



Christianity vs. Islam

FACT: Muslims are the fastest-growing religious group in the world

Islamic Extremism Has Created Irrational Fear

- Traditional Islam has been hijacked by the portrayals of Muslims as radicals on TV, movies and social media
- When some people think of Muslims, unfortunately they think of terrorists and radicals who they do not want to get on a plane with or women with head coverings
 - FANATICS
 - SUICIDE BOMBERS
 - TERRORISTS
 - UNFAVORABLE VIEW has led to VIOLENCE
- Constant images of Islamic extremism has led to **ISLAMOPHOBIA**
- There is a major difference between **RADICAL** Islam and **REGULAR** Islam

The Differences Between Radical & Islam

- Explain terms: JIHAD, ISIS and CALIPHATE
- The Vast Majority of Muslims Consistently Reject Extremism and Terrorism
 - Radical groups such as ISIS are rejected by the majority of Muslims and cannot represent the entirety of Islam
- Muslims Are the Overwhelming Victims of Extremist Attacks
 - Almost all of the human impact of extremist attacks are Muslims killing or injuring fellow Muslims
 - Anti-Muslim sentiment is at an all time high
 - Last year over 500 mosques were attacked and vandalized
 - We should not fear Muslims...
- We need to love Muslims...
 - The Bible says to “Love Thy Neighbor”
 - Gain understanding

What are the SIMILARITIES between Christianity and Islam

- What do we have in Common:
 - We Believe in "Allah" – "Allah" in Arabic means G____
 - We believe in Eternal Life: Paradise - Heaven
 - We believe in Jesus
 - Adam
 - Moses
- We believe in 4 of the 5 P_____ of Islam:
 1. One God
 2. P_____
 3. F_____
 4. Giving

What are the DIFFERENCES between Christianity and Islam

Christianity	Islam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I_____ • Grace • Jesus (Son of God) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I_____ • W_____ • Jesus, a P_____

- Muslims believe in the Koran and the Bible but the Koran is Supreme
 - EX. Even if Gospel accounts say Jesus was crucified, they don't agree with it because from the Muslim perspective, the Qur'an is the final revelation from God and it tells us otherwise

What do Muslims believe about Jesus?

- What the Qur'an says about Jesus...
 - Born of virgin Mary
 - Sinless
 - Performed miracles
 - Died (Many Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on the cross... "[another] was made to resemble him")
 - Raised from the dead by Allah

- Lives in Paradise
- Will return again...to live a regular life and then die
- They do not believe that Jesus is God?
- They do not believe that salvation is through Christ alone

How to Share the Gospel with Someone Who is Muslim?

- K_____ Bridging: Using the Koran to show Muslims who Jesus is
- Sharing the gospel with a Muslim is not as scary as most people think...but it is different.
 - What do I say?
 - A Greeting: Asalaam wa Aleikum = Hello, Hi
 - Ask questions
- 2. What are some practical ways to reach out?
 - Have Fun! Invite them for a meal (avoid pork & alcohol) Games, family outings
 - Be yourself:
 - Don't start with an agenda: It's not your job to convert them. Let the Holy Spirit do that. Your job is to love them like Jesus
 - Don't be religious:
 - Don't be defensive
 - Don't be argumentative
 - Don't come across as knowing everything
 - Ask questions and listen carefully.
 - Have you ever had a dream or vision?
 - If you were to die tonight would Allah allow you into Paradise?
 - Initiate conversations about Jesus
- 3. What are some things to avoid?
 - Pork & Alcohol
 - Saying "I'm a Christian" instead of, "I'm a follower of Jesus the Messiah"
 - Inviting them to a Bible Study – instead inviting them for a discussion about Jesus
- 5. What are some Key Takeaways?
 - Keep it about Jesus: What the Qur'an says about Jesus...
 - Born of virgin Mary, sinless,
 - Performed miracles, died, raised from the dead by Allah, in Paradise, will return again... and so many more...
 - Love them, like Jesus
 - Show up – Do your bit part and let the Holy Spirit do the heavy lifting...
- Most importantly...Don't be afraid...the Holy Spirit does the heavy lifting...our job is to put the pebble in their shoe!