

Jews, Christians, and Muslims

Comparative Notes on the Three Faiths

- **Jews and Muslims:**
 - *Share a belief in One God; discount the idea of The Trinity.*
 - *Highly revere the One God. Many Jews do not say the name; Muslims do not depict in imagery.*
 - *Deeply honor the words of their Sacred Texts (The Torah and The Qur'an). Christians tend to be more influenced by their institution, the Church.*
 - *Observe the same dietary laws; also practice the same laws of circumcision.*
 - *Believe that neither Moses nor Muhammad is the means to salvation in the way that Christians believe about Jesus.*

- **Christians and Muslims:**
 - *When combined, number one-half of the world's religious populations.*
 - *Constitute the largest and second largest religious groups in the U.S.*
 - *Are missionary religions that seek to convert non-believers.*
 - *Believe in the Virgin Birth and sinless life of Jesus.*
 - *Hold Mary in high esteem as favored by God and the purest among women.*
 - *Share belief in an individual resurrection, a day of judgment, and accountability for one's life.*

- **Importance of Jerusalem to Jews, Christians, and Muslims**
 - *To Jews, it is their Promised Homeland; they await there for the Promised Messiah.*
 - *To Christians, it is the center of their Christian faith and the Place where Jesus will return.*
 - *To Muslims, it is the seat of the Great Prophets and the Place of Muhammad's night journey.*
 - *To all three faiths, it is the Place where Heaven and Earth meet.*
 - *Enjoys an ancient religious timeline of more than 4,000 years;*
 - *Abraham lived there about 4000 years ago*
 - *David established a kingdom there about 3,000 years ago*
 - *Jesus was born there about 2,000 years ago*
 - *For Jews, Christians, and Muslims, it is the place where more blood has been shed in the name of God than any other place on earth.*