

“THE CHRISTIAN’S RESPONSE TO ISLAM”

Selected Texts

Almost every day world attention is drawn to the influence of Islam in some corner of the globe. From fighting in Indonesia to clashes near the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem to a hostage crisis in Mumbai, Islam seems to attract daily attention from the media. How should Christians respond to these developments? Today we examine four insights that will enable us to demonstrate a Christian response to Islam.

1. Understand the (background) of Islam

- Early years
- 1st Muslim period
- Crusades
- 2nd Muslim period
- Today

2. Understand the (basics) of Islam

- Beliefs
- Practices

3. Understand (bondage) of Islam

- Rejects the (Word of God)

“I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.” 2 Peter 3:2

- Rejects the (Son of God)

“First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is this ‘coming’ he promised?’” 2 Peter 3:3-4a

- Rejects the (justice of God)

“By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” 2 Peter 3:7

- Rejects the (forgiveness of God)

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

- Rejects the (a personal relationship with God)

“So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.” 2 Peter 3:14

4. Understand the (bridge) to Islam

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”
Romans 13:8,10

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CONCLUSION

Jesus said:

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

A Christian’s Response to Islam by James Garlow

“The Four Faces of Islam” by George W. Braswell, Jr.

“A Christian Response to Islam in America” by Warren Larson

“He Moved from Islam’s Fatalism to God’s Forgiveness” by Kelly Davis