

## CHRISTIANS OR MUSLIM/ISLAM

**John 8:37-47**

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Most people know Islam from stories about a *jihad* (holy war), or the *Shi'ites* blowing "somebodies" up, or of the *fatwa* (opinion on canonical law of a Mufti) against Salmon Rushdie and his The Satanic Verses (1989). The *fatwa* was declared lifted by Iran's Premiere a few weeks ago, Rushdie appeared in TV interviews, THEN the mufti in Iran said a *fatwa* cannot be lifted -- oops! One-fifth of the world claims Islam.
2. Others may hear of "The Nation of Islam" (a.k.a. "Black Muslims"), which began in America in Detroit, Michigan in 1930 by Wali Fard Muhammad. Its submission is not of all men to Allah, but of all men to Black People who they claim are gods. One of his disciples, Elijah Poole (a.k.a. Elijah Muhammad) continued the movement, which came to include Malcolm X and Cassius Clay (a.k.a. Muhammad Ali).
3. The *Qur'an* (a book claimed to be final revelations from God through Muhammad) says: "Lo the religion with Allah is *al-Islam* (the Surrender) to His will and guidance" (**Sura 3:19**). Thus *Islam* means "submission to God", and *Muslim* means "one who submits to Islam". They are NOT properly referred to as "Muhammadans". Not until Muhammad gave his last speech to his followers, however, did he certify this religion for them: "This day I have perfected your religion for you and completed My favour to you. I have chosen Islam to be your faith." (**Sura 5:3**)
4. The Apostle Paul praised his Jewish brethren for their "zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God." (**Romans10:2-3**) This truly describes the Islamic peoples of the world.
5. To my Muslim friends, I will be using the Scriptures which the *Qur'an* admits are from "Allah...for He has already revealed the Torah [**O.T.**] and the Gospel [**N.T.**] for the guidance of men, and the distinctions between right and wrong." (**Sura 3:3**). Their *Qur'an* is divided into *sura* (chapter) and verses, which helps in citing their book of religion.
6. The Confession and 5 Pillars of Wisdom are the basic requirements to be Muslim, and we will notice these in this lesson.

The *Shahadah* (open testimony) is:

*"la ilaha illa 'L-Lah, wa Muhammadan Rasul Allah"*

(There is no God but God, and Muhammad is the Apostle of God)

## I. There Is No God But One

### A. **Mark 12:29-30** ("**Deuteronomy 6:4, 5**")

1. The Premiere Commandment to the Israelites.
2. Islam, Oneness Pentecostals, and Jews today teach a misunderstanding of this passage
3. How can they teach the first statement, but not the second (**Mark 12:30, 32-34**)?

### B. This is the reason for Jewish rejection of Jesus Christ

1. **John 1:11-12**
2. **John 8:37, 41-42, 56-59**
3. **John 10:30-33**
4. **Matthew 26:63-66** "I adjure you by the living God that you tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said to him, 'It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, 'He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!'"
5. BECAUSE JEWS, PENTECOSTALS, MUSLIMS BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ONE, THERE CANNOT BE ANYONE ON EARTH WHO CLAIMS TO BE THAT GOD.

### C. This misunderstanding is "anti-Christ", for it denies there ever was The Son of God in the flesh:

1. **I John 2:22**- "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son."
2. **Colossians 2:9**- "For in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily"

### D. Without Jesus, "to whom shall we go?" (**John 6:68**)

1. **To draw us to God** - **John 6:44-45; 12:32**
2. **To die for us** - **Galatians 2:20**
3. **To mediate for us** - **I Timothy 2:5**

### E. Muslims cannot accept any humanity of God:

1. They accept Creator (**Genesis 1:1** [*Allah* is but the Arabic spelling of the Hebrew spelling of "*Elohim*"]) but nothing of weakness of **Romans 9:20, 15, 18; I Corinthians 1:18, 25**
2. Shirk is cardinal and only unforgivable sin in Islam, to compromise God's Unity by giving Him a partner: "*Unbelievers are those who declare: 'Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary' (Qur'an sura 5); 'The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, was no more than Allah's apostle and His Word which He cast to Mary: a spirit from Him...Allah forbid that He would have a son!'*" (*Qur'an sura 4*)
3. If, as Muslims teach, Jesus is *Kalimat-Allah* (the Word of God), how is it blasphemy to serve Him?
4. *Muslims, thus, deny Jesus' death on the cross:*
  - a. *Qur'an Sura 4:158*: "They denied the truth and uttered a monstrous falsehood against Mary. They declared: 'We have put to death the Messiah Jesus the son of Mary, the apostle of Allah.' *They did not kill Him, nor did they crucify Him, but it appeared so to them.*"
  - b. "what they knew about it was sheer conjecture; they were not sure that they had slain him. *Allah lifted him up to His presence*" *ibid*
  - c. **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**-Muslims, Pentecostals, Jews cannot admit this claim
  - d. *Muhammad did not die for others' sins*

