

# God so loved the world

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**He gave  
His only  
Begotten Son**



**Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims!** Greetings! Of all the major religions in the world, Islam is the only non-Christian faith that recognizes Jesus as a historical person, however, with the pages of the Qur'an is a distinctly Islamic portrayal of Jesus. There are about ninety verses spreading across fifteen Suras (chapters) of the Qur'an that refer to Jesus as well as numerous *Ahadith* (traditions) which portray his teaching and the ultimate purpose of his first and second coming.

The Qur'an acknowledges that Jesus was born without a father. Mary, his mother was chosen by God for this purpose and the Qur'an highly reveres her. Sura 19 of the Qur'an is given her name, Maryam. She is the only woman who is specifically called by name in the Qur'an (Sura 3:42; cf. 21:91; 66:12; 23:50).

One of the most compact, probing dialogs on love is found in 1 John 4:7-21.

The word is used 25 times in these verses. The central basis for people to love one another is rooted in the nature of God Himself - God is love.

What is accepted as commonplace in the New Testament is a dim reflection in the Qur'an. While "God is greater" (*Allahu akbar*), is a statement of faith, affirmation and expression, *God is love* (*Allah mahabba*) is absent from the attributes of God. This slogan is not just used in prayers but also is and has been a War Cry.

According to the Qur'an, the ministry of Jesus commenced from the cradle (Sura 3:49). Jesus came to enhance the inner meaning and purity of the religion that had become heavily burdened by ritual, dietary laws and abuse of power by rabbinical figures (Sura 3:43-40). Jesus called the children of Israel to the worship of one God and tried to bring unity among them. (Sura 3:50). Perhaps in this passage, the Qur'an is reinterpreting the Biblical account of Matthew chapters 5 to 7. However, nowhere does the Qur'an explain why Jesus came and to what he was referring: "The son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45).

The Qur'an and the Bible agree Jesus was special. He is recognized as one 'par excellence' but to understand the whole purpose of his coming one must study and see him in the light of the Torah, the Psalms and the books of the prophets, which Jesus himself referred to. It is through these Scriptures that one can see the full picture of Jesus and how his companions and disciples understood him (2 Peter 1:16-18; 1 John 1:1-4). The Qur'an says that Jesus was sent in order to 'make him a Sign unto men' (Sura 19:21). However, the whole story can only be found in the Scriptures of those, known to

Muslims as *ahl al-kitab*, or the people of the Book, (meaning the Bible). It is only in the Bible that we learn that Jesus came as the peace maker on behalf of God the creator of all so to be the mediator between God and people who will accept him. Jesus did not do this by being a good example of tolerance and love, but by obeying God's will perfectly and dying for the sake of people who hated him.

Dear Friend, a Muslim wrote to me, complaining about the controversy over the birth date of Christ, that exists between the Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant and other denominations. He asked if Muslims and Christians should both together celebrate the birth of Christ. He also asked me to give him a reason from the Qur'an and not the Bible. I wrote the following:

Like the Bible, the Qur'an too does not give the date of Christ's birth. However, I do see that the Qur'an presents Christ as a symbol of peace. The Qur'an refers to Christ saying, 'Peace was upon me the day I was born and will be on me the day I shall die, and the day I am raised to life again' (Sura 19:33). The issue is not about the

'Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love' (1 John 4:8).

Love will not be satisfied with anything less than the total salvation of its object.

precise date but the meaning which is indicated by this occasion. Full answer is only found in the Christian Scriptures about whom the Qur'an states, 'There is guidance and light' in it (Sura 5:46).

Dear Friend, although I gave him the answer from the Qur'an, I still referred him back to the Gospel for the full answer. If you were asked such a question, would you be able to respond Biblically to such questions? *Many Blessings to you and your family as you celebrate the coming of Jesus.*

### Prayer and Praise points

- ❖ Please continue to pray with us for the 'safety' of Muslims and new believers in contact with us. We pray that the Lord will protect them and that they will be disciplined in a Biblical manner.
- ❖ Please pray with us for several Muslims who are seriously seeking the Truth about Jesus including Sulaiman, Aziz(a), Iqbal, Saeed(ah), Abu Hamza, Aamir, Ilyas, Yaqub and Masroor.
- ❖ We pray for missionary friends we trained who are now reaching Muslims globally. Some of them are supported by *Jesus to Muslims* tithes.
- ❖ Please join us in prayer for Christian ladies married to Muslims. Pray for their safety and that their lives will touch their husbands' hearts and lead their family to Christ.
- ❖ Pray with us for those who directly and indirectly distract us from our calling through abusive e-mails and attacks on our ministry's websites. May the Lord continue to grant us patience with them yet guide them to the Truth about Christ.
- ❖ Some in the mission-field are encouraging seekers that they can be 'secret believers' and still go to mosque and perform Islamic practices. Please pray they will stop this and be bold using only Biblical methods in outreach.
- ❖ We receive many e-mails from 'Christians' to provide help in outreach. Pray with us for discernment and the provision needed to provide outreach material.
- ❖ Steven, as usual has been busy responding to Muslims and Christians, also producing videos on various Christian-Muslim spiritual issues in Urdu language spoken by around 80 million people in Pakistan and India. Some claim that it is spoken as the second language by people in the United Kingdom. In the USA, there are many speaking Urdu in New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas and California.
- ❖ Another year is ending but we thank the Lord for using us to glorify Himself among Muslims and helping Muslim background believers to progress in their faith in Christ. We thank God for the seminars/teachings to equip Christians to bring Jesus to Muslims. Please pray for much fruit. We are also involved in Bible studies and leading/teaching Christians at churches and small gatherings. We

praise God for travel mercies and speaking appointments and ask Him for more open doors. We thank Him for providing and directing us to new friends and contacts to share the Word. We seek His guidance and wisdom as we build believers on a Biblical approach and response to Islam.

❖ We ask the Lord for His new servant for Administration as Kaitlyn moves onward & upward. We are so thankful for her 3 year dedication and excellence!

❖ We praise God for the few hundred people out of our 5000 readers who prayerfully supported the ministry financially in 2019 to make this year's outreach & equipping work possible! We pray for more support in 2020.

❖ Please pray with us for God's continuous **Anointing**, God's **Protection** against the Spiritual warfare that becomes fierce against us, and for God's **Provision** in convicting the hearts and minds of His people. Please pray for Steven & Karen as they share and equip the body of Christ in 2020.

### Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects

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Funds in total received:

October 2019: \$12,252

November 2019: \$10,848

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3. "Why do Muslims want to annihilate Israel?"
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