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STUDENT MANUAL



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Muslims are searching. **Go prepared.**

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“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

– Jesus (John 10:10)



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I welcome you to Sahara Challenge, an intensive, practical training course designed to prepare Christians for a effective biblical ministry among Muslims.

Crescent Project is an interdenominational Christian ministry focused on helping fulfill the Great Commission to the Muslim world.

Our goal is to see every Muslim have an opportunity to respond to the Gospel and be connected to a true follower of Jesus.

Millions of Muslims today have never heard the Gospel. Our Challenge is to take the gospel message to the hearts of spiritually thirsty Muslims. They are in need of the living water, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confidence is needed as we minister. This confidence comes from a steadfast belief in our Creator and Redeemer, Jesus the Messiah. Confidence comes as we prepare to be a growing and effective minister of the Gospel. All followers of Jesus are invited to minister to others. We are not asked to be perfect, but we are commanded to share (Matthew 28:18-20).

Make the best use of your time. Equip yourself. Enjoy the teachers, the discussion time, and the fellowship with other believers.

I pray God will use this training to refresh your soul as you refresh others. Reaching

Muslims for Christ,

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Fouad Masri
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About Sahara Challenge

"Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground a bubbling stream."



More than 1.8 billion Muslims today live in a spiritual desert and do not experience the power of the Living Water, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Democracy and education might temporarily heal some Muslims' open wounds, but spiritual transformation will come only with the knowledge and lordship of Jesus Christ. He alone will bring streams in the desert.

The goal of Islam has always been to create a community of the faithful replacing the body of Christ. Although

Islam as a political and religious movement conquered many lands and gained converts, it has deprived its followers from spiritual satisfaction. Islam offered an intricate religious system but failed to offer salvation or peace to its followers.

Sahara - or "sahra" in Arabic - means desert, and it describes the spiritually dry state of the Muslim world today. Our vision through Sahara Challenge is to equip Christians to become vessels in the hand of God to pour out fresh spiritual blessings on the Muslim world. Christ alone is the true living water that can quench the thirst of many Muslims.

The Purpose Behind the Challenge

Ministry to Muslims has been described as challenging, fruitless, and even unnecessary. Of course that does not dissuade us from trying to share the Gospel with Muslims, but it is a disheartening report. Is the task really as impossible and hopeless as it seems?

When Christians seek to minister to Muslims, whether in the United States or abroad, what preparation have they received? Are they ready spiritually, mentally, and personally – or just intellectually? Could it be that the "lack of fruit" in Muslim ministry is partly due to Christians' lack of training?

Sometimes we try to learn about Islam by osmosis, or by self-study with pamphlets or books. Unfortunately, we often learn the hard way and end up offending those

we set out to reach! We all aspire for our ministry efforts to be informed by love, discernment, and truth.

Crescent Project believes that for those ministering among Muslims, practical training is a must. Sahara Challenge is an intensive, innovative course designed as a blueprint for anyone called to serve among Muslims. With a practical approach to training that focuses on challenging, informing and equipping Christians to witness to Muslims, Sahara Challenge has instilled hope in Christian workers from Bangladesh to Boston since 1999.

We are here to turn your burden into a joy. We hope you leave this place knowing that reaching Muslims is possible, the Word of God is powerful, and Jesus Christ is worth it!

From Graduates of SAHARA CHALLENGE....

"I have read several books and websites that dealt with reaching Muslims, but everything that I studied only left me feeling the burden of the task before me."

"Sahara Challenge removed the burden and turned the 'task' into a joy."

"It set my wife and I free to openly and intentionally engage Muslims in conversations about Christ. You will not only leave Sahara Challenge with a wealth of information on how to reach Muslims, but also with great faith that the job can be done."



WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

THE GREAT COMMISSION AND GREAT COMMANDMENT

We are compelled to reach the largest UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP in the world: MUSLIMS. Our deliverable is simply to personally convey the love of God, based upon the Word of God, for the purpose and mission of God.

TRAINING & RESOURCES

We are called to equip "the saints" (the church of Jesus Christ) with the best, most practical resources that the people of God go into all the world "informed" and ready!

TACTICS & STRATEGIES

We are catalysts of change from our neighborhoods to the nations, using strategies of personal evangelism, small groups, entire congregations, networks of like-minded organizations to use every means needed to address the curiosity of Muslims. Our tactics consist of planting churches where nearly 50% of all Muslims live, raising up Muslim Background Believer leaders to be bold spokespersons, Outreaches, and Mobilizations.

WHAT WE VALUE

- 1. WE ARE COMMITTED TO A GROWING** personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 2. WE HAVE FAITH** that God can and will save millions of Muslims.
- 3. WE MODEL** lifestyle evangelism to every Muslim we meet.
- 4. WE REFUSE** to involve ourselves in denominational divisions that create bitterness.
- 5. WE MAKE USE** of transferable tools that will spread the gospel among Muslim
- 6. WE ARE COMMITTED TO BRIDGING** Christian doctrines to the Muslim heart and mind.
- 7. WE ARE COMMITTED TO DISCIPLESHIP** and leadership training.

WHERE YOU CAN REACH US

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Session Notes

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State of the World

Introduction: Understanding the Times

- The age of Technology
- The age of Information
- The age of Misinformation
- The age of Persecution

Statistics:

8 Billion - Population of the world

3.4 Billion -- number of unreached people

1.8 Billion Muslims today live in a spiritual desert and do not experience the power of the living water, our Lord Jesus Christ. (or 53% of all UGPs)

NOTE: *Approximately "half" of all Muslims in the world live in four Asian countries: India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh. And more Muslims "do not" speak Arabic than do speak Arabic.*

THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE CHALLENGE

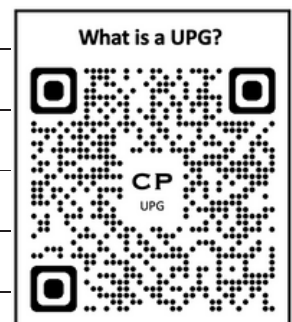
John 10:1-21

For every one million Muslims we have 3 full time workers.
They have not heard.

Jesus is the timeless message of Hope.

Conclusion: *"You never regret being courageous for Christ."* – Luis Palau

Additional Notes



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Additional Notes

The Bible: History and Importance

INTRODUCTION

- Develop an intellectual and reasonable examination of the Christian message

Reasons We Can Trust the Bible *

INTERNAL CONSISTENCY

MANUSCRIPT RELIABILITY

HISTORICAL ACCURACY

FULFILLED PROPHECY

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EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY

TIMELESS AUTHORITY

SUPERNATURAL AUTHENTICITY

Additional Notes



- David Platt, "7 Reasons Why We Can Trust the Bible," RADICAL, December 9, 2021

God of the Bible

INTRODUCTION

Islam claims to be the youngest of the three monotheistic religions, a pure religion without need for reform.

- How is the God of the Bible distinct from Allah in Islam?

GOD, THE FATHER -- Exodus 3:13-14 --

- Know the attributes of God of the Bible

The Names of God: Isaiah 42:8

1. The Creator (Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:19-20)
2. I Am (Yahweh) (Exodus 3:11-15)
3. El Elion - The Most High (Psalm 47:2)
4. El Shaddai - God Almighty
5. Elohim
6. Sovereign King
 - Omnipresent (All present)
 - Omniscient (All Knowing)
 - Omnipotent (All Powerful)
7. Holy (Leviticus 21:7-8)
8. Just (Leviticus 19:15; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:9-11)
9. Merciful (Nehemiah 9:31; Deuteronomy 4:31)
10. Forgiving (1 Kings 8:50; Matthew 6:14; Mark 11:25-26)
11. Loving (Agape) (1 John 4:8; 1 John 4:16)

The Character of God: Isaiah 6:1-8

King Uzziah:

- Reigned for 52 years, bringing security and safety
 - People trusted the political peace and grew complacent.
 - Vision after Uzziah's death:
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The Heart of God: Jonah 3:10-4:10

Conclusion:

How does knowing and believing the character of God help you in sharing God with Muslims?

Jesus of the Bible

INTRODUCTION

Who is Jesus as the Bible presents him?

Jesus is our Immanuel

Son of God: Luke 1:26-38; John 10:14-36

- God in the flesh—Incarnation
- God can do all things- Jesus can do all things
- Forgives sin
- Controls Nature
- Raises the dead

Son of Man: John 8:27-59

- Jesus is divine
- Promised redeemer
- Fulfillment of all prophecies
- Judge
- Healer of all physical and mental sickness

Word of God:

John 1:1-12; Hebrews 1:1-14; Revelation 19:16

Additional Notes

The Logos- ever existing

- Creator
- The Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the End)

Titles to help us understand who Jesus is:

- Lamb of God
- Light of the World
- Water of Life
- The Good Shepherd
- The Bread of Life
- King of Kings
- Lord of Lords
- The Conquerer
- The Way
- The Truth
- The Light

Conclusion:

- Missiological Implications
- These titles reflect Christ’s work of redemption.
- Jesus’ different "names" can be used to bridge the Gospel with Muslims
- IMPORTANT: What can Jesus offer Muslims that they don’t already have?

