

the Cross can we expect among Moslems conviction of sin, true repentance, and faith in the merits of Another. The Cross, and the Cross alone, can break down their pride and self-righteousness, and lay bare all hypocrisy and self-deception. More than this, the Cross will win their love if rightly preached. The Cross is the very antithesis of the spirit of Islam, because it is the spirit of Christianity. This issue must be made clear at the very outset, for it is wrapped up in every other truth of the Christian religion. Our conclusion, therefore, can find no better expression than in the words of Denny:

“We may begin as wisely as we please with those who have a prejudice against it, or whose conscience is asleep, or who have much to learn both about Christ and about themselves before they will consent to look at such a gospel, to say nothing of abandoning themselves to it; but if we do not begin with something which is essentially related to the atonement, presupposing it or presupposed by it or involved in it, something which leads inevitably, though it may be by an indirect and unsuspected route, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, *we have not begun to preach the gospel at all.*”*

* Denny, “The Death of Christ,” p. 302.