

## Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Submission

A Christian Response to the Islamic teaching in America that  
*Jesus and Muhammad are from the same family and have the same message - submission to God's will.*

**Submission to God's will: Rom. 12:1-2; James 4:7; 1 Tim 2:3-6**

### Message & Mission

**Jesus:** Hebrews 1:1-3 ----- **Muhammad:** Sura 33:40

- Mission: (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Sura 16:125)
- Preaching: – *Haquq allah wa Haquq al-Ibad*
- Muhammad talked about our duties towards God and each other
- Jesus summarized the 10 commandments into two sections to love God and love our neighbors like ourselves.

### Obedience and to love God (with different perspective)

- Jesus said: If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15).
- Muhammad: 'if you love Allah, follow me. Allah will love you and forgive you your sins ...' (Sura 3:31b)
- Muhammad: preached submission **from voluntary to by force**
- **Jesus:** preached 'whoever believes...'

### Love of God and Submission: A Question of commonality

- **Islam:** the "love of God" is limited to the concept of being devoted in submission to Muhammad and to Allah in Islam and then (perhaps) Allah will love you (Sura 3:31b).
- **Christianity:** The love of God is relational (1 John 4:8, 16, 19)

## Forgiveness & Assurance

- Jesus taught his followers to bless ... (Luke 6:28)
- While dying on the cross, Jesus asked the Father to forgive his killers (Luke 23:34).
- Muhammad cursed his enemies (*Bukhari and Sahih Muslim*)
- Jesus “came to seek and to **save the lost.**”
- Jesus, unlike Muhammad, has authority on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:10).
- Jesus is the Savior of the world who provides the way of forgiveness! (John 1:29).
- Muhammad: A Muslim may EARN forgiveness & paradise by fighting for Islam (Sura 61:10-13)

## A Question of Salvation - Assurance

- **Islam: Divine mercy** will be granted (if Allah wills on the Day).
- **Christianity -- Divine mercy** is available here - now
- Muhammad: ‘I do not know what will happen to me’ (Sura 46:9)
- Jesus: Believe in me and you will have eternal life (John 6:47)

## *Whose instructions are better for a truly peaceful society?*

- Muhammad: **Allah loves those who kill for Him** (Sura 61:4)
- Jesus: **“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”** - Luke 6:31

## *The Story of Submission: Helping a Muslim*

- **Abraham, Moses – Yes but Jesus is our example**