A Legacy of Bitterness or Love: The Lives of Muhammad & Jesus

This is the second teaching in a series about Jesus and Muhammad, information I believe all Americans should know. By researching the lives of these two religious leaders, we can shed light on the truth and basic motivations of their belief systems, practices, and stated goals, which in turn helps us to better understand the development of Christianity and Islam today.

We begin with the timeline of events from Muhammad's life & the legacy of his belief & actions. Some may wonder, "Why does it matter? Islam is just another religion, isn't it?" As you will see below, Islam is a not a religion, but a political ideology of <u>forced submission to Islam by way of violence and strategic attacks</u> against anyone who is not Muslim. Their goal is not to stop until they have conquered the whole world – literally.





Background & Culture: Muhammad was born into a desert Bedouin tribal culture. People, living in tents, were only a step ahead of starvation due to drought, locusts, blight & warfare. With no government to speak of, leaders of tribes were known rule of the day. Trade, raising herds, camels, & savage acts of manhood, including fighting & raiding your enemies for supplies, was common for survival. Deceit and lying to your neighbor was encouraged, to save "face" for yourself & tribe, to gain the upper hand, which bred unusual loyalty to their tribe as well as internal strife. A widely quoted Bedouin saying is "*Me against my brother, my brothers and me against my cousins, then my cousins, and me against strangers*"!

(Because Muhammad could not read or write, his followers wrote on leaves, bones, & skins his teachings, collected yrs later & put into book, called the Quran. All **information is taken from the Qu**ran, size of the New Testament, and the Hadith, an oral collection of **M**uhammad's words and deeds. Both are considered "inspired" books and form the foundation of Shar'ia Law.)

- **570 Muhammad Born August 2nd in Mecca, the center for moon & idol worship in all Arabia.** His father died before he was born & he was the only child to his mother.
- 576 Mother becomes sick with high fever & dies: His grandfather, of the powerful tribe, Quraysh, in Mecca, becomes guardian. They control temple Al-Ka'ba, main place of worship of Moon God (Allah) & 360 Idols in all Arabia. The temple surrounded a black stone named "Al-Kaba," meaning cubed, & many believed was built by Abraham.
- 578 Muhammad's grandfather dies & uncle, Abu Talib, becomes guardian at age 8.
 Growing up he learned merchant caravan trade by traveling with Uncle Abu Talib. In temple, he despises idol worship & money made from it, this later plays into his teachings.
- **595** Kadijah, (four -time divorced with children) wealthy caravan owner, offers marriage to Muhammad due to trustworthiness and profit he provided in his employment to her. Distant cousins, he at 25, she 40, marry & have 4 daughters and 2 still born sons.

Beginning of "Revelations" in Medina – First 13 yrs known as the "Tolerant" yrs!

Most so called "peaceful" Quran "revelation" quotes are taken from this era of Muhammad's life to promote that Islam is a "peaceful religion". Islamic rule of Quran is "Abragation", when "revelations" are conflicting, latest revelation cancels previous!

610 – FIRST REVELATION, age 40 - Muhammad retreats to mountains to meditate. He reports first "revelation" from angel Gabriel & fears he had received a demon. Convinced by wife, Kadijah, and her cousin, a "Christian priest", Waraqa Bin Neufal of the Ebonite's Sect (Did not believe Jesus is divine, but believed in One God) that Muhammad was Allah's prophet, receiving revelations. Muhammad receives much "Mixed Christian teaching" from Waraqa, which affected his "revelations" of ONE GOD. Revelations were received during epileptic fits of foaming mouth & seizures, as you will see are a mixture of Jewish & Christian beliefs.



Muhammad shares his NEW REVELATION to BE A MUSLIM:

- 1. Believe in ONE GOD, Allah, (elevates Moon God, "Allah" in Mecca to ONE God) Allah is NOT the God of our Bible!
- 2. Denounce all other gods & idols.
- 3. Accept Muhammad as his prophet! (This REVELATION becomes 1st Pillar (Practice) of Islam.)
- 613 Shares "revelations" publicly with his Quraysh tribe. His tribe insulted by his ridicule of their life & religion of idols, would have killed him, if not for his Uncle's protection. They put a ban on trade and giving of women to Muhammad & followers for three yrs, this affected his wealth & forced him to live in desert, almost starving to death.
- 617 Tribe lifts ban, yet continues to persecute Muhammad

- 619 Protector Uncle dies. Leadership of Tribe transfers to Uncle Abu Lahab, who redraws protection.
- 620 Wife Khadija dies. Age 50 reported "revelation" of the "Night Journey". In dream, Muhammad goes through 7 levels of heaven, negotiates with God to reduce no. of prayers, from 50 to 5 a day. Adds to "Be A Muslim"; one MUST pray 5 times a day facing Jerusalem exactly how Gabriel taught him, has very few converts. (Prayers 5 times a day becomes 2nd Pillar (Practice) of Islam see issue 1 for detail.)

2nd Phase of Muhammad's life – 10ys Known as the Aggressive War "JIHAD" Years in Medina.

622 – Sept., Muhammad flees Mecca after attempts to kill him, to Yathrib, (where his father was buried), known as "Medina", meaning "city of the prophet." (Starts Muslim Calendar using (AH) "After Hijrah" – means flight- begins Islam religion).

Medina was in civil war, Muhammad mediated truce for Aous & Khazraj tribes. He asks 12 leaders to help negotiate a military agreement, in return for military protection against the Meccans. Politically strong with soldiers at his disposal, his original 12 become military leaders of raids, savagery & plunder.

