Introduction to Islamic Archaeology

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Beginning to Ask Questions

Plan after Creswell (1954)

Qasr Mshatta - Jordan
Fatimid hoard – Caesarea (Holum: 1988)
Defining the scope of our inquiry

Islam, Islamic and Muslim

What is encompassed by these terms?

Are these *emic* or *etic* categories? Why does it matter?
Some Categories to think about

• Religion
• Culture
• Ethnicity
• Civilization
• Tradition
• Ideology
• Politics