

Christian Palestinian Liberation Theology

- **The meaning of the word *Palestinian***
 - Notice the map
 - Greeks > Territory of the _____ – a _____ designation
 - Romans > a _____ designation
 - During the British Mandate (1920-48) it referred to part of the _____ area under British control
 - ✓ Jewish Palestinians
 - ✓ Arab Palestinians
 - After the re-formation of Israel in 1948 and the formation of the PLO in the 1960s, the word increasingly became to be used _____ of Arab Palestinians
 - ✓ This was for _____
 - ✓ There has never been a true ethnic group called _____

- **Are the “Social Gospel” and “Liberation Theology” the same thing?**
 - Walter Rauschenbusch – main proponent of the early 19th century **social gospel**
“..._____ from political autocracies and economic oligarchies; the substitution of redemptive for vindictive penology; the abolition of constraint through hunger as part of the industrial system; and the abolition of war.”

- **Theological Interpretation of Scripture (TIS)**
 - Reading the Bible with a _____ or theological point already in mind
 - Existence of God, Deity of Christ Inerrancy of the Bible
 - Trinity, Church, Already-Not Yet
 - Various forms of **liberation theology**
Sloganned verses: Let me people go; the truth shall make you free

- **Christian Palestinian Liberation Theology**
 - Basic Definition: ...an agenda-driven approach to using the Bible and Christian theology to advance the defeat of the government (Israel) which is oppressing the Palestinian people (Muslim & Christian Arabs)
 - Muslim background to Arab thinking – Mayor of Nablus 1982
 - Two ways the “Arab Narrative” is being spread
 - 1.
 - 2.

- **Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS)**
 - Boycott purchase of Israel products
 - Goal is anti-Israel thinking – drawing an analogy between the _____ and the _____
 - Boycott Israeli speakers and writers
 - Bombarding college campuses with anti-Israel propaganda

□ **Christian Palestinianism – More Detailed Definition**

- Comparison to evangelical theology
- A form of _____ focusing on the oppression of the Palestinian Arabs (both Muslims and Christians) by Israel and their need for political deliverance
- A movement of _____ from the _____ side of the spectrum
- Perceived _____ is the key issue
- It is basically a form of Arab Palestinian Nationalism supported by Arab Christians
- Father of Christian Palestinianism – Naim Ateek
- Sabeel – organization to promote the Arab narrative
- Using Paul Wilkinson’s description (*Israel Betrayed*)
 1. Propagation of a Palestinianized version of Roman Catholic liberation theology
 2. Blatant distortion and de-Zionization of God’s Word
 3. A Marcionite Jesus arrayed in Palestinian Robes – downplaying of the Old Testament
 4. Interfaith agenda at odds with the uniqueness of Jesus and the gospel of eternal life
 5. Seduction of Western evangelicals who hold to replacement theology – Christ at the Checkpoint (started 2010)

□ **What is the end game for Christian Palestinianism?**

- What would victory over Israel look like?
- If they win over Israel, will social justice be done?

□ **Christ at the Checkpoint**

- Started in 2010
- Mostly professing _____ who share the “Arab Narrative”
- Some crossover of _____ from Sabeel
- Most of the speakers hold to _____
 - Gary Burge
 - Stephen Sizer
- Note the replacement theology of CATC (on its website)

□ **Some Recommendations**

1. Practice literal interpretation and embrace dispensationalism and you will support _____ and your love for _____ will grow
2. Do not _____ all the actions of the present Israeli government as right just because it is Israel
3. Opposed BDS and Christian Palestinian Liberation Theology at every opportunity; share in your churches how the social justice movement practices _____
4. Remember that _____. How can you not love the Jewish people?
The Apostle Paul said: “From the standpoint of the _____ they are _____ for your sake, but from the standpoint of _____ they are _____ for the sake of the fathers” (Rom. 11:28)