

The Cross And The Crescent Christ or Muhammad?

- Intro:
- A. The foundation of Christianity is Christ and the foundation of Islam is Muhammad.
 - B. Christ is the most important person in human history to Christians.
 - C. Muhammad is the most important person in the world to Muslims.

I. THE BIBLE PRESENTS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD (John 3:16)

- A. As the Son of God He is equal.
- B. He is one of three persons in the Godhead.
“ There are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit” (1 John 5:7)
- C. Therefore He is Divine, that is, God himself.
- D. The New Testament is Christ’s word.

II. THE QURAN PRESENTS MUHAMMAD AS A PROPHET OF ALLAH

“O People of the Book! Now hath come unto you, making (things) clear unto you. Our Messenger, after the break in the (series of) our messengers, lest ye should say: “There came unto us no bringer of glad tidings and no warner”: but now hath come unto you a bringer of glad tidings and a warner. And Allah hath power over all things.” (Surah 5:19).

- A. Especially to Jews and Christians.**
- B. The Quran was revealed to Muhammad**
“Say: “What thing is most weighty in evidence?” Say: “Allah is witness between me and you; this Quran hath been revealed to me by inspiration” (Sura 6:19)
- C. The Quran says belief in the Trinity is blasphemy.**
“They disbelieve who say: Allah is one of three (in a Trinity:) for there is no god except one God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous chastisement will befall the disbelievers among them. (Sura 5:73)

III. THE BIRTH OF JESUS WAS MIRACULOUS

- A. He was born of a virgin (Luke 1:35; 2:7)
- B. His birth was prophesied (Isaiah 7:14)
- C. His birth was the focal point of time (Galatians 4:4)
- D. He lived for 33 years.
- E. Jesus himself claimed to be God (John 3:16; 4:26)
- F. He delivered his New Testament to the world.
“And for this reason he is the mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance” (Hebrews 9:15).

- G. Jesus performed miracles. (John 20:30,31).
- H. He was never married.
- I. He was crucified by the Jews and the Romans.
- J. He arose on the third day.

IV. **MUHAMMAD'S WAS BORN TO EARTHLY PARENTS**

- A. He was born 570 AD in Mecca
- B. His family was a member of the Quraysh tribe of Mecca
- C. He lived for 63 years.
- D. Beginning at age 40 he received visions from the angel Gabriel until he died (Sura 96)
- E. He did not claim to be Divine nor able to perform miracles.
- F. He claimed to be the final prophet of Allah.
- G. He died a natural death

V. **THE DIFFERENT MESSAGES OF CHRIST AND MUHAMMAD**

A. Jesus message was one of love.

1. First and second greatest commandments (Matthew 22:37-40)
2. Love your enemies (Matthew 5:47)
3. God is love (1 John 4:16)
4. Turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39)
5. Be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)
6. Jesus taught for 3 years.

B. Muhammad's message was one of violence

1. Fighting against unbelievers commanded
"Fighting is prescribed upon you, and you dislike it. (Sura 2:216)
2. Fight in the cause of Allah
Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you ...And slay them wherever ye catch them. (Sura 2:190)
3. **Punishment of unbelievers**
"The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides" (Sura 5:33)
- 4 **Pagans to be killed**
"But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every strategem (of war) but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and pay Zakat then open the way for them: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful." (Sura 9:5).
5. **Strive against unbelievers and hypocrites**
"O Prophet! Strive hard against the Unbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell, —an evil refuge indeed." (Sura 9:73)