

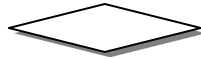
# So Close! ...And Yet So Far?



## ***The Teachings Of Jesus In Dialogue With Other Beliefs***

### **Part 4: "All For One & One For All"**

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### **Introduction – The Great Divide**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

### **Beginnings & Beliefs**

- i) Muhammad received revelations from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - At first he thought the revelations were from \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) The *Qur'an* contains the exact words of \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii) Allah – a strong call to \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv) Affirmation of Jesus as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- v) A religion that is tied to a \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_.

- vi) The Five Pillars...
  - a. Confession (*shahada*)...
  - b. Prayer (*salat*)...
  - c. Fasting (*sawm*)...
  - d. Generosity (*zakat*)...
  - e. Pilgrimage (*hajj*)
- vii) *Jihad*... Holy War
- viii) 3 Major divisions...
  - a. Sunnis –
  - b. Shi'ites –
  - c. Sufis –

### **What Can We Learn From Islam?**

- i) God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 119:5, etc.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- ii) Conversion should be a \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

**Romans 10:9**

- iii) God's people should be \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 3:3-4**

- iv) We must never be \_\_\_\_\_ to follow God.

**Romans 1:16**

## **What Can Muslims Learn From Jesus?**

i) Don't believe what every \_\_\_\_\_ tells you.

**2 Corinthians 11:14**  
**Galatians 1:8**

ii) Women are men's \_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 3:28**  
**1 Peter 3:7**  
**1 Corinthians 7:3-4**

iii) God's kingdom is an \_\_\_\_\_ empire.

**Luke 17:20-21**

iv) There is one holy war, and it is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

- *The Crusades are an example of Christians \_\_\_\_\_ the teachings of Jesus.*
- *The Islamic wars are an example of Muslims \_\_\_\_\_ the teachings of Mohammed.*

v) God loves \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:8**  
**2 Peter 3:9**

v) God's ultimate revelation is not a book but a \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 1:1, 14; 8:42; 14:6**  
**Hebrews 1:1-2**

vi) Salvation is a gift we receive by faith.

**Isaiah 64:6**  
**Ephesians 2:8-9**  
**Titus 3:5**  
**John 3:36**

vii) We can have assurance of salvation.

**John 1:12; 3:16**  
**Romans 8:15-16**

## **Conclusion – Have You Confessed Christ?**

**Romans 10:9**

### **HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...**

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, share what aspect of Islam you are a) most attracted to? b) most 'turned off' by?
2. Muslims believe in the power of the Qur'an. Read what the Bible says about its ability to equip us in **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. a) For each of the four uses of Scripture given in **verse 16**, think of one example of how you might use the Bible in that way. b) On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you use Scripture the way it says it should be used? What could you do to raise your score? c) According to **verse 17**, what will be the result of following **verse 16**?
3. Christianity, like Islam, is a faith of action. Read **Matthew 25:31-46**. a) When we serve others, who are we really serving? (Also see **1 John 4:20**.) b) Reading over the list of deeds of service, give one example of how we can fulfill each today. c) What are other ways we can serve "the least of these" today that are not specifically mentioned in this passage?
4. Read **James 2:14-26**. a) How does this passage reconcile with **Romans 3:28 & Ephesians 2:8-10**? b) Taking these things into account, what does it mean to be "saved by faith"?
5. Christians have a "holy war" to fight. Read **Ephesians 6:10-17**. a) Give one practical example of how we might use each piece of armour today. b) Which piece of armour do you tend to neglect the most? c) What is one thing you can do to strengthen your spiritual battle abilities? d) Close by praying for each other in this area.