Additional Notes



The Holy Spirit of the Bible

Who is the Holy Spirit?

(Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21; Acts 5:3; Acts 1:16)

Is the Holy Spirit an emotion or a Person?

- Mind (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
- Will (Acts 13:2-5)
- Emotions (Ephesians 4:30)

Why did He come?

- To glorify Christ (John 16:7)
- To convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (Romans 3:23)
- To guide us (Acts 16:6; Matt. 3:11)
- To indwell the believer (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- To empower the believers (Acts 1:8; Acts 4:8; Acts 4:31)
- To regenerate and renew (Titus 3:5)
- To equip the believers (Mark 13:11; Luke 1:67; Luke 2:25; Luke 12:12)
- To remind us (John 14:26; Romans 8:26)

Additional Notes

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Additional Notes

Roots before Fruits

Impact of a transformed life..

A biblical foundation for how our transformed living will draw Muslims to Christ

- You must be born again
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God

YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

A regenerated believer is an obedient believer.

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE?

1 Corinthians 2:14-3:6.

HOW TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT

“Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” Galatians 5:24

SPIRITUAL BREATHING...

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT...

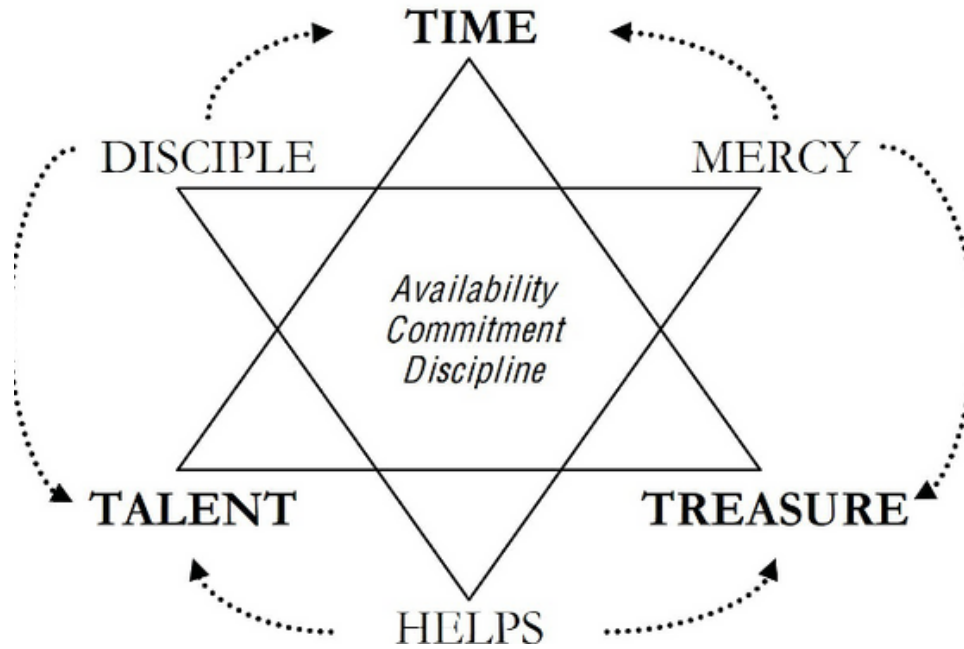
DAILY DISCIPLINES...

FASTING...

PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST...

Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure (Testimony)

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S ASSETS



INTRODUCTION

- God's Priority (Matt. 28:18-20)
- God's Plan (John 15:16)

GOD-GIVEN ASSETS:

What God provides to accomplish His priority and plan

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"God-Given Gifts:

GOD-GIVEN ATTITUDES

CONCLUSION

Of time, talent and treasure, which is the greatest challenge for you to trust God to use?

Additional Notes

“Muhammad the Man”

PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA

FAJR-UL-ISLAM: THE DAWN OF ISLAM

570 The birth of Muhammad

576 Muhammad’s mother Amina dies,
leaving Muhammad orphaned; Abu Talib cares for him

610 Muhammad claims prophethood in Arabia
Khadijah confirms his call

622 Hijra (emigration) – Muhammad escapes from Mecca to Yathrib (Medina). Muslims date the beginning of the Muslim era to July 16, 622, the first day of the lunar month in which the Hijra commenced. Notice the date is not the prophet’s birthday or the revelation of the Qur’an, but the Hijra.

623 Muhammad raids caravans and leads military campaigns

632 Death of Muhammad / Age of the Rashidun (rightly guided leaders)

655 The Qur’an collected by Caliph Uthman ben ‘Afan
Ridda Wars and Abu Bakr as first Caliph

Inspiration and Revelations:

How might this information help to move the conversation to the Gospel?

“Muhammad: The Messenger”

INTRODUCTION - Commenting on the prophet of Islam and pointing to Jesus

Qur’anic Verses: Sura 33:40; Sura 3:19

TIMELINE

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APPROACH

List some of the good deeds of Muhammad:

Hebrews 1: 1-2

Understanding Muslim Beliefs

The basic beliefs of Muslims everywhere

INTRODUCTION

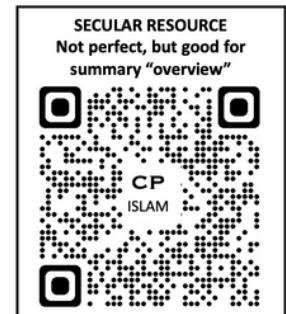
Islam as a religion derives its teachings from two primary sources: The Qur'an and the Hadith.

I. THE QUR'AN

II. THE HADITH

III. PILLARS OF ISLAMIC BELIEF (IMAN)

- Belief in God
- Belief in Angels
- Belief in Prophets (Sura 2:136; Sura 3:84)
- Belief in Holy Books (Sura 5:44-47)



Islam teaches that God sent four holy books that must be read and studied by all Muslims.

- Tawrat Book of Moses*
- Zabur Book of David*
- Injeel Book of Jesus*
- Qur'an Book of Muhammad

**Muslims do not possess these books; they are only referenced in the Qur'an.*

Belief in the Judgment Day

Belief in Fate

Additional Notes

Understanding the Rituals of Islam

How Islam’s ritualistic structure can never be a means to salvation.

INTRODUCTION

Islam claims that there are specific rituals that act as pillars in the religion of Islam. Muslims are required to perform them in obedience to God’s command. In the West, with the influence of evangelicals, imams have begun describing the rituals of Islam as “spiritual disciplines.”

PILLARS OF ISLAM (DIIN)

1. Al-Shahadah: Creed
2. Al-Salat: Prayer Ceremony
3. Al-Saum: Fasting
4. Al-Zakat: Alms
5. Al-Hajj: Pilgrimage

Additional Notes

“Shari’a: Religious Apartheid

The religious apartheid today

What is Sharia?

Sources of Sharia?

Countries that practice full Sharia

Women in Sharia Islam hold the honor and shame

Al Hudood 2:187 – rules and regulations

Quran 2:230 – disastrous solution to any marriage

Christians and Jews in Sharia

Jizya: What is it? How much? Who decides when and how much to pay?

Dhimmitude: Why? Christians are capable of providing for themselves.

ISIS and Jihad against non-Muslims:

Is Sharia right today?

Quran 7:55 and attacks on non-Muslim property

How might we transition to the teachings of Christ due to the deficiency of Sharia Islam?

Additional Notes

“The Wives of Muhammad”

INTRODUCTION

Muhammad as "model" for all Muslims.

WOMEN IN ISLAM- Women’s status in Islam is one of the most serious issues of our time!

QUR’ANIC VERSES (overview of Qur'an, Hadith, and Sharia:

Surah 4:34 “As to those women on whose part ye fear disloyalty and ill-conduct, admonish them first); (next) refuse to share their beds; (and last) beat them(lightly); but if they return to obedience seek not against them means (of annoyance): for Allah is Most High Great (above you all).”

Surah 2:228 “Men are a step up from women.”

Surah 2:282 “The testimony of two women is equal to one man in a court.”

Surah 30:21 “Women are created for Man, just like other beings.”

FROM THE HADITH

Muhammad and his Wives

1. Khadijah: A Christian by birth from Mecca. Muhammad did not remarry until her death.
2. Sauda bint Zam’ah: A widow with a son who had been among the emigrants to Abyssinia.
3. Aisha: Married her at age 6 or 9. She was his favorite wife.
4. Hafsa: The daughter of Umar, whose husband was killed at Badr.
- 5 & 6. Umm Salamah and Zaynab bint Khuzaymah: Married both in quick succession. Zaynab died, however, within three months of her marriage to Muhammad.

