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Myth	Truth
The Sabbath was changed by the Catholic Church	Partial truth – the Sabbath continued to be kept by Christians for hundreds of years after Yeshua and the Catholics outlawed it through the power of Rome in the 300s AD. It started to be replaced in the 100s and the Catholic church
The Catholic Church change the Name of Yeshua to Jesus.	didn't start until 325 AD.No. The name Yeshua changed to Jesus over time because of language changes, not malfeasance. The New Testament believers used lesous for Yeshua and that turned in Jesus
Constantine invented Christianity.	over hundreds of years. No. Constantine wanted a universal religion for his empire so he called a council of bishops to make a unified doctrine for the countless Christian churches in the Roman Empire. The purpose of this was to stop infighting over doctrines. That doctrine is bad and we don't accept that council, but Christianity had been in existence for over 300 years at the time of that council.
December 25 is Jesus' birthday.	No. December 25 is the birthday of a pagan god and first shows up as "Christmas" in about 355 AD. This day was not observed by early Christians and is a pagan holiday.
We're supposed to observe Easter as the resurrection of Jesus.	Easter is a pagan holiday to the fertility goddess Astarte, aka, Diana of Ephesus. We are not supposed to observe pagan holidays. We are supposed to observe the night before Passover, Passover, and the rest of the Spring holy days to remember Yeshua.
The Jews changed the Name of Yeshua somehow.	Not true, lots of people have had this name.

Yahweh was never called Lord.	Yahweh is called Lord many times in the Old Testament. The word Lord is supposed to be at Genesis 18:3 and 20:4 for example.
Lord means Baal and must not be spoken.	Adon or Adonai is the equivalent of Lord. Baal is only called Lord once in the Old Testament. The word Lord is not bad.
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When they called Yeshua Lord that means He's Yahweh.	The word Lord in Greek used when speaking to Yeshua is Kurios which is the equivalent of "sir" or "your highness". It's not reserved for God at all.
The word Christ or Christian is somehow bad.	The Greek word Kristos was chosen for Moschiach (Messiah) by the Jews who translated the Hebrew Bible into Greek 150 years before Yeshua. The word Christian is just a Greek-ish way of saying follower of Christ/Messiah.
Yahweh's Name or the word El must be present	Not true at all. Moses, Aaron, Miriam, and
in the name of every prophet or Yeshua's Name.	David's names do not have this. Many NT prophets not only don't have this, but they also only have Greek names.
Paleo Hebrew can tell us how to pronounce Hebrew words more accurately.	No. The only vowel points we have for pronouncing Hebrew are in the Masoretic Text which only dates back to 800 AD at the earliest and is written in the Ashuri script. Paleo Hebrew has no vowels so you can't know how to pronounce Hebrew from it.
Pictographic Hebrew letters have meaning and can show you what words really mean.	No. The pictographic letters just represented sounds just like other ancient hieroglyphs. Attributing 21 st century meanings to Hebrew letters is absurd. If those letters have meaning, it's lost and there is no glossary. When the letters are shown to have meaning, it's made up.
Pronouncing the Names properly is a salvation issue.	No. Most of us were baptized knowing Yeshua and Yahweh as Jesus and God. It's <i>better</i> to know the Names and to know the meaning of the Names but not to get carried away with it. Yahweh means "self existent one" and Yeshua

	means "salvation". Yahweh or Yehova are the only two reasonable pronunciations of YHVH. The others are based on really strange ideas and oftentimes accidentally say bad things.
Hebrew words in the New Testament	The NT was written in Greek. When it cites the OT we can put Hebrew words there however they never used the word YHVH in the NT. The faith went forth from Zion in Greek to synagogues that used the LXX (Greek Old Testament).
The Aleph and the Tav equate to the Alpha and Omega and point to the Messiah	Not true. The aleph and tav spell a simple word that doesn't translate into English. For a detailed explanation please watch <u>https://firstcenturychristianity.net/the-aleph-</u> <u>and-the-tav/</u>