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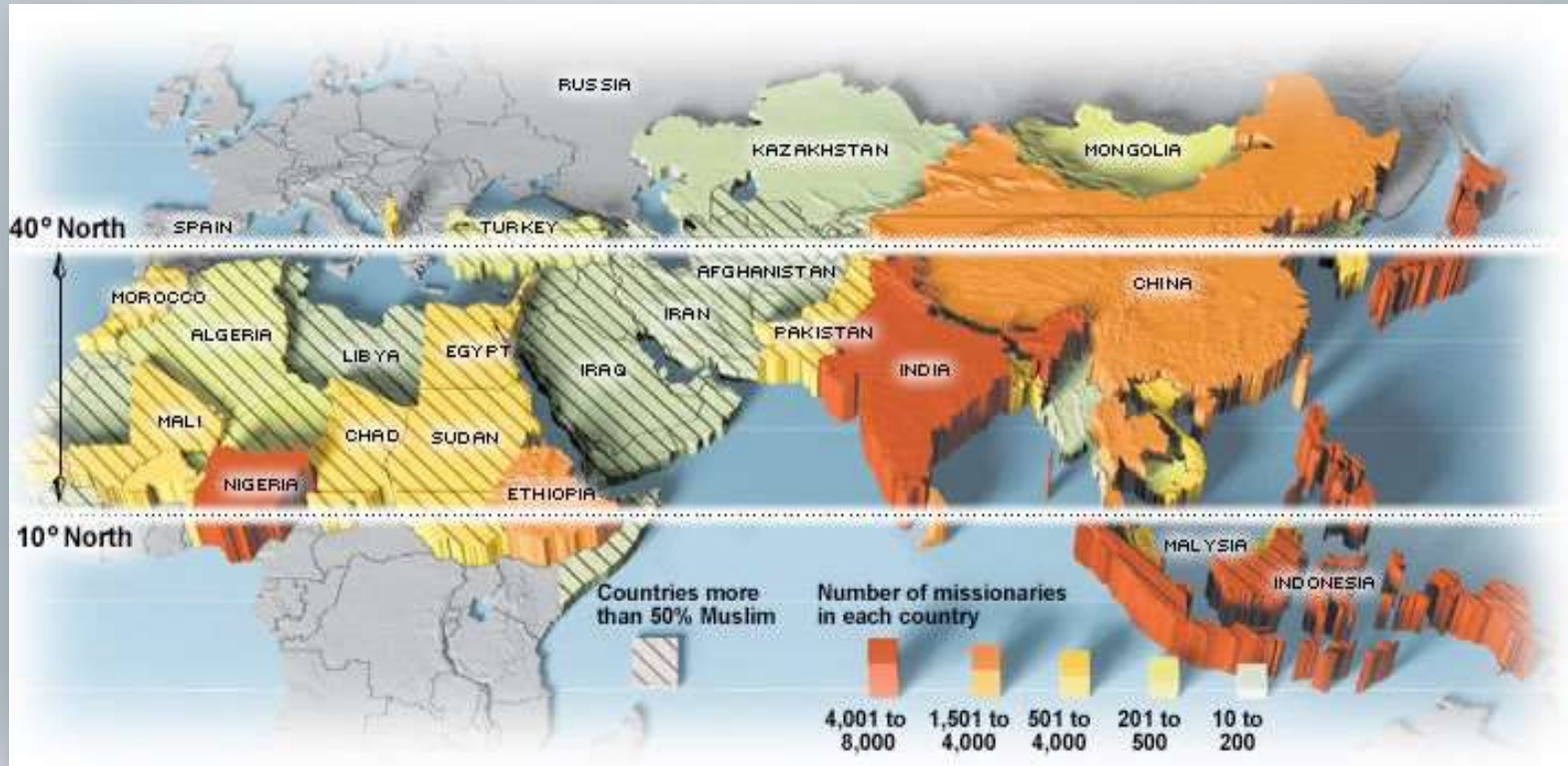
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JOHN 10:10