622 – Signs 2nd marriage contract with 6 year old girl, Aisha. He consummates marriage at age 9. (Why Islam condones Pedophilia & child brides) He takes 11 more wives plus slaves in yrs to come.



623 – Muhammad Announces "Revelation" from Allah "TO FIGHT" – Turning point of Islam - Change from quiet ideology to one of political violence. First attack order: Uncle Hamza & 30 Muslims to attack his Quraysh tribe caravan in revenge of how they treated him.
 Muhammad orders cousin to attack idol worshipers in Mecca.
 Orders another cousin to attack idol worshipers in Al-Kharra.
 Orders raids on Mecca Caravans. Mecca Leader, Abu Sufyn, hears of plot and avoids ambush. Muhammad ordered 29 attacks & raids in which he himself, fought in.

New Revelation from Gabriel – "Jihad"-Spread Islam by Force, by the sword!

- Muhammad's detail orders about "Jihad" & "Spoils of War." Quran 8. (Becomes 6th Pillar (Practice) of Islam)
 - 1. 20% of all goods & money belong to Muhammad, 80% divided among soldiers. Quran 8:41
 - 2. Holy War Fight anyone who rejects Islam. Offer them to convert, or pay a tax, or kill them.
 - 3. Prepare for future war against infidels to spread Islam.
 - 4. Women & children taken in war, become slaves & may have sex/rape with them, if the women were married not considered adultery. ("Those who your right hand possesses." Quran 4:24).
 - 5. Those who die in War will enter paradise reward of 72 virgins & young bright-eyed boys.
- 624 Battle of Badr -Mecca attacks because of plot on Caravans. Muhammad wins with 300 men against 3 to 1 odds, claims "Allah miracle" & makes him most powerful in all Arabia. They behead all the prisoners & rape the women.
- 624 Evicts Jews from Medina. After 3 yrs of learning & eating with 3 Jewish tribes in Medina, they rejected him as Messiah due to lineage & asked for a sign, he had none. His anger & bitterness toward the Jews' rejection resulted in the following assassinations & still alive today in Islam! It is during this time of rejection, the direction of prayer to Jerusalem is turned to Mecca & fasting during Tabernacles feast is changed to Ramadan.

624 - Five examples of Assassinations: The Hadith records 27 assassinations were ordered by Muhammad.

- 1. Abu Afak, a Jew, urged fellow Medinans to doubt Muhammad. Muhammad's orders to murder this 120-year-old Jewish man, was quite shocking, even in Arabia. He was stabbed multiple times. One by one, Muhammad's critics were silenced; some became Muslims, some were murdered, others were driven out of Medina.
- 2. Asma bint Marwan wrote poetry against Muhammad. She was stabbed & killed in the night while nursing a child.
- 3. Ka'b al-Ashraf, Jewish poet, murdered for grieving over those killed and speaking against Muhammad (Bukhari.)
- 4. Abu Rafi, a prominent Jewish merchant, murdered for insulting Prophet. He was hacked to death by 6 Muslims.
- 5. Ibn Sunayna, a Jewish merchant, was murdered by Muhammad's disciples.
- 625 Battle of Uhud Meccans wins battle against Muhammad in the Uhud valley, 5 miles from Medina.
- 625 Evicts Banu Nadir Jews Tribe Muhammad gave 10 days to leave & they refused. He destroyed their date palms, starved & forced them to leave. He confiscated all their lands & belongings, distributed among Muslims after 20% cut. Two years later, he slaughtered them in their new homes.

- 627 Battle of the Trench. Over 10,000 Mecca soldiers attack Muslims yet fail. Muhammad's men dug ditches in strategic places around the city, preventing soldiers to be deployed. The Meccans withdrew and Muhammad was then able to attack the Jewish Banu Qurayzah Tribe. (they rejected him in Medina)
- **627** Massacre of the Banu Qurayzah Jewish Tribe- Under Muhammad's siege they surrendered. He then decapitated all 600 men's head into trench (from above) in front of their wives. The women & children were taken or sold as slaves. That night, Muhammad forced himself upon Raihana Bint Amr, after witnessing the death of her father & husband.
- 628 Signs Treaty of Hudaibiya with Mecca for passage to worship Kaba (stone) a humiliation to followers.
- 628 Destruction of Khaybar Jews. War was very lucrative, so a treaty was like treason. To appease followers, he had "revelation" from Gabriel, Allah would give them "booty" of the Jewish tribe of Khaibar, 95 miles NW from Medina. Some Jews were allowed to live by paying a tax called "jizya", ½ of all their produce. (This set precedent for today's Shari' a Law where Non-Muslims may live under Muslims by paying a tax – Jizya, or be killed.) (Quran 48:1)
- 629 Orders first attack into Christian lands, Battle of Muta. Muhammad orders his adopted son, Zaid, to attack with army of 30,000 men against Romans & Arab tribes at Muta (near Karak, Jordan). Muhammad, needing a win to control followers, decided would be no retreat. Hearing war plans, 100,000 Romans & Arabs assembled, turned the battle into a Muslim massacre & the rest of the Muslims broke ranks and fled. Today, Muslims call the dead "Martyrs" for Islam.
- 630 Conquers Mecca. Muhammad gives orders to those who do not convert to Islam to be slaughtered, wanting their necks cut like wheat with a sickle. He circles Kaba black stone & carries flag with "punishment" on it. Quran 9:18

Letters to Surrounding Countries Demanding to Submit to Islam!