7. Juayriyah: A young woman of the Banu Khuza'ah, defeated in an attack by Muhammad. Her marriage became a ransom for the whole tribe who were released immediately.

8. Zaynab bint Jahsh: First cousin and wife of Muhammad and therefore considered by Muslims to be a Mother of the Believers.

9. Mariyah: A Coptic slave woman. Out of all his marriages, Mariyah alone bore him a child, a much-loved son named Ibrahim, who died after 18 months.

10. Umm Habibah: The daughter of Abu Sufyan, who had also immigrated to Abyssinia.

11. Safiyah: A Jewess, who lost her father Huyayy, her husband Kinanah, and both her brothers during Muhammad's assault on the fortress at Khaibar. Muhammad wed her the same night.

12. Maymunah: This widow was his last marriage.

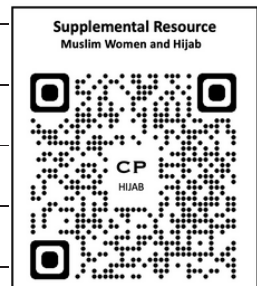
13. Rayhanah (usually left out): A Jewess. There is some doubt as to whether she ever married Muhammad.

Conclusion:

What issues need to be addressed when ministering to Muslim Women?

Muhammad is the model husband according to Islam. How might we help Muslim women see the difference in the teachings of Christ?

Additional Notes



“Women in Islam”

Ministering to women and families in Islam

INTRODUCTION

WOMEN IN ISLAM

QUR’ANIC VERSES

Surah 4:34

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FROM THE HADITH

Muhammad and his Wives

POSITION

- Equal in religious responsibility
- Women are expected to perform all duties of Islam. Nevertheless, the husband reserves the right to disqualify her from entering heaven.
- Unequal in social status >> Women’s world revolves around the men’s world

POLYGAMY

- Unequal in marriage >> She is one of four wives at a time.
 - A wife may not have four husbands.
 - Unequal in Family >> Motherhood is the only role in the family structure.
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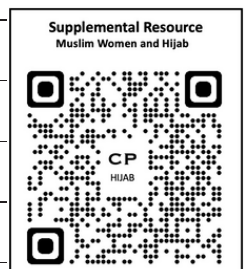
DIVORCE

AL-MUT'A -- Pleasure marriage or temporary marriage

AL-HIJAB -In Arabic, hijab literally means: a covering that separates two objects.

MODERN MUSLIM WOMEN

Additional Notes



“Gender Relationships”

Contrasting the Biblical and Islamic views of gender relationships.

INTRODUCTION

GUIDELINES FOR CROSS-CULTURAL INTERACTION

- Men to Men or Women to Women - Encounters should be with same gender.
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- Some cultures consider single women living in another country as an indication of a problem with family or reputation. They question why you are not married and home with children.
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- Be aware of how men from Muslim cultures view women and their role in society.
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NOTE: If someone from the opposite sex shows interest in spiritual matters, arrange for them to be introduced to someone from the same sex to continue the spiritual discussions.

GENDER RELATIONSHIPS

- Matthew 5:28-30
- Mark 10:2-13

How will understanding "gender relationships" influence your "bridge building?"

Jihad and Islamic Terrorism

The spread of Islam: Islam's foundation, rapid growth, and influence on the world today.

INTRODUCTION

PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA

FAJR-UL-ISLAM: THE DAWN OF ISLAM

DHUR-UL-ISLAM: THE NOON OF ISLAM

ASRU-UL-ISLAM: THE AFTERNOON OF ISLAM

Many cults and Muslim sects began during this era (i.e. The Druze)

GHORUB-UL-ISLAM: THE SUNSET OF ISLAM

MASA' UL-ISLAM: MODERN ISLAM / NIGHTTIME OF ISLAM

Will the Islam of Muhammad survive?

Post September 11, 2001 --

2010: Arab Spring

2020: COVID-19 pandemic

Factors contributing to the global rise in Islam today:

Additional Notes

“Something Old, Something Blue”

Mysticism in Islam

WHERE IS IT?

Powerful Places

- Mecca and Medina
- Cities of prophets
- Tombs of prophets and their wives
- Mosques or shrines
- Tombs of holy men

Powerful Times

- Islamic festivals and holidays
- Local festivals
- Rites of Passage: birth, circumcision
- engagement, marriage, pregnancy
- birth of firstborn, death
- Visions and dreams
- Sunrise or sunset

Powerful Beings:

- Allah
- Satan
- Angels / Demons
- Dead prophets
- Dead Imams/Mullahs Ancestors

Powerful Objects:

- Amulets
- Charms / Blue beads
- Hand of Fatima
- The Qur’an
- The Shahadah
- Calligraphy of Qur’anic verses
- Islamic rosary

Additional Notes



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Additional Notes

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Baraka Baraka Baraka

Understanding Folk Islam, its widespread practice, and how it paves the way for the Gospel

WHAT IS FOLK ISLAM?

“In folk Islam, people in everyday life are believed to be at the mercy of evil powers: spirits, ghosts, demons, evil eyes, curses, and sorcery. Their only protection is to seek the aid of Allah, angels, saints, charms, good magic, and other power.” – Paul Hiebert

“The ordinary Muslim understands the power of the Qur’an to heal, or the use of the rosary to divine and guide. He needs to discover that Christ can heal, can give power, can defeat demons, can speak supernaturally to man to guide him.” – Bill Musk

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

How might we use this concept to shift the focus on Jesus and his power?

Additional Notes



“Salvation in Islam vs Christianity”

Sin and salvation in Islam

(ref: Surah 31:33, Surah 2:281, Surah 7:8-9)

MAN’S PLACE IN CREATION

“Khalifat Allah” -- The master of creation

MAN’S MORAL NATURE – “AL-FITRAH”

All humans are born Muslim & pure. (ref: Surah 30:30)

ORIGINAL SIN AND ISLAM

JUDGMENT DAY

PARADISE IN ISLAM

(Sura 2:266; Sura 56:8-46)

HELL IN ISLAM

ISLAMIC LOGIC

BIBLICAL VIEW OF SALVATION

(REF: MATT 18:11, Eph 2:8-10, Ro 10:9-10)

Christian Response:

(Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10; Romans 3: 10-12, 23)

Christian Logic:

APPROACH

Adha in the Injeel Five Main Points:

1. Al-Wadud “The Affectionate”
 2. Al-Qudoos “The Holy One”
 3. Al-Adil “The Just”
 4. Al-Raheem “The Merciful”
 5. Al-Ghafoor “The Forgiver”
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Christ the Eternal Sacrifice

Point of Decision:

Toub = Repent

Ish-had = Confess or Testify

CONCLUSION

What does Jesus offer Muslims?

- 1 John 1:9
 - Philippians 3:10
 - John 17:3
 - Revelation 3:20
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“The Many Faces of Islam”

Introduction:

- Islamic Empires expanded Islam as a religious right to rule over non-Arab ethnic groups.
- The Quran stayed in the Arabic language which is still not readable by 90% of Muslims around the world

Misconception about where Muslims live...

- Most Muslims do not live in the Middle East, nor do most speak Arabic. (Arabic spoken by 20% of Muslims)
- Despite Saudi Arabia's importance in the Islamic world, it ranks 16th in Muslim population. (Pew Research, "The Future of World Religions Report")

I. MUSLIMS - CULTURAL GROUPS

Major People Groups in Asia:

Arab; Bedouin; Yemeni; Levantine; Turkic; Kurd; Persian; Medes; Malay; Baloch; Pashtun; Punjab; Tajik; Azerbaijani; Kazakh; Kyrgyz; Tatar; Uyghur; Uzbek; Hui

Major People Groups in Africa:

Berber; Maghreb; Sudanese; Tuareg; Somali; Libyan; Fulani; Hausa; Nubian; Oromo; Wolof

Major groups in Eastern Europe:

