

A Lutheran Pastor explains the source of anti-Semitism on Kristallnacht

Who Are You Remembering Tonight?

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Tonight, the Jewish community is remembering Kristallnacht.

- Kristallnacht happened on the birthday of Martin Luther.
- Martin Luther is the founder of The Lutheran Church and the founder of The Reformation.
- Martin Luther's most famous antisemitic writing was "On Jews And Their Lies."
- Who are Lutherans and other Evangelical Christians remembering tonight?
- Antisemitism is on the rise.
- Hitler's Final Solution was to kill all the Jews.
- Christianity's Final Solution is more final - eternal punishment for Jews and all other non-Christians.
- Jesus gave us THE SOLUTION from the book of Leviticus - love your neighbor as yourself.
- Jesus said everything should be guided by this principle.
- Does judging someone for a different interpretation of a (possible) event in history sound like loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Does damning someone for a different belief sound like loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Does believing only Christians will spend eternity with God sound like loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Jesus reminded us of The Greatest Teaching.
- Jesus said "love your enemy".
- Jesus said "what you do to the least of these my brethren you have done unto me".
- How did this person know as Jesus morphed into Christians saying "believe like me or be damned"?
- How did Christians get from Jesus saying "we should forgive" 70 x 7, to Christians condemning for eternity Jews and all other non-Christians?
- Where is the forgiveness?
- Where is the love?

- Christianity has wandered from the teachings of its' founder.
- Who are we remembering tonight?
- Or are we remembering our personal salvation?
- Are we remembering our personal salvation that requires the damnation of Jews and all other non-Christians?
- God forgive us for our lack of unconditional love.

Do we remember Christians breaking glass?