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#### John 5:39-40, 46

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

If you believed Moses, you would believe me for he wrote of me.

## Has God rejected Israel?

Has God failed to keep his promises to Israel?

What goes on inside you spiritually—and every other person—has gone on in Israel historically, and the story is told so that we can see ourselves and see the world [as God sees].

If you want to know your own spiritual condition before God, as a human being-if you want to know the greatest issues for all the world-you can learn it from watching the history of Israel as it is interpreted in the Bible."

<sup>-</sup> John Piper

#### Romans 3:19

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.



#### Romans 3:28-30

- 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.
- 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,
- 30 since God is one. He will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

# 3 Reasons Why The Jews Missed God

1. Because they did not come to God on his terms (10:1-4).

# More people miss God because of their self-righteousness than their sin.

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2. Because they ignored the teaching of their own Scriptures (10:5-20).

#### Deuteronomy 30:11-14

- 11 For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.
- 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?"
- 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?"
- 14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

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3. Because they have turned their backs on God's constant, gracious offer of salvation (10:21).