

# WE BELONG

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JESUS THE JEWISH RABBI

We need to understand the Jewishness of Jesus to understand the NT writings.  
All writers of the NT were Jewish except Luke.

2000 yrs ago Rabbis were teachers and their followers were disciples. Read Matt 4:18 – 22.  
Discuss what it meant for the men, and their families, whom Jesus called.  
Could you leave everything to follow Jesus?

As a Rabbi, Jesus was different to other Rabbis. John 7:46 - Guards were sent to arrest Jesus.  
What did they say when returning to the Chief Priest and Pharisees?  
Under whose authorities did Jesus and the Rabbis speak/teach.

Jesus compared/contrasted Rabbinic laws with the Biblical laws (Matt5:21-22, 27-28, 38).  
Rabbis created extra laws to put a fence around the Biblical laws. Can you identify laws the Rabbis added to the laws written in the Bible? Discuss changes/added laws in today's society that affect daily living.

We are called to be followers/disciples (cf disciples) not just believers. What does that mean for you?  
We have His authority (Mat 28:20b).