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### Why have I never heard this Jewish stuff before?

- During the reformation, the eastern and Jewish culture was lost due to some of the reformation leaders.
- The Old Testament is looked at as extra-credit reading instead of essential reading
- The Jewishness of Jesus has been somewhat forgotten
- The Hebraic and Jewish culture has been overlooked

### John 1

- When anyone stood up as a messianic claim, there was a format in which the Sanhedrin had to investigate that claim.
  - o 12 claims of people saying they were the messiah
    - Theudas in Acts 5:36
    - Judas the Galilean in Acts 5:37
- There was always movements of people claiming to be the messiah
  - o Who investigated: the Sanhedrin – there were 72 in the Sanhedrin (elders and scribes, not the Sadducees and Pharisees) – the 72<sup>nd</sup> was the high priest.
  - o Gamaliel gave them **2 phases** of investigation:
    - **Observation** – just watch them, if its real, you can't stop it. They could engage with 1 or 2 questions.
      - They probed John with 3 questions in John 1:19 **1. Who are you? I am not the messiah. 2. John 1:24 Why are you doing all these Messianic things?**
    - **Interrogating** - What triggers this – Jesus starts doing **Messianic Miracles** (*Heal a person with leprosy* (what about Namun, he was a Gentile), *healing a mute, deaf demons possession, Healing a man born blind*, John 9 (Because they are born blind, the person would have to create something out of nothing, i.e. all the parts of the eye))
      - **Luke 5:12/Matthew 8:1-4** is where they started questioning Jesus intensely:
        - o “Go and show yourself to the priest” this is what starts the ball rolling because it started even more investigation
        - o This happened right after the Sermon on the Mount (the new rule book of how to live).
        - o Why did Jesus touch the man with leprosy? Jesus had healed people from far away and doesn't need to be present. If he touches a man with leprosy, per the law, (Jesus obeys the law) he would become unclean. Jesus touches him because he is God and he stayed clean while also healing the man. Isaiah 53
        - o The Leper Messiah from Isaiah 53 – Jesus touches him because Jesus can touch him remaining clean himself as

well as cleansing uncleanness. This the Messiah we serve, one who takes on our uncleanness and forgives it.

- From this point on Jesus is interrogated for the rest of his time on earth.

#### Fences around the law (oral law)

- Don't commit adultery. The fence would be, not being alone with a woman, a bigger fence is don't even hangout with her, a bigger bigger fence is don't even look.
- The Jews got so caught up in the fences and missed the heart of the law.
- This is the problem of legalism, you miss the heart and meaning behind the law. The Sabbath was the biggest example of fences.
- When Jesus broke the commandments, he broke the fences, not the heart of the law.

#### Side Notes

- Resources:
  - Podcasts – BEMA Discipleship Podcast (Mary Solomon)
  - Websites – [jcstudies.org](http://jcstudies.org); [ffoz.com](http://ffoz.com)
- Jews hated the water because it represents uncertainty. When Jesus walks on water, he is showing that God is the only one who treads on the water, waves, storms, and seas without uncertainty because God controls it.