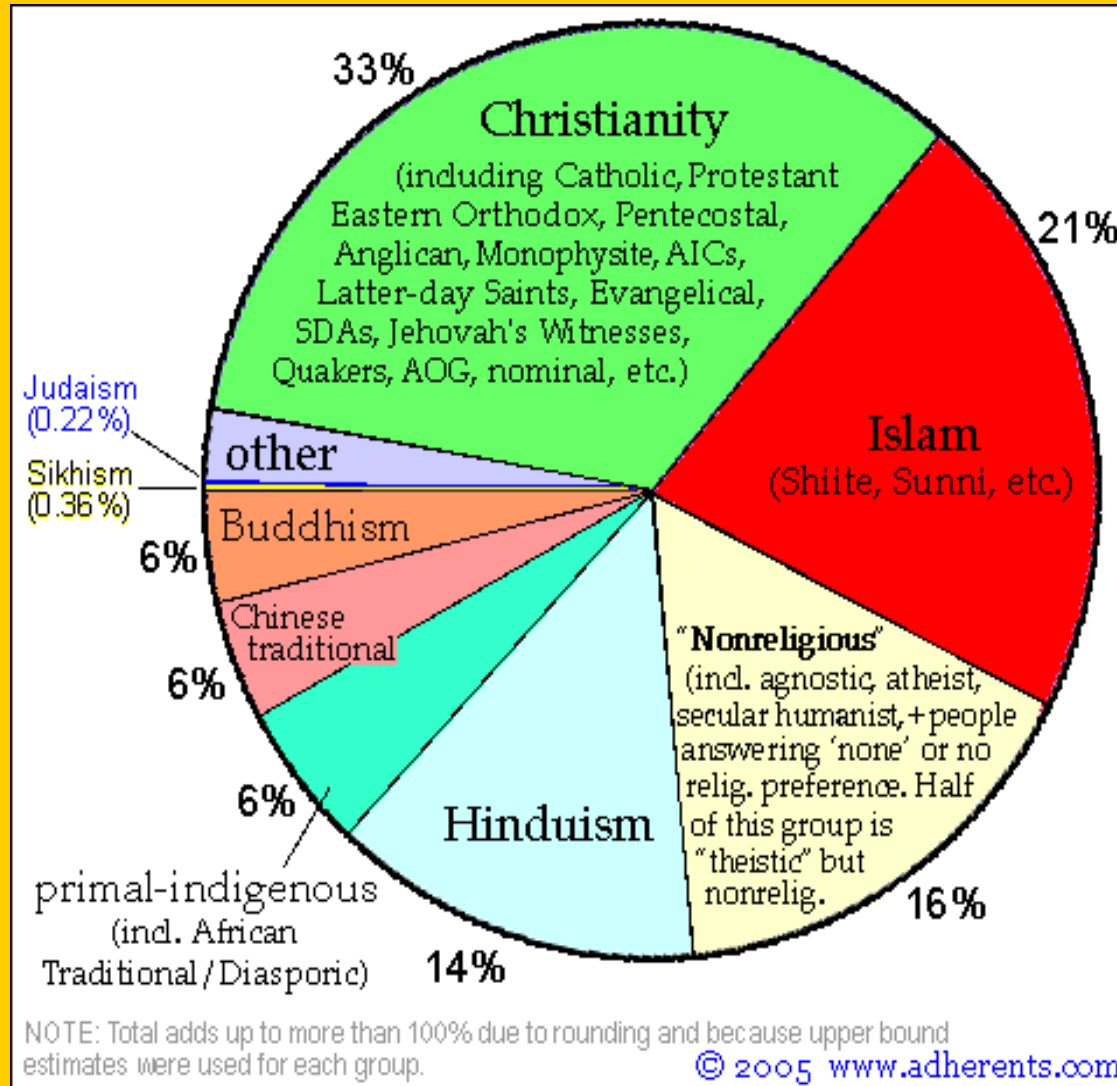


# *JUDAISM: Size of Religion*



- Judaism is the **14<sup>th</sup> largest** religion in the world.
- There are 14 million followers.

