



What is Islam?

1. Islam is a religion originating with the **teachings** of Muhammad, a 7th century Arab religious and political figure.
2. The word "Islam" means **surrender** or submission and it comes from the root word "*salem*" which means surrender.
3. The word "Muslim" means **one** who surrenders to.
4. The most important place of worship for the Muslim is the Mosque which is always **pointed** towards Mecca, the birthplace of Muhammad which is located in Saudi Arabia.

NOTES:

Islam is considered the second largest religion in the world with 1.2 billion people claiming to be Muslims.

Like Christianity and Judaism, Islam traces its roots back to the patriarch Abraham.

What do Muslims Believe?

1. What Do the Muslims Believe About the Bible?
 - ✓ The Muslims believe that the Bible is **corrupted**.
 - ✓ The Koran is the sacred **book** of Islam and is broken up into 114 chapters called Suras.
 - ✓ The Muslims strongly believe that the Koran is the direct, literal **word** of God.
 - ✓ The Muslims believe the Koran was delivered by the angel Gabriel to Muhammad in a **cave** when he was 40 years old.
 - ✓ The Muslims also believe in other holy writings:
 - *Torah* - the First Five books of **Moses**.
 - *Injeel* - the message that Jesus gave, written down, but no longer exists.
 - *Zaboor* - the **Psalms**.
 - While the Muslims accept these writings a sacred, none of them are **greater** than the Koran.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 Peter 2:1

2. What Do the Muslims Believe About God?

- ✓ The Muslim word used for god is "*allah*" which has become the **name** of God in Islam.
- ✓ The Muslims believe Allah is the one and **only** god in all existence.

3. What Do the Muslims Believe About Jesus?

- ✓ The Muslims believe Jesus was only one of **many** great prophets given by God.
- ✓ The Muslims believe Jesus was not the **son** of God.
- ✓ The Muslims believe Jesus was not **crucified**.
- ✓ The Muslims believe that there is no need for the atoning **sacrifice** of Jesus Christ.

4. What are Some of the Other Beliefs that the Muslims Have?

- ✓ The Muslims believe that Muhammad is Allah's **greatest** and last prophet and his message surpasses all other past prophets including Jesus.
- ✓ The Muslims believe alcohol, drugs, fornication, eating of pork, and gambling should be **avoided**; however, once in Paradise, Muslim men may drink as much alcohol as they can and have sex with an unlimited number of young virgins for eternity.
- ✓ The Muslims pray for *shari'ah* the complete rule of Islamic law in the **world**. Because of this, Muslims are seeking more converts, attacking other religious systems both by the sword and by word, moving into every nation, and seeking political power wherever they can achieve it.
- ✓ The Muslims believe that *Jihad*, or Holy War is to be waged until the Day of Judgment, or until the world is under complete **domination** by the Islam.

The Muslims are strongly opposed to the doctrine of the trinity.

The Muslims believe that God allowed Judas to look like Jesus and he was crucified in his place.

Islam is a religion based on works. Allah rewards the Muslim follower when he is obedient. Muslim heaven, or paradise, must be earned by carefully keeping rules and regulations. There is no assurance of salvation or confidence that even the faithful Muslim will achieve paradise.