

**JESUS IS THE ONE
WHO SENDS THE SPIRIT**

John 15:18-16:33

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus warns the disciples what is ahead of them.
- He prepares them for the world's treatment and the rejection of Christians.
- He also gives them comfort and hope. He explains that the Spirit will help them and bring them truth.
- Their sorrow will turn to joy because He has already defeated the world.

HATRED OF THE WORLD

JOHN 15:18-27

DISCIPLES (18-21)

- In the previous verses, Jesus tells His disciples that the world will know they are followers of Christ because they love one another.
- Now he tell them that the world will will hate them because the world hated Him.
- The world also will hate them because the disciples are not of this world. He choose them and allowed the Holy Spirit to minister through them.

DISCIPLES

- (vs. 20) Jesus reminds them that the a servant is not greater than his master. If the world hates Jesus, then the world will hate the followers of Jesus.
- When John wrote these words, the persecution under the Roman emperor Tacitus had begun.
- John reminds his readers that Jesus predicted that the world would hate them “on account of my name” and because they do not know the Father.

MESSAGE

- (vs. 22) Another reason for the world's antagonism is the resentment of the person and message of Jesus.
- When people confront the message of the gospel, they confront their sin and want to continue in sin.
- Rather than confront their sin, they are willing to "shoot the messenger."
- This is even more true today in a world of relative truth and relative ethics.

GOSPEL

- (vs. 24) Yet another reason for the world's hatred is the conviction of the gospel.
- The condemnation came because of the presence of Jesus and the miracles He performed.
- The people rejected Him, His message, and His miracles.
- (vs. 25) Psalms - "They hated me without a cause."

THE HELPER

- (vs. 26-27) These two verses form a bridge into chapter 16 that describes the Helper and Counselor.
- The Holy Spirit is much more than just a defense attorney.
- He energizes us for the work He calls us to do.
- He will “bear witness” about Jesus and He will help us “bear witness” to the world.

**DIRECTED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

JOHN 16:1-16

PROPHECY

- (vs. 1-4) These verses prophesy the conditions of the early church in the first few centuries.
- The disciples faced two forms of persecution:
 - Excommunication - put you out of synagogues.
 - Murder - whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

PROPHECY



- Dietrich Bonhoeffer - “Suffering is the badge of true discipleship. The disciple is not above his Master.”
- “Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true church.”
- “Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer.”

WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 5-16) Now that Jesus is leaving, He is sending the Holy Spirit. If Jesus did not leave, the Holy Spirit would not come.
- (vs. 8) Holy Spirit will “convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment.”
- Sin - “they do not believe”
Righteousness - “go to the Father”
Judgment - “ruler of this world is judged.”

WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 12-13) This is a good example of progressive revelation - Holy Spirit reveals Truth.
- The Bible is the progressive unfolding of God's plan of salvation (Genesis to Revelation).
- (vs. 14-16) When truth is communicated and believed, it brings glory to God. Specifically, the Holy Spirit will bring glory to God by helping us to understand what is written in God's Word.

FINAL COMMENTS

JOHN 16:17-33

SORROW TO JOY

- (vs. 17-22) The disciples are more confused. They don't understand what the phrase "little while."
- Jesus understands their confusion and proclaims that their sorrow will turn to joy. They will see him again (like a woman in childbirth who no longer remembers the pain and anguish).
- (vs. 24) This will also give us joy - "whatever you ask of the Father in my name, you will receive."

