Additional notes on the three religions that were taken during Tuesday, August 25th:

* Jerusalem is a holy city to all three religions
* Abraham is regarded as the father of the Jewish people.

Regarded as a “father figure” in all religions

* The Torah is known as the Old Testament – What other religion recognizes this? \*Christianity
* New Testament only recognized by Christians (Holy Bible)

**How each religion spread:**

-JUDAISM: 586 BCE, Jews were exiled by Babylonians and then settled in many parts of Europe.

-CHRISTIANITY: By around 60 CE Christianity had spread to many parts of the Roman Empire, eventually into Europe and Africa.

In 300 CE – Christianity spread throughout Persian Empire into China

-ISLAM: By 643 CE, Islam spread through the Middle East, along with North Africa and Asia.

-**5 pillars of Islam:**

1. Shahadah (declaration of faith) 2. Salaah (prayer)

3. Zakat (charity) 4. Saum (fasting/Ramadan) 5. Hajj (pilgrimage)

Views of Jesus Christ by religions:

* **Christianity:** Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God
* **Islam:** Jesus is the highest-ranked prophet of God – not the Son of God
* **Judaism:** Jesus is rejected as the Messiah – didn’t embody the personal qualifications.