**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  |