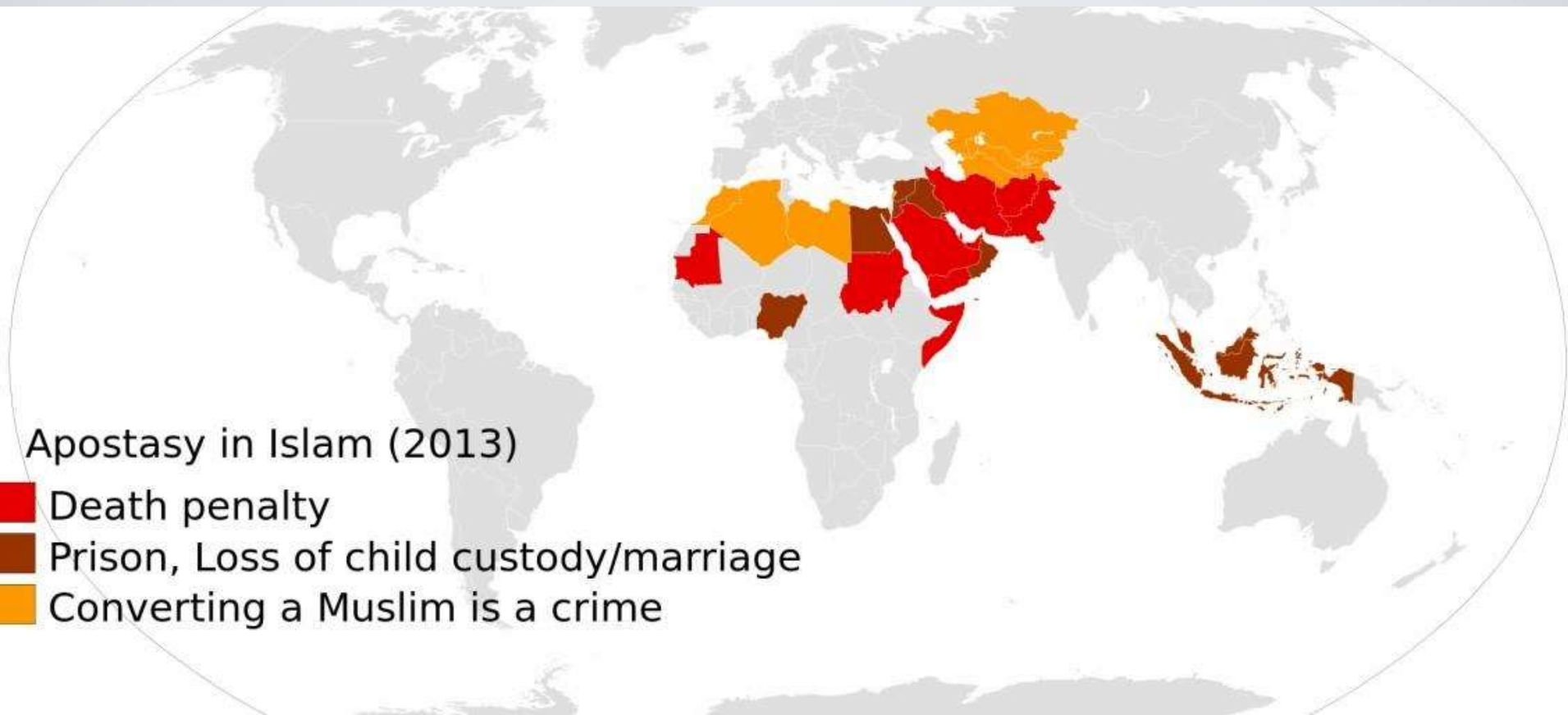
“I have come that they may
have life and have it more
abundantly”

هَذَا جَاءَ لِيُعْطِيَ
حَيَاةً أَفْضَلَ





10/40 WINDOW



Apostasy in Islam (2013)

- Death penalty
- Prison, Loss of child custody/marriage
- Converting a Muslim is a crime

“And this Gospel of the kingdom will be preached to all nations as a testimony for them, and then the end will come.