cf **I Corinthians 1:13;15:3,12-15, 17**

## II. MUHAMMAD IS HIS PROPHET

- A. *Born in AD 570 in Mecca, Arabia, of the Quraysh people, who trace their ancestry to Abraham through Ishmael.* He father died before he was born, mother died in 6 years, raised by his grandfather, then uncle. Married at 25, began his "call" in a cave where angel, Gabriel, supposedly revealed matters to him. When his wife died, he is given a "revelation" that multiple wives are approved, and he took 11. His daughter, **Fatima**, married his cousin, *Ali*, and the Shi'a sect claims this line. Other *kaliphs* led the movement in conquering much of the world. The European Crusades of the Roman Catholics were military campaigns to regain the Middle East. *Muhammad died in 632.*
- B. He *"developed" his doctrine from his surroundings: from paganism to monotheism; from poverty to giving; from humility to power; Jewish and Catholic opposition made his special day of the week Friday; BUT retained heathen practices: circling the Kaa'ba* former temple of idols where a black meteorite rock is imbedded; *praying to Mecca*, where the *Kaa'ba* is found; etc.  
cf **Luke 2:46-47; John 7:45-46; Matthew 7:28-29**
- C. NO PROOF OF "PROPHET-HOOD"!
1. No Mosaic statement **Deuteronomy 18:18-19, 21-22; John 5:46-47**
  2. No Miracles **Deuteronomy 13:1-3; John 20:30-31; 21:25**
  3. No Message
    - a. **I Corinthians 14:37** God's Word Speaks
    - b. **Luke 3:21-22; Mark 9:7-8; John 12:28-30** God Spoke
  4. No Murder
    - a. Jesus was mocked **Luke 22:63; 23:11, 36** cf **I Peter 2:21-23; Acts 17:32**
    - b. "Fight for the sake of Allah those that fight against you, but do not attack them first. Allah does not love the aggressors. Kill them wherever you find them...Fight against them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme. But if they mend their ways, fight none except the evil-doers" (*Qur'an sura 2*)
    - c. **John 18:36; 6:15**

## III. PRACTICE

### A. "5 Pillars of Islam":

1. *Shahada* - repeated often daily and for many reasons [INTRO #6]; cf **Hebrews 1:1-3**
2. *Salat* - ritual prayers 5 times a day (dawn, after noon, 2 hours before sunset, after sunset, 2 hours after sunset. Remove shoes, wash feet, hands, parts of his face, turn towards *Kaa'ba* at Mecca; cf **Matthew 6:5, 7**
3. *Zakat* - ritual alms for unfortunate PLUS *Sadaqa* - voluntary offerings; cf **Ephesians 4:28; 2 Corinthians 8:3, 5**
4. *Saum* - fasts, usually in month *Ramadan*
  - a. 29 or 30 days and 9 days earlier each year;
  - b. cannot even swallow spit, touch member of opposite sex, play games of chance;
  - c. only daylight hours beginning when a white thread is distinguished from a black thread;
  - d. more money on food spent and more quarrels this month than any other time of the year;
  - e. nighttime for food, sex, or "fun"; cf **Matthew 6:16-18; Colossians 2:18-23**
5. *Hajj* - pilgrimage to Mecca if affordable in life. cf **John 4:21, 23**

B. Qur'anic Commands:

1. Women - "*Men have authority over women because Allah has made the one superior to the other*, and because they spend their wealth to maintain them. Good women are obedient. They guard their unseen parts because Allah has guarded them. *As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them and send them to their beds apart and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action against them.*" (Qur'an Sura 4:34)  
cf **Ephesians 5:28-29; I Peter 3:7**
2. "Heaven"? - "As for *those that have faith and do good works*, We shall admit them to gardens watered by running streams, where, wedded to chaste virgins, they shall abide for ever." (Qur'an Sura 4)
3. "Hell"? - "Those that deny Our revelations We will burn in Hell-fire. No sooner will their skins be consumed than We shall give them other skins, so that they may truly taste Our scourge." (Qur'an Sura 4)
4. **Drinking and Gambling** - "There is great harm in both, *although they have some benefit for men*; but their harm is far greater than their benefit." (Qur'an Sura 2)

**CONCLUSION:**

1. **The question for Muslims and all men is:** "What do you think then of Jesus - **whose Son is He?" Matthew 22:42**
  - a. **at birth?** not Joseph's **Hebrews 10:5; Luke 1:34-35; Matthew 2:18-25**
  - b. **at baptism?** not "a Baptist"! **Matthew 3:15-17**
  - c. **at transfiguration?** not "a prophet" **Matthew 17:1-5**
  - d. **at death?** not "king of the Jews" **Matthew 27:37; John 19:19-22**
  - e. **at resurrection?** **Matthew 28:1; Romans 1:4**
2. **No amount of zeal, good works, conquests, or service to Islam can take replace obedience/submission to Jesus Christ** **I Thessalonians 5:9-10**
3. **Matthew 28:18-20** is not obeyed by following *The Qur'an*.
4. "If you love me, **keep My commandments**" (**John 15:13**)

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