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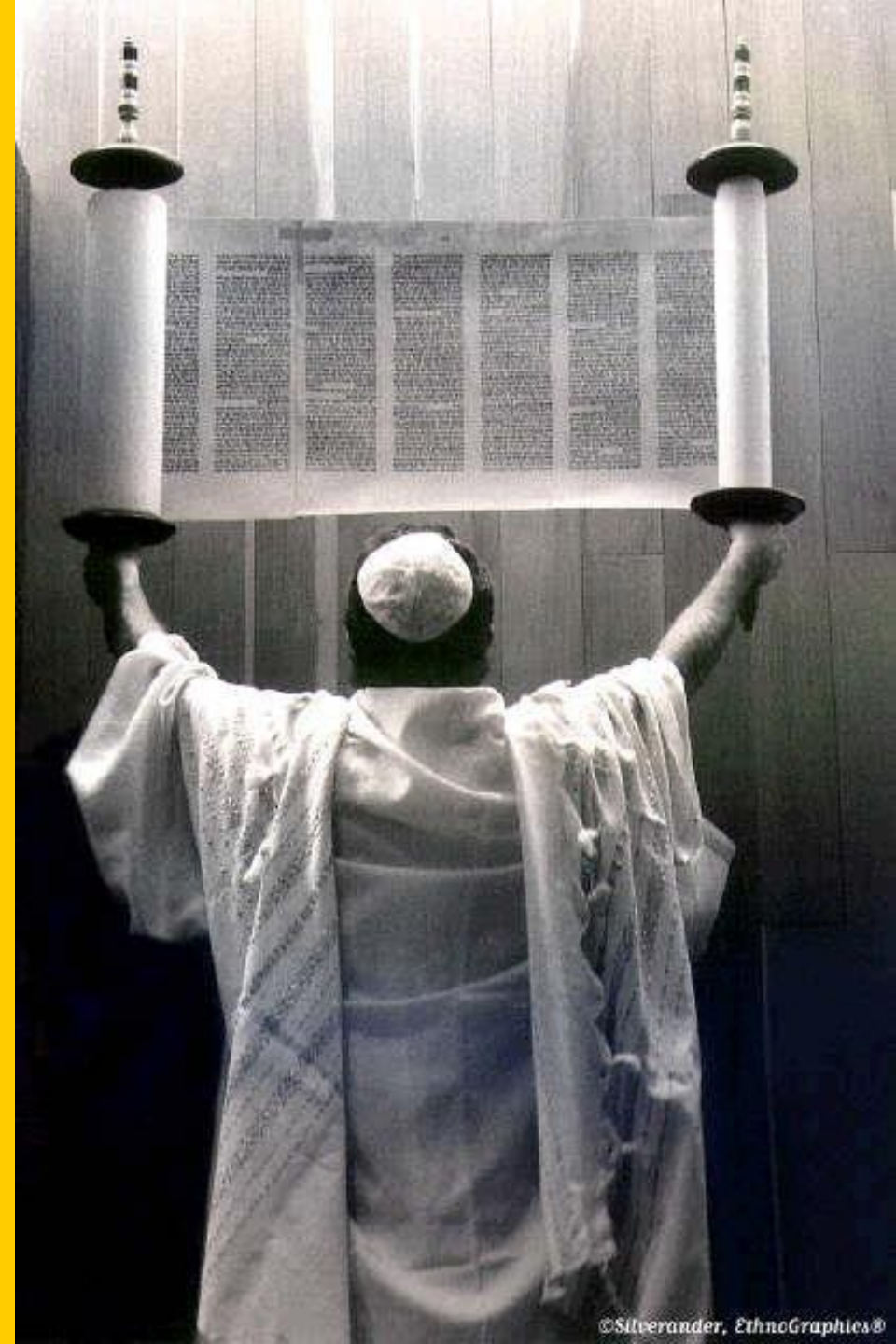
## Founder / Important People / Prophets

- **Abraham** was the founder
- The **Hebrews** are the people who are descended from Abraham and his grandson **Jacob**
- **Moses** was the man who lead the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. He received the **Ten Commandments** on Mt. Sinai



## Sacred Text

- **Torah:** the first five books in the Hebrew scriptures.
- **Tanakh:** the rest of the Old Testament
- **Talmud:** explanation of the Tanakh.

