

Jesus of Istanbul: the internet TV series
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The Tragedy that is Turkey:

- 78 million people
- Less than 6000 believers in Christ from a former Muslim background.
- The population increases by 3500 daily.

The Concept:

- Puts Jesus in 21st Century Turkey
- The series length will be approximately 30 hours
- The Central "A" story are the 4 Gospels weaved into 1 narrative
- Intersecting the Gospel are stories of Turks in need finding their way to Christ
- The Gospel can be applied to every aspect of Turkish society
- Discipling is accomplished by introducing truth in bite size pieces
- The application is immediate – the stories reflect life's problems and challenges
- Jesus becomes relevant again not an ancient prophet surpassed by another
- Scriptures references at the bottom of the screen will pique interest in reading the Bible
- Old Testament prophecies are folded into the story to give people a larger vision of God's plan.

The Production:

- \$77,000 raised so far (of which \$67,000 was spent shooting the first 3 hours)
- Scripts reviewed by Expat workers and Turkish Believers
- While only 1 expat was involved, over 30 Turkish actors & 10 Turkish crew members participated.
- For the first 3 hours shot in Adana (southeastern Turkey) we had the support of a local Turkish Church

The Plan:

- ***For 2015...***
- Finish POST PRODUCTION of the first 3 hours (April – June)
- Enter the film in festivals throughout Turkey to build an audience and interest
- Talk it up in the Turkish press – the idea is provocative enough to generate interest
- Find a distributor and / or put it on the internet
- Begin production of hours 4-6 (September – December)
- ***For 2016 and beyond...***
- Produce 8 hours a year for 3 years

The Desired Effect:

- To disciple viewers while entertaining them
- To get people reading the original story
- To soften the spiritual ground in Turkey
- To assist believers and workers in reaching their friends and family
- To overturn lies and misconceptions about God
- To translate it into other languages (there is already great interest in this)

Needed:

- \$7500 to finish post production of the first 3 hours, **by April 2105**
- \$10,000 for equipment, **by August 2015**
- \$60,000 to produce hours 4 -6, **by August 2015**
- \$20,000 / month, **needed by 2016**

Producer's resume:

- 18 years living in the Muslim World, 8 years in Turkey
- 25 years writing dramatic scripts

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