Romans 9:1-5 **Why is Following Jesus so Complicated?**

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**QUESTIONS**

Why are the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) so important to us still (Matt 22:31-32; Gal 3:8-9)?

How Jewish was Jesus? Why will that still be significant when we meet Him face-to-face (Rev 5:5)?

How important is the written-by-Jews, for-Jews, about-Jews Bible?

The Gentile (Roman and Greek) majority also rejected Jesus as Messiah (Luke 23:24-25; Acts 17:32-33). So then, why is Israel so notable in rejecting Him?

What individuals and groups can you think of that are actively rejecting Jesus today?

Was there a time when you rejected Jesus? What was it like?

There is a very personal element in Paul’s love for his own people (Rom 9:1-4). What biblical, theological reasons does Paul give that all of us should care about the Jewish people (Rom 1:16; 15:25-27)?

Why does Paul know that what he says in Rom 9:3 is impossible (Romans 8:38-39)?

Why are so many people envious and hateful toward Israel?

Do you feel Paul’s deep compassion for anyone in need of the Gospel in this life? Who? Why? How about Israel?