Albanians; Bosnians; Chechens; Kosovars; Tatars

II. MUSLIMS IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION

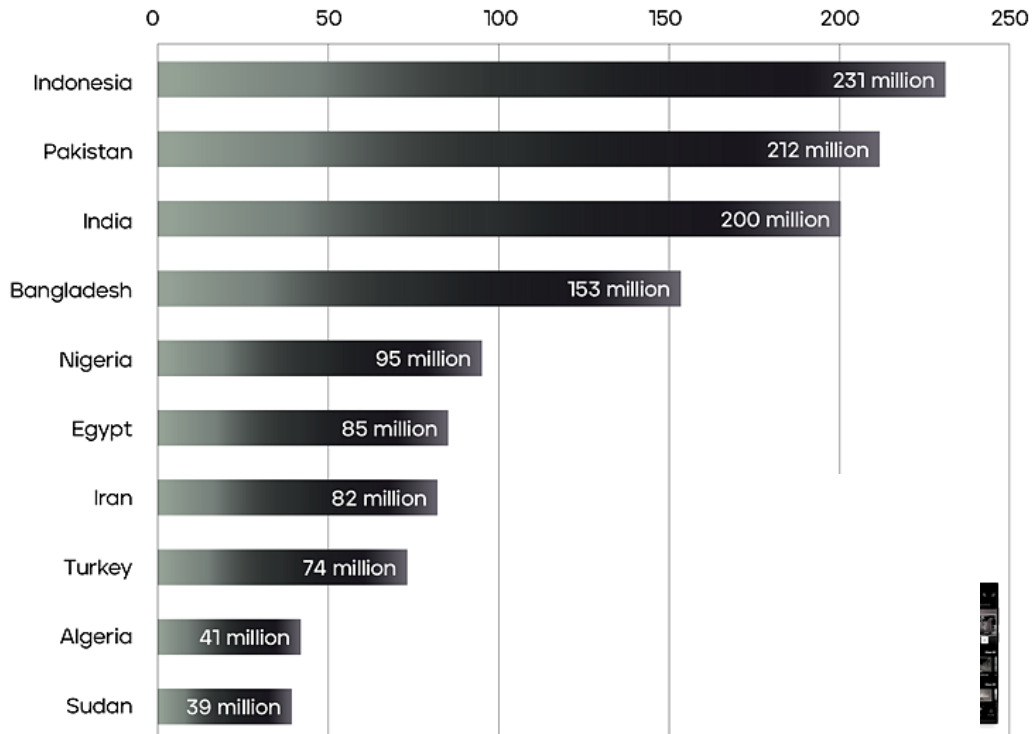
III. MUSLIMS IN THE WORK FORCE

IV. MUSLIM REFUGEES

V. MUSLIM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

From Mecca to "mainstream"-- Islam is the fastest growing world religion, slated to grow 77% by 2030 in the United States, and possibly have more followers than Christianity by 2050

Top 10 Countries with the Largest Number of Muslims (2021)



Source: World Population Review

Graphic by Muslim Pro, Qalbox - The Digital Home for All Things Muslim

Additional Notes

Difference Between Sunni and Shia Muslims

The Quran and the Bible

Essential Similarities to Build Bridges

Introduction

- Islam and Christianity share many similar Ideas and beliefs

Points that can be used as a starting point to build a Bridge:

- God is one
- Jesus is the son of Mary
- Judgment Day
- Heaven and Hell
- Prophets and Messengers

Revelation in Christianity: Hebrews 1:1-2

Revelation in Islam

Abrogation in Islam: Quran 2:106

Responding to Muslims who argue that the Qur'an replaces previous Scripture, including the Injeel: (*ref: Sura 16:101-102*)

Folk Islam:

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- The Zabur of David was corrupted, so God sent the Injeel.
- The Injeel of Jesus was corrupted, so God sent the Qur'an.
- The Qur'an will never be changed, since God keeps and protects His word.

Muslim Logic:

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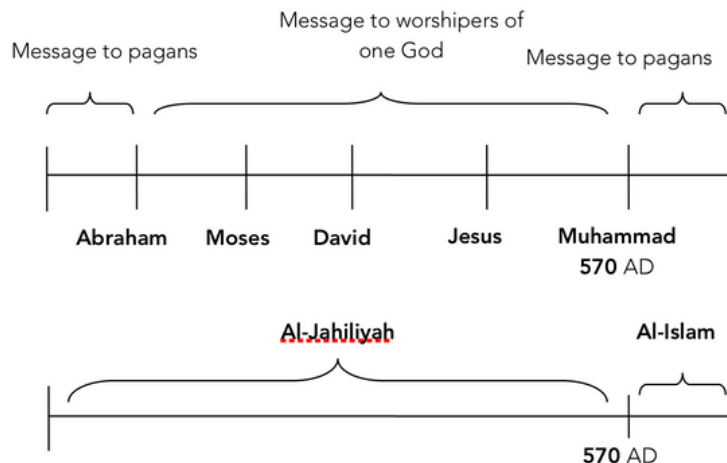
Christian Response: (ref: Hebrews 1:1-2; Mark 13:31)

Christian Logic:

- God sent His Word, Jesus Christ. The Injeel records and explains what Jesus taught.

APPROACH

- Read Bible verses from Hebrews 1:1-2 and Mark 13:31.
- Explain that as believers in God, we reject that any human can corrupt God's book, the Injeel.
- Show that Moses, David, and Jesus went to people who believed in God.
- Explain that Muhammad's generation was pagan and needed to worship one God, but this lesson had already been taught to the Jewish people from the days of Abraham.
- Although Muhammad and the Qur'an came last chronologically, the core message had been revealed before from the days of Abraham.
- The message of the Injeel has a more advanced spiritual level.
- The Injeel moves beyond monotheism to salvation, grace, faith, sanctification, and holiness.
- Christians accept the Qur'an when it agrees with the Injeel.
- Muslims must study the whole Bible to understand fully the will of God for their life.



Message of the books Timeline

“Is the Injeel Corrupted?”

Defending the Injeel’s integrity and pointing the way to Jesus

INTRODUCTION

Qur’anic Verse: Sura 2:146

Folk Islam / Muslim Logic:

(ref: See section, "The Qur'an and the Bible")

Christian Response: The Injeel is the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16).

Christian Logic:

- God inspired the writing of the Injeel.
- God will keep His word to enlighten and judge the human race.

APPROACH

The “Zero-Corruption” Bridge

- Theological
- Logical
- Historical

Theological: “Man stronger than God? Astaghfur-Allah!”

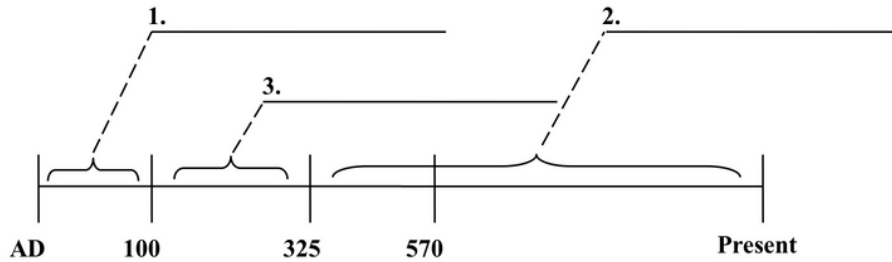
• If God sent the Injeel and humans corrupted it, then humans are stronger than God. Impossible!

Logical: “Show me the evidence!”

- Who corrupted the Injeel?
- When was the Injeel corrupted?
- Where was the Injeel corrupted?
- Why was the Injeel corrupted?
- Where is the original Injeel?
- What parts of the Injeel were corrupted?
- Was the Injeel corrupted before or after the life of Muhammad?

Historical: “May I share my research?”

- 1.The Eyewitness Stage (AD 1-100):
- 2.The Persecution Stage (AD 100 – 325):
- 3.The Translation Stage (AD 325 – present):



“Zero-Corruption” Timeline

CONCLUSION OF THE BRIDGE

- The Injeel has not been corrupted. It is God’s letter to humans about His Word, Jesus Christ. We must obey all its teachings in our faith and conduct.
- Point of Decision

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Timothy 2:2

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16

Additional Notes

God's heart for the Nations

INTRODUCTION

- All people are created & loved by God.
 - History reflects God's purpose in spreading the Gospel; Israel's design...
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God's promise to bless the Nations:

(ref: Genesis 18:18, Isaiah 6:8, Habakkuk 1:5)

History reflects God's strategy:

Go and Tell: Disciples commanded to go (Matt 28:18-20)

1. Going voluntarily

- Peter and John at the temple
- Philip in Samaria
- Philip and the Ethiopian Treasurer
- Paul and Barnabas
- Timothy and Paul

2. Going Involuntarily:

- Persecution of Stephen
- Martyrdom of James
- Fall of Jerusalem AD 70

Come and See -- Christ-followers commanded to practice hospitality and charity.

Additional Notes

Is the Injeel Corrupted?



Samuel Zwemer (April 12, 1867 – April 2, 1952), nicknamed The Apostle to Islam, was an American missionary, traveler, and scholar.

“I feel now that Arabia could easily be evangelized within the next thirty years if it were not for the wicked selfishness of Christians.” Samuel Zwemer 1902

“The unoccupied fields of the world must have their Calvary before they can have their Pentecost.”

CONCLUSION

1. As Christ followers, we must discern the times and seasons we are in.
2. History is a record of humanity’s need for a savior. No laws, or empires can change the human heart.
3. The repeated cycle of history reflects the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged.
4. God allows change to make people receptive.
5. There is no time to be complacent. There is an urgency for the gospel.

