

# CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS



## SERMON NOTES

Week 4 September 4, 2022

“Islam”

Genesis 21:9-13, 20; Daniel 8:16, 9:21-22;  
John 1:1, 14; II Corinthians 5:20



### I. The Story of Muhammad

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ was the founder of the Islamic faith.
- B. Muhammed had a profound experience in a \_\_\_\_\_ that would change his life.
- C. There are \_\_\_\_\_ major branches of Islam.
  - a. Sunni
  - b. Shia

### II. Beliefs of Islam

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is the word that people use for God in Arabic.
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is thought to be God’s definitive and final revelation.
- C. The Five Pillars of Islam are the cornerstone of being a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Confession of faith.
  - b. Prayer.
  - c. Fasting.
  - d. Charity.
  - e. Pilgrimage.

### III. Similarities and Differences

- A. There are a number of Islamic beliefs that share \_\_\_\_\_ ground with Christianity.
  - a. Submission to God.
  - b. Prayer.
  - c. Giving to the poor.
- B. There are two significant \_\_\_\_\_ between Christianity and Islam.
  - a. The authority of the Quran.
  - b. Beliefs about Jesus.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *September 5-10, 2022*

## INTRODUCTION

The word "Islam" means "submission to the will of God." Followers of Islam are called Muslims. Muslims are monotheistic and worship one all-knowing God, who in Arabic is known as Allah. Followers of Islam aim to live a life of complete submission to Allah following the five pillars of Islam.

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### Monday: Genesis 21:9-20; 25:7-9

Arabic people - of whom Muhammed was one - trace their ancestry to Ishmael, Abraham's son. How might God's attitude toward both Ishmael and Isaac, and their coming together to honor their dead father, help to point a path toward greater peace in our world today?

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### Tuesday: Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:24-26

Islam is the religion of surrender or submission to Allah. Similarly, Jesus called his followers to "take their cross." What do you believe it means for you to choose eternal life, to "take up your cross" and follow Jesus?

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### Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Matthew 6:5-14

Muslims pray five times a day facing Mecca. The prayers are spread throughout the day to keep them focused on Allah. What do you think the apostle Paul means when he says you should "pray continually?" In what ways could "praying continually" create an inner environment which could "rejoice always"

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### Thursday: Matthew 25:31-45

Muslims must pay their 'purity of wealth' - a small percentage of their income that goes to the poor and the needy - once a year. What are the main ways you are involved in honoring God by serving others?

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### Friday: Matthew 5:38-45, Romans 12:14-21

Muhammed was a warrior; leading an army was one of the roles he played. The teachings about war and violence in the Quran stand in marked contrast to those of Jesus. Jesus set aside the model of proportional revenge set out in Exodus 21:24. When you feel like "getting even," how can you become more like Jesus instead?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Christians and Muslims worship the same God and share common ground when it comes to submission to God, prayer, and giving to the poor. However, Christians differ with our Muslim cousins when it comes to the authority of the Quran and beliefs about Jesus. Despite our differences, both Christians and Muslims can grow closer to God by building bridges between our communities and learning from each other.

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*Answers to the sermon notes I A) Muhammad, B) cave, C) two. II A) Allah, B) Quran, II C) Muslim. III A) common, B) differences.*