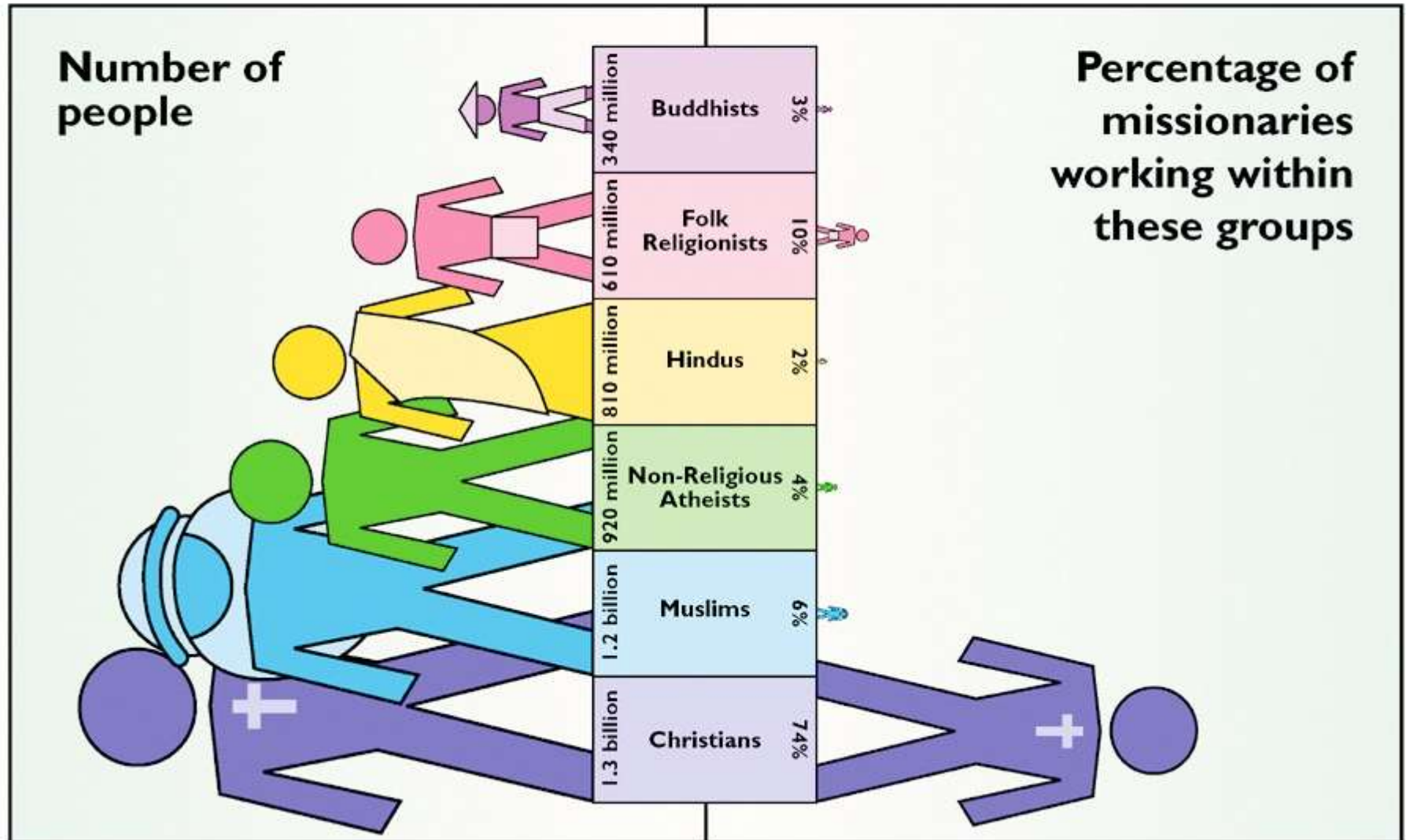
Matthew 24:14

10/40 WINDOW



Allocating our resources for mission

World Vision



Concentration of Muslims in North America



Source: Arab International Ministry

MUSLIMS IN AMERICA



FOUNDING OF ISLAM

MUHAMMAD – THE MAN

Muhammad was born in **570 AD**

Arabian Society Before Islam:

- Pagan **polytheistic** society with more than 360 gods
- Arabs from the line of Ishmael originally worshipped one God.
- Warring tribes
- Traveling caravans brought about contact with Jews and Christians
- 595 A.D. At age 25, Muhammad married Khadijah.

