God’s Love for the Jews November 26, 2023

*Romans 11:1-12 Guest Speaker: Marcello Araujo*

1. In Romans 1:16, when Paul says that the gospel “is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek,” what is he saying? I.e. What does “to the Jew first” mean?

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1. In Romans 11:1, Paul felt compelled to answer the question of whether God had rejected His people (i.e. the Jews). Why would people be asking that in the first century? How would you answer someone who might feel that way today?

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1. In Elijah’s day, he felt like he was the only Jew who was faithful worshipping the Lord (Romans 11:3), when, in fact, God tells him that there are 7,000 (Romans11:4). Why would Elijah have felt like he was the only one? When do you feel like that? What can encourage us when we feel like we’re the only ones going through what we face?

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1. How does God intend for the salvation of the Gentiles to “make Israel jealous” (Romans 11:11)? How might that actually work?

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1. What are some Old Testament verses that you might ask your Jewish friends about to stir conversations about faith and the Messiah?

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1. What are some other festivals or traditions that might lead to productive faith conversations with Jewish people?

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Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Exodus 33:1-17