628-632 After conquering Arabia, Muhammad sent out demanding letters to Emperor of Roman Empire, King of Ethiopia, King of Iran/Persia, Byzantine Empire, Oman, Bahrain, Yemen & Syria demanding three things: 1) Become a Muslim, 2) Pay Tax or 3) Fight & Be Slaughtered. Notice Mohammed's corruption: He will take money over Supreme Faith in Allah!



632 – Last Speech by Muhammad on Mt Arafat in Arabia to 100 thousand people, takes pilgrimage to Mecca. By performing all ancient pagan "moon" worship rituals of pilgrimage (Hajj) & walking around Ka'ba "Black Stone," he incorporated them into Islam & setting example for all future Muslims. (4th Pillar of Islam) His sermon included: to trust, not steal, or kill other Muslim's wives or belongings. Do not charge interest in borrowing money. Men over wives, subject to beating or stoning. Pray 5 times daily prayers, fast during Ramadan & give wealth to almsgiving. Perform Jihad to unbelievers to spread Islam, No one will come after me and no new faith will be born. Leave two things –"Revelations" & Muhammad's example – follow both and you will not go astray.
632 -June 8th Muhammad Dies – The Mosque in Medina marks his believed burial.

Muhammad chose bitterness & hate against all who would not accept his new "message", especially two groups of people, Jews & Christians, for whom he tailored his revelation of ONE God, to attract. Their rejection penetrated his soul, he acted out revenge by murder, rape, enslave, and exterminate them if possible, during his lifetime. Very few of us in America realize that Islamic ideology Muhammad started is far from being a conventional enemy. It produces savage/rapists in the name of god, gives rewards of riches

and paradise to those who fight, and promotes hatred and bitterness through physical dismemberment of their enemies, plus re-

After Muhammad's Death, Division among Muslims

births slavery! This is exactly what the Muslims have been doing till today, to their adversaries.

Beginning of Sunni & Shiite Sects, battle over Successor: <u>SUNNI MUSLIMS</u>: After returning to Medina, Muhammad became very ill. He appointed *Abu Bakr* as prayer leader & many took as indication he was appointed successor. The sect that follows this *appointed (legal) line* is Sunni Muslims. (Light Green)

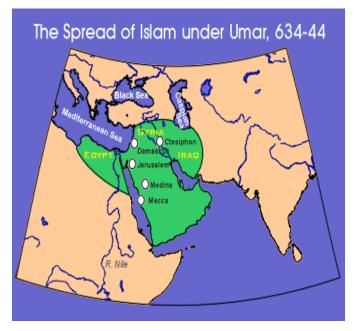
<u>SHIITE MUSLIMS:</u> believes on return from Mecca after giving last sermon Muhammad stopped & appointed his son-in-law Ali as successor. This Sect believes the successor must be the *blood-line* of Muhammad. (Dark Green)



Acts of Followers after Muhammad's Death, Muslim "Jihad" Aggression Years:

Every Muslim wants **"Golden Age"** again, era of the 4 leaders after Muhammad, who conquered by war Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Persia, Africa, Israel, Yemen, & Oman destroying churches/homes, with massacre of thousands of Christians & Jews, bringing them under forced Islamic rule. During this conquest of nations, over 60% of known Christian population was slaughtered.

632-634 Abu Bakr – Father of Ayisha, 6yr old wife of Muhammad. Started "War of Apostasy" due to fact many "new" converts were for survival, not belief, their disobedience brought a command to be killed. (Part of Shari' a Law today) Under Abu Bakr, Muslims conquered Byzantines, Syria & Damascus.



634-644 2nd **"Caliphs" Umar** -another of *Muhammad's fathers-in-law*, appointed by Abu Bakr conquered Syria, Egypt, Iraq, and much of Persia. Umar added to his title "Commander of the Faithful," & since then, all caliphs use this title being both Political & Spiritual leader of the Muslim community, following example of Muhammad.

634- Invasion of Syria. Churches and monasteries are destroyed, thousands of Christians massacred.

636 - Captures Ctesiphon (Iraq), the Sassanid capital, on Tigris River. Greatest city of Mesopotamia.

637 – Conquered Jerusalem

640-41 Egypt –1000s murdered & enslaved. Cyprus & Armenia – destroyed churches/homes, much of population massacred, North Africa – massacre & raping.

642 Mesopotamia – Conquered Destroying churches, murdered thousands of Christian population.

643 Tripoli captured – Jews & Christians forced to give women & children for slaves, Carthage was burned to the ground & most of its people slaughtered.

644 – Umar is assassination by a Persian Christian.

Note: During 600-700AD, Most of the Christian church was in Africa and Asia. Europe was still up & coming in the faith. In the first century of Islam, 3,200 churches were destroyed or turned into mosques.

- 644-732 During these years Muslim armies conquer all of North Africa and Spain, savage murders & raping of women.
- 691 Built Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, claiming Muhammad left to heaven there. He never visited Jerusalem!
- 712 Bloodiest attack in history, described by Ariel Durant in his <u>The Story of Civilization</u> about Muslim invasion of India, destroying spectacular architecture of Hinduism, massacring 1000 people & raping women- more than the holocaust.
- 732 Battle of Tours, invasion of France King Charles Mactel defeats 80,000 Muslim army with 30,000 men. Muslims retreat to Spain. The croissant bread was invented here to celebrate conquer of the "moon god."
- 1009 Caliph Haken of Egypt orders destruction of Church of Holy Sepulcher and other Christian places of worship in Israel
- **1095** Pope starts Crusades to liberate Holy Land from Islam (really a reaction to centuries of Islamic Jihad)
- 1099 Crusades take Jerusalem
- 1244 Fall of Jerusalem to Muslim, start of "slavery dynasty"
- **1453** Constantinople (Istanbul) falls to Turkish Muslim invaders—thousands slaughtered, enslaved, looting, priests slain. With trade to East cut off, lead to the Spanish Monarch's support of Christopher Columbus, discovers America 1492.
- 1492 Spain freed from Muslims, after 700 years of Muslim occupation & major slave center.
- 1571 Naval battle: Christian fleet under Don John of Austria defeated Turkish Muslim fleet.
- 1526 Invades Hungary and sell 200,000 Christians into slavery.

