

# Muslim Belief

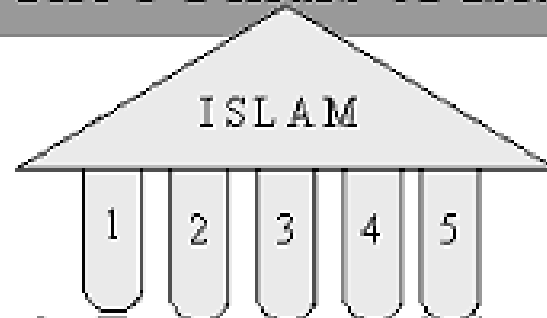
- Muezzin- man who calls Muslims to worship
- Calls out five times a day- God called Allah
- Mosque- Muslim house of worship
- During prayer, they kneel toward Mecca

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- The Five Pillars of Islam
- Each is a sacred duty of all Muslims:
  1. Declaration of Faith- declare regularly that there is only one God and Muhammad is God's messenger
  2. Prayer- pray 5 times each day, toward Mecca
  3. Almsgiving- give alms (money that goes to the needy)
  4. Fasting- fast during the daylight hours of the

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## The 5 Pillars of Islam



1. **Shahada**- Testimony and declaration of faith
2. **Salah**- Prayer 5 times a day
3. **Zakat**- 2 1/2% charity to the poor
4. **Saum**- Fasting during the month of Ramadan
5. **Hajj**- Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once a lifetime

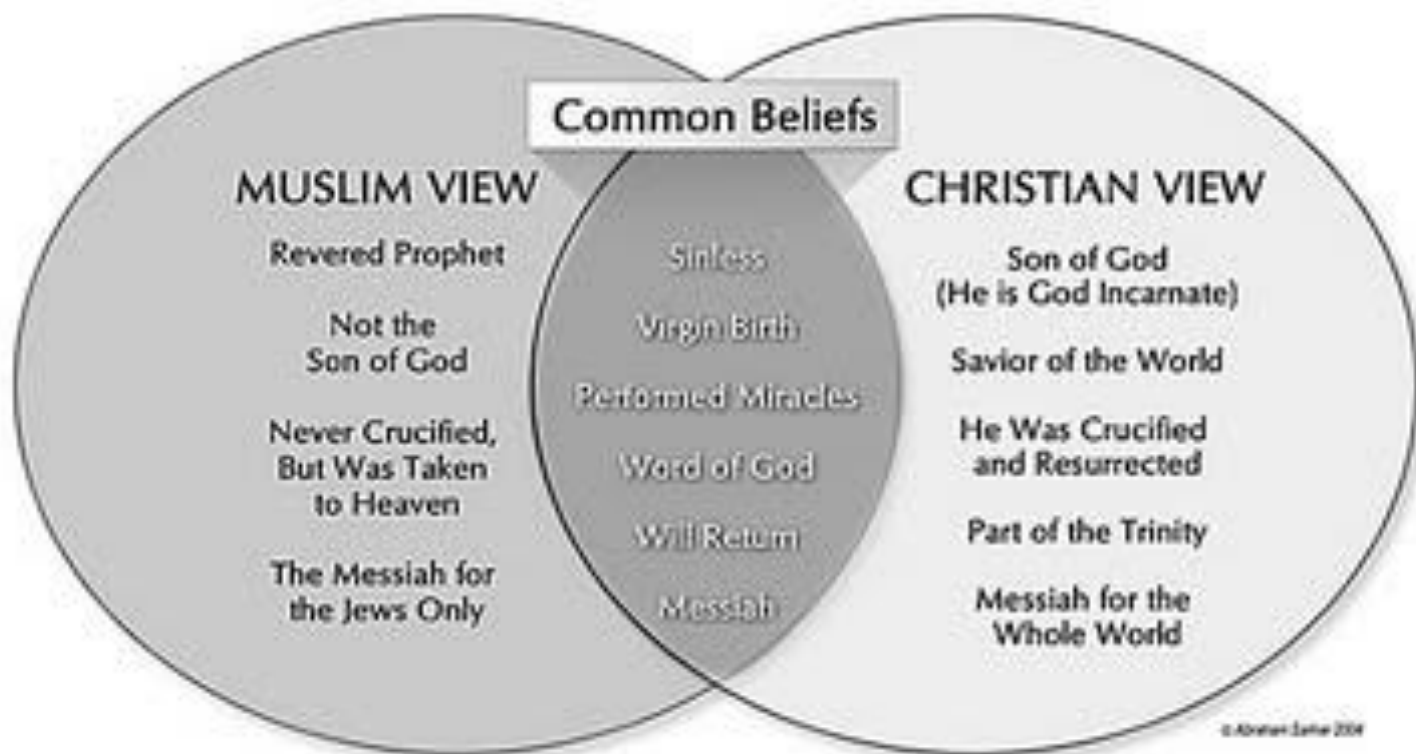
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- The Quran- the holy book of Muslims
- Messages from God told thru Muhammad- including Islamic rules
- Written in Arabic- a common language of most Muslims
- Contains stories, promises, warnings, and instructions- like Jewish and Christian Bibles
- Muslims call Christians and Jews as “people of the book” - regard Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus as important people in their religion

# Jesus

(Muslim and Christian Views)



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- The Role of Women
- Before Islam- women were not equal and little girls were not valued
- Quran taught that women were equal spiritually
- Allowed women to inherit property and get an education
- Could not be forced to marry and could divorce

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- A Split Among Muslims
- 656- Uthman- Muslim leader was assassinated
- Muslims then disagreed who should be next Muslim leader
  1. Shiites- leader must be a direct descendant of Muhammad- they would be inspired by God
  2. Sunnis- any truly religious Muslim man of Muhammad's tribe could lead- no one man should interpret the Quran but instead a group of scholars
  3. Today, 85% of Muslims are Sunni