

**Cross Walk Church**  
**Position Statement: Islam**

There is much confusion today regarding the god of Islam (Allah) and the God of the Bible. One popular misconception which is being promoted is that the God of the Christian and the Allah are the same God. This cannot be true for multiple reasons and anyone who teaches otherwise is deluded.

Christianity began in 33 A.D. and Islam began in 610 A.D. While Islam and Christianity are monotheistic, Islam is not Trinitarian. Only Christianity believes that God is manifested in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The god of Islam is a false god, promoted by the father of lies, Satan. The universal lie of Satan in EVERY cult and false religion centers on a TOTAL misrepresentation of the Person of Jesus Christ.

The Bible declares Jesus to be the Son of God. In the Bible, being the firstborn or “only” son had nothing to do with birth order. The title firstborn or “only” son indicated a position of preference or honor. Several examples of this are written down in the Bible for our benefit. Islam teaches that Ishmael was the firstborn physically and therefore held the position of firstborn. However, God declared in the Bible that Isaac was Abraham’s firstborn for several reasons; firsts, Isaac was the firstborn because he was the son of promise. God had made a covenant with Abraham that Sarah his wife would have a son in her old age (Gen. 17:15). Interestingly, Islam does not deny the fact that Sarah had a son when she was beyond child bearing years. In this way, Islam actually validates the covenant between God and Abraham. The Qur’an states: *[Surah 11.71] And his (Abrahams') wife was standing (by), so she laughed, then We gave her the good news of Ishaq and after Ishaq of Yaqoub. [Surah 11.72] She said: O wonder! shall I bear a son when I am an extremely old woman and this my husband an extremely old man? Most surely this is a wonderful thing.* This very account was recorded in the Bible in Genesis 18:11-13. Second, Ishmael was the son of a slave woman and Isaac was the son of a free woman. The son of the slave woman represented slavery to the law and the son of the free woman represented the children of promise through Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:22-31).

Islam does acknowledge the existence of Jesus Christ but does not recognize him as equal with God, but as a prophet like Mohammad. However, the Qur’an preaches a different Christ than that of the Bible. The “Christ of Islam” was NOT crucified nor did he die in the place of sinners.

*Quran 4:156-159 "That they rejected Faith; That they uttered against Mary A grave false charge; That they said (in boast): 'We killed Christ Jesus The son of Mary, The Messenger of Allah.' But they killed him not, Nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.*

The Bible however, does teach that Jesus died on the cross after being severely beaten (Mt. 27:26-50; John 19:1-37). Even secular texts agree with the Bible.

*CORNELIUS TACITUS (55 - 120 A.D.) "Christus, the founder of the [Christian] name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of Tiberius." Annals XV, 44*

*The Babylonian Talmud: "It has been taught: On the eve of Passover they hanged Yeshu... But, not having found anything in his favor, they hanged him on the eve of Passover." Sanhedrin 43a; df.t.Sanh. 10:11; y. Sanh. 7:12; Tg.*

It is clear that humans are to have no other God than the God of the Bible. The God of the Bible is a triune God and therefore the god of Islam is no god at all, but a creation by the father of lies to keep people in darkness. *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of Go* (2 Corinthians 4:3–4 ESV).

While we do not believe that Muslims are on their way to heaven, we do believe that Jesus Christ died to save people from their sins and this includes Muslims who will humble themselves and trust fully in the finished work of Jesus alone, who loved them and gave himself for them.