

# Is Jesus God with us?



*“Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:30-32).*

**Dear Friend in Jesus!** My Muslim friend and I had a lively discussion on the person of Jesus via Skype. We were discussing how God who is ‘al-Batin’ – hidden, became ‘az-Zahir’ – revealed to dwell among people. My Muslim friend was surprised that not just once, but twice the angel Gabriel mentioned the divinity of Jesus. In verse 35 of the same chapter in Luke the angel responds to Mary: “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”



My friend’s brother was listening and barged in with repeating Arabic words ‘Na’udhu billah’ – God forbid; ‘Kufr’ – Blasphemy. He was claiming that Jesus will come back as a follower of Muhammad. He will deny his divinity and follow Islamic law. He went on to claim that on his return Jesus will say to Christians, “I do not know you” ... ‘... why ... because you call him Lord. He is not ... You made Him God ... that is the reason He will deny you.’

To support his argument, he quoted Matthew 7:22-23 insisting that Jesus will be upset on His return because he is called ‘Lord’ by Christians. I asked him to read the verse before and after stating that the context is not about the Lordship of Jesus but of not obeying what Jesus commanded (Matthew 7:21 - 24).

What a surprise? One brother was a listener and the other was so disruptive that he disconnected the line. To influence and win an argument many today quote the Bible out of context and ignore evidence that may contradict their claim. In this case, it is not just in Matthew, but also in Luke and John that a similar matter is presented. In Luke Jesus says, “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” (Luke 6:46). In fact in John it becomes clearer. Jesus said, “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.” (John 13:13). So it is obvious that Jesus is not rejecting his own Lordship or divinity, but in fact is questioning the obedience of the followers.

Dear friends, even Satan knows the Bible. He used it out of context against Jesus and is even busy doing the same today. Let’s study the Scriptures in its whole context – celebrating Jesus as Immanuel, God with us, and also sharing Him with others so they might also know Him.

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(Luke 6:46)**

On another note, let us share with you a few highlights of 2018. We’ve been all over the country equipping the Saints. Our travels have included GA, AL, TX, Louisiana, and FL. Then we spent two months in New England traveling throughout PA, DE, MA, NH & ME. The body of Christ was certainly awakened to the dire need for understanding Islam and reaching Muslims with the Gospel. So many people came to us at our Seminars and church services to share their deep concern for their children, relatives and friends who had already married, were engaged to, or were involved

**Every 24 hours 50,000 people around the world die and enter eternity—most without The Savior. How long will we be selfish as to not share Immanuel with others, Muslims included? Yet we joyfully sing, *This is the day The Lord has Made.* Isn’t it time to act and each one reach one?**

somehow with Muslims despite being brought up as Christians. It is such a deception because so many Christians have just believed Muslims are worshipping the same God, the God of The Bible. Matthew 24:24 says that in the end days there will be false prophets and that even if it were possible the Saints would be deceived by them. It is so clearly happening as Muslim men enchant Christian women to believe their lie. After marriage these women are often abused and find out they can no longer attend church freely and they must raise their children as Muslims. Only then do they realize they were duped. As Satan misquoted the Scriptures to Jesus, he continues that today.

The Christmas story is about the ever-present God. It is about Immanuel, "which means, God with us" (Matthew 1:23) and is now

### Prayer and praise points

- ❖ We thank God for our brothers and sisters reaching Muslims with the Gospel and praise Him for salvations! For security reasons we do not publicize much of the news in this regard. If you would like to know more in detail, please contact us and we will be glad to share.
- ❖ Another year is becoming past history, 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 have also been holding seminars equipping Christians to reach Muslims to share Jesus. Apart from that, as usual we have been involved in attending, leading, and teaching Bible studies at churches and small gatherings.
- ❖ Pray for the safety of those who have left Islam, but still live in predominantly Muslim communities.
- ❖ Pray for us and our Administrative help in the office to be effective and productive.
- ❖ Steven has been busy producing videos on various Christian-Muslim spiritual issues in Urdu language, which 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 pockets of places in New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas and California that have a significant population speaking this language.
- ❖ In addition to travel in 2018, Steven has recorded 30 Urdu programs ready to go through Satellite to Pakistan & India.

❖ Please pray with us as we are in the process of launching another new website for our Muslim friends in conjunction with tv/satellite broadcasting ([www.Iman-u-AmalTV.com](http://www.Iman-u-AmalTV.com)). Pray that the Lord will use all the presentations and conversations for His glory and that many will come to know Jesus, the only Savior.

- ❖ 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 will be sharing and equipping the body of Christ in 2019.
- ❖ Please pray for open doors in churches to equip the body of Christ to reach Muslims with the Gospel.
- ❖ Although we want to continue and enlarge territories in outreach, we have been restricted by financial hurdles and man-power. Like many ministries we struggle financially but are hopeful in the Lord that if He desires to expand, he will convict the hearts to provide. As for us, we will continue to serve Him with whatever we have in our stride.
- ❖ We praise God for connecting us with Karen's cousin, whom she never knew, to open the doors to 39 appointments to equip Christians in New England and her home town!!!

### Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects

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

Thank you for being steadfast with us in your calling as we fulfill our calling in reaching Muslims and equipping Christians. THERE IS A DEFICIT YEAR TO DATE OF \$12,000. PLEASE PRAY EARNESTLY ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP US CATCH UP—. Also, 2019 brings a loss of \$550 a month from 2 supporters who have pre-warned us.

Funds in total received:

October 2018: \$9442

November 2018: \$9372

Monthly Need is \$15,000

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