

Mandaeans in Australia



The Mandaeans are descendants of Jewish-Christian Gnostics and may be the only sect from late antiquity to identify themselves as Gnostics. Sometimes Mandaeans are called “Christians of Saint John” because they venerate John the Baptist, and baptism is their central sacrament. In actuality Mandaism is based more on a common heritage than on any set of religious creeds and doctrines. Until recently, Mandaeans lived mainly in Iraq and Iran, but many have now fled Iraq and settled in other countries such as Australia.



Ministry Obstacles

After centuries of isolation the Mandaeans are quite insular and protective of their society and their religion. Christian resources are limited in Mandaic, their mother tongue.

Outreach Ideas

Mandaeans now reside in some western countries, and access is easier than in the past. Christians should reach out to befriend these people, and find out more about their culture, their religion and their world view. Their reverence for John the Baptist is a natural bridge to the Savior he proclaimed.



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POPULATION: 4,200

LANGUAGE: Mandaic

RELIGION: Other / Small

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray those who will soon find Christ will clearly understand full payment of the penalty for their sins. Pray the Mandaeans will be open to new world views. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among them in Australia.

SCRIPTURE For the honor of your name, O Lord, forgive my many, many sins. Ps 25:11, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.