1822-1922 Turkish Muslim massacres of Christians & Jews, Ottoman rule witnessed the most thorough and complete destruction of Christian communities throughout Middle East, Asia Minor, Caucasus and Balkans. Armenia Christians **1.5 million killed—the forgotten Holocaust.** (There are attacks everyday in other countries, two numerous to list here.)

Islam - Their stated Purpose & Goal: Jihad and World Dominion; Jihad (holy war) is to remove obstructions impeding spread of Islam, to struggle (fight) for the cause of Allah with speech, pen, or sword! To lie or deceive is encouraged for the sake of Islam. Most Muslims believe their Muslims countries form an "Islamic State" called the *Dar al-Islam* "House of Islam". They believe Islam is destined to form a world-wide Republic encompassing every country on earth. The countries, which are not run by Islam and Muslim leaders, are called the *Dar al-Harb*, "House of War". Nations in the "House of war" are subject to "Jihad", until they submit to Islam.

Pattern of Expansion & World Dominion: Muslims would conquer a region and sign "peace treaties" with new neighbors. Then, when they were confident in their military strength, the Muslims would look for an excuse to provoke a conflict and renew aggression. There *CAN NOT* be any real "peace or treaty!" Treaties are affront to Allah and his messenger!

Israel's Challenge: This is why Israel will never be able to make a treaty that will last with any Muslim nation! It is against the very fiber of their belief system. These treaties are launch pads for tactical planning to defeat & dominate Israel. They want every Jew to be pushed into the sea! For Israel to exist & control land, they once conquered, are an affront to Allah!

Timeline of Jesus Life (6/4BC-33AD)

Background & Culture: Jesus was born during the Roman Reign of Israel, where they believed in many gods, 1/2 of Roman population was slaves & most of the empire was built by slavery. Manual labor was done by slaves, so Jesus learning an occupation was unusual in his time. Working as a stone mason brought new dignity to work, transforming the current social order. Jesus was born into a Jewish family & faith, where the leadership had become more political than religious. Jewish prophesies spoke of a Messiah to come, to deliver them and renew the kingdom of David. Most believed these prophesy, looking for Messiah to come, to conquer the Romans, and set up a new government like King David's.

(With differing scholars, the timeline of Jesus below can be 2 years one way or another. Please understand the outline is to highlight

the teaching and life of Jesus for comparison purposes only.)

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6 or 4BC FALL- Feast of Tabernacles

1. Time of Census - Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, during Reign of Herod (Luke 2:4-7) Shepherds come to see baby announced by Angels. Jesus had both bloodline (Mary) & "legal" (Joseph) ability to be appointed Messiah, established through his parents to fulfill Prophecy.

<u>Winter – Feast of Dedication - Jesus</u> is taken as a baby to Jerusalem for dedication at the Temple (Luke 2:22)

4BC Foreign Kings visit baby. Mary & Joseph, living in Bethlehem, are warned in dream to escape to Egypt to avoid the "massacre of the infants" by Herod. (Matt. 2:13-18)

3BC Family returns to Nazareth from Egypt. (Matthew 2:19-23)

6AD The 12 yr old Jesus travels from Nazareth to Jerusalem with his family, and stays behind in the Temple, shows signs of great knowledge of God. (Luke 2:41-46)

25AD John the Baptist begins to Preach & Baptize Publicly.

6-26AD Jesus lives in Nazareth becomes a carpenter (Stone Mason) like his father. (Luke 2:51)

Beginning of Ministry in Galilee, Samaria, & Judea

26AD Fall – Feast of Tabernacles:

- 1. Jesus, about 30 yrs old travels from home-town of Nazareth in Galilee to Jordan River. He is baptized by John the Baptist and filled with Holy Spirit. (Mt 3:13-17)
- 2. Lead into the wilderness (Judean Desert) & tempted 3 times by Satan-overcomes with Word of God
- 3. At the River Jordan, Jesus meets first four disciples; Philip, Andrew, Simon Peter, & Nathanael. (Jn 1:35-51)

Winter – Feast of Dedication

- 4. Jesus travels to Cana for Wedding w/disciples & mother. First miracle: Changes water into wine.
- 5. He goes to Capernaum, on north shore of Sea of Galilee w/his mother, brothers and disciples, & stays there a short time.

27AD Spring – Feast of Passover

- 6. He travels to Jerusalem for Passover (Jn 2:13). <u>First Cleansing of The Temple</u> –Drives out "Love of money (root of all evil) & inputs "House of Prayer". Pharisee Rabbi Nicodemus visit Jesus. Asks, "How can one be born again?" Jesus answered, "One must be born of water and spirit to enter the kingdom of God"
- 7. Jesus travel to Judea, his disciples baptize believers (Jn 3:22)

Summer – Feast of Pentecost

- Jesus & disciples, travel near Sychar, Samaria, talks with Samaritan woman at well. He declares, "He is the Messiah" to her, that "Salvation comes from the Jews," and that "God is Spirit & Truth." Many Samaritans believe in Jesus as Messiah/Savior. Jn 4:5-42
- Jesus returns to Cana -2nd Miracle Sign Heals royal official's son who is sick in Capernaum (Healing over distance). Result: He & his household believe. Jn 4:46-54
- First Time Rejected in home-town Nazareth. He openly declares himself, Messiah, by reading Isaiah 61 in synagogue. Few miracles because unbelief. Offended, they attempt to kill him. He walks away unharmed.



