

# Muslims and the Gospel

## How Will They Hear?

Do you have a friend who is Muslim? If so, you might be the only Christian he or she will ever meet. In fact, most of the 1.9 billion Muslims in the world will never meet a genuine Christian. Even though one-third of all unbelievers in the world are Muslims, only .05 percent of Christian workers in the world have Muslims as their focus. The sad truth is, **most Muslims will die without ever having heard the Gospel.**

J.D. Greear spent two years working with Muslims in Southeast Asia, and in the process, he learned much about effective, and *ineffective*, ways of explaining and teaching the Gospel to Muslims. Now, he reveals how to present the Gospel to Muslims in a way they will understand.

According to Greear, one of the most crucial things for Christians to understand is the importance of focusing on building relationships with Muslims. “Muslims won’t be won by arguing,” explains Greear.

From his experience, he also knows that Muslims do not respond to formulaic or other common evangelistic techniques used in the Western world. Instead, Greear explains in detail how the use of stories can open a Muslim’s heart in amazing ways. Sharing his own personal experiences of working with Muslims, Greear offers a very rare glimpse into the questions that lie in the hearts and souls of Muslims everywhere.



**J.D. Greear, PhD**, spent two years working with Muslims in Southeast Asia, after which he earned his doctorate in Christian and Islamic theology at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 2002 he re-planted “The Summit Church,” a multi-site congregation in the Raleigh-Durham area that has grown to nearly 4,000. J.D. is committed to the local church and to church planting, having undertaken the goal of planting 1,000 churches in the next 40 years. He has published widely on church growth and evangelism. He lives in the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina with his wife, Veronica, and his four ridiculously cute kids, Kharis, Alethia, Ryah, and Adoniram.

### Suggested interview Topics:

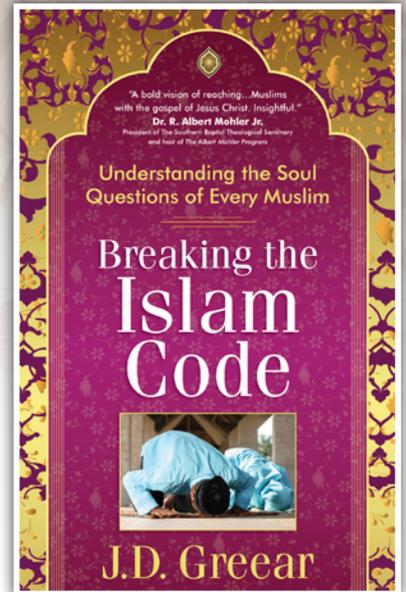
- ♦ Why Most Muslims Will Never Hear the Gospel
- ♦ Do’s and Don’ts of Evangelizing with Muslims
- ♦ Presenting the Gospel through Story
- ♦ Using the Right Words with Your Muslim Friends
- ♦ Understanding What Moves the Muslim
- ♦ Handling Objections and Identifying Misconceptions

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# Interview Questions



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- ❁ Did this book come out of personal experience, or something else?
- ❁ Tell me about your time in Southeast Asia. What led you there, and what did you do there? Did your experiences change the direction/focus of your life?
- ❁ You say that some of the ways Western missionaries have traditionally shared the Gospel with Muslims are not necessarily the most effective. Can you give us some examples of ineffective techniques?
- ❁ How can the Western Church explain the Gospel in ways that Muslims will truly understand?
- ❁ You say that relationship is one of the keys to reaching Muslims today. How would you advise people who literally have Muslims living next door to go about building a relationship with their neighbor?
- ❁ In a society that focuses so much on political correctness, how do you move forward building trust and respect with your Muslim neighbor while staying true to your beliefs?
- ❁ Reaching Muslims with the Gospel is very difficult given the differences in belief systems and cultures. People can get killed for converting to Christianity or even sharing the gospel with a Muslim. So, why should we continue to persist with something that can be so dangerous?
- ❁ Have you actually seen Muslims come to Christ? If so, how did it happen?
- ❁ How do you continue to reach out to Muslims today? Do you ever plan to go back overseas?
- ❁ Your doctoral studies were in “Islamic and Christian soteriology.” What exactly does that mean?

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