

MUHAMMAD OR JESUS? (2)
Colossians 1:13-23

Introduction:

- 1. Western civilization stands at the crossroads today!**
 - a. The Judaeo-Christian foundation upon which it was built is rapidly being eroded.**
 - b. Islam seeks to replace it by numbers, or by violent overthrow.**
- 2. Islam is growing at an astounding rate in Europe and North America.**
 - a. Much of it is by immigration - both legal and illegal.**
 - b. Europeans and North Americans are having fewer children while Muslims generally have larger families.**
- 3. If Islam prevails, our grandchildren will live in a very different country.**
 - a. Sharia law will replace constitutional democracy.**
 - b. Women will lose basic rights and privileges they now enjoy.**
 - c. Christians and members of other religions will become second class citizens subject to an exorbitant tax called "jizya."**
 - d. The America we know and love will be a thing of the past.**
- 4. In our previous lesson, we noticed three contrasts between Jesus and Muhammad:**
 - a. Muhammad claimed to be only a prophet, but Jesus claimed to be the Son of God.**
 - b. Muhammad had no proof of his claim to be a prophet except his own word (which he initially doubted), but Jesus offered firm evidence that He was God's Son.**
 - c. Muhammad was a man of war who killed and robbed to advance his religion, but Jesus is the Prince of Peace.**

Discussion:

- I. MUHAMMAD WAS A FABRICATOR AND LIAR, BUT NO FAULT COULD BE FOUND IN JESUS.**

A. Muhammad falsely claimed that Jesus foretold his coming.

“And of Jesus the son of Mary, who said to the Israelites: ‘I am sent forth to you from Allah to confirm the Torah (Law) already revealed, and to give news of an apostle that will come after me whose name is Ahmad’ {Ahmad is Muhammad}” (Sura 61:6).

- 1. This statement attributed to Jesus by Muhammad is not in the New Testament or even the apocryphal writings.**
- 2. It is a complete fabrication as are several other statements in the Quran which are attributed to Jesus.**

B. No charge of wrongdoing could be sustained against Jesus.

- 1. The chief priests, elders and council sought false testimony against Jesus but found none (Matt. 26:59,60).**
- 2. Judas confessed, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood” (Matthew 27:4).**
- 3. Pilate repeatedly stated that he found Jesus innocent (Matthew 27:23,24; Luke 23:4, 14,15, 22).**

II. MUHAMMAD HAD A VERY LOW VIEW OF WOMEN, BUT JESUS HELD THEM IN HIGH REGARD.

A. Muhammad: “Men have a status above women” (Sura 2:228).

“A male shall inherit twice as much as a female” (Sura 4:11).

“Men have superiority over women because Allah made the one superior to the other, and because they spend their wealth to maintain them... As for those from whom you fear disobedience admonish them and send them to beds apart and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action....” (Sura 4:34).

“Muhammad asked: ‘Isn’t the testimony of a woman equal to half that of a man?’ They said ‘Yes.’ He said, ‘This is because of the deficiency of a woman’s mind’” (hadith 3.826).

B. Muhammad had at least eleven wives and two concubines.

1. He allowed his followers only four wives (Sura 4:3).
2. The Quran permits men to divorce their wives, but a woman does not have a right to divorce her husband.
3. His adopted son, Zaid, divorced his wife, Zaynab, because Muhammad wanted to marry her (Caner and Caner; Unveiling Islam, p. 135).
4. Muhammad married Aisha when she was 6, but did not consummate the marriage until she was 9 and he was 55.

C. Jesus showed great respect for women.

1. He taught marriage was only between a man and a woman and was for life with but one exception (Matthew 19:3-9).
2. Men and women have the same rights (Mark 10:11,12).
3. Husbands must love their wives as themselves and as Christ loved His church (Ephesians 5:25-29).
4. Women were among His faithful followers (Matt. 27:55,56).
5. They were the last to leave the tomb and the first to arrive on the day Jesus arose (Luke 23:55 - 24:10).
6. Men and women have the same standing before God in in Christ (Galatians 3:26-29).

III. FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST HAVE ASSURANCE OF THEIR SALVATION, BUT FOLLOWERS OF MUHAMMAD DO NOT.

A. Muhammad was not sure even he would go to Paradise.

“By Allah, though I am the Apostle of Allah, yet I do not know what Allah will do to me” (hadith 5:266; quoted in Caner and Caner, Unveiling Islam, p. 31).

1. If Muhammad, “the last and greatest of the prophets,” did not know if he would go to Heaven, how can any of his followers have any assurance they will?
2. Kismet (the belief that all that happens has already been determined) leads to the view that Allah will send to Hell those he has predestined and to Paradise those he has predestined and nothing can change it (Caner, p. 31).

“But Allah leaves in error those whom he will and guides whom he pleases” (Sura 14:4).

- 3. Apparently, the only way a Muslim can be sure of Paradise is if he dies in Jihad {war against unbelievers} (Caner and Caner; Unveiling Islam, p. 35).**

“The Prophet said, ‘The person who participates in battle in Allah’s cause and nothing compels him to do so except belief in Allah and his apostles will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward or booty {if he lives} or will be admitted to Paradise {if he is killed}” (hadith 1.35).

B. Christians have blessed assurance in Christ.

- 1. We are not sinless, but continue to have access to the blood of Christ if “we walk in the light” (1 John 1:7-10).**
- 2. After warning us to take “heed lest we fall” Paul assures:**

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

- 3. John also assures us of our eternal destiny:**

“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:11-13).

Conclusion:

- 1. Muhammad was a fabricator and a liar who had a low view of women.**
- 2. His followers have no assurance of Paradise unless killed in Jihad.**
- 3. Jesus lived a sinless life and held women in high esteem.**
- 4. He gives us assurance of eternal life if we obey Him (Hebrew 5:9).**

