

## Who do you say I am?

**Dear Friends,** In December, I searched for a copy of a book a Muslim friend had referred me to. It took me to an online Islamic bookstore. Apart from books, the store was selling a lot of other stuff. It was interesting to see what the shop has termed a Christmas tee shirt (see picture).

In their conversations, many Muslims zealously tell their Christian neighbors and friends that they believe in Jesus and love him more than Christians. So, where does such an acceptance come from? The source for a Muslim is primarily the Qur'an and what Muhammad said about Jesus, but it is an incomplete belief.

### The Islamic understanding

The Qur'an affirms Jesus' supernatural birth (Sura 3:33-37, 42-44). Jesus is simulated to Adam, and one wonders if the Qur'an presents him as a 'second Adam' (Sura 3:59). He preaches truth literally from the 'cradle' (Sura 19:29-34). In other texts, he is a teacher and confirmer of 'the Book' (i.e., Torah and Gospel) – the 'straight path' (Sura 3:43; 5:110).

Jesus, the Messiah, is presented as a 'healer of the blind and leper'; the 'bringer of life from the dead.' He uses the divine honorific: "Peace be upon me," and being the Word from God, he is known as *Kalimatallah*- i.e., God's Word (Sura 4:171; 3:45-51; 19:29-33; 21:91).

Even though Jesus is mentioned among the prominent Jewish names Moses, Joseph, Solomon, and David, his real purpose of being sent as Savior, Redeemer, and Restorer is absent from the ministry of Jesus in the Qur'an. He is a messenger only, and one who prophesied the coming of Muhammad (John chapters 14-16; Sura 61:6). Those who believe in the divine origin of Jesus are blasphemers (Sura 19:88-93; 112:3; 6:101). For Muslims, it is not Jesus but Muhammad who has the final seal of approval and finality from Allah according to the Qur'an (Sura 33:40).

### The Biblical understanding

In contrast, the Bible explains that God created all through his Word, whom we know as Jesus. God has delivered His final message and the fulfillment of his plan for humanity through Jesus (John 1:1,3; Hebrews 1:2). What a glimpse into the meaning of "incarnation": "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth*" (John 1:14).

The gospel (i.e., good news) about Jesus is profoundly "relational." 'The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ' (John 1:17). Jesus, who was 'full of grace and truth,' 'made his home among us' as *Emanuel* and taught us how to be restored to God through the relationship that was lost through the first Adam, now restored through the last Adam - Jesus (Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:45-48; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Since God created all through His Word, Jesus, to restore us to Him, He sent His very Word incarnated into flesh to bring us back to God by fulfilling His mercy and justice. While this process is taking place, he has not left us alone to our demise. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit, the Comforter on the Day of Pentecost, who works as an advocate and helper. Jesus said, 'He is with you and will be in you... He will remind you what I have said and lead you further into the Truth' (John 14:16; 15:26; 16:13; Acts 1:8 ff).

It is on Jesus that God has placed his seal of approval (John 6:27) so that we may know Him as our Father through Jesus (John 6:27).



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**God desires all to be saved. 1.9 Billion Muslims are included** (1 Tim 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9). How will they know the Real Jesus and His Real purpose if we don't tell them? God is seeing the heart of many Muslims. Is this why so many Muslims are seeing visions and dreams of Jesus? As God is at work, he wants you and me to partner with him so that many will know and embrace Jesus as their Savior and assurance of eternal life.

## Prayer & Praise

- ❖ We are so thankful to the Lord and his people for providing this ministry with an almost new van. The other van was from 2006 and had 335 thousand miles on it before the accident. We are thankful not only for physical protection but also for the love and practical help given by funding for the van shown to us, which brought tears of joy to our eyes.
- ❖ We are thankful for our resources being translated into several Muslim languages. Pray for more translations. We are in the process of uploading many leaflets and books translated into Spanish, Urdu, Arabic, and Farsi languages as PDF files so friends may download and use them in their outreach.
- ❖ We are thankful for friends financially supporting the mailings of Steven's books and leaflets.
- ❖ Please pray for fruit from Muslim communications and for those we have equipped for outreach over the years. Pray for more laborers to enter the harvest field.
- ❖ Please pray for MBB (Muslim Background Believers) families, including Steven and Karen's, to know the real Jesus through Angels, visions, dreams, and servants as the Scriptures promise that salvation is for us and our households!
- ❖ Daily, we continue to answer countless Muslim questions and objections via email, websites, videos, YouTube, and Zoom connections. We continually update our websites. Pray for God's protection over His message and the hearer as we travel to appointments, the first phase being from February 10 to the end of May.
- ❖ Often, we face IT and modern tech challenges. Please pray with us to be overcomers, and that the Lord will continue helping to thwart efforts against our websites and other services we help with through the internet and snail mail.
- ❖ Please pray for the PEACE of all of Israel through Yeshua. Please pray for Muslim nations to know Jesus as LORD and Savior and the only source of PEACE.



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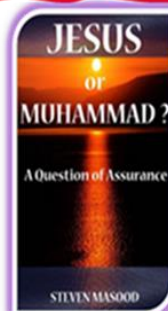
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- Is Jesus or Muhammad the final authority of assurance from God?
- What is the teaching of the Qur'an in comparison to the Bible?
- How do we respond to Muslims' objections and share the gospel with them?
- Why does the Biblical account of God and his mediation through Jesus make sense?

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Always be prepared to  
give an answer to  
everyone who asks you  
to give the reason for  
the hope that you have.  
But do this with  
gentleness and respect.  
(1 Peter 3:15)