MUHAMMAD

- THE MESSENGER -

- In 610 AD, Muhammad received his first **revelation** in which Allah reveals to Muhammad that he is a prophet.
- An angel appeared to Muhammad and told him to recite – what he spoke became the Qur'an.



MUHAMMAD

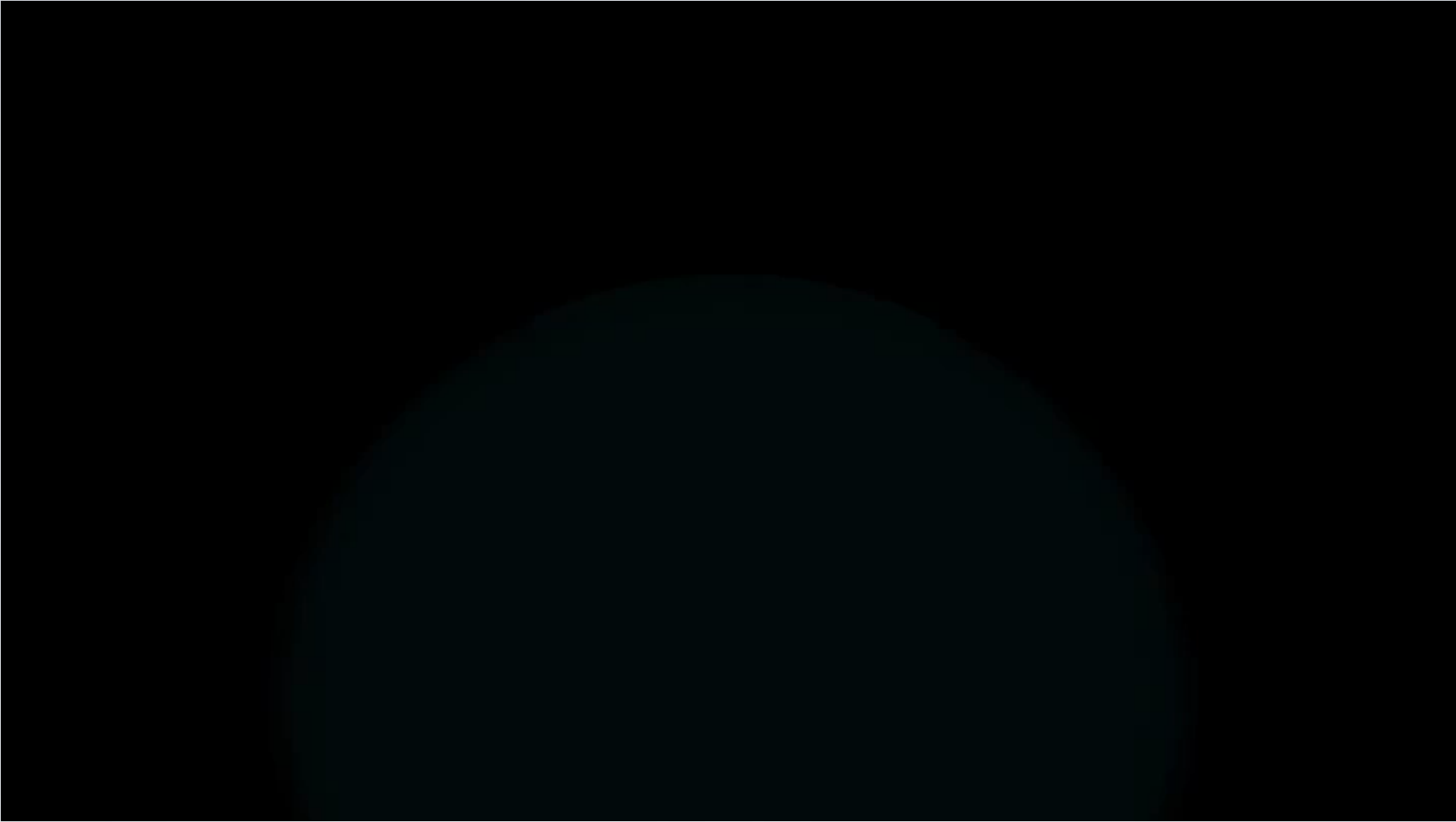
- THE MESSENGER -

- Muhammad would have a spell, foam at the mouth and what he spoke was written down and later compiled into the Qur'an.
- In 622 Muhammad is persecuted in Mecca so he flees to Medina (the Hijrah)
- Muhammad finally conquers **Mecca** in 630 AD and destroys all the idols in the Ka'aba.

