

# Mohammed is Not Jesus And Jesus is Not Mohammed

## Introduction:

1. Over the years events in the Middle East and the U.S. have brought the religion of Islam to the public eye ...
  - a. The hostage crisis in Iran in the late 1970s
  - b. The war with Iraq in the early 1990s
  - c. The attack on the World Trade Center / Pentagon in 2001
  - d. The U.S. war against international terrorism in response
  - e. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict over the past fifty years
2. The increasing popularity of Islam has also caught the attention of many...
  - a. It is estimated there are 1.8 billion (1/4 of the world population) Muslims
  - b. Many live in the Arab world (120 million)
  - c. Many more live in countries such as Iran, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, China, remnants of the USSR, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Sudan
  - d. It is the world's fastest growing religion...
    - 1) It has grown 235% from 1935 to 1983 ("Christianity" - 47%)
    - 2) An estimated 10 million Muslims reside in the US
3. Such growth can be attributed to a number of factors...
  - a. High birth rates
  - b. Militant and evangelistic fervor
  - c. Independence of Islamic countries
  - d. Wealth (oil)
  - e. Education in other countries
4. Christians need to become more familiar with Islam...
  - a. To better understand world events, our neighbors, and in some cases, our enemies
  - b. To be able to share the gospel of Christ with those who in many cases know the Bible better than many professing "Christians"
5. I want to prepare you for the spiritual conflict that lies ahead

# I. The Prophet Mohammed

## A. The Two Stages of Mohammed's Life

### 1. The Tolerant Years in Mecca

- a) *The Muslim religion was founded in the 7th century by Muhammad (c. 570-632)*
- b) *He was raised by an uncle and grew up as a shepherd and camel driver.*
- c) *After marrying a wealthy widow named Kadijah, the first of his many wives, he spent time in contemplation and prayer, and during one session lasting six months the angel Gabriel supposedly appeared to him*
- d) *Muslim means "one who surrenders himself to God"*
- e) *Islam means peace – peace of surrender or submission*
- f) *During the tolerant years, Mohammed used teaching to gain converts to his religion*
- g) *In the tolerant years Mohammed wrote much about being at peace with non-Muslims*
- h) *For example, Surah 2:256 in the Koran says, "Let there be no compulsion in religion. Truth stands out clear from Error."*

### 2. The Aggressive Years in Medina

- a) *During the aggressive years, Mohammed used the sword to gain converts and followers*
  - (1) When peace failed, he picked up the sword, and for the rest of his life he used the sword to force adherence to Islam.
  - (2) Many of the prophecies Mohammed gave during this period contradict the earlier prophecies and demand war against unbelievers.
  - (3) Those who quote from Surah 2:256 and similar ones from Mohammed's early life ignore the fact that these were written before he picked up the sword and changed his policy.
- b) *At first Muhammad's rev. were rejected in Mecca*
  - (1) He was forced to flee from there to Medina in 622 A.D.
  - (2) In Medina Muhammad was successful in gaining converts (except among the Jews).
  - (3) As a result of their obstinacy, Muhammad eliminated them by slaughter and banishment.
  - (4) Muhammad was infuriated that the Jews bowed to Jerusalem rather than to Mecca in their prayers.
  - (5) Muhammad marched on Mecca [the city that had rejected him] with an army of 10,000 men and overthrew the city.
  - (6) Mohammed was a terrorist and today's Muslim terrorists are only following his example

- c) *The teachings of Mohammed were not received by the Arab Jews in Medina*
- (1) Those who did not convert to Islam were exiled or killed
  - (2) The final Jewish group so infuriated Mohammed that he slaughtered all 800 adult males and sold their women and children into slavery
  - (3) In one battle, the Muslims were outnumbered 3 to 1, the Prophet decreed, "Not one who fights this day and bears himself with steadfast courage.. shall meet his death without Allah bringing him to paradise!"
  - (4) With that incentive, they routed the superior force and Mohammed instantly became a widely admired figure and his fame spread.
- d) *He began teaching his followers to bow towards Mecca when they prayed.*
- (1) Mecca, the city of the birth of Mohammed, became the holy city of Islam
  - (2) Medina, the city where Islam developed, became the second holiest city.
  - (3) Jerusalem is the 3<sup>rd</sup> holiest city to Muslims

## II. Mohammed and Jesus Contrasted

### A. Jesus was God – Mohammed Wasn't

1. But Jesus said, "I Am God." Jesus didn't say, "I'm a Guru. I'm a sage. I'm a good guy. I'm a teacher. I'm a prophet." He said, "I Am God."
  - a) *Joh 10:30 I and my Father are one.*
  - b) *Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*
  - c) *Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
2. Did Muhammad or Jesus meet all the prophecies—from the OT describing the one-and-only Messiah from God?
  - a) *Muhammad claimed to be the greatest and last prophet of Allah.*
  - b) *He was born in Arabia. But, Moses said the Messiah would be born in Israel*
  - c) *Jeremiah said the Messiah would be a descendent of David - (Jeremiah 23:5).*
  - d) *Zech 9:9 said He would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey.*

- e) *David said Messiah would*
    - (1) that his hands and feet would be pierced (Psalm 22:16)
    - (2) be betrayed by someone he ate with (Psalm 41:9)
  - f) *Isaiah said Messiah would...*
    - (1) heal the blind, the deaf and the lame (Isaiah 35:5),
    - (2) that the people would reject him (Isaiah 49:7),
    - (3) that He would not protest (Isaiah 53:7, 12),
    - (4) that Messiah's back would be beaten (Isaiah 50:6),
    - (5) that He would be spit upon and disfigured (Isaiah 50:6)
    - (6) that Messiah would die among criminals (Isaiah 53:9, 12).
3. These OT prophecies were fulfilled in the life of only one man—Jesus Christ!