DOUBT TO FAITH

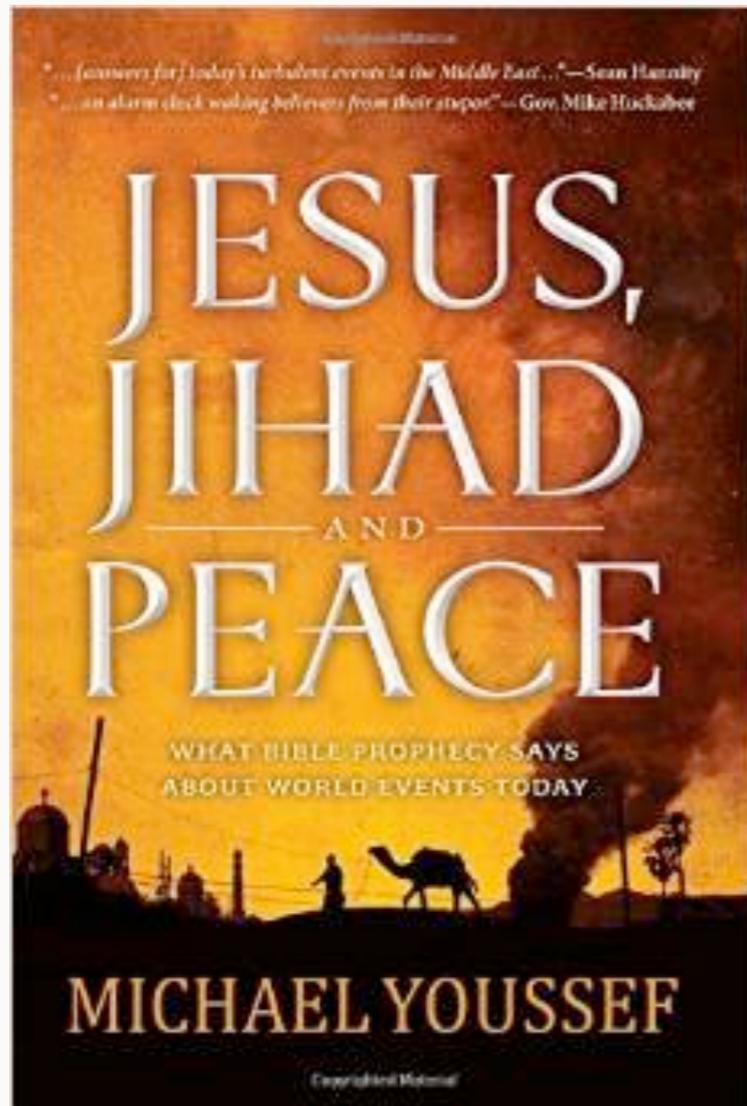
- (vs. 25-30) Jesus tells them He will no longer be talking to them in figures of speech.
- He is preparing them for the 40 days of serious teaching that takes place between the resurrection and the ascension.
- During that time, their doubt will turn to faith.
- This will also take place because of the Holy Spirit.

FEAR TO PEACE

- (vs. 31-33) Jesus is preparing them for harder times ahead. He asks them if they now believe.
- They were with Jesus for three years and had the confidence that comes from walking with Him.
- Now they “will be scattered” and face persecution.
- Inner peace can only come through Jesus. The world offers trouble. Jesus offers peace.

JESUS,
JIHAD,
AND PEACE

OVERVIEW



- Michael Youssef - born in Egypt, Church of the Apostles
- Who are Muslim Brotherhood?
- What is jihad?
- What is the global caliphate?
- What are Islamic end times?

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

- Founded in Egypt in 1928 by Hasan al-Banna.
- The credo of the Brotherhood is: “Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. Koran is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope.”



MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

- His short-term goal was the expulsion of the British from Egypt.
- His long-term goal was to establish the Caliphate, a global Muslim state with the Koran as the only constitution.
- By the 1970s, the Muslim Brotherhood began disguising its true aims by forming charitable front organizations.

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

- You can understand the strategy of the Muslim Brotherhood in America by reading their writings.
- In 2004, the FBI raided a suspected terrorist safe house in Annandale, Virginia and discovered a secret sub-basement with a treasure trove of documents.
- “An Explanatory Memorandum: On the General Strategic goal for the Group in North America” - proposed the use of “civilization jihad.”

WHAT IS JIHAD?

- Signs in major cities say: “My Jihad is to build friendship across the aisle” and “My Jihad is to not judge people by their cover. What’s yours?”
- The words “jihad” actually means struggle.
- It can mean the struggle of maintaining self-discipline and battling evil in one’s heart.
- It can also mean a jihad against infidels, unbelievers, and hypocrites (97% in the Bukhari Hadith).

WHAT IS JIHAD?

- The Koran presents Islam as a militant faith:
- “Slay the Pagans wherever you find them” (Sura 9:5).
- “Fight the unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you” (Sura 9:123).
- Radical Muslims take these passages literally and believe they apply to them today.

WHAT IS JIHAD?

- Stealth jihad is a strategy of moving into non-Muslim cultures and then applying pressure to make them bow to Islamic law.
- This strategy is called *dawah*, which means to issue a summons or invitation to convert to Islam.
- Muslims also practice a kind of subterfuge *taqiyya* which is the practice of deceiving others and concealing one's true aims in order to achieve victory.

GLOBAL CALIPHATE

- Ever since Islam began, its goal has been the founding of a world empire.
- Its expansion under the second caliph took land to the east and west (North Africa, Spain).
- Its resurgence from the 15th century to the 18th century (Ottoman Empire) was also significant.
- The advance of Islam continued until the Ottomans were stopped in 1529 at the gates of Vienna.