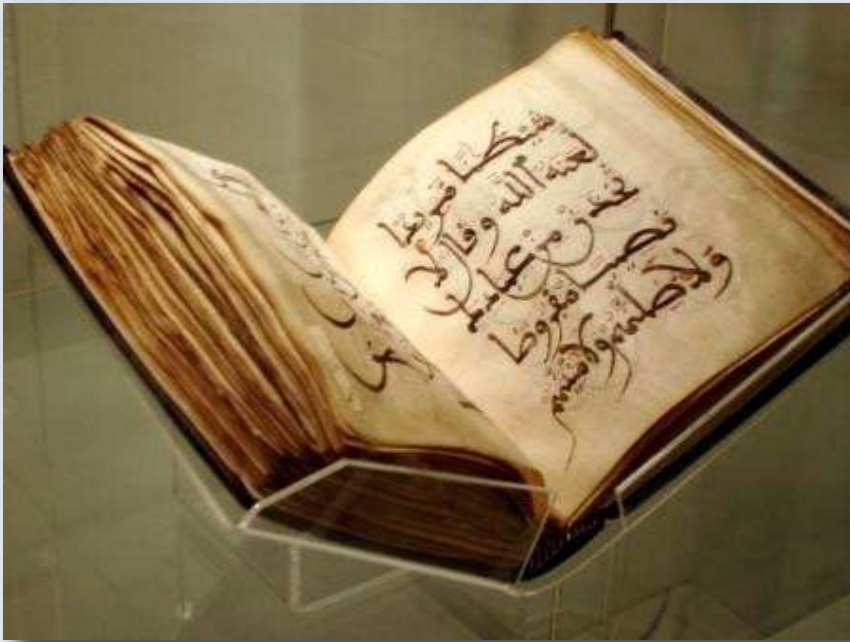
MUHAMMAD - THE MESSENGER -



- As people were converted to Islam, they were forced to speak Arabic, the language of the Qur'an.
- 632 A.D. Muhammad died and was buried



THE QUR'AN



What is the Qur'an?

- The Holy Book of Islam
- Word of God revealed verse by verse through Muhammad
- Arabic meaning = to recite

THE QUR'AN

IMPORTANCE

- Some Muslims take the study of the Qur'an seriously and may memorize the entire text
- The book itself is considered to have **power**.

The Qur'an today

- There are no text previous to Uthman
- The Qur'an cannot be translated; it is written in Allah's language – Arabic.

THE HADITH

- The collected traditions of Muhammad, second only to the authority only to the Qur'an.
- Collected 300 years after Muhammad's death
- Islam claims that the Hadith and the Quran must be studied together.
- Shiites and Sunnis have differing versions

BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS

- Belief in Allah
- Belief in his Angels
- Belief in his Messengers
- Belief in his Books
- Belief in Judgement Day



BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS

BELIEF IN THE LAST DAY

- Good works vs. Bad works
- Allah can change his mind



PILLARS OF ISLAM

- Al-Shahadah: The Creed
- Al-Salat: Prayer
- Al-Saum: Fasting
- Al-Zakat: Alms giving
- Al-Hajj: Pilgrimage
- Al-Jihad: Holy War



BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS - BELIEF IN HIS BOOKS -

Sura 2: 136

Say ye: "We believe in Allah and the revelation given to us and to Abraham Isma`il Isaac Jacob and the Tribes and that given to Moses and Jesus and that given to (all) Prophets from their Lord we make no difference between one and another of them and we bow to Allah (in Islam)."

