COMPARISON: MUHAMMAD AND JESUS IN ISLAM AND THE BIBLE

| General | Muhammad | Jesus |
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| Name | Praised one = "Ahmad" | The Lord saves = "Jesus"(Mt. 1:21) |
| Prophesied | By Jesus (Sura 61:6) | In the OT (e.g. Is. 53) |
| Calling | As a warner and apostle (Sura 9; 3:144; 4:163) | As a servant and son (Phil.2) |
| Birth | By Aminah and Abdallah | By the virgin Mary No earthly Father (Luke 1:35) |
| Status | Married to several women (Sura 33:37, 50) | Never married |
| Purpose of Life | Founding a religion, power (even using force and revenge) | Glorifying God By word and action of love; Doing God's will (John 4:34) |
| Character | In the beginning gentle, hatred against enemies, became more like a dictator | Compassion even for his enemies (Luke 23:34) |
| | Prayed earnestly and frequently for forgiveness of his sins (Sura 47:19; 4:105f; 40:55) | Without any sin; never prayed for forgiveness of his sins, but forgave the sins of others (Heb. 4:15; Eph 1:7; Mt 9:2) |
| Teaching | For his own advantages (Mishkat 1 p.159, 173) | With authority (not like teachers) (Mt. 7:29; also 28:8) |
| Message | Worship one god (Allah) and believe his messenger (Muhammad). <i>Shahada</i> | Believe in me (Jesus) and you will be saved (Jn. 3:16; 11:25; 14:1) |
| Miracles | None at all (Sura 17:90-93) (Qur'an is claimed tobe his miracle by Muslims) | Many miracles: healing of blind, lame, feeding, authority over nature, raising from the dead (Mt. 11:2-6) |
| Death | Poisoned? In Medina, age 62 | Crucified in Jerusalem for the sins of the world (Jn 1:29) |
| After Death | Still in the grave Waiting for judgment day, not knowing his destiny (Sura 46:9) | Risen from the dead Gone to Heaven to his Father Will come back to judge (John 20: 3:13; 2 Tim 4:1) |