

Muhammad: A Mere Man

Answering the Question: “What do you think of Muhammad?”

Who was Muhammad? Some would say a fearless military leader. Others would say he was a madman who did more harm than good. But most Muslims say that Muhammad is the last and greatest of the prophets who walked the earth.

Pushing Buttons

If you're ever dialoguing with a Muslim, he's sure to ask you this question: “*What do you think of Muhammad?*” Muslims have deep respect for Muhammad and look to him the “seal of the prophets.”

When a Muslim asks me this, I try to:

- focus on positive things Muhammad did; and
- *always* lead the discussion back to Christ.

The Positive Side

Five positive things about Muhammad:

- Taught the oneness of God
- United warring Arab tribes
- Destroyed idols in the Ka'aba
- Abolished the practice of infanticide
- Gave a few more rights to women

Segue to Christ

One woman I know answers the question this way: “I think Muhammad was a great man, because he said many wonderful things about my Lord and Savior, Jesus.”

Always bring the discussion back to Christ. When compared to the person and power of Jesus, Muhammad pales in comparison. For example, Muhammad pleaded for God to forgive his sins, while Jesus was sinless. Muhammad formed a community of those who submit to the message; Jesus taught about Father God who loves the entire world. Muhammad died in the 7th century and is buried; Jesus Christ conquered death and is alive today.

Emphasize the Uniqueness of Christ:

- Stress that only Christ was sinless from birth.
- Show from the New Testament that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer
- Read Hebrews 1:1-2.
- Ask if he/she has read the Injeel (New Testament) and offer one as a gift.

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