



How  
**JUDAISM &  
CHRISTIANITY  
SEPARATED**

**Answer Guide: The Law: Oral & Written**

DISCOVERING  
THE **JEWISH  
JESUS**

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# The Law: Oral and Written

## EPIISODE 4

Series: *How Judaism and Christianity Separated*



### Introduction

In this series, Rabbi is explaining why Judaism and Christianity became two separate religions, though they were never meant to be. Thus far, we have learned that the Chief Priests and Pharisees of Jesus' time were jealous of Him. Not only because of the way He taught and healed people, but because of the masses of Jews who began to believe in and follow Him. The Chief Priests and Pharisees were losing their power. They also didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God—calling it blasphemy when Jesus proclaimed this truth. In this episode, Rabbi will continue to uncover how and why Judaism and Christianity separated.

### Fill in the blanks from Episode 4.

→ In the Gospel of John, the use of the term       **JEW**       is often misunderstood. John was actually referring to the       **RELIGIOUS**             **LEADERS**       when he used the word Jew. (such as in John 5:14-16 and John 1:19) Thus the term "Jew" has derived a derogatory connotation.

→ Thus the church adopted an       **ANTISEMITIC**       mindset toward the Jews because of the way the word is used in the Gospel of John.

→ However, we know from John 4:22 that  
**SALVATION** comes from the Jews.

→ Orthodox Jews believe that Moses received the Ten Commandments AND other information he passed down orally to the **SEVENTY ELDERS** of Israel (Exodus 24) and they passed the tradition on to the rest of Israel.

→ Jesus rebukes this oral tradition, stating: “Neglecting the **COMMANDMENT** of God, you hold to the **TRADITION** of men.” (Mark 7:8)

All of this had the affect of further separating Christianity from Judaism.

## Key Points

→ In the Gospel of John, the word “Jew” was used to refer to the religious leaders of Jesus’ time who were jealous of Jesus miraculous power, authority, and growing following.

→ Because the word “Jew” has been misunderstood in the Gospel of John, it is linked to antisemitism.

→ Jesus warned that you should not hold fast to the traditions of man over the commandments of God.  
(Mark 7:8)





