



# ISLAM

## MAJOR BELIEFS

### God

- Muslims reject the Trinity and worship One personal God referred to as “Allah” who is Creator and Lord.

### Jesus Christ

- Though Jesus was born of a virgin and is sinless, he is neither God nor God’s Son, but a great prophet.

### Source of Authority

- The Qur’an is often interpreted in light of traditions from Muhammed’s teachings called the Hadith.

### Human Nature

- Born pure, humans are weak and prone to corruption. They must answer to Allah on the Day of Judgment.

### Basic Human Problem

- Disobedience of responsible human beings to the law of Allah. Shirk, or idolatry, is the primary sin.

### Solution to Basic Human Problem

- Humanity needs instruction and must submit to the will of Allah as expressed in the Qur’an.

### Afterlife

- A day is coming where all faithful believers will receive paradise and all nonbelievers, unfaithful Muslims, and apostates will experience hellfire.

## WHEN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL

- 1 Listen to their story and background.
- 2 Explain that the one true God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3 Emphasize the full divinity and humanity of Jesus.

## STATISTICS

Population

**1.7 Billion**

Countries

**149**

People Groups

**2,317**

Unreached Groups

**2,121**

## QUICK FACTS

- Shahada is the confession that there is no god but Allah and Muhammed is his messenger.
- The Salat is the prayer that occur five times daily facing Mecca.
- Hajj is the pilgrimage that those who are able must go to Mecca at least once.

## READING

James R. White, *What Every Christian Needs to Know about the Qur’an*

Timothy George, *Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad? Understanding the Differences Between Christianity and Islam*