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## MEET THE RABBIS

*Rabbinic Thought and the  
Teachings of Jesus*



BRAD H. YOUNG

What does Jesus' Sermon on the Mount have in common with the ancient literature of the Jewish rabbis? Much more than most Jewish and Christian people often realize! Jesus was addressed as rabbi, as were the most devout teachers in the synagogues of his day. Despite the common values and Scriptures shared by these two great religions, many Christians have little knowledge of the great Jewish rabbis who wrote from the time of Jesus and the writing of the New Testament in the first century to the completion of the Talmud in the seventh century. Young believes this ignorance of the important literature and religious leaders of that period has caused an unnecessary division between the adherents of both religions.

"Brad H. Young has published *Jesus the Jewish Theologian* and *The Parables*; now, he continues to illustrate how rabbinics is essential for understanding the New Testament documents and elucidates the historical Jesus. Moreover, *Meet the Rabbis* is an engagingly written introduction to rabbinic thought, literature, and the lives of the most influential rabbis. Young proves how rabbinics helps to clarify the origins of Christianity. The rabbis come to life, providing insights into how to live, being faithful to God and the needy among us. He succeeds in illustrating how Jewish thought clarifies the theology of the Sermon on the Mount. This is a must read for everyone interested in Judaism and Christian origins."

—James H. Charlesworth, George L. Collord Professor of  
New Testament Language and Literature, Princeton University

Brad H. Young is Professor of Biblical Studies in the Graduate School of Theology at Oral Roberts University. In addition to his well-known research on the life of Jesus, he has devoted much of his energies to Jewish-Christian interfaith dialogue. He is the author of many books including *Paul the Jewish Theologian*, *Jesus the Jewish Theologian*, and *The Parables: Jewish Tradition and Christian Interpretation*.



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## JESUS THE JEWISH THEOLOGIAN



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Marvin R. Wilson and Rabbi David Wolpe

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—Rabbi David Wolpe  
*University of Judaism, Los Angeles*

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—Marvin R. Wilson  
*Gordon College*

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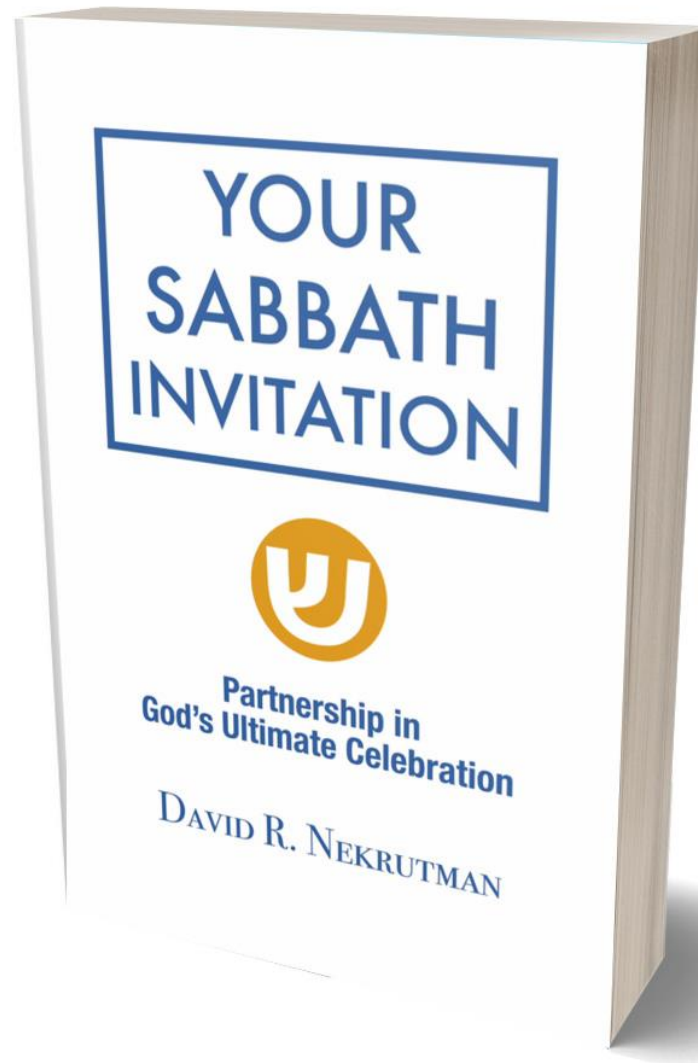
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