

The Myth of Israel's War on Christians

THE LIE

Israel attacks Christians without restraint, and the world stays silent

THE TRUTH

Israel faces disproportionate condemnation—even as it actively protects Christians and their holy sites—while Muslim states are among the worst persecutors of Christians and it is met with silence.

BACKGROUND

- On April 23, 2026, Tucker Carlson claimed that Israel attacks Christians without restraint because Christians refuse to hold the country accountable. ([Tucker Carlson](#))
- He began by discussing an incident from April 19, 2026, in which a social media photo showed an Israeli soldier smashing a statue of Jesus with a sledgehammer in south Lebanon. Tucker claimed that “the State of Israel, its many agents in the United States, in our media, on our social media told you, ‘Don't believe it. That's fake. It's AI.’”
- Tucker further claimed that Jews and Israel hate and target Christians. He said that is why the IDF deliberately destroyed churches and Christians in Gaza—including a report that an IDF sniper purposely shot a Christian mother and her daughter.

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **The “AI” claim is false.** After the incident in south Lebanon, the IDF publicly confirmed the photo's authenticity within hours, senior officials condemned the act, and disciplinary measures were announced within a day—hardly the behavior of a government trying to hide wrongdoing. ([IDF](#))
- **Accountability was immediate, visible, and consequential.** The soldier who destroyed the statue of Jesus received 30 days in jail, removal from combat duty, and was ordered to restore the site; the photographer and other soldiers who failed to intervene were also punished—demonstrating enforcement, not indifference. ([IDF](#))
- **Condemnation came from every direction.** Israeli leadership, global Jewish figures, U.S. officials like Mike Huckabee, the Catholic Church, and international media all immediately denounced the act—contradicting Tucker's claim that it was ignored or minimized. ([Benjamin Netanyahu](#)), ([Gideon Saar](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#)), ([Mike Huckabee](#)), ([Ynet News](#)), ([Google](#))
- **The narrative is internally contradictory.** A day before claiming the world ignores alleged Israeli abuses, Tucker wrote that “the whole world” is aware that Israel “terrorizes Christians.” Both cannot be true at once. ([TCN](#))
- **Selective outrage undermines credibility.** Comparable or worse acts against Christian symbols—such as Muslim destruction of a Jesus statue in Lebanon (Dec. 2025) and vandalism of a church in Jenin—received little to no international attention. ([SG News](#)), ([AP](#))
- **Islamic persecution of Christians is unevenly acknowledged.** Widespread Muslim violence against Christians in multiple Muslim-majority countries draws far less sustained international outrage than isolated incidents involving Israel, indicating a disparity in scrutiny. ([Wikislam](#)), ([Open Doors](#)), ([Genocide Watch](#))
- **Claims that Israel targets Christians in Gaza are false.** Reports that the IDF destroyed the Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius were later refuted by the church itself. The deaths of Nahida Anton and her daughter near a Gaza church were attributed to Israeli fire without any evidence. Israel has readily acknowledged accidental damage to Christian sites. ([Orthodox Church](#)), ([Breitbart](#))
- **The “hatred of Christianity” thesis lacks empirical support.** Israel protects major Christian holy sites. The Christian population in Israel has grown more than 400% since 1948, and approximately 84% of Israeli Christians report satisfaction with their lives—outcomes inconsistent with ongoing, state-driven oppression of Christians. ([CBS](#)), ([CBS](#))

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QUOTES

- The IDF, when they do something right, they get no credit. When they do life-saving surgeries of a Gazan child, they get no credit. When they drop leaflets [to warn Gazan civilians of impending attacks], they get no credit. But when they happen to bomb a place where Hamas is operating their military from...Hamas started the war. I don't see people that were really upset about the two million Germans that were killed in World War II." – Charlie Kirk

TAKEAWAY

In the end, Israel handled the Jesus statue incident swiftly and respectfully, thoroughly refuting Tucker Carlson's ongoing narrative that the state persecutes Christians and hates Christianity. His assertion that Israel "gets away with it" is demonstrably false – in reality, it is Muslim attackers who consistently escape accountability when they target Christians. Desperate to keep his anti-Israel crusade alive, Tucker now recycles long-debunked lies from years ago while using Christians as props in his obsessive campaign.