



## WHY PEOPLE MISS JESUS

GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 12 OF 19

*Romans 9:19-33*

📖 ROMANS STRUCTURE -Sin (1–3) Salvation (4–5)  
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**MAIN IDEA:** 🖱️ YOU DON'T MISS GOD BECAUSE HE'S  
UNCLEAR—YOU MISS HIM BECAUSE YOU WON'T TRUST  
HIM

### 1. THE WRONG QUESTION 9:19–21

*You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” 9:19*

🖱️ “IF GOD IS IN CONTROL, HOW CAN HE HOLD ME ACCOUNTABLE?”

*But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? 9:20*

🖱️ WE ARE NOT IN THE POSITION TO PUT GOD ON TRIAL

*Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” 9:20*

*Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? 9:21*

🖱️ We struggle with God when we forget who we are

### 2. THE BIGGER PICTURE 9:22–29

*What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power... 9:22*

**Wrath = it is righteous opposition to sin**

*...has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction... 9:22*

🖱️ JUDGMENT IS DESERVED—BUT DELAYED

*...in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy... 9:23*

🖱️ WITHOUT JUSTICE, MERCY LOSES ITS MEANING

*Even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? 9:24*

🖱️ SALVATION IS NOT ABOUT HERITAGE—IT'S ABOUT CALLING AND RESPONSE

**Old Testament Confirmation 9:25–29**

*Those who were not my people I will call “my people”... 9:25*

*Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved... 9:27*

🖱️ GOD'S PLAN IS:

- WIDER THAN EXPECTED (INCLUDES GENTILES)
- NARROWER THAN ASSUMED (NOT ALL ISRAEL)

🖱️ God is doing more than you see—and it doesn't revolve around you

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### 3. THE REAL REASON PEOPLE MISS JESUS 9:30–33

*What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it...that is, a righteousness that is by faith*  
9:30

*But that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.* 9:31

*Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.* 9:32

*They have stumbled over the stumbling stone... 9:32*

*Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling... and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.* 9:33

- **SAME JESUS, TWO RESPONSES:**  
    **\*\*TRIP OVER HIM**  
    **\*\*TRUST IN HIM**

👉 **YOU DON'T EARN RIGHTEOUSNESS—YOU RECEIVE IT BY FAITH**

🔥 **SUMMARY**

👉 **YOU DON'T TRIP OVER EFFORT—YOU TRIP OVER JESUS**

👉 **THE ISSUE ISN'T HOW HARD YOU TRY—IT'S WHO YOU TRUST**

👉 **STOP TRYING TO EARN WHAT GOD ONLY GIVES**



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