Nazareth Synagogue

Fall – Feast of Tabernacles

11. Jesus moves to Capernaum, John the Baptist is arrested. Begin preaching gospel, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt 4:13-31). Jesus calls his first 4 disciples to full-time "fisher of men" service.

Winter Feast of Dedication

- 12. Jesus heals demonic man on Sabbath in synagogue in Capernaum and Peter's mother-in-law of her fever. That night multiple people came ill & demon possessed, and all were healed. (Lk 4:33-41)
- 13. News spread to Syria & they traveled to bring Him their sick. Epileptics, paralytics, diseases, pain, he healed them all. Jesus healed paralytic & forgave sin Result: an out-roar & blaspheming charge from Scribes as only God can forgive sin.
- 14. Jesus travels throughout Judea preaching. Calls John and James. Heals a paralyzed man (Mt 9:2; Mk 2:3)
- 15. Calls Matthew, a tax collector, as Disciple in Capernaum. Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-17, LK 5:27-32

28AD Spring – Feast of Passover

1. Travel to Jerusalem for Passover. At Pool of Bethesda, heals lame man (38yrs of sickness) on Sabbath. Sabbath issues with scribes: Heals man of withered hand. They began to plot to kill him. Mt 12:1-11

Summer – Feast of Pentecost

- 2. Returning north to Galilee, Jesus heals & delivers multitudes from Jerusalem, Idumea, Tyre & Sidon.
- 3. Near Capernaum, he selects his 8 more disciples for 12 & delivers "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt 5).
- 4. Capernaum, Jesus heals Roman centurion's servant. Amazed at faith of soldier, he understood "authority"!
- 5. Raises Widow's Son from the dead right out of coffin in city of Nain, LK 7:11-17

Fall – Feast of Tabernacles

- 6. Continues to teach. While sailing across Sea of Galilee calms storm. (Mt 8:24; Mk 4:37; Lk 8:23).
- 7. Landing in Gentile country of Gedarsenes, Jesus delivers a madman with legion of demons. Man becomes sane.
- 8. Back to Capernaum. Raises Jairus daughter from the dead and heals woman with12yr hemorrhage by her touching his tallit (Jewish Prayer-Shaw with fringe that represents 613 promises of OT).
- 9. Healed two blind men, & dumb man, they see & speak, healing all kinds of sickness.
- 10. Sends out disciples two by two to preach & heal. They return so many come & go for healing, they are unable to eat.
- 11. John the Baptist is killed.

Winter - Feast of Dedication

12. 2nd Rejection by Nazareth. Again no miracles because unbelief. "A Prophet is not accepted in their home town."

29 AD Spring – Feast of Passover:

- 1. Feeds 5,000 from 2 fish & loaf of bread (Mt 14:14; Mk 6:33; Lk 9:11; Jn 6:5)
- 2. Disciples sail on Sea of Galilee, Jesus walks on water to join them (Mt 14:25; Mk 6:48)
- 3. Lands near the Plain of Gennesaret, Jesus heals & delivers many people. (Mt 14:34; Mk 6:53)

Summer – Feast of Pentecost

4. Jesus travel to Tyre/Sidon & heals daughter of Gentile woman, heals deaf/ mute man, & feeds 4,000.

- 5. Pharisees & Sadducees ask for sign from heaven. He replies sign of Jonah will be given.
- 6. Goes to Bethsaida, blind man is healed (Mk 8:22)
- 7. Travels to Caesarea-Philippi. Peter confesses that "Jesus is the Messiah/Christ. (Mt 16:13; Mk 8:27)
- 8. Up a mountain, three disciples witness Jesus Transfigured in presence of Elijah and Moses (Mt 17:1; Mk 9:2)
- 9. Returns to Galilee, Jesus delivers boy with epilepsy disciples couldn't heal. Teaches fasting & prayer.

10.Jesus pays Temple Tax with money in fish! Addresses greatest among disciples is the least of all.

Fall - Feast of Tabernacles

11. Jesus travel to Jerusalem. Travelling by Samaria, he heals ten lepers, but is rejected in a Samaritan village.

- 12. Arrives in Jerusalem for Feast of the Tabernacles. Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery, &heals blind man who is taken before the Sanhedrin and questioned. Pharisees try to stone him.
- 13. Sends out 70 followers by 2 to cities to prepare before his coming. Lk 10:1-24
- 13. Travel to Bethany and meets Martha and Mary, stays until feast. Lk 10



HIS LAST FEW MONTHS

Winter – Feast of Dedication

- 14. Returns to Jerusalem for Feast of Dedication. Rebukes Pharisees & Lawyers. They plot against him.
- 15. He withdraws to country Jordan Blesses little children, Talks to rich young man. Teach about his death & resurrection. Talks to Zacchaeus in Jericho, a tax collector & he believes.
- 16. Jesus returns to Bethany, and raises Lazarus, Mary's brother from the dead. Threats to kill both men.
- 17. Because of threats to his life, Jesus withdraws to Ephraim to the north of Jerusalem (Jn 11:54)

<u>30AD</u> Spring – Feast of Passover

- 1. Triumphal entry in Jerusalem fulfilling prophesy 480 yrs from Declaration of Jerusalem for Messiah.
- 2. Authority of Jesus questioned. Teaches in the temple.
- 3. Return to Bethany & is anointed. The plot against Jesus, Judas agrees to betray Jesus for money.
- 4. Has last Passover w/disciples in Bethany. Goes to pray in Gethsemane, & arrested.