“I Thank God that Islamic Terrorism made me question the Quran and examine the words of the Messiah. What a joy to find the savior” – Persian MBB

“I was shocked to see the planes hit the towers, I grabbed a bible given to my family and read John chapter 10. Jesus saved my life!”—Yemeni MBB

The Gospel spread throughout history:

Roman Era (1-400):

- Gospel not available to Arabs
- Gospel spreads through the Roman road systems

Barbarian Era (400-800)

- Muhammad’s Hijra begins the Islamic calendar.
- Collapse of Barbarian, Persian and African Empires
- Christians and Jews are Dhimmis (2nd class)
- Limited witness to Muslims

John of Damascus 749 AD

JOHN OF DAMASCUS was the first minister to Muslims that required Christians to read the Qur’an and be familiar with its teaching before conversing with Muslims. Employed by the Muslim Caliph Yazid, ben Muawiya. John of Damascus often based his writings on conversations with his Muslim friends.

Vikings Era (800-1200)

- Norsemen raid new established kingdoms
- Vikings invade the Abbasid Empire
- The Muslim empire in decline
- The European Crusades
- St. Francis of Assisi reaches out to the Muslims in the Holy Land

Saracen Era (1200-1600)

- Muslim pirates raid European towns.
- Islamic kingdoms and European kingdoms trade routes open up interaction with Muslims.

Ramon Lull (1232–1316) *began a movement to share the gospel with others by using philosophy, debates, and interfaith dialogue. He established monasteries for the study of other religions and the Arabic language. He has 200 written works in Catalan, Arabic, and Latin*

Ends of the Earth (1600 – 2022)

- Travel to the new world
- Trade routes
- Bible translations (1611-KJV)
- World War I- collapse of the ottoman Empire
- Colonialism helps and hinders the gospel simultaneously.
- World War II – limited gospel presentation to Muslims
- Age of Technology/ Age of Information
- Attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 - Terrorism and Islamic Jihad
- Rise of Muslim background believers

Sharing Jesus

Basic attitudes and foundational knowledge for sharing with Muslims

Guidelines in Sharing Your Faith

- A look at Christ’s model of compelling evangelism.
- We are to share Him! – Matthew 28:18-20
- A Woman from Samaria – John 4:1-41

APPROACH: METHODS IN SHARING YOUR FAITH

Questions:

- Where did you find this information?
- How do you know it is true?
- Have you read the Injeel?
- What do you mean by that?
- What happens if you are wrong?

Bible Verses

Testimonies

Stories / Bible Stories

Psalms

Miracles

Gift-giving and Prayer

How can you learn from Jesus’ interaction with the woman from Samaria? What methods do you feel most comfortable using in ministry?

Conversations lead to conversions

The Levels of Conversation:

- 1. Physical Level
- 2. Religious Level
- 3. Miraculous Level
- 4. Spiritual Level
- 5. Salvation Level

Meeting Muslims where they are:

The Messiah Jesus is our model in ministering to people
The incarnation is the greatest model: Philippians 2:7-8

The Samaritan Woman:

- Jesus met her where she was
- Barriers Jesus crossed

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector:

- Jesus invited himself, giving honor to a man hated by many
- The fellowship of a meal was the best place to impact a life in need of salvation

Feeding the Five Thousand

We are the Hands and Feet of Jesus:

- Meet Muslims where they are
- Willingness to listen
- Understand cultural cues
- Be straightforward in your message
- You are an ambassador

Refugee testimony: Muslim refugee beaten by her husband;
the need is not for food, but for Christ to change the husband.

Conclusion:

- What changes do we need to make in order to incarnate the Gospel?
- Where do I need to be to impact Muslims with the Gospel? (Location)



Do Christians Worship Three Gods?

Biblically defending God's revealed character as "Three in One"

INTRODUCTION

(ref: Qur'anic Verses: Sura 5:76; 112:1-4; 4:171; 5:119-122)

Folk Islam:

Muslim Logic:

- Trinity is tri-theism, a teaching that would not be accepted by Jesus, who is a prophet of Islam.
 - Christians fall in the sin of "shirk" (the one unforgivable sin) because they associate equals with God. (Similar to pre-Islamic Arabian Paganism.)
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Christian Response:

- The concept of the Trinity is taught in the Injeel.
 - We worship one God in three Persons (Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:9,16; John 16:13).
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Christian Logic:

- There is no difference between any of the three Persons of God. God always existed with His Word and His Spirit. God's Word is Jesus; His Spirit is the Holy Spirit. They are all the same and equal.
 - We believe in this doctrine, for the Injeel clearly states it.
 - The concept of the Trinity may be above our reason but it is not against it.
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APPROACH:

- Stress that the Injeel teaches this doctrine.
 - Explain that God is Father, Son (Word), and Holy Ghost. Mary is not part of the Trinity.
 - Humans cannot understand God's nature. God reveals His character.
 - Ask "Which existed first in eternity? God, His Word, or His Spirit?"
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Physical examples might help:

- Multiplication ($1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$)
 - Triangle
 - Water (solid, liquid, gas)
 - Electricity (power station, cables, light bulb)
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CONCLUSION

How might we use this approach in leading Muslims to faith in Christ?

Additional Notes

Who Is Jesus?

INTRODUCTION

“Don’t Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God, semi-god and semi-man?”

(ref: Qur’anic Verses: Sura 5:19; 5:75; 6:101-103; 10:68; 112:1-4)

Folk Islam:

- God incarnated in Gabriel and had sexual relations with Mary.
 - The offspring is called the Son of God, which is blasphemy in Islam.
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Muslim Logic:

- This is considered idolatry and paganism, which is unacceptable in Islam.
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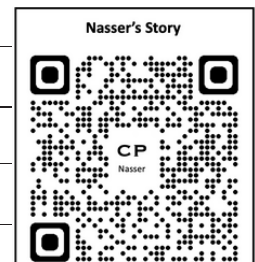
Christian Response:

- Jesus Christ is the Incarnate Word of God.

(Ref: John 1:1-4; Hebrews 1:1-5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-56)

Christian Logic:

APPROACH



Crucifixion: History or Hoax?

A biblical response to the crucifixion of Jesus

INTRODUCTION

Jesus was a prophet of God, so how can he lose by dying?

Qur'anic Verse: Sura 4:157

Folk Islam:

Muslim Perspective:

Christian Response: Christ rose from the dead, victorious over sin and Satan.

Bible Verses: Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 18-21, Acts 4:33, Romans 1:4, Romans 10: 9-10, Philippians 3:10, 1 Peter 1:3

"I want to know Christ, the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, in so attaining to the resurrection from the dead."
Philippians 3:10

Additional Notes

Christian Logic:

Approach:

- Christ is glorified through the resurrection.
- "What glorifies God more: to help Jesus escape death or help conquer death?"
- Jesus did not lose by dying; He won through the resurrection from the dead.
- Jesus is the only prophet who conquered death, sin, and Satan.



Additional Notes

Questions Muslims Cannot Answer

What is Apologetics?

Defense of the Faith:

Biblical Apologetics: return to the message of hope
Biblical Foundations: 1 Peter 3:15

The Jesus Way:

The Art of Sharing the Hope We Have:

- Philip and The Ethiopian: Acts 8
- Peter and John in Front of Priests: Acts 4
- Paul and King Agrippa: Acts 25

Questions for Muslims

- 1- What is the historical evidence on the authenticity of the Quran?
- 2- Why is Jesus called Kalimat-ullah and no one else in the Quran?
- 3- Why does the Quran separate people between Muslim and Kafir?
- 4- Why call non- Arab speakers a different name?
- 5- What is the proof there is resurrection from the dead?
- 6- How do I get power over sin?

Additional Notes

7- What do you mean by Islam is a peaceful religion?

8- What happens if my good and bad works are equal on Judgement Day?
Where do I go?

9- Good questions to ask about the hijab include:

- Why are you wearing the hijab?
 - Is it a social solution or a spiritual solution?
 - Do you agree with all the teachings of Islam?
 - Are men responsible for their thoughts?
 - Have you read what Jesus says about adultery?
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10- Marriage in Islam??

- Why would Allah allow something like child brides?
 - What is the practical nature of taking child brides?
 - Would you marry a child bride?
 - Would you give your daughter as a child bride?
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Conclusion:

- All Christian believers are on a mission
- All are ambassadors
- Conversational Apologetics take place daily
- What would you change as a ministry, as a "co-worker" or fellow student to build trust and connections with Muslims?



Be clear that this is no criticism of Muhammad, but rather an honest look at the stories in the Hadith and the laws derived from it.

Jesus in the Qur'an

Is it the same Jesus?!

INTRODUCTION

Top prophets in Islam?

Jesus and the Qur'an:

- Servant of God
- Son of Mary
- Word of God

Jesus and the Bible:

- Redeemer/Savior
- Messiah
- Son of Man
- Son of God

CONCLUSION

What do we need to change to give Muslims a biblical view of Christ?