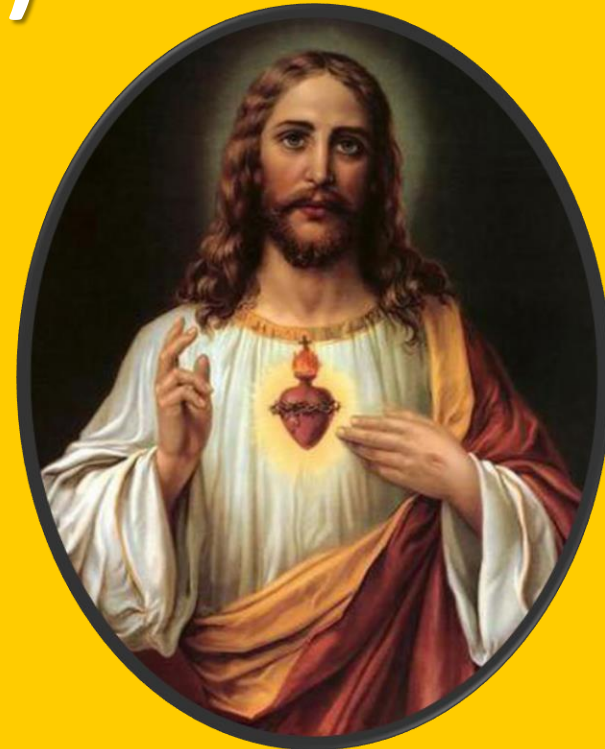


**Country of Origin:**  
**Israel / Canaan**



# Jewish View of Jesus:

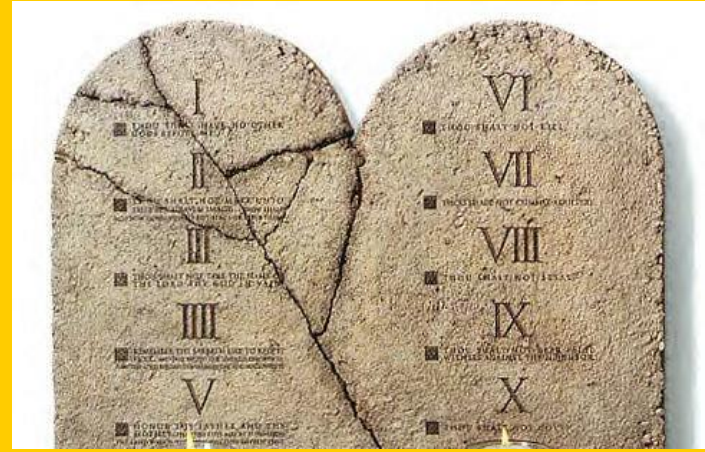
- Jews see Jesus as either a **false messiah (savior)** or a **good teacher**.
- **NOT** the son of God





# Main Beliefs:

## The 10 Commandments



1. I am God, the only God.
2. Only pray to God.
3. Use God's name only at special times.
4. Every week, celebrate a day of rest, peace and happiness.
5. Care about your parents.
6. Love life and living things.
7. Protect your family.
8. Do not steal.
9. Be honest.
10. Do not get jealous.

# Jewish Beliefs cont. . .

- **Sabbath** (holy day) = Saturday
- **Dietary laws** – rules saying what foods they can eat & how they are prepared (ex. no pork)
- **Yom Kippur** – holiday asking for God's forgiveness for sins



# Place of Worship/Holy Places

## Synagogue/Temple

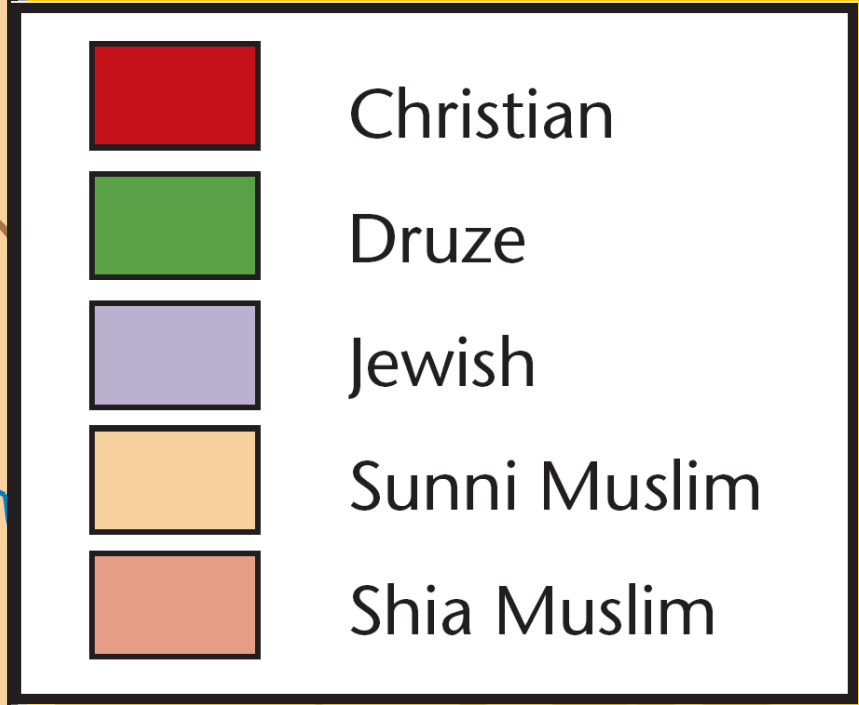
Jews go to the synagogue on the Sabbath (Saturday).



