



Who do Muslims say Jesus is?

Some Muslim organizations in the USA spend millions of dollars advertising on billboards, newspapers, and other means in order to convince non-Muslims that Muslims follow the same Jesus as Christians. For example, a billboard in Florida put up by the Islamic Society of Central Florida states, “Do you know that over 1,500,000,000 Muslims believe in Jesus?”



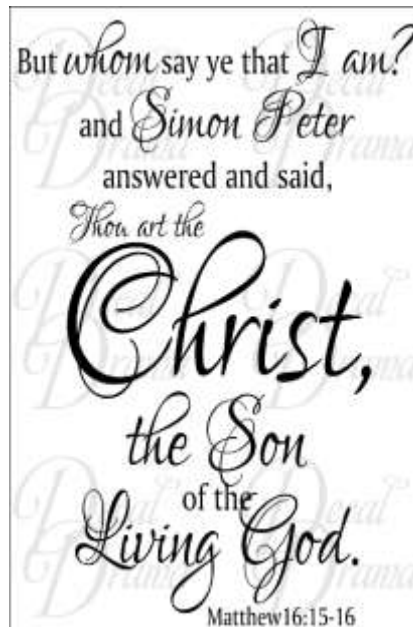
Another organization, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (known as CAIR, established in the late 90's) held a similar campaign. One of its advertisement propagandas in newspapers nationwide emphasizes commonality between Muslims and Christians. Under the heading, “More in Common than You Think,” it claims the following stance, based on the Qur’anic passage of Sura 3:45: “Like Christians, Muslims

respect and revere Jesus. Islam teaches that Jesus is one of the greatest of God’s prophets and messengers to humankind...”

One wonders: if Muslims truly follow the example of Jesus’ love, peace and forgiveness, why then in Muslim majority countries are so many Christians killed and their worship places

destroyed? Statistics show that more Christians were martyred and/or persecuted for their faith in the 20th century than in the previous nineteen centuries combined. Many of these extensive persecutions took place in Muslim countries. In fact, this trend has further accelerated. Just type the words “persecution of Christians in the Middle East” in search engines on the Internet. You can find gruesome stories of rape and murders, as well as destructions of churches and businesses at the hands of those calling themselves Muslims. Ex-Muslims (apostates) also find themselves in danger of bodily harm and/or are disowned by their families. Buddhists, Sikhs, and Hindus suffer injustices, and many Jewish people experience the volatile hatred of Islam against them. Atheists who joke about Islam and Muhammad are not immune to the hatred and violence of many Muslims either.

Some Muslim organizations boldly campaign with the claim that “Jesus is Muslim.” Why the present tense? Like Christians, the majority of Muslims believe in the second coming of Jesus. However, they see him in a subordinate role to that of the prophet of Islam. According to them, Jesus will be under a Muslim Amir, a leader, showing his complete adherence to Islam. Some Ahadith indicate that on his arrival, Jesus will ask Christians and Jews to become Muslims. A battle will begin. Jesus will destroy all the crosses and pigs. He will kill the one eyed *Dajjal*, the antichrist. After Islam is established, Jesus will live for forty years during which he will marry, have children, and perform Hajj (pilgrimage). After his death, he will be buried beside the grave of the Prophet Muhammad (*Sahih Bukhari*, Volume 3, Book 34, Number 425 ; *Sahih Muslim*, Vol.1, p.92; *Wali ad-Din, Miskat Al-Masabih*, Vol.2, p.1159.).



Christians are blessed to have a major part of the New Testament directly promising Christ's second coming. Jesus and his return as Judge is one of the major themes of our faith. Nevertheless, there is no mention of him coming as an ordinary being, nor is there the least suggestion that he will marry, die, and be buried. The Scriptures indicate that when he comes again, his people – both the living and the dead - will be raised or changed and meet him in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:15 -17; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54).



On many occasions, Jesus said that he came down from heaven (John 3:13; 8:23; 16:28) and that he would come again (John 14:2-3, 18-19; Matthew 25:31-32). His second coming will be as the Mighty Judge and conquering King (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10). The reassuring news and the final reminder is found in the last chapter of Revelation, the last book of the Bible: “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done” (Revelation 22:12).

At his first coming, Jesus became like us in every respect (Phil. 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:14-16) to deliver us from the power of Satan (Hebrews 2:14-17). He came to conquer sin and rise from the dead to gain victory and triumph over death. At his second coming, we are going to see him as he really is (1 John 3:2).

Steven Masood has written a whole chapter titled “*Analysis of the Islamic Perspective Concerning Jesus*”, showing flaws in Islamic thought and presenting the Biblical perspective about Jesus. (See: *Jesus or Muhammad? A question of Assurance*, pages 210-241). You can order this book at: <http://www.jesustomuslims.org/catalog/books-o>

Prayer and praise points

- ❖ We praise and thank Him for His providence and thank our brothers and sisters in Christ for your financial support, help, and prayers.
- ❖ Steven's book *Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Assurance* (315 pages) is now in the hands of many Muslims. We thank God for the supporters who helped us in this project. We pray God blesses them abundantly.
- ❖ Please pray for journey mercies in April-May and new speaking appointments.
- ❖ Please join us in prayer for administration support, asking God for the right person to help us in this crucial area.
- ❖ Our work of outreach to Christian women married to Muslims has increased. Please pray for Karen and friends as they lovingly give Biblical advice and help these ladies. Pray for the Holy Spirit discernment in dealing with such delicate matters.
- ❖ Please pray for funds for the production of professional DVD teachings on Islam, a Biblical approach on witnessing to Muslims, and mentoring programs.
- ❖ Please pray for Steven as he communicates with Muslims and responds to their queries. Pray that such communication will not turn into the undesirable plight of polemics but that the major course, the Gospel, will be shared and that the seed planted in Muslims' hearts will grow and bloom for their salvation, freedom, and joy in our Lord Jesus Christ, for our Father in Heaven's glory.
- ❖ We ask for wisdom as we help Christians in their outreach to Muslim neighbors, both here in the West and in Muslim majority countries.
- ❖ We ask you to join us in prayer for a revival in the Church so to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit.

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