

# Christianity Factsheet

## A Muslim's View

### God

- Christians believe that God is made up of three parts. The Father, The Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit/Ghost. This is called the Trinity.

\*Muslim's believe Allah is one. \*He is not divided into any parts. \*There is nothing like him. \*Nothing shares in His divinity. \*Muslim's pray to him directly. \*Muslim's believe making partners with Allah, (e.g. saying that He has taken a son) is the biggest sin of all - shirk.

### Jesus

- They believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Christians believe he died on the cross in Jerusalem but then rose from the dead.
- Christians believe Jesus died to save mankind for their sins.

\*Muslim's believe that Jesus had an amazing birth. \*Jesus does not have a father and so is similar to Adam but they are still men. \*Muslims believe Jesus did not die and was not the man who died on the cross. \*Muslim's believe that Jesus was taken up to Heaven alive and will return near the end of the world. \*Muslim's believe that Allah is the Most Merciful and the Best Judge so that every person will be accountable for his own sins not for another.

### Mary

- Christians believe that Mary is the mother of God and rose to heaven in body and soul.

\*Muslim's believe that God has no mother or father or son or any other relatives. \*Muslim's believe Allah is unique without any partner and that Allah is separate from His creation.

### Places of worship

- Christians worship in places called churches. A bell is rung to call the people to worship.

\*Muslim's have a place of worship called a Masjid (Mosque).  
\*Muslim's pray five times a day. \*The Muslim's are called to the Masjid by the Adhan [pronounced azaan].



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### Groups

- There are various Christian groups, two popular ones are the Protestants and the Catholics.

\*Although there are groups in Islam, Muslim's believe there is only one group that would be successful, the group that follows the way of Muhammad, peace be upon and the way his friends and companions followed.

### Spiritual leaders

- Their spiritual leaders or guides are called priests or ministers.
- They teach people about Christianity and lead them in prayers and other events.

\*Muslim's also have teachers and people who lead them in prayer, they are called Shaykhs or Imams.

### Afterlife

- Christians believe in a heaven where those who believed in Jesus as the Son of God will go.
- They also believe in a Hell, which is where the evildoers will be punished.

\*Muslim's believe in Heaven and Hell. \*Muslim's believe that only those people who believed and prayed to God alone without making partners with him and they followed the way of Muhammad, peace be upon him will go to Heaven. \*Muslim's believe that there is a Hell where the people who did bad things will go. \*They believe that the people who committed shirk will never come out of Hell. \*Those who did bad things but didn't do shirk will be punished for some time then Allah will allow them out.

### Christian holidays

- Christianity celebrates various days. Two of them being Christmas and Easter. Christians believe Jesus was born on Christmas day and that Jesus was killed on Easter Friday but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Easter is the most important Christian festival.

\*Muslim's have two days of celebration, the two Eids. Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr. \*Muslim's believe that they shouldn't take part in the celebrations of other faiths as they are religious celebrations and by taking part in them is like following part of their religion.