### **B. Jesus was Sinless, Mohammed Wasn't**

1. Mohammed had no sons of his own who lived to adulthood
2. So he adopted a son named Zaid
3. Zaid married a stunningly beautiful woman named Zainab.
4. Mohammed accidentally observed her scantily clad when he was visiting his son one day
  - a) *Mohammed was overcome with lust because of her beauty.*
  - b) *We read in the Koran that Allah turned Mohammed's heart to desire Zainab.*
  - c) *Turned out that it was Allah's will that Zaid divorce his wife so that his adoptive father, Mohammed, could marry her.*
5. So Allah was responsible to the lust of Mohammed and Allah sanctioned the destruction of the marriage of a young couple so that Mohammed might marry yet another wife.
6. Allah is quite different from the God of the Bible

### **C. Many Prophecies about Jesus, NO Prophecies about Mohammed**

1. Micah 5:2 – the place of Jesus' birth was predicted
 

*2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

2. Isa 7:14 – The virgin birth was prophesied  
**14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
3. Zech 11:13 – amount of money for the betrayal of Jesus was prophesied  
**13** And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.
4. Ps 34:20 – not a bone of his was broken  
**20** He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
5. Jesus would be crucified – Ps 22:16  
**16** ... they pierced my hands and my feet.
6. Ps 22:18 – Soldiers would gamble for Jesus' garments  
**18** They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
7. No prophecies about Mohammed

#### **D. Consider Their Lives**

1. Life of Christ
  - a) *The Bible records many signs, wonders, miracles performed by Jesus*
  - b) *Feeding of 5000, healing of the blind, lame, raising the dead, cleansing of lepers, casting out demons*
  - c) *Jesus could forgive sins*
2. Life of Mohammed
  - a) *The Koran makes no claim that Mohammed ever worked a miracle – Fazlur Rahman, Ph.D, professor of Islamic Thought, University of Chicago*
  - b) *Mohammed committed sins but was somehow cleanses of all unworthy thoughts when he was 12 yrs old*
  - c) *Mohammed pursued open warfare against those who opposed him killing many of his opponents*
3. One claimed to be God while the other only claimed to speak for God
4. One refused to resort to violence though he could have called 10,000 angels to destroy the world and set him free

## **E. Consider Their Deaths**

1. Jesus did not die the death of an aged man
  - a) *He did not die the death of someone sick and ailing*
  - b) *Jesus died an unimaginable death at the hands of the Romans*
  - c) *By his death he paid for the sins of His people*
  - d) *He shed his own blood for the remission of our sins*
  - e) *His death fulfilled many prophecies and types*
2. What about the death of Mohammed?
  - a) *Islamic scholars tell us that Mohammed became ill with violent headaches and a fever.*
  - b) *Before he died he exhorted the Arabs to remain united*
  - c) *Mohammed's tomb in Medina is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most venerated site by the Muslims*

## **F. Consider Their Resurrections**

1. Resurrection of Jesus
  - a) *His resurrection was predicted*
  - b) *Though the tomb was sealed and guarded, Jesus still rose from the dead*
  - c) *The Lord showed himself alive with many infallible proofs*
2. Resurrection of Mohammed
  - a) *If you return to the tomb of Muhammed in Medina, you will find it occupied. When you go to Christ's tomb found outside of the walls of Jerusalem you will immediately discover it's empty!*
  - b) *Mohammed ascended into heaven*
  - c) *There was no real significance of his death or resurrection*

## **G. Consider Their Brides**

1. Jesus never married or had any children
  - a) *His church is his bride*
  - b) *2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*
  - c) *Jesus will take his bride to heaven one day*

2. Mohammed had many wives
  - a) *His first wife was a wealthy widow*
  - b) *After his first wife died, he married at least 10 women and had additional concubines*
  - c) *His youngest wife was only 9 yrs old when he married her and she brought her toys to the marriage*
3. Big difference in their brides

### **H. Notice the Big Difference**

1. Muhammed was the prophet of war; Christ is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7).  
**6** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
2. Muhammed's disciples killed for the faith; Christ's disciples were killed for their faith (Acts 12:2; 2 Timothy 4:7).  
**2** And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
3. Muhammed promoted persecution against the "infidels"; Christ forgave and converted the chief persecutor  
**1Ti 1:13** Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. **14** And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. **15** This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
4. Muhammed was the taker of life; Christ was the giver of life (John 10:27-28).  
**27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

5. Muhammed and his fellow warriors murdered thousands; Christ murdered none but died for all! (compare Jn 12:48)  
**48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**
6. Muhammed's method to his religion was COMPULSION; Christ's aim was voluntary relationship by CONVERSION (Acts 3:19).
7. Muhammed practiced FORCE; Christ preached FAITH (John 6:29, 35).
8. Muhammed was a WARRIOR; Christ is a DELIVERER (Col. 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:10).
9. Muhammed was swift to shed blood (Romans 3:15-17); Christ shed His own blood for the salvation of many (Ephesians 1:7).
10. Muhammed preached "Death to the infidels!"; Christ prayed "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)
11. Muhammed's Mission was to conquer the world for Allah; Christ's mission was to conquer sin's penalty and power through His substitutionary atonement (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18).

Conclusion:

1. I have not attacked anyone this morning
2. I urge you to be kind and loving toward Muslims
3. But, at the same time, I want you to realize that Islam is a wicked and evil religion that is leading its adherents to hell