**RS Notes: Christianity and Islam**

What’s the Story?

* Christianity and Islam are the two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religions in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + They both are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (belief in one god)
  + He created the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of human beings.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knew Christians in his lifetime and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them along with Jews as "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.“
  + The Prophet and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extended conquered Christians (and Jews) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than conquered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Since the life of the Prophet, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Islam has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + As it spread, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conquered much of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Holy Land and the Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" and the center of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, fell to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1453 and has lived under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule ever since.
* In recent centuries, mutual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has continued to grow
  + *The conflict has more to do with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tensions and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
  + Efforts have been made by both Christians and Muslims to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and engage in respectful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| **History & Stats** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| date founded | c. 30 AD | 622 CE |
| place founded |  | Arabian Peninsula |
| founders & early leaders | Jesus, Peter, Paul |  |
| major location today | Europe, North and South America | Middle East, Southeast Asia |
| adherents worldwide today |  |  |
| current size rank | largest in the world | second largest in the world |
| major branches |  |  |
| **Religious Authority** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| sacred text | Bible = Old Testament (Jewish Bible) + New Testament | Qur'an (Koran) |
| inspiration of sacred text | views vary: literal Word of God, inspired human accounts, or of human origin only | literal Word of God |
| status of biblical prophets | true prophets | true prophets |
| status of Jewish Bible |  |  |
| status of New Testament |  | noncanonical but useful as a (corrupted) inspired text |
| other written authority | church fathers, church councils, ecumenical creeds (all branches);  papal decrees, canon law (Catholics) |  |
| **Beliefs & Doctrine** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| ultimate reality |  | one creator God |
| nature of God | Trinity - one substance, three persons | unity - one substance, one person |
| other spiritual beings | angels and demons |  |
| revered humans | saints, church fathers | prophets, imams (especially in Shia Islam) |
| identity of Jesus |  |  |
| birth of Jesus | virgin birth | virgin birth |
| death of Jesus | death by crucifixion |  |
| resurrection of Jesus | affirmed |  |
| second coming of Jesus |  |  |
| mode of divine revelation | through Prophets and Jesus (as God Himself), recorded in Bible | through Muhammad, recorded in Qur'an |
| human nature |  |  |
| means of salvation | correct belief, faith, good deeds, sacraments (some Protestants emphasize faith alone) | correct belief, good deeds, Five Pillars |
| God's role in salvation | predestination, various forms of grace | predestination |
| good afterlife | eternal heaven | eternal paradise |
| bad afterlife |  | eternal hell |
| view of the other religion |  |  |
| **Rituals & Practices** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| house of worship | church, chapel, cathedral, basilica, meeting hall | mosque |
| day of worship |  |  |
| religious leaders | priest, bishop, archbishop, patriarch, pope, pastor, minister, preacher, deacon | imams |
| major sacred rituals |  |  |
| head covered during prayer? | generally no | yes |
| central religious holy days | Lent, Holy Week, Easter | Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha, month of Ramadan |
| other holidays | Christmas, saints days | Mawlid, Ashura |