



# THE MESSIAH

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

The Messiah Scriptures are available in many different languages. A large number of translations are available at [www.Imabdallah.be](http://www.Imabdallah.be). It can be used for evangelization but also as an example for how we Christians can learn how to express the Good News to Muslims. In the last several years, it has been used in discussion groups about the Christian faith and via those discussions these questions came forth. The entire Messiah Scriptures is written from the worldview perspective of a Muslim. It is an example to how the Gospel can be contextualized without losing its Bible-centered message.

### **THE LAMB OF GOD**

1. How can we understanding the meaning of a sacrifice from the story of Abraham and Isaac?
2. How can the Christian Mahdi/Hamdi get Ahmed to admit that he is a sinner too?
3. How does one connect the words of John the Baptist about the Messiah as the Lamb of God to Jesus' sacrifice for all peoples?
4. How does Mahdi/Hamdi explain to Ahmed that it is necessary to receive the gift from Jesus the Messiah?

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

1. What is the most common Muslim conception of the Bible?
2. How does Mahdi/Hamdi deal with the accusations against the Bible?
3. How does Mahdi/Hamdi explain the unity of the Bible?

### **THE SACRIFICE OF GOD**

1. How does Mahdi/Hamdi explain why all the prophets worshipped God through a sacrifice?
2. In which way does Mahdi/Hamdi worship God through a sacrifice?
3. Why was the ritual of sacrifices so important?
4. How is the connection explained between the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah 53 and Jesus' claim that he was our sacrifice?

## **SIN**

1. How is the origin of sin and its consequences explained by way of the story about Adam and Eva?
2. How did Mahdi/Hamdi explain that humanity is spiritually dead in their sin?
3. In what way did Adam and Eva get to know that a Savior would one day be born?

## **THE SON OF ABRAHAM**

1. How does Mahdi/Hamdi explain that the Messiah is also the Son of Abraham?
2. How does he then explain that the Messiah is also the Son of David?

## **GOD IS ONE**

1. What was Ahmed's understanding of the Trinity?
2. How did Mahdi/Hamdi explain the concept of the Trinity by means of Ahmed himself and multiplication?
3. How did Ahmed understand the Christian concept of the Son of God?
4. How did Mahdi/Hamdi explain that the Messiah is the eternal word of God that became flesh?
5. How did Mahdi/Hamdi explain through the illustration of "the sea and the glass" that God is not limited in the person of Jesus?
6. How does Mahdi/Hamdi use Jesus Muslim titles: "The Word of God" and "The Spirit of God?"

## **GOD AND MAN**

1. In which way would Christians sin in their worship if the Messiah was merely a mortal human?
2. How does Mahdi/Hamdi show that the Messiah's pre-existence explain his divinity?
3. How does Mahdi/Hamdi explain that the Messiah's divinity was predicted by Isaiah, the angel Gabriel and Zacharias?
4. What claim did Jesus make for himself according to Mahdi/Hamdi?
5. How did Mahdi/Hamdi tell Ahmed that he could also receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior?

