

The Effects of ISIS on Europe

With ISIS impacting the world in the last two years, including the recent attacks in Paris, and Brussels, and the growing migration of over a million fleeing Syria and Iraq to come to Europe, we need to take a closer look at who this organization is, where they come from, what their agenda is, and where they get their authority and motivation from. But that's only half the battle. We then need to ask what our responsibility is as Christians living in Europe, a responsibility which is not only different than that of the government and the secular world, but one which will probably have a greater and longer lasting effect on the very foundations of ISIS and its virulent ideology than anything the world has to offer.

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I. Introduction: Is ISIS Islamic?

A. Two Suppositions concerning Radical Islam

1. Radical Islam is New

2. Radical Islam is Old

a. An overview of Radical Islam from the 7th – 21st centuries

II. Where is the Authority for Radical Islam?

A. The Qur'an

1. Assessing the 'Peaceful Verses'

2. Assessing the 'Violent Verses'

B. Muhammad

1. How did Muhammad treat the Jews in Medina?
2. How did Muhammad treat those who criticized him?

III. Applying the Radical Criteria to ISIS

A. Where did they go, and what did they do?

1. Tikrit
 - a. Against the Shi'ites
2. Mosul
 - a. Against the Christians
3. Nimrud
 - a. Against the Yaziris
4. Paris and Brussels
 - a. Against Europe

IV. Who must confront them?

A. The State

1. USA attacks
2. ISIS retaliates
 - a. The 2014 beheadings

b. The 2015 beheadings

B. The Limitations of the State

1. It can't deal with ideology
2. Christians separate Church and State
3. The State seeks unanimity

C. So who can confront radical Islam?

1. RADICAL CHRISTIANS!
 - a. We have the tools!
 - b. We hold the truth!
 - c. We have the antidote!
 - d. His name is 'Jesus'!

Suggested Readings:

'What ISIS Really Wants', by Graeme Woods (PDF attached)

'Crisis with ISIS'

(http://evangelicalfocus.com/world/1167/Christians_are_the_only_ones_who_can_confront_radical_Islam)