وَقَالُوا كُونُوا هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَى تَهْتَدُوا قُلْ بَلْ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
حَنِيفًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٣٥﴾ قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا
أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ
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مِن رَّبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٦﴾
فَإِن آءَامَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آءَامَنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا وَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا
هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ
﴿١٣٧﴾ صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ
عَبِيدُونَ ﴿١٣٨﴾ قُلْ أَتَحَاجُّونَنَا فِي اللَّهِ وَهُوَ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ
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بِعَفِيفٍ لِّعَمَلِهِمْ ﴿١٤٠﴾ تِلْكَ أُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ
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BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS - BELIEF IN HIS BOOKS -

Muslims must read and follow the:

- Tawrat (Book of Moses)
- Zabur (Book of David)
- **Injeel** (Book of Jesus or New Testament)
- Qur'an (Book of Muhammad).

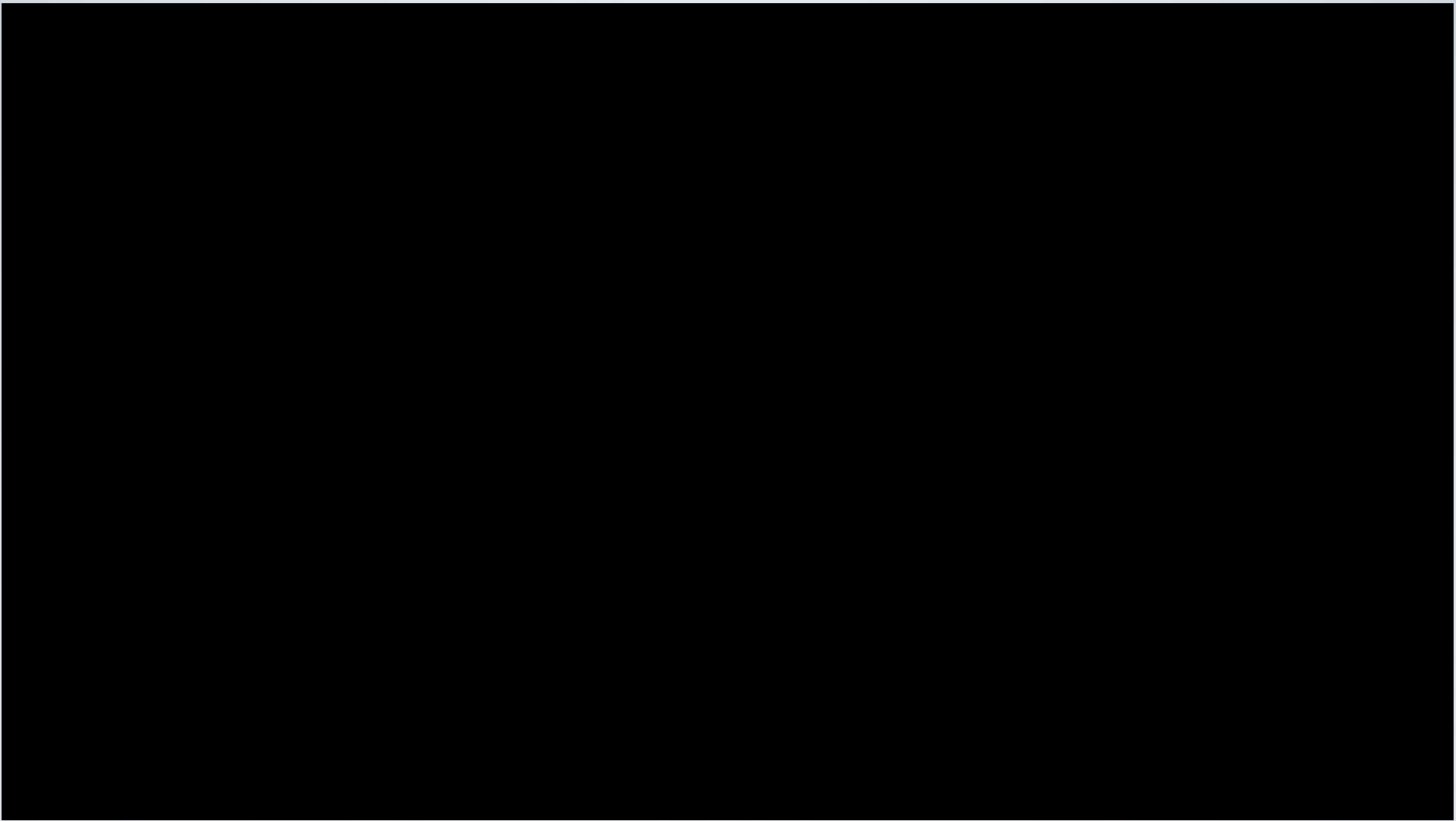
Most Muslims believe that the Old and New Testaments have been **changed** and are therefore not trustworthy. This teaching is not in the Qur'an.

BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS

- BELIEF IN THE LAST DAY -

A scale will weigh the good and evil deeds a person has committed; whichever deeds tip the scale determines the person's eternal destination: paradise or hell.





BASIC SIMILARITIES

GOD IS ONE

- Both Muslims and Christians believe in one God.
- Names of God that Muslims and Christians agree on:
 - Al-Barry = the Creator
 - Al-Qudoos = **Holy One**
 - Al-Raheem = **the Merciful**
 - Al-Malek = the King
 - Al-Adil = the Just
 - Al-Wadud = the Affectionate

BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS

- BELIEF IN GOD -

- Allah means the “only God” in Arabic
- Allah is known through his 99 beautiful names
- They reveal his character and function.



BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS

- BELIEF IN GOD -

Names that are not compatible with the Biblical view of God:

- Al Mumeet –the source of death
- Al Muntaqem –God of vengeance
- Al Macker –the schemer

BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS

- BELIEF IN GOD -

- In Islam, you can be the best Muslim and not go to heaven because God can **change his mind**.
- It is not the **name** of Allah with which we disagree; it is the **character** of Allah in Islam that contradicts God in the Bible.

BASIC SIMILARITIES

MAN IS SINFUL

- While Muslims believe everyone sins, they do not believe in original sin.
- Jesus was the only sinless prophet
- Sin = not meeting God's righteous standards

BASIC SIMILARITIES

JESUS CHRIST

- Muslims believe Jesus:
 - Was born of the Virgin Mary
 - Was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Is the Word of God – (Kalimat Allah)
 - Was pure and sinless from birth
 - Raised the dead and healed the sick
 - Will be the intercessor on Judgment Day
 - Is coming back to earth

Qur'an 4:171

“The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, is but the apostle of God and His Word which He cast into Mary and a spirit from Him...”

Although the Qur'an agrees that Jesus is the word of God and the Spirit of God, Islamic leaders teach he was just a man who was never crucified and will return to earth someday.

BASIC SIMILARITIES



HOLY BOOKS

- Tawrat – first five books of the Old Testament
- Zabur – the Psalms
- Injeel – New Testament, Book of Jesus

BASIC SIMILARITIES

PROPHETS

- Adam
- Noah
- Abraham (God redeemed the son of Abraham with a ram. Muslims call this the “Adha” sacrifice.)
- Moses
- Jonah
- John the Baptist



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS

Hebrews 1:1-2

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.



BASIC DIFFERENCES

THE SONSHIP OF JESUS

- Muslims think Christians believe that Mary had a **physical relationship** with God, which is blasphemous.

BASIC DIFFERENCES

THE TRINITY

- Muslims think Christians worship three gods –God, Jesus and Mary.
- Christians believe in a complex One while Muslims believe in a simple one.





BASIC DIFFERENCES

CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

- If Christ was a prophet sent from God, he should win and not loose by dying.
- Muslims interpret the Qur'an to say that Christ was not really killed, but taken up into heaven.