INTERNAL WAR

- Islam is also at war with itself. Much of the strife through the centuries has been a conflict between Sunni Muslims and Shiite Muslims.
- The Twelver Shiite sect believes the Mahdi is in hiding and will return in the Last Days.
- Wahhabism is another sect within a sect. It fiercely opposes anything viewed as *bidaa* (modernity).

ISLAMIC END TIMES

- Islam has adopted and distorted bits and pieces of the Old Testament and New Testament.
- Heaven - rivers of milk, wine, clarified honey, and shade trees bearing all kinds of fruits.
- Hell - sufferers will be made to drink boiling water, molten lead, and decaying filth.
- “Purgatory” - for Christians, a division of Jews, and a bottomless pit for hypocrites.

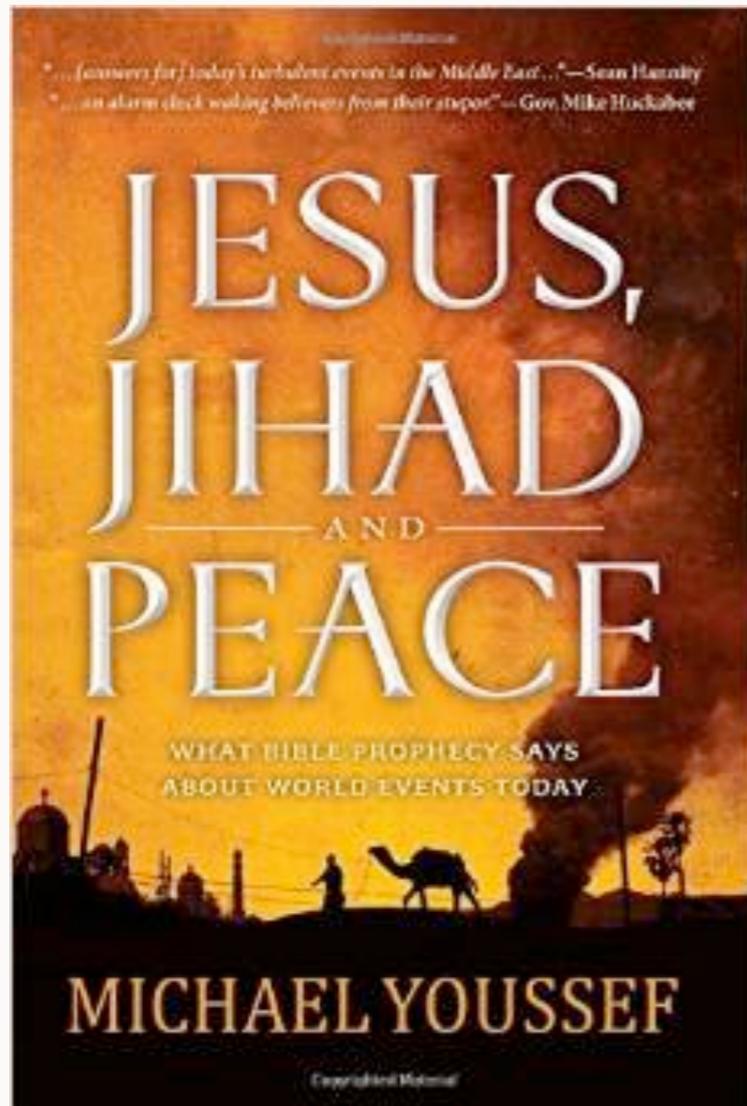
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- Day of Judgment - first trumpet blast, everyone in heaven and earth will die except those Allah saves.
- At second trumpet, the dead will be resurrected.
- After the resurrection, there will be a 40-year period where people will wander the earth naked, confused, and sorrowful.
- Everyone's deeds will be weighed on Allah's scales of justice (Sura 21:47).

ISLAMIC END TIMES

- Antichrist (1 John 2:18-22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7) - will proclaim himself to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). The most detailed description is in Revelation 13.
- Islamic teachers predicts the rise of a powerful leader who is strikingly similar to the Antichrist, who is called by Shiites as The Mahdi.
- Muslims also teach that Jesus (Isa) will return to destroy Christianity and establish Islam.

RESOURCES



- Free CD of the Point of View interview - Michael Youssef
- Graeme Wood, "What ISIS Really Wants," *Atlantic*.
- Point of View guests in studio:
 - Greg Laurie (Tues.)
 - Tullian Tchividjian (Wed.)

