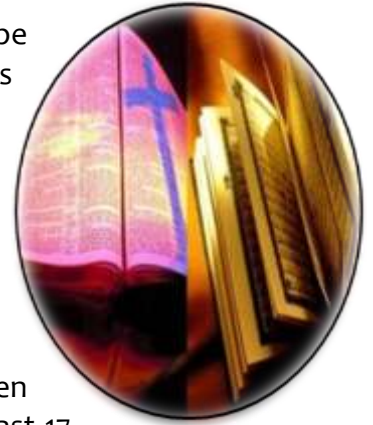




In the face of all persecution ...

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! Jesus warns his followers that they will be persecuted because they are not of this world, but have been chosen out of this world, and therefore the world hates them just as it has hated Christ (John 15:18-21). This is precisely why Jesus exhorts all who desire to follow Him to first count the cost. Anyone who is unprepared or unwilling to bear their cross and follow Christ simply cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:25-33). It was under persecution that followers of Jesus grew in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

Although the persecution of believers has continued throughout the centuries in the Middle East under Islamic rule, in the final part of the twentieth century, the number has imploded. In fact, it is said that more Christians have been killed for their faith in this century than all previous centuries combined. In the past 17 years, such persecution has multiplied as thousands of Muslims have accepted Jesus as their Savior.



Heroes of the Faith

Recently, we heard from Muslim Background Believers at the Texas MBB Conference. These stories are much like the ones in the first century. As there were heroes then, there are modern day heroes of the faith now who are showing us how we may all live hopefully and triumphantly for Christ even amid extreme danger. Is it possible that we are in the days where martyrdom accelerates before the end? Perhaps we are on the brink of something wonderful like Christ's return? Until then, persecution could be the new normal.

In 2014, ISIS (known as *Da'ish* in the Middle East) paved a path of destruction which swept through Syria and Iraq. Christians were faced with four choices: convert to Islam, pay *jizya*, leave, or die. For centuries, history has shown whenever the Christian faith has been pressed down, there has been an increase in people following Christ. Many Christians in the West do not realize that persecution of believers routinely accelerates the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the church. It has been said that the more radical Muslim groups like ISIS mow down Christians like grass, the more seed that is planted for new believers in Christ to rise up.

Persecution Spreads the Gospel

Despite the persecution faced daily in the Middle Eastern church, the Gospel is spreading throughout the region. The West has only seen a cursory glimpse of the persecution through the news of the horrendous beheadings and torture, but we do not see the real news behind those headlines—that is a test of faith and the glorious stories of redemption.

Killing Christians by Tom Doyle looks at what is happening on the front lines of the greatest spiritual battles today. He shares the miraculous accounts of God's faithfulness as believers live amid terrorist regimes in the Middle East. We highly recommend this book to grasp the price our brothers and sisters are paying to follow Christ. It is time to prepare for the coming of our LORD. Scripture is clear that the end days will be like the days of Noah. Noah spent years building the ark, diligently doing what God had called him to do. He knew that the season for divine judgment was near, but he did not know the exact day. We know that persecution is a sign of the end days, the season is here, though we do not know the exact day, we are warning you, be ready and be about the Father's business, for our Lord's return is near.

In these last days, we must make every moment count. This life is not about our agenda, but about God's agenda. Every encounter could be a divine appointment. Just a few weeks ago, we stopped for gasoline between TX and LA and had a God-ordained encounter with a Pakistani man. This turned our five-minute stop to an hour and a half as we shared Scriptures and resources with him. When we set aside our busy schedules, God can use us for His glory. We did our part, now God will do His. Will you do yours?

Faith into Action – Iman wa Amal (Faith and action)

We have now recorded and edited 10 programs and sent them to various broadcasting networks. We also have an Internet program, *Qindil*, in Urdu to respond to objections raised in Muslim video presentations about Biblical doctrines. These programs vary in length between 15 to 30 minutes. Some of these programs were released in the public a few days ago and several thousands have already accessed them.

Other activities:

We continue to respond to queries, questions and objections from Muslims directly and also help Christians in their discussions on spiritual matters with Muslim friends. In addition, we travel to hold seminars to equip the body of Christ in their outreach to Muslims. We continue to help Muslim background believers in their spiritual journey with Christ through counseling and discipleship.

We thank you for all your support. Please remember us in your prayers as at times it becomes challenging with technology changes and getting the hands-on help needed. Our need of your fellowship with us in the Lord is a great comfort to us and we are thankful.

Prayer and praise points:

- ❖ We pray for all those in the world who knowingly or unknowingly fight against God, that they will know true peace that comes in submitting to God's will in Christ.
- ❖ As we have embarked on several evangelist commitments that involve financial cost, please be with us in prayer that the Lord will bless the few loaves the ministry gets, and many Muslims will be fed with the Gospel of Jesus.
- ❖ We pray that the Lord will help us to use His precious time and energy to write and present messages with a Biblical perspective in Urdu, Pashtu, and a few other languages including English.
- ❖ We ask God to grant us continuous wisdom to equip the body and share the Gospel in the simplest Biblical way with Muslims.
- ❖ We pray for our ministry's resources to be used for God's glory.
- ❖ We pray that not only those who are in spiritual leadership, but also political and social leaders will

- God loves all people of all races and nations (John 3:16).
- He calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:39).
- We are to "seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14), choosing to "live peaceably with all" (Romans 12:18).
- We are to "defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:9).
- We as followers of Jesus are to share the Gospel with all (Matthew 20:19,20)

discard the preoccupation with "politically correct" views and stand for Truth.

- ❖ We pray for a spiritual revival across the world.
- ❖ We pray for churches to hold to Biblical teaching and gifted leaders will emerge who can speak with God-given wisdom into the crises facing America, Europe and the Middle East.
- ❖ We pray for Christian mission groups around the world to be resilient amid increasingly difficult circumstances.
- ❖ Pray with us for an MBB who needs a room, a car, and a job to sustain him while we mentor him here.

Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects

Jesus to Muslims relies solely on God through the generosity of our donors to: reach Muslims with the Gospel, expand our outreach, hold seminars to equip Christians, giving resources, as well as research and publish material for truth seekers.

Funds in total received:

April 2018: \$ 13,030

May 2018: \$ 8,794

Monthly Need is \$15,000. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide an extra \$425 a month for the next four years, to pay off our zero percent loan for the studio as well as our monthly need. PRAISE GOD FOR \$200 A MONTH OF THAT \$425 PAYMENT! If you are mailing your gift, please use the envelope provided. For online giving, please go to: www.JesusToMuslims.org and click on "Support". Donations are tax deductible.