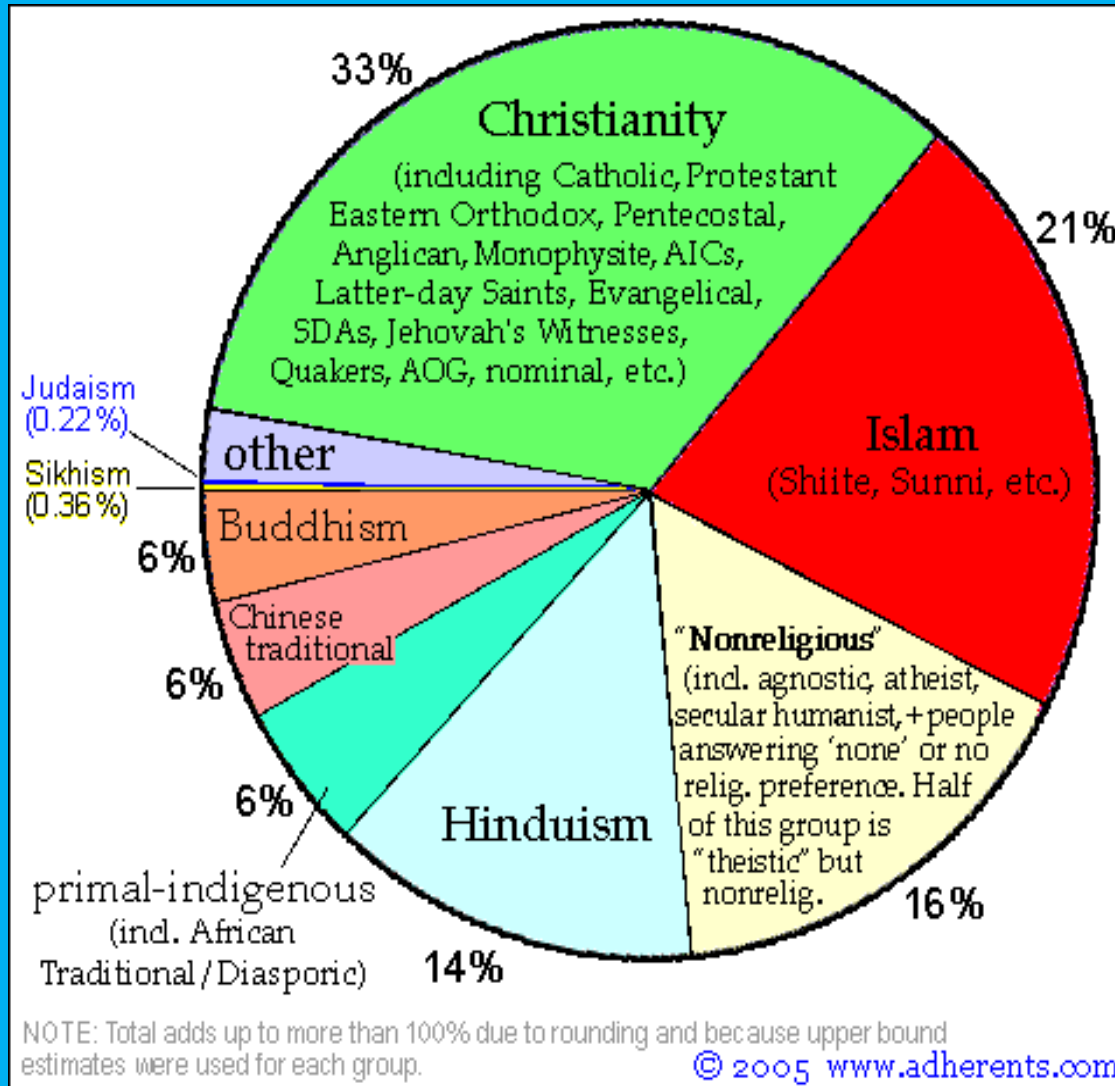
## Jerusalem

- HOLIEST PLACE for Jews
- first and second temples
- Western Wall of the second temple