(See Reference section for additional information.)

Additional Notes



Is Muhammad in the Bible?

Islamic Propaganda

Why Muslims look to find Muhammad in the Bible

Quran 61:6 “So Jesus the son of Mary said: ‘Children of Israel, I am Allah (God)’s messenger to you, confirming whatever came before me in the Torah and announcing a messenger coming after me whose name will be Ahmad.’ Yet when he brought them explanations, they said: ‘This is sheer magic!’” Muhammad Hijab

Deuteronomy 18:18 – A Prophet From Your Brethren

John 14:25-26 – The Comforter

John 10: 1-2

- Jesus compared to Muhammad
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- How might we use this info in sharing the Good news?
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- What impacts Muslims when comparing the life of Muhammad with the Life of Jesus?
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- What responses are best to transition the conversation to Jesus and salvation?
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Additional Notes

The New Family

Introduction:

John 1:12

The Family of Jesus

- Welcomes all.
- Serves all people.
- Made up of all nations.
- Changed lives.
- Supports each other.
- Impacts the community from within
- The parable of the Mustard seed
- Grace is given to all.

Contrast with The Umma of Islam

- Only for Muslims.
- Must speak Arabic to understand the Quran.
- Sharia is more important than individual freedoms.
- Religious leadership controls all aspects of life.
- Doubt is a sin.

The Biblical Community

Great Commission mentality

- Acts 1:8; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 8:1
- Our responsibility Our lifestyle Our privilege

Community for all people Acts 2:5-11; Acts 13:1-5

- Beyond Culture; Changes culture; Impacts culture.

Transformational Community- Acts 2:41-46

- Consumed by the call; Passion for souls; willingness to serve

Additional Notes

How to build into and include young believers:

Time: New believers need your time. Make room in your schedule to visit them and listen to them. Try to see young believers regularly in a setting where they can share their feelings and ideas.

Hospitality: The bible compels us to be hospitable as a Christian virtue. Hospitality can be experienced over a meal or restaurant. It can be experienced over coffee or tea. It can be watching sports, exercising together or even at a musical event. Schedule fun times in settings that are not religious.

Small Group Study: New believers need a family, not fame. They need a healthy community around them. Preferably a multi-cultural group of Christ-followers to help them grow in Christian maturity.

Communion and Baptism:

Our faith has sacraments. A sacrament is a sacred moment, a time set aside to focus on God. Explain that these are outward expressions of an inner conviction; that we follow Jesus and rely on his resurrection to be pure in the sight of God.

Additional Notes



FENCES

Seeing culture and its components through the lens of the Bible.

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS CULTURE?

WHAT IS WORLDVIEW?

“Worldview is the basic way of interpreting things and events that pervades a culture so thoroughly that it becomes a culture’s concept of reality – what is good, what is important, what is sacred, what is real. Worldview is more than culture...The beliefs, values, and behaviors of a culture stem directly from its worldview.” – Carol Hill

FIVE VIEWS ON GOD AND CULTURE

THREE BASIC INFLUENCES ON WORLDVIEWS

Muslim societies often have a combination of Shame-Honor and Fear-Power worldviews.

All three worldviews are found in the Genesis story of the fall:

- When man broke God’s law, he was in a position of guilt. (Gen 3:7)
- When man broke God’s relationship, he was in a position of shame. (Gen 3:8)
- When man broke God’s trust, he was in a position of fear. (Gen 3:10)

Conclusion: Jesus transforms cultures.

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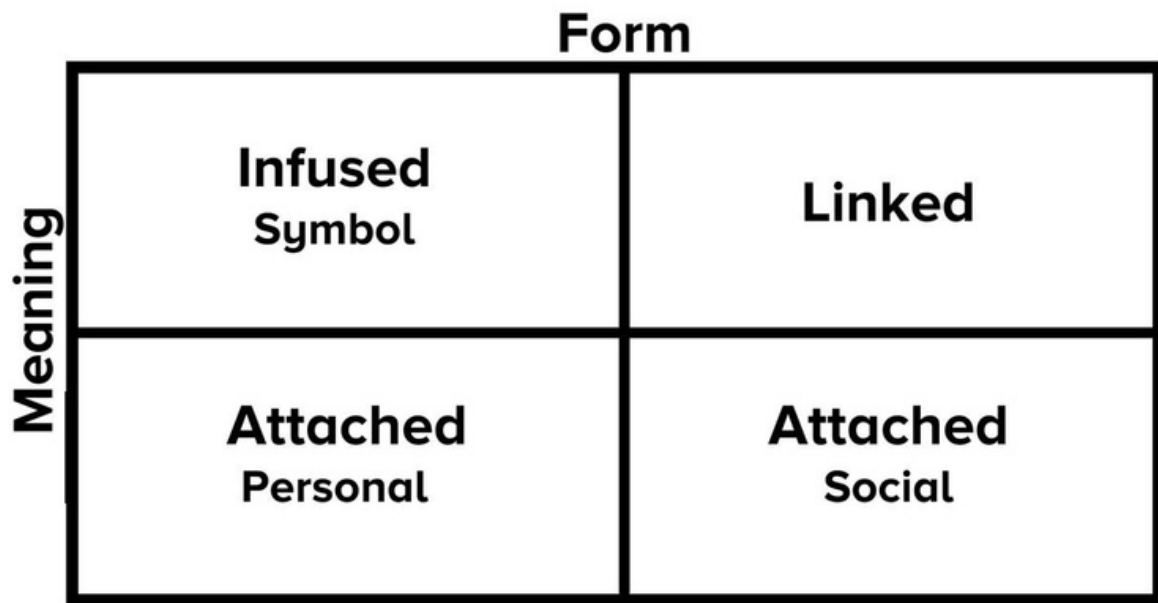
Form and Meaning

INTRODUCTION

FORM: _____

MEANING: _____

CONTEXTUALIZATION: _____



Additional Notes

Cross Cultural Ministry: Hidden Signals

	Form	
Meaning	Fit Same Form Same Meaning	Reform Same Form New Meaning
	Replace New Form New Meaning	Transform New Form Same Meaning

CONCLUSION

Matthew 28:18-20

- All cultures are tainted by sin and need the intervention of Jesus.
- All cultures need a redeemer to save them from this present darkness.

How we might use this process to connect with the community and culture we are serving in?

Additional Notes

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Keys to Understanding a Culture

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING A CULTURE:

- Geography
- History
- Politics
- Family
- Religion
- Money/Possessions
- Time
- Space/Social Distance
- Humor
- Education
- Skill/ Talent

POSITION (Social Status)

INFLUENCERS - DECISION MAKERS - MEMBERS

KEY ADVICE: Third culture: a person who is comfortable and connects with the heart of the home and host cultures.

CONCLUSION: How might we use this information to connect with the community we are ministering in?

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Additional Notes

Leadership and Peer Influence

Introduction

Community in the 21st century

- Location
 - Language
 - Digital
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Three Levels of Influence in a Community:

- Influencers - opinion/interpretation
- Leaders - decision makers
- Members - cross generational, different education, different careers

Understanding the hidden messages connects with the heart of the community.

Cultural connections are the platform to impact the community.

Who are peer influencers in your context and where to find them?

Additional Notes

The Gospel with Skin On

My Neighborhood is Changing:

- Changes in the 21st Century
- Travel and Migrations
- Refugees and Civil Wars
- The Global Village

Having the Eyes of Jesus:

What might we do as we see our communities change?

Additional Notes

Becoming World Changers

“But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” - Acts 17:5-7

THREE ESSENTIALS FOR ALL WORLD CHANGERS:

CHANGE COMES FROM GOD: _____

CHANGE TAKES ROOT WITH YOU: _____

CHANGED LIVES CHANGE LIVES: _____

CHANGED LIVES NEVER TRAVEL ALONE: _____

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2

What changes would you consider making to fulfill the Great Commission in your lifetime?

Additional Notes

The Little Duck Church

The Time is Now...

“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.’”

- Daniel 3:16

Islam and Freedom of Religion:

- Persecution
- Propaganda
- Sharia- Religious Apartheid

Islam and Human Rights:

- Women in Islam
- Children and Refugees

Distractions to the Church:

- Political Involvement
- Social Gospel
- Political Correctness
- Avoidance
- Hypocrisy
- Judgmental Spirit

House Churches Across the Muslim World:

- A new spiritual awakening
- Jesus gives hope

What changes must we make to increase our impact on Muslims in our community?

Be an influencer. Be a leader.

Take a stand when everybody bows and kneels – stand up for Jesus.

