

## STUDY THE BIBLE STB 4 QUESTIONS FROM MUSLIMS

### There are six commonly asked questions by Muslims.

1. "Hasn't the Bible been corrupted or changed?" 2. "Isn't Muhammad mentioned in the Bible?" 3. "Why do Christians worship Jesus?" 4. "Why didn't the Jews believe in Jesus Christ?" 5. "Why would God become a man?" 6. "How can Jesus be God? "How can the Son be the Father?"

#### 1. Hasn't the Bible been corrupted or changed?

The reason this question is asked is because when Muhammad, the founder of Islam, was preaching between 610 and 632 AD (AD means after Christ), he claimed his new Quran was identical to the Bible. After Muhammad's death, Muslim scholars came into contact with the Bible for the first time. When they read the Bible, they discovered a huge problem in that the Bible and the Quran contradicted each other. They began to argue that the Bible had been changed and altered, hence the differences. However, this was not the case. The book of Isaiah, written around 700BC, was found in a cave near the Dead Sea. It had been preserved. Today's King James Bible, also called the Authorized Bible, agrees word for word with it. In fact, all the books of the Old Testament were written way before Muhammad. The last one being Malachi around 420BC.

#### 2. "Isn't Muhammad mentioned in the Bible?"

No. This has been wrongly taken from the book of John. Jesus is speaking the following:  
*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:16-17*

*But **THE COMFORTER, WHICH IS THE HOLY GHOST**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26*

*But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father**, he shall testify of me: John 15:26*

The above three scriptures should clear up any misunderstandings that Muhammad is the comforter. **He is not**, as the Bible says that the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God, is the comforter.

#### 3. "Why do Christians worship Jesus?"

Christians worship Jesus because he is God. He is God who came who earth as a man in the flesh. He died. He rose bodily from the dead and he now sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven.

*But this man (Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; Hebrews 10:12*

*"...we have **redemption through his (Jesus) blood**, even the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14)*

#### 4. "Why didn't the Jews believe in Jesus Christ?"

At the time of Christ on earth, the Jews were being persecuted by the Roman empire. The promised Messiah and deliverer they were looking for, was a military man – a powerful warrior to overthrow the Romans. Furthermore, many of the priests and those in high places, would have lost their power, money and prestige if the ordinary person would worship Jesus. And they were ready to. In addition, it was not the mass of the people that crucified Jesus, but the high priests that stirred up the crowd.

But the prophecy of the Old Testament said that Israel would reject Jesus. It was foretold.

#### 5. "Why would God become a man?"

The answer is very simple. As the Bible says God is love. God took pity on us. He does not want us to go to hell. So God became a man, lived a perfect life and **died in our place** as Jesus Christ on the cross. *"For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but **have everlasting life**. For God sent not his Son (Jesus Christ) into the world to condemn the world; but that **the world through him might be saved.**) (John 3:16-17)*

#### 6. "How can Jesus be God?" "How can the Son be the Father?"

There is only **one God**. There are **not** three Gods, and this God is made up of **three persons** or three **personalities** if you like. It's sort of like an apple with three parts – the skin, the core and the flesh. So in heaven there is one God with three parts.

As the scriptures say "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, **the Word** (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one.**" (1 John 5:7). The scriptures don't lie. They say *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** John 1:1.*

**In heaven** Jesus Christ is called the **Word**. This means there is one God in heaven made up of three persons – the Father is God, the word is God and the Holy Ghost is God. Now when **Jesus is on the earth**, he is called God, as God the Father says to Jesus "**But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever...**" (Hebrews 1:8). God says this to Jesus when he is on the earth.

What is the explanation for this?

"Wherefore when he (Jesus Christ) cometh into the world, he saith ... **a body hast thou prepared me**" (Hebrews 10:5). This means Christ in heaven, comes down to earth and is put into Mary, his mother's body, by the Holy Ghost. You see, he doesn't have an earthly father. As the Bible says "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused (promised) to Joseph, **before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.**" (Matthew 1:18). This means that the Word in heaven, Jesus Christ, God himself, is supernaturally put into Mary. There is no mention that he gives up being God either. There is no change in his identity. He is God in heaven and he is God in Mary.

Here is another explanation that will help you understand.

Take a **Coffee Espresso machine**. To start with you have the **coffee beans** and that makes the **liquid coffee** in the cup right? Can we call this liquid coffee? Yes. Can we call the beans coffee? Yes. So the beans and the liquid can both be called coffee right? Yes.

So let us liken **the Word** (Jesus) in heaven to the '**coffee bean**'. He is then **expressed** out of heaven into another form on earth as **Jesus Christ the 'liquid coffee'**. As the scriptures say

"**God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who (Jesus) being the brightness of his (God the Father) glory, and THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS (GOD) PERSON, and upholding all things by the word of his (Jesus) power, when he had by himself (Jesus) purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**" (Hebrews 1:1-3)

So here we have it. The Word (Jesus) is expressed out of heaven like the 'liquid coffee from the beans in a coffee machine'. He is God in heaven and he is God on earth.

As God is a Spirit (John 4:24), to call Jesus Christ the Son of God, means that Christ is also a Spirit. Like gives birth to like. Horses give birth to horses not tigers. Apples produce apples not oranges.

Secondly, "And without controversy (without debate or argument) great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh** (Jesus), justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." (1 Timothy 3:16)

Can you see this? God comes down to earth in the flesh. He is Jesus Christ.

#### **Here are more proofs that Jesus is God.**

1. Ask anyone "Was Jesus a good man?" They will say "Yes".

Ask anyone "Do good men lie?" They will say "Of course not."

Ask anyone "Did Jesus Christ ever sin?" They will say "No. The scriptures say

*For he (God) hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, **who knew no sin;** 2 Corinthians 5:21.*

Furthermore, *Who (Jesus) **did no sin, neither was guile found** in his (Jesus) mouth: 1 Peter 2:22.*

Conclusion? Jesus Christ was sinless and sinless men don't lie.

So when Jesus speaks to Thomas and *Thomas answered and said unto him (Jesus), **My Lord and my God.** John 20:28,* Jesus accepts this. If not, Jesus would be an imposter by lying wouldn't he? He does not say to Thomas "Oh no I'm not God Thomas." Why? Jesus is God!.

2. When Jesus forgave sins, the scribes and the Pharisees said "...*who can forgive sins but God only?*" Mark 2:5-7

3. Again the Jews accuse Jesus for making himself God. *For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, **being a man, makest thyself God.** John 10:33.* Why would Jesus do that if he wasn't God? He wouldn't as he doesn't tell lies.

4. Only **God's blood** was good enough to save people (Acts 20:28)

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