

# Neither Jew nor Catholic nor Protestant

*Matthew 16:13-18*

Introduction: Most religious people in the United States believe that all “Christian faiths” must be one of these three. Here is why I am not any of them—I’m only a Christian.

## **I. I Am Not A Jew**

- A. Many believe that Christianity is only a sect of Judaism  
Acts 28:21-22
- B. There are some commonalities  
Deuteronomy 6:5, Micah 6:8
- C. We are no longer under the Law of Moses  
Col. 2:14, Hebrews 9:27-28, Hebrews 10:9-10

## **II. I Am Not Catholic**

- A. There are some commonalities  
Ephesians 4:4-6, Mark 16:15
- B. There are some major contrasts  
Catholic church fully formed around 600 AD  
2 Timothy 3:16-17, Mt 15:9
- C. The Priesthood  
1 Timothy 2:5, 1 Peter 2:5

## **III. I Am Not A Protestant**

- A. There are some commonalities  
John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9
- B. There are some major contrasts  
The necessity of obedience, John 14:15  
The oneness of the church, Col. 1:18, Gal. 1:8-9  
Church Government, Philippians 1:1

## **IV. In A Sense We Are All Three**

- A. We Are Spiritual Jews, Romans 2:28-29, Romans 9:6-8
- B. We are Catholic in the sense that we see the church as universal, Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 5:23-25
- C. We are Protestant in that we speak out against anything contrary to the New Testament, Jude 3, 2 Timothy 4:1-4