly distanced himself from the practice of targeting Jews for conversion.²

Msgr George Higgins, in the publication *Catholic New York* states:

*“In short, they [Messianic Jews] attempt to...’sell’ Jews (particularly the young and vulnerable) a truncated version of Christianity. At the same time, they select appropriate elements of sacred Jewish tradition and practice. The result is a fundamental distortion of authentic Christianity and a denigration of the integrity of Judaism.”*³

The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., a groups which includes Baptist and other mainline Protestant groups as well as the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., proclaimed:

*“These groups ‘Hebrew Christians’ specifically target Jews for conversion to their version of Christianity...By celebrating Jewish festivals, worshipping on the Jewish Sabbath, appropriating Jewish symbols, rituals and prayers in their churches...they seek to win over...many Jews who are sincerely looking for a path back to their ancient heritage...These proselytizing techniques are tantamount to coerced conversions and should be condemned”*⁴

² *Baptist Press*, February 26, 1997; January 4, 2000

^{3,4} *Catholic New York*, January 7, 1988, copyrighted and used with permission