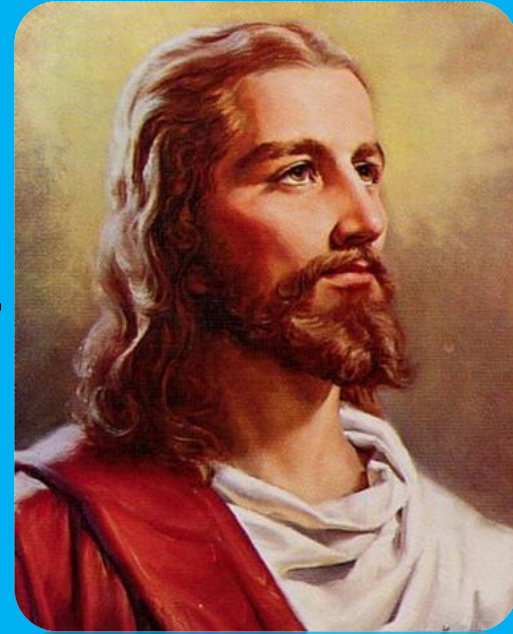
# Christianity: Size of Religion



- Christianity is the **largest** religion in the world.
- There are 2.4 billion followers.

# CHRISTIANITY

## Founder / Important People



**Jesus** was the founder

- **Abraham**

- founder of Judaism

- **Hebrews** come from Abraham & his grandson **Jacob**

- Jesus was Hebrew

- Roman Emperor **Constantine**

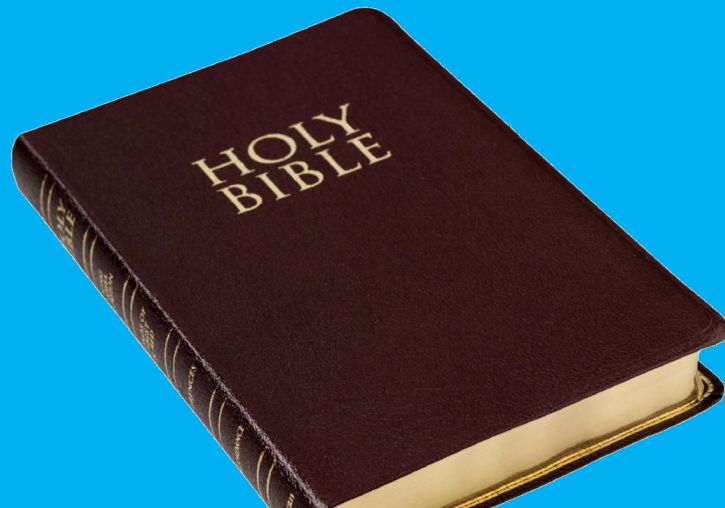
- was the first world leader to convert to Christianity (AD 312)

- helped to spread Christianity throughout Europe

## CHRISTIANITY

# HOLY BOOK/SACRED TEXT

- **The Bible: Old and New Testament**
- **Old Testament** = history of Judaism
- **New Testament** = story of Jesus' life, his teachings, and the teaching of his disciples and other important Christians (ex. Paul).



**Country of Origin:**  
**Israel / Palestine**





## View of Jesus:

- **son of God**
- **prophet**  
(messenger of god)
- **Messiah/Christ**  
(savior; God appointed leader who brings a new, better world)
- As part of the Trinity (father, son, & holy ghost), Jesus is considered a part of God



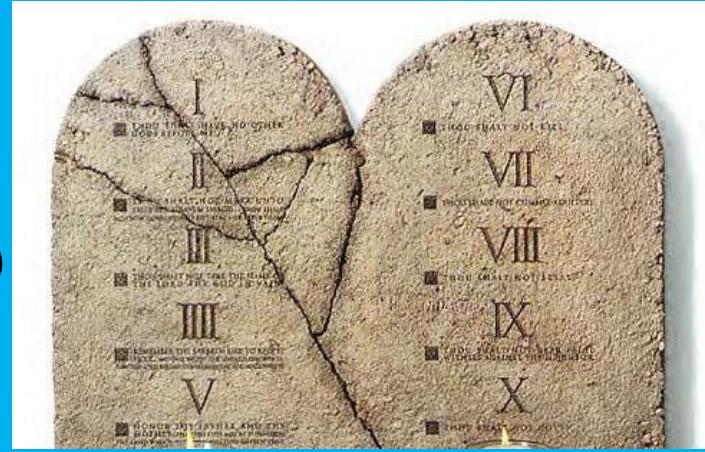
God the Father (top), and the Holy Spirit (represented by a dove) depicted above Jesus.