BASIC DIFFERENCES

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

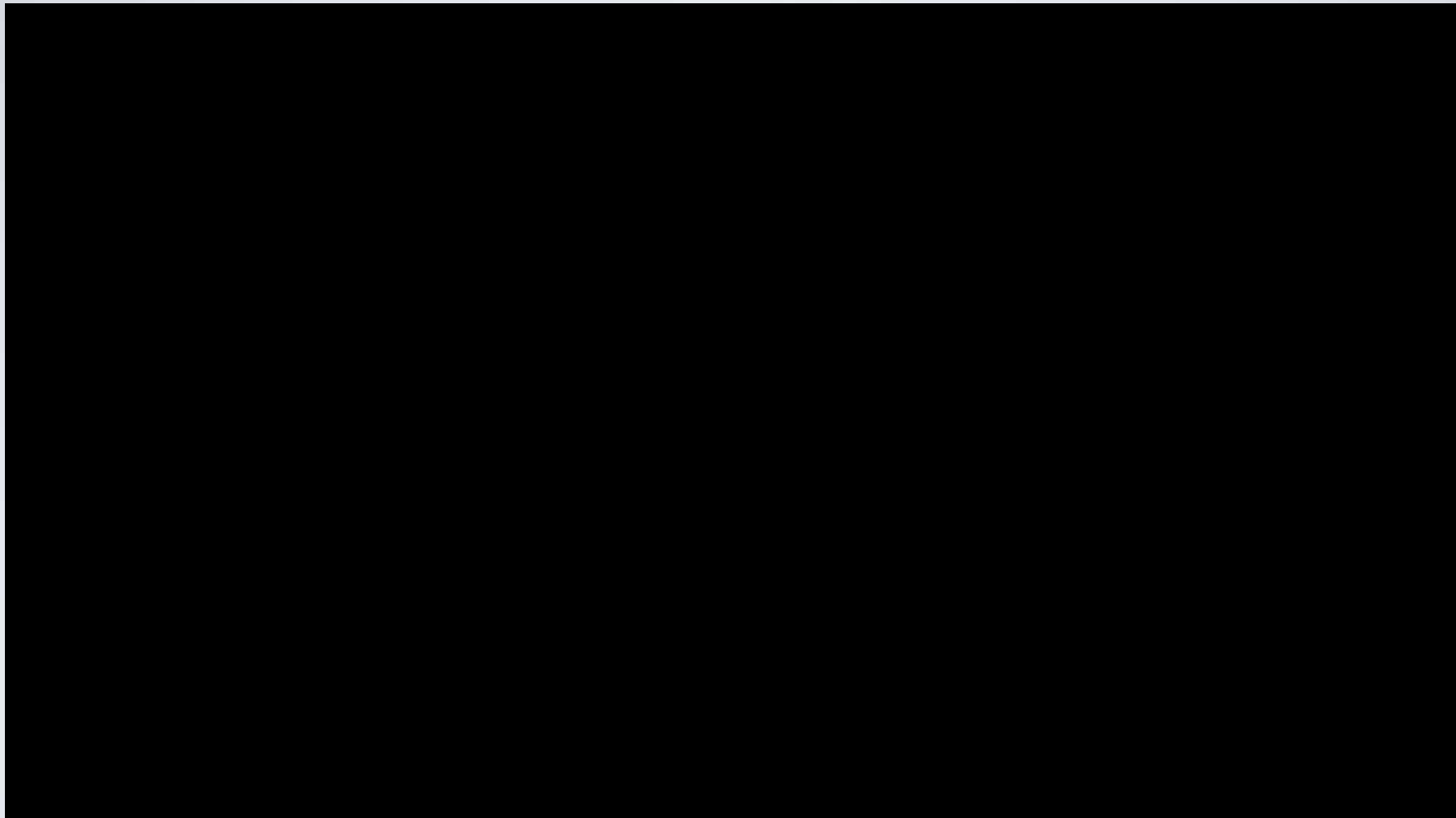
- Muslims believe that the Bible has been **changed**.
- Muslims believe the Qur'an replaces the Bible.
- The Qur'an tells Muslims to read the Tawrat, Zabur and the Injeel.
- The Qur'an says that Christians have the power to judge the message of the Qur'an.

BASIC DIFFERENCES



SALVATION BY GRACE

- Muslims believe that they take **responsibility** for their sins while Christians just **stick** them to Christ.



BASIC DIFFERENCES

- Address the differences but focus on the similarities.
- The 5 pillars of Christianity are:
 - One God
 - One Savior
 - One Spirit
 - One Message
 - One Family

GOD IS AT WORK IN THE MUSLIM WORLD!

- God can and does win Muslims.
- More Muslims have come to Christ in the last decade than in the past 1400 years combined.
- Millions of nominal Muslims are questioning their faith due to the atrocities committed by militants.



Connecting with Muslims

A GUIDE TO COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY



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