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Middle East Religions Comparison Chart

	JUDAISM	Christianity	Islam
Symbol			
Size (# of followers or world ranking)	14 th : Judaism: _____	1 st -- _____	2 nd : Islam: _____
Founder	_____	_____	_____
Holy Book	_____ : the first five books of the Hebrew scripture	_____	_____
Country of Origin	_____	_____	_____
Monotheistic or polytheistic?	_____ : one god	_____ : one god	_____ : one god
View of Jesus	Jesus seen as either an extremist false messiah or a good but martyred teacher. Orthodox Jews await the Messiah.	Son of God, savior	Jesus is one of 124,000 prophets; born of a virgin but not Son of God; was sinless; ascended to heaven without dying (not crucified); a messiah and ayatollah (sign of God).

<p>Main Beliefs (ex. basic laws or guidelines)</p>	<p>_____ : Laws given by God.</p>	<p>_____ : Laws given by God.</p>	<p>Five _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faith: believe that there is only one god (Allah) 2. Prayer: five daily prayers, facing Mecca 3. Charity: giving money to the poor 4. Fasting: Ramadan--month of fasting 5. Pilgrimage: at least one journey to Mecca in a lifetime
<p>Holy places/ places of worship</p>	<p>Place of worship: Synagogue/Temple</p> <p>_____:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • capital of Israel (home of the Jews) • where the temple was built destroyed • where the western wall of the temple still stands 	<p>Place of worship: Church/Cathedral</p> <p>_____:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Jesus was crucified • Where Jesus was buried 	<p>Place of worship: _____</p> <p>Mecca: birthplace of Mohammed and Islam Medina: where Mohammed began SAFELY preaching about Islam Jerusalem: Dome of the Rock, where Mohammed is believed to have gone to heaven with Gabriel to speak w/ the prophets</p>

Interesting facts			
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