# Main Beliefs:

**monotheistic** (worship only one god)

## **The 10 Commandments**

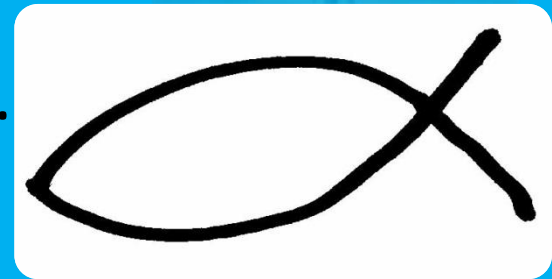
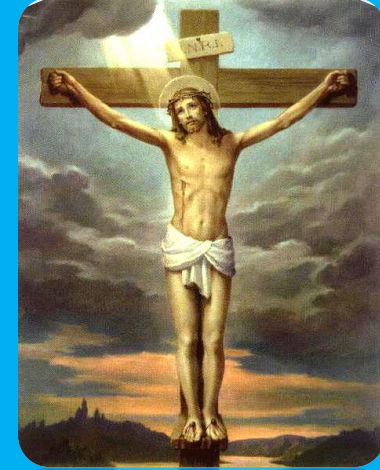


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# CHRISTIANITY

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Jesus was born in **Bethlehem** in 4 B.C.
- Jesus was crucified in 30 AD (he was about 34).
- Christians were persecuted until 313 A.D. They were treated this way because they did not worship Roman gods and goddesses.
- Christianity was made legal in 313 A.D. with the help of the Roman Emperor Constantine. This helped the religion spread throughout Europe.



