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Christian anti-Semitism has its very basis in the antique teaching of the Church of Jesus Christ. Its main interest was to declare Jesus Christ as God, and in order to enforce its teaching the Church ignored and suppressed the Jewish roots of Jesus and their religious relevance for Christianity; important theologians and scholars of the Church struggled against Jewish Christians and suppressed their sources. In the long run, Christology fueled Christian anti-Semitism at least until the time of the Shoa. This goes for the Catholic Church as well as for protestant Communities. Michael Schmaus and Joachim Hossenfelder as well as Pope Pius XII clearly proved this fact. Although there have been considerable and important steps of reconciliation on the part of the Churches since the mid-1960s, these steps did not reach the very basis of Christianity. Therefore, it is necessary to work on instructions that should help to overcome these ongoing problems. I like to make two recommendations: 1. the biblical tradition is more important than the dogmatic teaching of the Church, because it's the teaching's foundation and not just its exemplification. 2. Christianity has to go beyond both and rediscover and reevaluate the status of Jewish-Christian sources and their relevance to develop Christian and Christological principles that are according to Jesus' Jewish faith and Jewish claims.