5. Trial: Taken to every known ruler in city at time. All declare him innocent, yet crucify him.

6. Crucified with two thieves on Golgotha. Earthquake & Darkness at death

7. Taken down from cross & buried in rich man tomb in Jerusalem, Wednesday afternoon. (Multiple Sabbaths –two day Passover & regular Sabbath.)

Feast of First Fruits. Resurrection

- 8. Resurrection (Saturday evening) : Appears to Mary Magdalene outside tomb
- 9. Appears to Mary Magdalene & other Mary. Mt 28:8.
- 10. Appears to Peter near Tomb (Lk 24:34; "Cephas" in 1Co 15:5)
- 11. Appears to two travelers on way to Emmaus, explains himself in all the O.T.,
- Prophets and Psalms. Mk 16:12
- 10. Appears to 10 disciples in a house, Thomas absent.
- 11. Appears to the 11 disciples with Thomas present Let Thomas touch him so he knows he is not a Ghost.
- 12. Disciples go to Galilee area, Jesus appears to seven of them fishing on the Sea of Galilee (Jn 21:1)
- 13. Jesus appears to the apostles on a mountain and gives his great commission to preach the Gospel to World
- 14. Appears to over 500 disciples in Galilee. (1Co 15:6) He commands them to wait for Holy Spirit in Jerusalem.
- 15. Appears to James, his brother (1Co 15:7)
- 16. Ascension Jesus with disciples on Mount of Olives, near Bethany, ascends to Heaven in their eye sight

Summer – Feast of Pentecost - Holy Spirit is given!

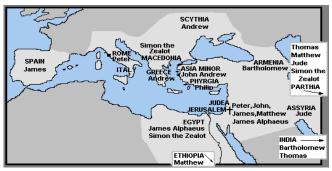
17. **Power of Holy Spirit** – Sent by Jesus 10 days after Ascension & 50 days after his death – 120 Disciples is filled. Jesus appears to other after his ascension.

- 18. Appears to Stephen as he is stoned to death in Jerusalem (Ac 7:55)
- 19. Appears to Paul on the road to Damascus (Ac 9:3; 26:13; 1Co 15:8)
- 20. Appears to John in a vision on the island of Patmos (Rev 1:10)

Jesus chose to love sinners, to sit among them, eating, and drinking. When he was rejected, he forgave them, he killed no one, enslaved no one, proclaimed freedom, did not engage in sexual relations with anyone, he fed the people, healed them, delivered them, set them free from torment, & raised them from the dead. He never condemned anyone except those who thought they were righteous, but was not! The Bible records 35 detailed miracles among the many he performed, taught 30 parables, & declared innocence by every known ruler at that time, before crucifixion. He rose from the dead with 100s of witnesses & many recorded records of proof. He said many false Christ would come after him & lead many astray. He will return.

Acts of followers after Jesus' Death

His disciples when filled with Holy Spirit added 3000 followers in one day. They took Jesus message of salvation to Rome, Spain, Macedonia, Greece, Asia Minor, Phyrgia, Egypt, Armenia, India, Assyria, & Africa, Turkey, Alexandria, & Cyrene. Belief of salvation through One God existed only among the Jews. They healed the sick, cast out demons, set the captives free among countries with beliefs of multiple gods & slavery. Their message was revolutionary.



Setting the Captives free; During 2nd & 3rd century, tens of 1000s of slaves were freed, by people who converted to Christianity. Under Augustine many "freed their slaves as an act of piety." Emperor Constantine made first death penalty law for child kidnapping for slaves. By the 1100s England outlawed slavery, 12th century Europe had almost no slaves and 1800's America fought civil war to abolish slavery based on Jesus' words.

Muhammad & Jesus Comparison of Beliefs

1. Their final Words?

MUHAMMAD: "May Allah curse the Jews and Christians for they built the places of worship at the graves of the prophets." Bukhari Hadith, Vol. 1, #427 [He said this while dying in the arms of his wife, Aisha].

JESUS: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34. (Said while dying on the cross at Calvary after being betrayed by a close friend, and sentenced to die for no legitimate reason).

COMMENT - Here are their dying words, words that will mark the end of their lives. Jesus asks God to forgive His enemies, while Muhammad utters a bitter curse against Jews & Christians, who rejected his message. Today, these contrasting statements are the basis of life for their followers.

2. What is their Message?

Muhammad's message: "Believe in Allah, the only One God, & his messenger,



Muhammad." Believe his "revelations" (Quran), follow his example & he is god's greatest & final prophet. Must pray 5 times a day facing Mecca, make a yearly pilgrimage trip or at least once in lifetime to Mecca for prayers, and perform "jihad" against unbelievers by the sword, until they all submit to Allah. (Lying & deceit are promoted to accomplish "jihad" by pen, word, and sword to gain control.)

Jesus' message: To repent, to believe in Jesus & be filled with Holy Spirit & sin no more. To follow him, forgiving others up to 70 x 70 a day. To Love the Lord thy God with all they heart, soul, strength & mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Go into all world & preach good news, forgiveness of sin, and the kingdom of God (heaven) is at hand (available). Heal the sick, cast out demons & forgive sin. Only False Christs will come after him and deceive many. He will return.