# CHRISTIANITY

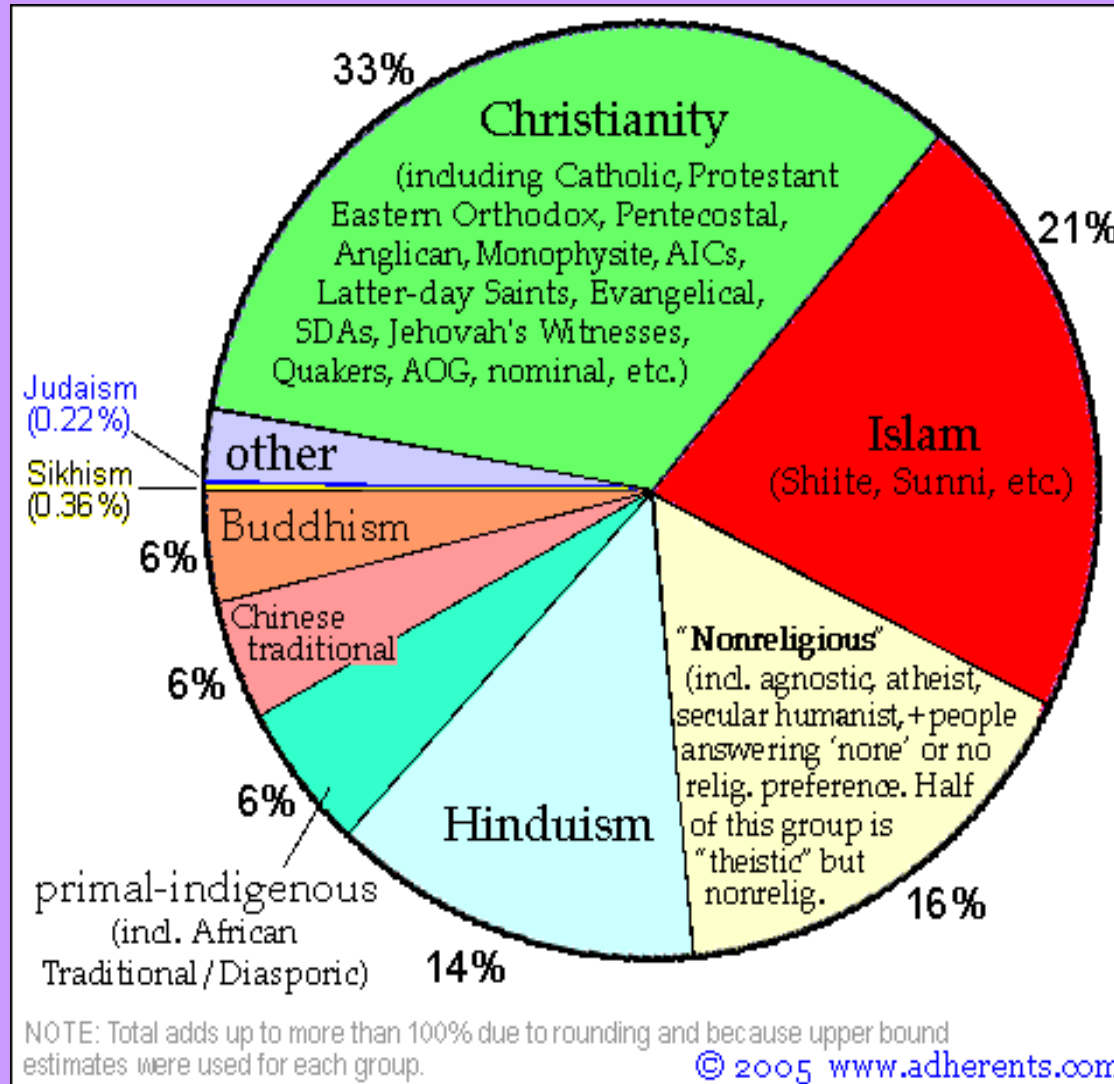
## Holy Places/Place of worship

- Christians worship in buildings called churches or cathedrals

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Palestine (Israel).
- Jerusalem is where Jesus was crucified and buried.



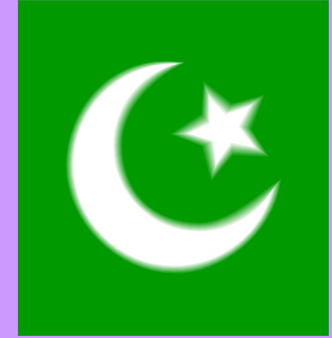
# ISLAM: Size of Religion



- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest religion in the world
- 1.5 billion followers

# Islam

## FOUNDER

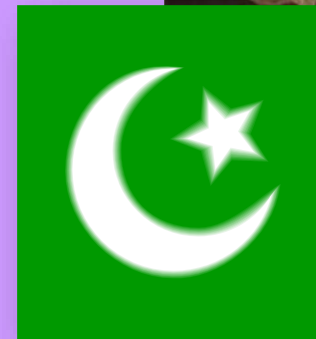
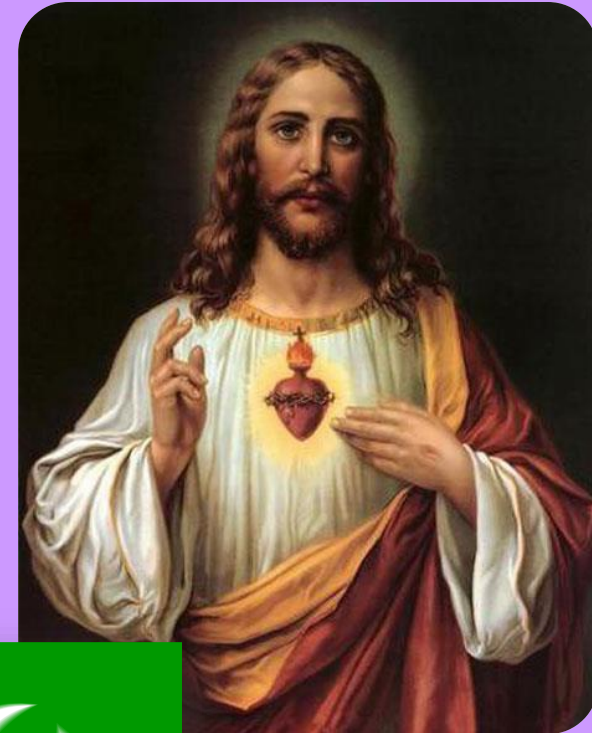


- **Muhammad (Mohammed)** is the founder of Islam.
- He claims to be the **final prophet**, or messenger, of God.
- **Abraham** and his son **Ishmael** built the Ka'aba in Mecca. They are also considered the fathers of the Muslim people.



# Islam's View of Jesus:

- Muslims see Jesus as **prophet (messenger of God)**.
- **NOT** the son of God





# HOLY BOOK/SACRED TEXT



## Qu'ran (Koran)

- Muslims see it as the final & complete word of God
- contains much of the Old Testament (Judaism) and the New Testament (Christianity).

