



## SESSION 11: THE SON

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### GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this session is that the participants understand how the Messiah is defined in the Abrahamic faiths and how Jesus as the Messiah characterizes Christianity.

To achieve this goal, the session will focus on the following objectives:

1. Participants learn what Judaism means by “messiah,” how Islam and Christianity transform this concept and what Christians and Muslims believe about Jesus.
2. Participants learn how Islam and Judaism view Christian trinitism and why it is as problematic for them as it is essential for orthodox Christianity.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Discussion

- ❖ Review and discuss NOS chapter, “Son of Man, Son of God, Son of Mary.”
  - What does Brian Brown say about how Christians, Jews, and Muslims view the Messiah? (Compare NOS p.187 with the first Q. & A. in the New Preface to the paperback edition.)
    - Are they contradictory? From God’s transcendent perspective, are they different? (See NOS p.206 for the insight quantum physics may provide.)
  - What does Brian Brown mean by “Cosmic Christ” as opposed to Jesus of Nazareth?
- ❖ Review and discuss what aspects of Jesus’ story Christians and Muslim share and what these elements mean in terms of faith. Specifically:
  - Jesus’ virgin birth.
  - Jesus as an apostle of God.
  - Jesus’ resurrection.
  - Jesus’ ascension.
  - Jesus’ return on the Day of Judgment.
- ❖ Review and discuss the Christian beliefs about Jesus that Muslims do not share. For what theological reasons do Muslim’s differ from Christians on these aspects of Jesus’ story?
  - The crucifixion of Jesus.
  - The divinity of Jesus.
    - Do all Christians share the same view about the divinity of Jesus?
    - What do Jews believe re the divinity of Jesus? Note similarities with Muslim views.
    - Note Brown’s Trinity analogy (NOS p.203).

### READINGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT SESSION

For next session, participant should read the following:



## Noah's Other Son

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1. NOS: Ch. 18, "The Dome," pp.207-224
2. Prophecies of the coming of Muhammad: Deuteronomy 18:18
3. John 14:16, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:7