



# Jesus and Muhammad: Same Source?

**Dear Friend in Jesus!** An Ex-Christian convert to Islam, at a Muslim-Christian gathering, quoted the following Biblical passage to support Muhammad's prophethood:

"It was he [Jesus] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

The Muslim listeners applauded (though ironically, most Muslims do not appreciate Paul, the author of Ephesians. They also do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God: Qur'an 5:72; 9:30; 19:88-92). The Muslim who picked out the above passage as evidence for Muhammad's claim of prophethood totally avoided the writings of Paul that Muhammad contradicted. Muslims who quote from the Bible tend to blatantly ignore Scriptures about Jesus' death and resurrection, as well as other important facts with which they don't agree.

The presenter's main point was that Jesus' disciples believed there would be prophets after Jesus. Although I was interrupted several times in my response, I shared that this passage states that Jesus commissions not just one prophet but rather many prophets for the people from his followers. This fulfills the prophecy in Joel which Peter quotes, accounted in Acts 2:14-21.

According to the passage in Ephesians, Jesus is the one who assigns some to be prophets. Now if Muhammad is a true prophet of God and this is the passage that supports his prophethood, then that would mean that Jesus is God. However, Muslims do not believe that Jesus is God. According to Islamic beliefs, God alone empowers and commissions prophets. They believe God (not Jesus) sent Muhammad. Therefore, even in the light of Islamic teaching, this passage cannot be about Muhammad. Also, this passage's context affirms that the prophets must speak in the name of Jesus.

Other categories are included in the passage: evangelists, pastors and teachers. What are Muslims going to do about them? The passage also refers to the "body of Christ" which is the church. The church is the body of believers in Jesus. Muslims use the Arabic word *Ummah* for its body of believers in Muhammad's teachings. Would this *Ummah* then believe that Jesus is the only way to eternal life?

As God our Father in Heaven sent Jesus, now Jesus sends others with various "jobs" to do. Jesus said to his apostles: "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21). These emissaries were sent out to preach Jesus being the only way to the Father: God (John 14:6). Muhammad did not preach that Jesus is the only way to our Father in Heaven. He did not point people to Jesus. Rather, he pointed people towards himself, thus making people his followers, not Jesus' followers. In the Qur'an, many verses are dedicated to commanding people to obey or "pay heed" to Allah and the messenger/apostle: Muhammad (Qur'an 3:32, 3:132, 4:13-14, 4:59, 4:80, 5:92, 8:1, 8:20, 8:46, 24:52, 24:56, 33:33, 33:36, 33:66, 33:71, 48:17, 49:14, 58:13, 64:12, 72:23). Muhammad's message, although mentioning Jesus with some favor, rejects the main reason for Jesus being sent into this world – as the only Savior. Muhammad preached a different message



**Jesus came for all  
Muslims included**

Muslims are no longer far away, a distant people. In the United States today, as in all Western countries, there are growing Muslim communities. Radicals, who follow Muhammad and the Qur'an to the letter, are on the move around the world as we are constantly reminded in global news stories.

Such expansions provide Christians with many challenges and opportunities to share the gospel. The ministry, *Jesus to Muslims*, seeks to help and equip Christians for ministry to Muslims through seminars, group or individual studies.

then what Jesus and his followers preached universally (John 8:24; 10:10; Acts 4:11-12; Revelation 5:9; 14:6-7; Mark 14:8-9; John 19:40; John 20:19-22). The Bible gives a very basic criterion to check the veracity of a claimant to be the messenger of Truth. No one can say, "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit's leading (1 Corinthians 12:3). Muhammad failed to admit this very basic criterion. Islam does not accept Jesus as Lord (*Rab*). The Qur'an only accepts part of the truth: Jesus being the Son of Man (*ibn Adam*). Thus, Muslims consider Jesus as "only a servant (*Abd*)." That is not the whole Truth about Jesus. His Father in Heaven testified concerning Jesus, "This is my beloved Son" and "Listen to him" (Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; 2 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:9-12). Jesus being the Son of God is in fulfillment to God's promises accounted in 1 Chronicles 17:11-15; Psalm 2:6-8; Psalm 89:26-28; Isaiah 9:6-7.

This brings us to believe that the message of the Bible and the message of the Qur'an do not come from the same God. Hence, we cannot accept that Muhammad came from the same source as Jesus.

As we celebrate Jesus the reason for the season, we are reminded that it was Satan who conspired against Adam and thus against all human beings to fall short of the glory of God. However, God responded by raising another Adam as Jesus to bring restoration to those who would believe in him. Jesus came as a babe (Luke 1:31-33). He grew in knowledge and wisdom as the Son of Man. He gave his life to redeem those who would believe in him, to give us eternal life. No other person could die for us; rise victoriously from the dead and then one day come again! This is what a Muslim needs to know that by belief in Jesus they can be restored back to God.

- The above article is from Steven Masood's book, *Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Assurance* (pages 312).

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS**

- ❖ We thank God for our brothers and sisters reaching Muslims with the Gospel and praise Him for salvations!
- ❖ We thank the Lord for a good attendance at two Seminars at Village View Community Church in Summerfield, FL and at Calvary Chapel St. Pete, FL.
- ❖ We pray that God will do miracles in the lives of Muslims in authority and influence; that the Holy Spirit will take away their spiritual blindness (2 Cor.4:4) and they will embrace Jesus as the only Savior.
- ❖ We pray for terrorist groups: ISIS, Al-Qa'da, Muslim Brotherhood, Hizballah, Hamas, BookoHaram, Lashkar Tayyabah, Abu Saif & Taliban that the Lord will stop their plans and use them for His glory.
- ❖ We pray for Christians and other minorities who are facing persecution day and night. We pray for the safety of those who have come out from Islam but are living in predominantly Muslim communities.
- ❖ We pray for boldness in the face of all opposition to reveal that Jesus is the only way.
- ❖ We pray for financial providence as we are in need of \$30,000 to reprint 13 evangelistic leaflets both in Spanish and English, including 2 new books, *Islam: A Biblical Understanding* and Karen's book, *Marriage Preparation for Eternity*.

## **Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects**

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This year due to less financial support we held back several key projects. Still to cover day to day operations we are \$8,700 behind last year's contributions. Our prayer is that in December the Lord will replenish the funds in excess over last year!

**Funds in total received:**

October 2014: \$14,025

November 2014: \$ 6,255

Monthly Need is \$15,000

As you can see, we are very much behind in our budget. However, God has promised to be faithful and we praise Him for His blessings!

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Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 12 - As Steven and Karen were called to reach Muslims and use their gifts to begin *Jesus to Muslims*, we believe God is calling another Team Member to be the Administrator for the ministry. Are you gifted in administration? If so, is God calling you to join us? Do not neglect His calling to use your gift. We really need you! Please call us today: 954-290-5111