Additional Notes

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Additional Notes

Breakout Session

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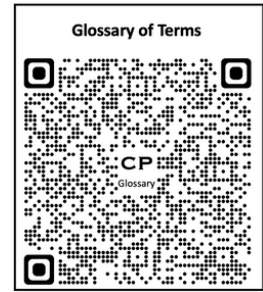
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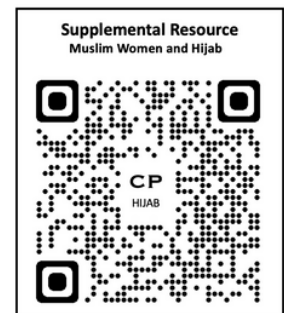
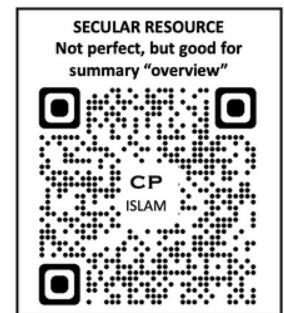
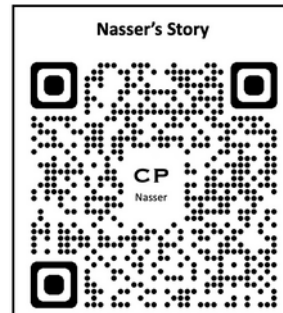
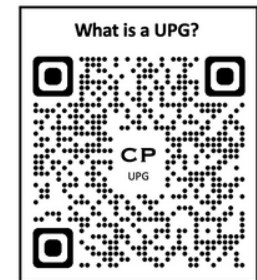
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The Christian Shahada

How to share your testimony with the Muslim in mind

INTRODUCTION

- The Bible teaches that a person must testify that there is only one God, Creator of heaven and earth, and one Savior, Jesus Christ.
- A Christian repents (toub) from sin and confesses or testifies (ish-had) that Jesus is his/her personal Savior. In the Injeel this is called being “born-again.” The Christian has begun a new life – a new walk with God through Jesus Christ.
- A Christian, according to the Injeel, is expected to give his/her testimony to others everyday all the time.

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3:14-15

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

ESSENTIALS OF A TESTIMONY

My life before becoming a follower of Jesus Christ:

Why I believe that Jesus Christ is the only Savior:

How I decided to follow Jesus Christ:

My life after deciding to follow Jesus Christ:

Conclusion of your testimony:

A Visit to the Mosque

PURPOSE OF

VISIT: To pray for a blessing and the salvation of Muslims

- To learn about the concept of worship in Islam
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DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF THE MOSQUE:

- The Arabic name is masjid, literally, “a place to prostrate.”
- A center of Islamic prayer and meditation
- May serve as a center of other activities such as courts, markets, and schools

FEATURES (In USA many mosques are simple rooms of prayer):

- Imam – He leads prayers and is a leading elder. There is no institutionalized clergy.
- Mihrab – Recess in wall indicating Qiblah.
- Qiblah – Direction of Kaabah (Mecca - Saudi Arabia).
- Minbar – An elevated pulpit reached by stairs or simply the place of preaching.
- A microphone is now used in the United States.
- Flooring – Mats aligned in rows facing Mihrab.
- Place of ablutions.
- Place for shoes when removed.
- Separate room or section for women.

DO'S AND DON'TS

- Do -- pray silently from the moment you enter the mosque for God to reveal His word to them.
- Do -- dress modestly. For women, long skirts, arms covered to wrist and hair covered entirely by a scarf. For men, pants or slacks, shirt or T-shirt.
- Do -- sit at rear of the room as you observe prayer.
- Men – do -- take off shoes and put them in the rack.
- Women – do -- go to the women's section during prayer.
- Do -- be a learner – Ask good questions – Be interested -- be a listener.
- Don't -- engage in prolonged conversation about Christianity in the mosque.

What does the Bible say about Jesus?

Genesis 22:13	Offered as our substitute
2 Samuel 23:3	David prophesied about
Isaiah 53:1-12	As a suffering servant
Matt. 1:1; Matt. 12:17-21; Matt. 21:2-5	Matthew written to show Jesus as Messiah when he entered history
Matthew 1:1; Matthew 1:1-17	significance of his genealogies
Mark 1:2	why he came when he did
John 1:4-5; John 1:8	He is a light to mankind
John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14-15	Importance of his humanity
Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34	Why his virgin birth important to Christian faith without sin
Luke 1:35	
Matthew 1:20-23	is both God and human
Matthew 1:21	why he came to be our Savior
Luke 1:32-33	his coming fulfilled God's promise to David
Matthew 1:23	as God with us
Luke 2:7	don't underestimate him
Matthew 2:3	why Herod was disturbed about his birth
Matthew 2:4; Matthew 2:16	Herod's wrong expectations of him
Matthew 2:11	his age when Magi found him
Matthew 2:11	significance of Magi's gifts to him
Matthew 2:12	may cause your life to take a new direction
Matthew 2:19-22	why he wasn't to return to Bethlehem
Matthew 2:23	had unexpected and humble beginnings
Luke 2:46-47	impressed religious leaders as a boy
Luke 2:49-50	relationship to his parents
Luke 2:52	the 18 silent years
Luke 2:52	lived a normal childhood
Mark 1:7-8	his ministry compared to John the Baptist's
Luke 2:34-35; John 6:67	can't be neutral about
Matthew 3:3	how we can prepare people to meet him
Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21-22	why he wanted to be baptized
Mark 1:9	his boyhood home in Nazareth
Mark 1:10-11	in the Trinity
Matthew 4:1	how Satan tried to stop his mission
Matthew 4:3-4	limited divine power to experience humanity
Matthew 4:12-13	moved to Capernaum
Matthew 4:17	words he used to start his ministry
Matthew 4:18-20	called Peter and Andrew
Matthew 4:23	three key aspects of his ministry
Matthew 4:23-24; Romans 1:3-5	what his Good News was
Mark 1:22	his authority
John 5:31	the claims of Jesus

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John 3:1	examine his claims for yourself
John 6:67-68; Acts 4:12	he alone can offer salvation
Matthew 5:1	summary of his Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5:1-2	what to expect when you follow him
Matthew 5:3-5	his teachings often contradict those of the world
Matthew 5:17; Matthew 5:17-20	did not contradict Old Testament law
Matthew 8:11-12	his message is for everyone
Matthew 9:17	how his message was “new”
Matthew 10:2-4	calls people from all walks of life
Mark 1:23	authority over Satan and demons
Luke 4:41	why he didn’t want demons to reveal who he was
Matt.12:14; Matt. 21:23-27; Matthew 22:15-17; Matthew 23:5-7	exposed evil attitudes and motives of Pharisees
Luke 5:13	he touched the untouchable
Mark 3:2	why religious leaders turned against him
Matthew 12:25	he knows us completely
Luke 4:24	why his hometown rejected him
Matthew 14:28	when we take our eyes off him
Matthew 14:35-36; Mark 3:7-8	what is your real motive for seeking him?
John 6:66	why many of his followers deserted him
John 7:3-5	his brothers had a hard time believing
John 7:26	how people reacted to him
Matt. 16:13-17; Luke 9:18-20; John 3:31-35; 1 John 5:21	who do you say he is?
Mark 3:11	knowing who he is is not enough for salvation
Mark 3:14; Luke 9:23-26	what it takes to follow him
Mark 3:31-35	his family
Mark 4:41	don’t underestimate him
Mark 5:10	his goals contrasted with Satan’s
Mark 6:14-15; Luke 9:7-8	how people try to explain him away
John 6:35; John 6:47	why he called himself the bread of life
John 6:51	how we are united with Christ
Mark 7:29	his power not limited by distance
Luke 9:26	why many would be ashamed of him
Luke 9:35	God clearly identified him
Matthew 16:21; Matthew 17:22-23; Matthew 17:1; Mark 9:3	predicted his death
Matthew 17:5	his transfiguration
John 12:45; Hebrews 1:2-3	as the Son of God
Luke 10:23-24	understanding him is understanding God
Luke 11:31-32	taking him for granted
Luke 12:35-40	plenty of evidence to believe in him
Luke 12:51-53	preparing a kingdom for his followers
18:26-30	his coming results in conflict
Mark 10:13-16	benefits of following him
	whom he spent time with

