

**Remember those who suffer**

As we approach the Easter season, we ponder upon the suffering of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46) and the humiliating death on the Cross (Matthew 27:32-56; Luke 23:26-49), presents the worst kind of suffering for the most holy and loving person who ever walked on the surface of the earth.

Later, suffering was a part and parcel of the early believers' life. Jesus said that He will suffer but cursed is the man because of whom the suffering comes (Luke 22:22; Matthew 26:24). All of Jesus' disciples were martyred except the apostle John.

The picture of St. Paul's suffering (2 Corinthians 11:23-33) is very grim but God allowed that all to happen to him and it all flamed the fire of faith among the believers and the church was established all over the world.

Hebrews 13:3 says: *“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”* We Christians are to empathise with those in prison, especially for (but not limited to) Christians imprisoned for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ.

We must always remember those who suffer hardships in various parts of the world, particularly in Islamic countries. It is excellent to pray for suffering human beings but it is also important for us not to ignore our responsibility to support them financially and morally.

2015 has been a year of great turmoil and suffering for millions of people in the Middle East “Arab Spring”, which turned out to be a very bad winter for them.

History repeats itself over and over again. The ISIS members are digging deeper into their holy books—the Qur’an, Hadith and Life of Muhammad—and are trying hard to follow the footsteps of their prophet Muhammad. Over two hundred thousand people have been murdered for the sake of Allah. As a result of this chaos, many Muslims who are genuine truth seekers have now a clearer understanding of the teachings of Islam and there have been reports of positive outcomes. Many Muslims around the globe have started to search deeper into Islamic teachings and have found that the practices of ISIS are in fact very Islamic! As a result they are disheartened with Islam and have turned away from this belief system, e.g. go to this link: <https://flashtrafficblog.wordpress.com/.../millions-of-muslims-are-leaving...> (Jan 6, 2016 - The violent, fanatical, and apocalyptic actions and rhetoric of the Iranian regime ... whether they want to be part of such a religion, and many of them are turning to faith in Jesus Christ. ... A growing number of Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus Christ because of the IRI and ISIS). There are other websites also.

We are aware that the greatest victory of Islam is to use

‘*Taqqiya*’ (deception) and to keep the public ill-informed about its true nature. Sura 3:28 allows *Taqqiya*: *“Let not the believers take disbelievers for their friends in preference to believers. Whoever does that has no connection with Allah unless (it be) that you put guard yourselves against them, taking (as it were) security. Allah bids you beware (only) of himself. ...”* The only exception is when friendship is for the purpose of deception (Source: Windows into the Qur’an by Daniel Scot; p 81). As an example, in a forum in parliament House in Canberra (2007) I was asked a question about the big difference between Christianity and Islam and I responded that the big difference was Truth versus Islamic deception.

In complete contrast to the above, our Lord Jesus Christ has said, *“And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:32). And this Truth is closely connected to Jesus Christ because *He* is the Truth! I believe that this statement of Jesus lays on us Christians two responsibilities – Firstly, to proclaim the truth of the Gospel; and secondly, to inform the public about the insidious teachings of other religions.

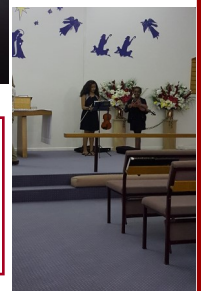
May the Lord strengthen us to help spiritually blind people to see the glorious light of Jesus Christ and also to remember those who suffer for sake of their faith in Jesus Christ.

**Daniel Scot**

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**Thank you for all who supported and joined in celebration!!**

## Important Updates

In recent weeks, IMI has been working on two new booklets explaining foundational Gospel truths. The Divinity of Jesus and the Authenticity of the Bible are truths upon which Christianity stands or falls and, to us who have staked our life on them, they are non-negotiable. For the born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, these two booklets will simply be reinforcing the old, old story of salvation in Him alone. However, I believe that they will also be a very valuable resource for every soul-winner – with the added benefit of contrasting and comparing Bible doctrine with that of the Qur'an. Daniel's broad knowledge of both the Bible and the Qur'an means that these booklets will augment a growing volume of literature on the subject – but presented in easy to read, layman's language and will be a useful tool for Christians to use in their witness to Muslims.

It is sad to see the devastation being caused by an increasingly militant Islam. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing to the West from Muslim lands. Among them are Daniel's own sister with her husband and five nearly adult children. Pray for them as they have languished in Sri Lanka for more than three years. They have no government assistance and very little support from UNHCR. They are not allowed to work or study. It is a huge financial and emotional burden on Daniel & Mariat as they seek to help them so, if you would like to show them your compassion by sending in a small gift, they would greatly appreciate it, along with your prayers that they will soon be granted a visa to come to Australia or some other country of refuge.

**John Wicks**  
Research and Development Assistant

**2016 Highlights:** In January, Daniel preached at Living Waters Christian Fellowship in Albany Creek, QLD. We were greatly blessed by the generosity of Pastors D & J Lashbrook for donating funds for the publication of the new book.

From **July - September** we will teach a 9 weeks course on 'Discussing Key Issues Relating to Muslims' at Asian Pacific Institute, Newmarket QLD.

IMI is very grateful for the timely, volunteer help and input of J Avery to update IMI's Library and for J Wicks for assisting Daniel in research and N Britton assisting in the office. If you are in Brisbane and could spare few hours a week, we would greatly appreciate your input in IMI.

**Upcoming Training & Fellowship Events:**  
**Saturday, 16 April 2016 @** St. John's Anglican Church, 10 Greenwood St., Wishart QLD @ 7 pm. Speaker: Daniel Scot; Topic: *The Deity of Christ*  
**Also—**

**Saturday, 16 July 2016 @** CCC, 81 Mina Parade, Alderley QLD @ 7 pm.

Speaker: D Scot; Topic: *The Authenticity of the Bible*

**Saturday, 29 October 2016 @** St. John's Anglican Church, 10 Greenwood St., Wishart QLD @ 7 pm. Speaker: Dr. Bernie Power; Topic: *The Holy Trinity*

**Note: D & M Scot are available to teach/train & to preach in churches, Bible Colleges, home groups and mission groups!!**

### What is Taqiyya?

The Arabic word *taquu* (*al-taqiyya*, *taqiyya*, or *tuqyah*) means to 'guard' and includes the art of dissimulation, or the practice of disguising or concealing intentions, feelings and actions for the purpose of defending Islam. Deceiving and misleading non-Muslims has sometimes been called the moral right of Muslims and has been diffused throughout Arab culture for more than 1400 years and has been commonly used on enemy soil.

(WIQ by D Scot, p 81)



- ◆ Pray for suffering people in Syria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Nigeria & Pakistan—for protection, provision, strength and peace of God.
- ◆ Pray for asylum seekers in Sri Lanka and Thailand who have fled from persecution. Pray that the Lord will open doors for them to resettle in a new country.
- ◆ Pray for National and International leaders for wisdom & discernment to pursue Godly laws (Proverbs 14:34).
- ◆ Pray for the IMI ministry team for wisdom, discernment, protection, provision and anointing to fulfil God's will. Pray for God to open opportunities to teach/train believers for evangelism and to preach the Word of God.
- ◆ Pray for Daniel and Mariat as they lead the Pakistani Christian Fellowship (Urdu Church) in Brisbane.

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