3. How did they spread their Message?

Muhammad: Spread his message by the sword, by force. His signature "act" was cutting their head off at the neck – like a piece of wheat. He offered splitting the spoil or wealth they confiscated and offered rewards in heaven of 72 virgins & bright eye boys as compensation for fighting and dying in the fight. When they conquered any people, they paid tax, to them if they did not convert so not to be killed.

Jesus: Sent his disciples out to the world, two by two preaching forgiveness of sins in his name, heal the sick, cast out demons, and the kingdom of heaven is available, start in Jerusalem, & the world.



4. Both were rejected by home-town, some Jews, & others. How did they react to Rejection?

Muhammad: When rejected by his own tribe and town where he grew up, he conquered it in 630AD with much slaughter. He systematically murdered every person who spoke against him. He murdered, ejected or conquered every know Jew & Christian in Arabia at that time.

Jesus: A Samaritan village rejected Jesus & when John and James saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" Jesus rebuked them, and said, "You do not KNOW what kind of SPIRIT you are of! For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to SAVE them!" Luke 9:51-56

COMMENT: Reaction to rejection is the basis of both men's ability to handle their emotions and actions. Still a challenge today, can we forgive or will we harbor resentment resulting in revenge through word or deed. I believe this answer to events in our lives will dictate our future, save or destroy marriages, save or destroy families and even governments.

5. What did they teach about Slavery?

Muhammad: Enslaves or sold those he conquered. He permitted his men to have relations with the women captives and not consider it adultery. Quran Bukhari Hadith Vol 5:541 and Vol 7:344 states he had Negro, Arab, Egyptian, Christian, Jewish, male, & female slaves. His followers of Islam ran the largest slave trade of over 80 million over last 14 centuries per "Slavery Terrorism & Islam, by Peter Hammond of Africa.

Jesus: Began his ministry with these words, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners,... & release for the oppressed. He had no slaves nor did he tell his followers to have slaves. He freed men from bondage, not enslaved them. From the Law of Moses, & Paul, one of his followers wrote:

Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death. Ex21:16

"We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for (slave traders) and liars and perjurers..." I Tim 1:10

Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. I Cor 6:9

6. What is their teaching about war?



Muhammad: Stated that the world was to be conquered to "submit" to Allah using the sword. Allah loves only those who are obedient and those who fight & does not love infidels. No assurance of paradise is granted except death in fighting for Allah. Confiscate booty and divide among you after paying 20% to Muhammad. Lie & deceit to further Islam is promoted & accepted.

(Muhammad's signature death) So when you meet those who became infidels, (Christians & Jews) so strike their necks (decapitate) until you have made a great slaughter among them Quran 47:4 Fight & slay the Pagans wherever you find them, & seize them, & lie in wait for them in every kind of ambush... Quran 9:5

March forth lightly or heavily and perform Jihad with your money and your lives for the sake of Allah. This is best for you, if you were knowing. Quran 9:41

Jesus: Said to pray for your enemies, & do good to them. If they want your cloak, give it to them. If they make you walk a mile, walk two. If they strike you on one cheek, turn the other cheek. Don't steal, lie, or defraud anyone. Forgive your enemy. Revenge is the Lord's not ours!

Conclusion

After many hours of intense study, I have found these two men are the greatest examples of what bitterness versus love can produce in a person's life & in the lives of our families, friends & society for generations. It is a witness, that what we believe & act upon, really does matter, not only now, but in the future!

One man chose bitterness & revenge, passed it on to his followers, who in turn wiped out 60% of the population of Christians in the Middle East within 100 years of his death. This bitterness is alive & well in Islam, expressed in acts of violence, murder, and rape every day. It is now affecting us in our society and how we respond will, I believe, will dictate the future of our country. Please see list of 35 incidents of "jihad" Islamic Terror Attacks on America soil attached!

One chose love & forgiveness, laying his life down for others, passing this love & joy to his followers which has produced some of the greatest acts of kindness, sacrifice, healing, deliverance, and joy the world has ever known. He is alive, healing, delivering, and saving people today. We need to share his story, to stand for freedom, & love others, regardless the cost!

Their life stories bring to each of us these questions. Which legacy are we building? Who do we want to follow? Should Islam be part of our legal system in American society?

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List of Islamic Terror Attacks on American Soil

This list is from the News & internet. This partial list should be enough to alarm every American!

