



## News Story

# EWTN: Jews can be saved without converting!

**Note:** Please see our [response to Fr. Serpa's reply here](#)

The following was found on the EWTN Q&A Forum.  
We are quoting it here in case EWTN removes the post:

**Conversion of Jews, 'The Passion'**  
**Question from Jacob on 08-14-2003:**

Must I, as a Jew, convert and believe that Jesus is the Messiah and is God, or does the current Catholic church teach that I may be saved by my being a Jew?

Also, isn't it a given that anti-Semitism will arise from Mel Gibson's movie?

**Answer by Catholic Answers on 08-14-2003:**  
Dear Jacob,

Would that you were given the grace to recognize Jesus as the Son of God and could join the Catholic Church. But if you honestly cannot accept Him as such, by living a life as a devout Jew, you can reach heaven. This is what the Catholic Church teaches. AND Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion" does NOT contradict this.

Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.

**Note from Novus Ordo Watch:** Ah yes, this is what is today considered to be "top-notch, rock-solid Catholic orthodoxy." With "conservatives" like these, who needs liberals?! If you can be saved as a Jew, why did Christ even bother to come?!!

Here is the Catholic teaching presented in no uncertain terms by the infallible and dogmatic

## **Council of Florence, ratified by Pope Eugene IV:**

"[A]ll those who are outside the Catholic Church, not only pagans but also **Jews** or heretics and schismatics, **cannot share in eternal life and will go into the everlasting fire** which was prepared for the devil and his angels, **unless they are joined to the Catholic Church before the end of their lives**; that the unity of the ecclesiastical body is of such importance that only for those who abide in it do the Church's sacraments contribute to salvation and do fasts, almsgiving and other works of piety and practices of the Christian militia produce eternal rewards; and that nobody can be saved, no matter how much he has given away in alms and even if he has shed his blood in the name of Christ, unless he has persevered in the bosom and the unity of the catholic church." [[Read all of the Council of Florence here](#)]

Amen!

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