

It is very obvious and I mentioned many times before that Islam is a religion that confront our faith in every aspect of our beliefs from Jesus birth birth to origin of sin, denial of Jesus crucifixion, resurrection, His Divinity and Lordship, Bible is not the word of God, His miracles was not His own and purpose of His second coming is to spread of Islam.

Many places Islam tries to elevate Muhammad higher than Jesus like, Jesus will be Muhammad's disciples in His second coming, He will follow Islam, He will ask Muhammad to intercede on his behalf mean Christian will have to ask Muhammad for intercede and Jesus will be a mere Muslim and even Muhammad's grandchild would be more honorable than Jesus.

One of the aspects I want to share today is Jesus transfiguration which we can find in Mathew 17, Luke 9 and Mark 9. We know that after telling about His crucifixion and resurrection Jesus took Peter, James and John on the mountain to pray & while praying His appearance changed into glorified form. One of the reasons for transfiguration was to show His disciples His heavenly Glory and for whom really HE is.

In my discussion with Muslims, they always try to undermine this event by saying that Muhammad was also invited by Allah to his heavenly realm, he traveled from Mecca to Medina and then to Mount Sinai and thereafter Jerusalem, where he prayed and then journey to heaven on the horse with wings called "Burraq-mean lightening". He went to place where only God reside and even Gabriel told him that he cannot enter that Holy place. This journey called "Isra Al Miraj". Night journey and ascension. Quran 17:1. This journey also took place just after Muhammad and his companion was facing the challenges. So the reason for this event was to show Muhammad's companion that Who Allah really is and how much He loves & honor Muhammad. Before this journey, Gabriel took out Muhammad's heart and washed it to purify so he won't have any sin before he enter to holy of Holies.

On this journey, when stopped at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, 124,000 prophets were waiting for him and he led them in prayer. Then he visit heaven and hell, He spoke to Allah and was given 5 times compulsory prayers as a gift. Special discussion with Moses, Abraham and Jesus took place.

My main reason to share this comparative event is that you can get familiar that why Muslim believes that Muhammad is more honorable than Jesus. This will help you to understand where Muslim stands and why. So how after understanding this, how you can start a fruitful conversation with them.

Q1: When the mosque was built in Jerusalem? It was built between 685-715 AD and Muhammad died in 632 AD. So it came into exist after 60 years. How then Muhammad visited the Mosque, led 124,000 prophets in prayer?

Q2: if Muhammad met all the prophets in the Mosque in Jerusalem, then how those prophets met him again in heaven where he spent time with Moses, Abraham and Jesus?

Q3: was this miraculous journey took place, in dream, was physically or in a vision? Muslims are not agreed on this issue. Many believe that it was in dream while other says; it was in vision or physical.

Q4: if Allah gave him 5 times prayer as a gift in Heaven, then what prayer he prayed and led 124,000 prophets into at the Mosque in Jerusalem before went to heaven?

Q5: what is the significant about this event?

Q6: why Muhammad's heart was washed and purified?

Q7: is Prophet is lower than a Muhamma'd s grand child?

You may create other question as God leads. Hope this will be helpful to start a fruitful discussion with Muslim and then share the Gospel with them for He really is Jesus.

Blessings

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