

## The Miracle(s) of Javad Coming to Christ

Brothers,

I must share this with you. I became a Christian when I turned 17. I read the Bible and many Christian books right away. Within 2-3 months I was leading a Bible study at my high school. Since that point I have never had a time when I wasn't leading a Bible study or reaching out to the broken and the lost (Ezekiel 34 was my calling from day one).

I have had many great moments, and many painful moments, in ministry. I have been overjoyed with my godly wife and children. I am overjoyed with my granddaughter. I am always overjoyed eating. BUT, last night was the happiest, most overwhelming night of my entire life!!!

My wife and I went over for dinner at Java and Mojo's house. It was just a wonderful time. I told Java that I was so happy to hear he had accepted Christ and how much I admired him for his thoughtful, rigorous approach in the way he investigated every single truth that we had given him. Seriously. I have never heard of anyone who searched out the truths of God so thoroughly.

We were there and one of their neighbors and his son that was home from USC (boy, did I give him grief for their loss to UCLA!). After dinner, Java decided to share his entire testimony how God brought him to salvation. Guys, I am tearing up even now. It was unlike anything I have ever heard!!! I am honestly speechless right now. I guess I will have to try and tell you in person Thursday. He was born into Islam and was a practicing Muslim until he was 43 years old. Then a story came out of his mouth that completely paralyzed me! Ask Jane. I just went completely silent and just stared at him with eyes wide open for almost an hour! I never knew God could do so many miracles and use so many random events in perfect order/timing to reach this man, or anyone! I never knew what a huge part I played in God's 'divine network.' He created a PowerPoint presentation (He is an ME) that is phenomenal and describes it in perfect logic and simplicity! I will get it for you guys after he translates it from Farsi for me. You know I better stop, I can't do this whole thing justice. I think he might be the next Billy Graham or Spurgeon. He must be anointed for something big. Wow. Okay, I will share one or two things. He said one of the roadblocks to him was the Trinity. He did not know what to call it so he called it the 'triangle of love.' He said, there is just no way He could understand that to believe in it. Then He told me what God did to prove it to him. Wow. I will have to tell you this in person. Next, he said, I did months and months of investigating everything I could about Jesus and the Bible and I proved to myself that it was all true. That it should not even be called a religion at all as there is no similarity between it and anything else (including Islam, of course). But, he said, that was not enough for me. The next step had to come from my heart and I told God that HE needed to help me make the next step. I knew I could not take that step on my own. Wow. Then He told me what God did to help him. I will give you a peek into it now- He was done wrestling with it all and called the pastor of the Farsi church we had been going to with them and said, please tell everyone at church I will no longer be coming. They have all been very lovely to my wife and I. You have been a wonderful example of a Christian pastor, as well. I am just done in my search. I can't go any further. Goodbye. He then packed up all of his books and his Farsi Bible and put them in storage. What happens next is the... 'rest of the story.'

For those of you who have believed in me with all of my quirks and idiosyncrasies, who have hung in there with me in my 'I hate the church' days, who prayed for me in surgery, who have prayed for me in this ministry, who have donated your sweet mamoo (\$) to me, and , in general, being great brothers and friends... I thank you! The happiest moment of my life could not have happened without you.

Definitely not! I am at home sitting staring at the wall asking God, 'what should I do with this?' Isn't that a pretty common phrase in the Bible when God appears? What shall we do? I think that is the correct response to God when he pulls the curtain away in your heart. What happened last night hit me on so many levels I will need all eternity to sort it out. Fortunately, that is exactly how much time God has given me.

I have invited Java to our Thursday group. He is happy to come. Be prayed up and prepared because He will blow your spiritual underwear completely off your body.

One more thing. You \*\*\* **MUST** \*\*\* watch this video!!! There are no words even for this video.

<https://youtu.be/vxJiCBMecb0>

Can't wait until Thursday. Now to go back to sitting and staring at the wall asking God to help me to know what to do with what He has shown me. - Erv