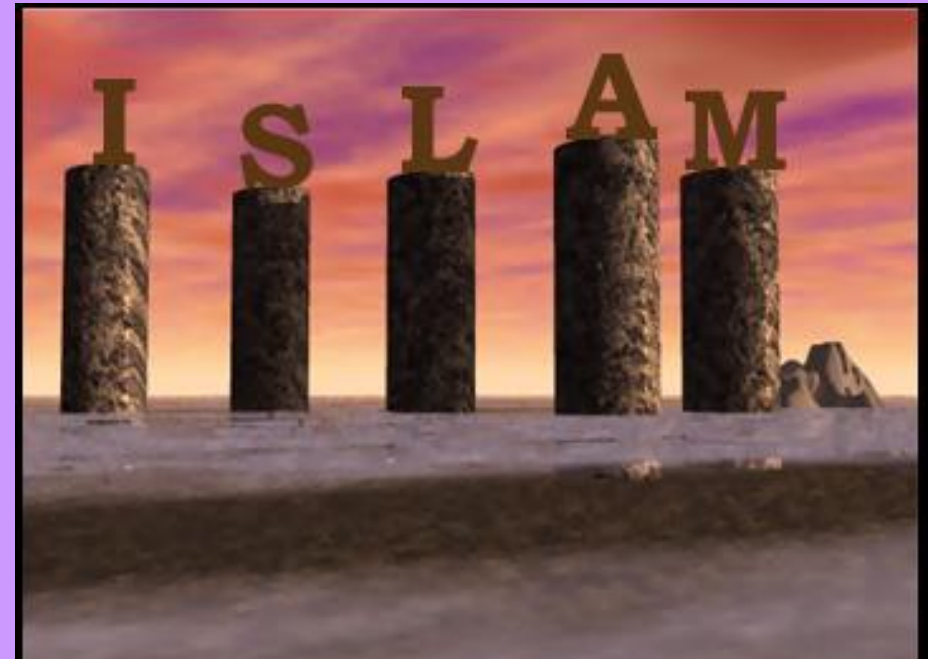


# BASIC BELIEFS:



## Five pillars of Faith – guidelines for Muslims

1. Shahada - belief in one God, Muhammad is his prophet
2. Salat - pray 5 times daily towards Mecca
3. Zakat - giving of charity
4. Sawan - fasting during the holy month of Ramadan
5. Hajj - pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, the birthplace of Muhammed





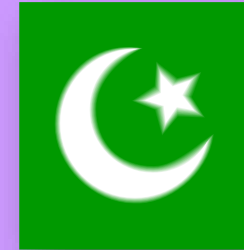
# What about these required prayers?

**The mandatory prayers  
performed 5 times a day:**

- \* dawn
- \* noon
- \* late afternoon
- \* sunset
- \* before going to bed

**Wash before praying.**

**Face Mecca and use a  
prayer rug.**



# ISLAM Basic Beliefs



## Dietary laws

- No pork
- No alcohol







- ☾ The call to prayer by the *muezzin* in the *minaret*.
- ☾ Pray in the *mosque* on Friday.





☾ Those who complete the pilgrimage can add the title *hajji* to their name.





# IMPORTANT PLACES BUILDING



**Mosques** are the buildings in which Muslims worship.





Country of Origin:  
**SAUDI ARABIA**



**Middle East**





# IMPORTANT PLACES CITIES



## 1. Mecca (Saudi Arabia)

- Muhammad's birth
- Ka'aba

## 2. Medina (Saudi Arabia)

- where Muhammad and his followers fled during the *Hijrah*.

## 3. Jerusalem (Israel)

- Dome of the Rock
- where Muhammad made a night journey to heaven

# Jerusalem



## Western Wall (wailing wall)

- Last remaining wall of Judaism's 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> temple



## Church of the Holy Sepulcher

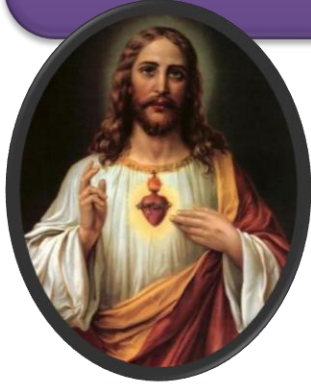
- Jesus' crucifixion (death) & burial



## Dome of the Rock/Al Aksa Mosque

- Muhammad made a night journey to heaven

# Views of Jesus



- prophet
- Messiah/Christ/Savior
- Son of God



- prophet
- Messiah/Christ/Savior
- NOT the son of God



- an ordinary Jew
- NOT the Messiah (false Messiah)
- NOT Son of God

# Don't get confused!

- All 3 Middle Eastern Religions are monotheistic
- Christians believe in god as a trinity (father, son, holy spirit) and that Jesus was god's *son*
- Muslims believe that Muhammed was god's *messenger* (not son)
- All 3 share the same foundation through the lineage of Abraham