Date City/State 4/14/1972 New York, NY	No. Killed or InjuredDescription of Murder/CrimeTen members of a local mosque phone in a false alarm and then ambush the responding officers, killing one.
1/19/1973 Brooklyn, NY	Muslim extremists rob a sporting goods store for weapons, gunning down a police officer who responds to the alarm.
7/18/1973 Washington, DC	Nation of Islam members shoot seven members of a family to death in cold blood, including four children. A defendant in the case is later murdered in prison on orders from Elijah Muhammad, a terrorist.
10/19/1973 Oakland, CA	Nation of Islam terrorists kidnap a couple and nearly decapitate the man, while raping and leaving the woman for dead.
	A woman is shot repeatedly in the face by Nation of Islam terrorists. A grocer is killed in his store by Nation of Islam terrorists. A man is killed by Nation of Islam terrorists while using a phone booth. A woman is shot to death on the sidewalk by Nation of Islam terrorists. Nation of Islam terrorists gun down an 81-year-old janitor. Nation of Islam terrorist kills two people in separate attacks on the same day. A man is kidnapped, tortured and decapitated by Nation of Islam terrorists. Five vicious shooting attacks by Nation of Islam terrorists leave three people dead and one paralyzed for life. Three of the victims were women.
04/01/1974 Oakland, CA	A Nation of Islam terrorist shoots at two Salvation Army members, killing a man and injuring a woman.
04/16/1974 Ingleside, CA 03/9/1977 Washington,DC	A man is killed by Nation of Islam terrorists while helping a friend move. Hanifi Muslims storm three buildings including a B'nai B'rith (Jewish Organization) to hold 134 people hostage. At least two innocents were shot and one died.
07/22/1980 Bethesda, MD	A political dissident is shot and killed in front of his home by an Iranian agent who was an American convert to Islam.
08/31/1980 Savou, IL 01/31/1990 Tucson, AZ	An Iranian student guns down his next-door neighbors, a husband and wife. A Sunni cleric is assassinated in front of a Tucson mosque after declaring that two verses of the Qur'an were invalid.
11/5/1990 New York, NY 01/25/1993 Langley, VA	An Israeli rabbi is shot to death by a Muslim attacker at a hotel. A Pakistani with Mujahedeen ties guns down two CIA agents outside of the headquarters.
02/26/1993 New York, NY	Islamic terrorists detonate a massive truck bomb under the World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring over 1,000 in an effort to collapse the towers.
03/1/1994 Brooklyn, NY 03/23/1997 New York, NY	A Muslim fires on a vanload of Jewish boys, killing one. A Palestinian leaves an anti-Jewish suicide note behind and travels to the top of the Empire State building where he shoots seven people in a Fedayeen attack.
04/3/1997 Lompoc, CA 10/31/1999 Near Nantucket	A prison guard is stabbed to death by a radical Muslim. An Egyptian airline pilot runs a planeload of 217 passengers into the water after uttering a Quran prayer.
03/17/2000 Atlanta, GA	A local imam and Muslim spiritual leader guns down a deputy sheriff and injures his partner.
09/11/2001 Washington, D	C Nearly 200 people are killed when Islamic hijackers steer a plane full of people into the Pentagon.
09/11/2001 Shanksville, PA	Forty passengers are killed after Islamic radicals hijack the plane in an attempt to steer it into the U.S. Capitol building.

09/11/2001 New York, NY	Islamic hijackers steer two planes packed with fuel and passengers into the World Trade Center, killing hundreds on impact and eventually killing thousands when the towers collapsed. At least 200 are seriously injured.
Clinton, MD Montgomery, AL Muslim sni 9/23/2002 Baton Rouge, LA 10/2/2002 Wheaton, MD	A 60-year-old man is gunned down by Muslim snipers on a golf course. Muslim snipers kill a man as he works in his yard. Muslim man pulls out a gun at the counter of an Israeli airline and kills two people. 09/5/2002 A 55-year-old pizzeria owner is shot six times in the back by Muslims at close range. 9/21/2002 pers shoot two women, killing one. A Korean mother is shot in the back by Muslim snipers. Muslim snipers gun down a program analyst in a store parking lot. Muslim snipers kill three men and two women in separate attacks over a 15-hour period A man is killed by Muslim snipers while pumping gas two days after a 13-year-old is wounded by the same team.
10/11/2002 Fredericksburg, Arlington, VA Aspen Hill, MD A bus driver 08/6/2003 Houston, TX	 VA Another man is killed by Muslim snipers while pumping gas. 10/14/2002 A woman is killed by Muslim snipers in a Home Depot parking lot. 10/22/2002 is killed by Muslim snipers. After undergoing a religious revival, a Saudi college student slashes the throat of a Jewish student with a 4" butterfly knife, nearly decapitating the young man.
12/2/2003 Chicago, IL	A Muslim doctor deliberately allows a Jewish patient to die from an easily treatable condition.
04/13/2004 Raleigh, NC 04/15/2004 Scottsville, NY	A Muslim man runs down five strangers with a car. In an honor killing, a Muslim father kills his wife and attacks his two daughters with a knife and hammer because he feared that they had been sexually molested.
06/16/2006 Baltimore, MD	A 62-year-old Jewish moviegoer is shot to death by a Muslim gunman in an unprovoked terror attack.
06/25/2006 Denver, CO	Saying that it was 'Allah's choice', a Muslim shoots four of his co-workers and a police officer.
07/28/2006 Seattle, WA	An 'angry' Muslim-American uses a young girl as hostage to enter a local Jewish center, where he shoots six women, one of whom dies.
10/6/2006 Louisville, KY	In an 'honor' attack, a Muslim man rapes and beats his estranged wife, leaving her for dead, then savagely murders their four children.
02/13/2007 Salt Lake City, U	IT A Muslim immigrant goes on a shooting rampage at a mall, targeting people buying Valentine's Day cards at a gift shop and killing five.
01/1/2008 Irving, TX	A Muslim immigrant shoots his two daughters to death on concerns about their 'Western' lifestyle.
07/6/2008 Jonesboro, GA	A devout Muslim strangles his 25-year-old daughter in an honor killing.
02/12/2009 Buffalo, NY The 06/1/2009 Little Rock, AR	founder of a Muslim TV station beheads his wife in the hallway for seeking a divorce. A Muslim with 'religious motives' shoots a local soldier to death inside a recruiting center.
11/2/2009 Glendale, AZ	A woman dies from injuries suffered when her father runs her down with a car for being too 'Westernized.' (10-20-09)
11/5/2009 Ft. Hood, TX	A Muslim psychiatrist guns down thirteen unarmed soldiers after proclaiming that 'Muslims should stand up and fight."

If you will note, much of these actions follow Muhammad's life teachings in Quran/Hadith.