

How I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior

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Growing up in a Muslim little village called Mellouleche, 150 some miles South of the Capital city of Tunis, North Africa. I was raised in a large humble Muslim family on a farm away from busy cities and politics. I didn't read or know much about what was happening in my own country's politics, much less in the world or religions beside the very little knowledge of my own religion echoed in the chanting of Koran. Although Muslims believed Jesus Christ was one of the greatest prophets, like Abraham and Moses, people hardly talked nor remembered him except from few occasions when Surat Mariam (Surah or chapter in the Koran, about Jesus' story) hear chanted in the Koran.

I had no concept on who Jesus was apart from what he was described in Surat Mariam, that he was the son of Mary and his birth was a miracle, period. Questions about God, other religions or theology is not encouraged in Muslim countries and religious leaders expect blind faith. With no books to read, no TV, Radio or discussion on religions and theologies, it felt like I was raised in a capsule or a bubble, totally isolated from the world. How I met Jesus I must testify this. I give all credit to Rev. Moon and the Unification church for being God's instruments in introducing me to Jesus Christ. Why? Because after living 30 years in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the USA, No Christian nor any other faith person had ever tried to talk to me about Jesus Christ or other religions.

It was as if God had me preserved for the right time and right teacher. God seemed to have had an intense interest in delivering me specifically to the Unification church to hear Jesus' "true" story, unlike the Christian story told in the Bible. According to Rev. Moon's teachings, the Divine Principle, The Purpose of the Messiah chapter, Jesus death on the cross was a tragic mistake. Jesus should not have been killed. Despite my resistance, I could not help but break down in tears, crying uncontrollably like a boy who had lost his mom. I cried and cried for hours about this incredible, most holy man, Jesus, and the kind of love that He had for God and humanity, giving his own life to save sinners! Jesus really captured my whole heart! from the day i learned his painful story, the burning love and passion for Jesus remained with me for weeks. I cried every day. Sometimes I cried for hours with no ceasing, I thought I was going crazy. His story was so sad and yet so powerful and redeeming.

I was astonished by how little some Christians knew about the biblical prophecies; particularly, about Jesus' true story and why he was made to die a gruesome death on the cross. I was deeply hurt and very sad upon learning the Jesus story. I was also disappointed by how little an ordinary Muslim man like myself knew about Jesus (although the Koran speaks of Jesus, Muslims are forbidden by their religious leaders to have Bibles in their possession) The Divine Principle Yes I am still a "Muslim" and my name still Ali, It hasn't changed, but i am not like any other Muslim ("Muslim" derived from the word Submission, which means the one who submit to the will of God.)

Out of the tens of thousands of religions and their numerous sects, God Himself led me through powerful dream and mysterious coincidences and handed me in the hands of the Unification church missionaries in the most miraculous ways . see full story in Honor Thy God). After 40-day workshop Divine Principle and Bible study learning about God, it was like a dark veil lifted off me. it was like i was blind, but now i can see. it dawn on me that Islam, Judaism and Christianity are one family tied by blood from same God. when people asked me what religion i fellow, I answer " I am a "Unificationist", I am Jewish, Christian and Muslim, all in one." This is how powerful and clear the teaching of the Divine Principle.

Full story published in my books, Honor Thy God, and Jerusalem Appointment with Destiny To purchase a book, please visit www.honorthygod.com