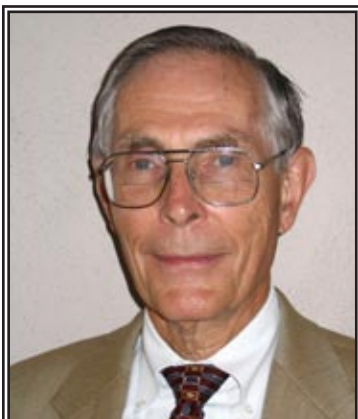


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Your Jewish Doctor Jesus



APPLE TALK

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When I was a little boy growing up in Louisville, Kentucky, in the 1940s, every summer we all dreaded the disease of poliomyelitis, simply called "polio." An acute infectious disease, virus based, which

through swimming pools. My parents forbade my brother and me to go to the public swimming pools during the long, hot Kentucky summers.

Polio has plagued mankind since prehistory. Egyptian paintings and carvings show otherwise healthy people with withered limbs, walking with canes at a young age. Among famous polio survivors are Mia Farrow, Jack Nicklaus and Alan Alda.

After World War II many medical researches tried to find a cure for polio. In 1955 a Jewish doctor by the name of Jonas Salk (1914-1995) discovered a successful injectable vaccine. Dr. Salk, seeking only to save lives and disseminate the vaccine as widely and rapidly as possible, refused to patent the vaccine. And in 1957, another Jewish doctor — Albert Sabin (1906-1993) — created a successful oral vaccine for polio. Jews, who number only 14,000,000 worldwide, have contributed

beginning of His visible ministry He healed: "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the

We cannot cherry-pick from this commission. As Christians we must — in the Name of Jesus by His authority — preach

is called "Your Jewish Doctor Jesus."

We are also currently involved in the preparation of materials which deal with Islamic anti-Semitism. Even as Hitler came first for the Jews, then for the Christians, we see unfolding in the Islamic world a hatred for the Jews that continues to spread to all people. The puzzle of the conflict in the Middle East cannot be fully understood without factoring in a knowledge of Islam and what the Bible teaches about Israel, God's original chosen people.

Questions about any of these issues? Call us at 877-457-5556 x220 or e-mail at blieske7@bellsouth.net. Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism is also represented in South Florida by Rev. Ed Gross, who can be reached at Trinity Lutheran Church-Delray Beach, FL, phone 561-278-1737. □

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good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people." (Mt. 4:23) He healed people because He loved them, and as a "sign" of who He was: the long promised Messiah. His death and resurrection bring eternal life to all who trust Him.

Did Jesus' healing ministry stop when so-called "Bible times" came to an end?

The Letter to the Hebrews says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." (He. 13:8). Jesus' healing ministry continues today as He moves in the midst of His people. When He sent the first apostles out He told them to preach the Gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons.

the Gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons. Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism is currently preparing a Bible study on Divine healing for two reasons: healing is a ministry of the Church, and we have found Jewish people (who have many people in the healing professions) very receptive to prayer for healing. The new Bible study will be about 30 pages long and

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invades the gray matter of the spinal cord, it paralyzes various muscle groups — sometimes permanently — and can cause death. I recall pictures of children ensconced inside a huge silver cylinder, called an "iron lung" which helped their atrophied lungs to work.

It was thought at the time that the virus could be spread

disproportionately to the healing of humanity — as medical researchers, physicians and mental health workers. Perhaps you have been blessed by a good Jewish doctor in your life.

There is another good Jewish doctor who has been active, bringing health, healing and eternal life to the world. He is Jesus (4 BC - 30 AD). From the



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