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Matthew 20:23	under the Father's authority
Matthew 21:2-5	significance of triumphal entry
Matthew 21:42	as the cornerstone of the church
Matthew 22:15-17	answers trick tax question
Mark 13:3	puts prophecy in perspective
John 12:48	difference between his first and second comings
Matthew 24:24-28	his second coming will be unmistakable
Matthew 24:44	why he talked about his second coming
Luke 22:3; John 13:27	how Satan misunderstood his death
Matthew 25:31-46	Our actions toward others demonstrate what we think about him.
Luke 22:14-18	as the Lamb of God
Luke 22:20	as the new covenant
Mark 14:1	religious leaders plot to kill him
Mark 14:10	why Judas wanted to betray him
Mark 14:24; John 19:30; Hebrews 7:11-17	significance of his final sacrifice
John 14:9; Hebrews 1:1-2	as the complete revelation of God
Matthew 28:20; John 14:15-16	present with us in the form of the Holy Spirit
John 15:1	as the vine
John 15:5-6	what "remaining in Christ" means
John 16:7	why he had to die and rise again
John 17:5	returned to God's right hand
Mark 14:35-36	prayer in the garden
Matthew 26:37-38	struggled over impending death
Matthew 26:57; Matthew 26:59;	tried before Sanhedrin
Matthew 26:60-61	why religious leaders hurried to try him
John 18:12-13	false accusations against him
John 19:7	religious leaders didn't believe he was God
Matthew 26:65-66	how we deny Jesus
Mark 14:71; Luke 12:8-9	why he was sent to Pilate
Mark 15:1	Pilate knew he was innocent.
Matthew 27:2	why he didn't answer Pilate's questions
Mark 15:5	Who was really guilty of Jesus' death?
Mark 15:15	separated from God at crucifixion
Matthew 27:46	his death brings us into God's presence
Matthew 27:51; Luke 23:45	miraculous events surrounding his death
Matthew 27:52-53	we played role in his death
Luke 23:34	nothing could keep him from rising
Matthew 27:66	significance of his resurrection
Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:6-7	Do you believe he has risen?
Luke 24:24	last words to his disciples
Matthew 28:18-20	central theme of the Bible
Luke 24:27	his resurrection body
Luke 24:36-43	

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Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53	significance of his ascension
Luke 24:53	as a perfect example for us
Matthew 28:20	make him King of your life
Acts 2:46	caused friction among Jews
Acts 3:15	Peter preached that he was alive again.
Romans 1:8; Hebrews 7:25	mediator between God and man
1 Cor. 1:12	He should be the emphasis of preaching.
1 Cor. 2:15-16	how to have the mind of Christ
2 Cor. 6:8-10	the difference knowing him can make
2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-7	incarnation of
Galatians 2:20	what it means to be crucified with him
Phil. 2:5-11	key characteristics of
Phil. 2:13	To be like him you must think like him.
Col. 1:12-14	five benefits of his death for us
1 Thes. 4:15-18	What will happen when he returns?
Hebrews 2:8-9	God has put him in charge of all.
Hebrews 2:16-17; Hebrews 7:25	how he functions as our high priest
Hebrews 3:1-6	his relationship with believers
Hebrews 4:2	his relationship with believers
Rev. 1:13-14	knowing about him versus knowing him
Rev. 5:5-6	as he appeared in John's vision
Rev. 19:10	how he is both a Lion and a Lamb
Rev. 19:11-21	the main theme of Revelation
Matthew 3:13-4:25, Mark 1:2-2:17	will return as a warrior
Luke 4:1-44	will return as a warrior
John 1:35-2:25	Jesus begins His ministry.
John 3:1-4:42	Jesus' temptation and return to Galilee
John 4:43-54	Jesus' first travels
John 5:1-47	Jesus' travels through Samaria
Matthew 5:1-8:34	Jesus arrives in Galilee and moves to Capernaum.
Luke 7:11-17	Jesus teaches in Jerusalem.
Mark 4:35-5:20, Luke 8:22-39	miraculous displays around Sea of Galilee
Matthew 13:53-58	miraculous displays around Sea of Galilee
Mark 6:1-44	Jesus raises a widow's son.
Matt. 14:13-36, Mark 6:45-56,	healing a demon-possessed man.
John 6:1-59	travels to Nazareth where he is rejected
Matthew 15:1-39, Mark 7:24-30	preaching in Galilee
Matthew 16:1-20	Jesus walks on the sea of Galilee.
John 7:1-10:42	His ministry in Phoenicia
John 11:1-44	Journey to Caesarea Philippi
Matthew 19:1-20:34	ministry beyond the Jordan.
Mark 10:1-52	Jesus raises Lazarus.
Matthew 21:1-17	Jesus' last trip toward Jerusalem
Luke 19:28-44	Jesus nears Jerusalem.
Mark 11:12-19	Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem
Matthew 26:6-13	last week in Jerusalem.
	Jesus clears the temple.
	visit in Bethany

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Mark 14:12-41	from the upper room to Gethsemane
26:47-27:26, Mark 14:53-15:15	Jesus' trial Matthew
Matthew 27:27-44, Mark 15:16-47,	the way of the Cross
Luke 23:26-49	
Luke 24:1-53	on the road to Emmaus
Acts 9:1-19	Saul meets Jesus on the road to Damascus

The Parables of Jesus

I. TEACHING PARABLES

A. About the Kingdom of God

1. The Soils (Matt. 13:3-8; Mark 4:4-8; Luke 8:5-8)
2. The Weeds (Matt. 13:24-30)
3. The Mustard Seed (Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19)
4. The Yeast (Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21)
5. The Treasure (Matt. 13:44)
6. The Pearl (Matt. 13:45-46)
7. The Fishing Net (Matt. 13:47-50)
8. The Growing Wheat (Mark 4:26-29)

B. About Service and Obedience

1. The Workers in the Harvest (Matt. 20:1-16)
2. The Loaned Money (Matt. 25:14-30)
3. The Nobleman's Servants (Luke 19:11-27)
4. The Servant's Role (Luke 17:7-10)

C. About Prayer

1. The Friend at Midnight (Luke 11:5-8)
2. The Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

D. About Neighbors

1. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

E. About Humility

1. The Wedding Feast (Luke 14:7-11)
2. The Proud Pharisee and the Corrupt Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

F. About Wealth

1. The Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21)
2. The Great Feast (Luke 14:16-24)
3. The Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-9)

II. GOSPEL

PARABLES

A. About God's Love

1. The Lost Sheep (Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7)
2. The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)
3. The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)

B. About Thankfulness

1. The Forgiven Debts (Luke 7:41-43)

III. PARABLES OF JUDGMENT AND THE FUTURE

A. About Christ's Return

1. The Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13)
2. The Wise and Faithful Servants (Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 12:42-48)
3. The Traveling Owner of the House (Mark 13:34-37)

B. About God's Values

1. The Two Sons (Matt. 21:28-32)
2. The Wicked Tenants (Mat 21:33-34; Mark 12:1-9; Luke 20:9-16)
3. The Unproductive Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9)
4. The Marriage Feast (Matt. 22:1-14)
5. The Unforgiving Servant (Matt. 18:23-35)

Jesus in the Bible and the Qur'an

Titles	Qur'an	Bible
Word of God. His (God's) Word (Kalimah)	3:34, 39, 40, 45; 4:169, 171	John 1:1, 14
A Word of Truth (Qawl Al-haqq)	19:34, 35	John 4:6; Ephesians 1:13
The Truth from your Lord (Al-haqq)	3:53, 60	John 8:32-36, 14:6
A Spirit of God (Ruh)	4:169, 171; 17; 21:91	Matthew 12:28; Luke 1:35
The Messiah (Al-Masih)	3:40, 45; 4:156, 157	Matthew 16:16; John 1:41
Apostle [Messenger] (Rasul)	2:81, 87; 254, 253; 3:43, 49	Mark 1:2 Matthew 21:11; Luke 4:24
Prophet (Nabiyy)	2:130, 136; 4:161, 163	Matthew 12:18; John 4:34
Servant of God	4:170, 172; 19:31	Luke 2:48
Son of Mary (Ibn Maryam)	40, 45; 4:157; 171	Matthew 24
Witness on Resurrection Day (Shahid)	4:45, 41, 157, 159;	John 5:30 Matthew 9:27-30
Witness of [over] the people	5:117	Luke 2:40,52
Mercy from Us [God] (Ramah)	3:120, 117	Matthew 24:36-44; John 4:25
Bearer of Wisdom (Hikmah)	19:21	Matthew 2:2-29
Knowledge of the Hour ('Ilm)	43:63 43:61	John 13:1-11
Sign to all beings (Ayah)	3:44, 50; 19:21;	Mark 1:34; 5:41, 42; 6:33
An Example [Pattern] (Mathal)	21:91	Luke 2:10, 30-32
The Miracle Worker	43:57, 59	John 1:37; John 10:27
Revelation to Mankind (Ayah)	3:49	Matthew 17:5; 8:27; Mark 1:3
The one to be followed	19:21	Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38
The one to be obeyed	43:61 3:44, 50	Matthew 27:19; 2 Timothy 4 Matthew 12:25; John 4:25
Giver [Bringer] of Good Tidings	61:6	1 Corinthians 15:45-47
One of the Righteous (min Salihin)	3:40,46	Luke 23:4, 14, 41; Acts 2:14
The Knowledgeable in Scriptures	3:43, 48; 5:109- 110	John 14:9, 10; Hebrews 2:9
The Blessed One (Mubarak)	19:32, 31	Philippians 2:9, 10
The Favored One	43:59	Matthew 21:9; Luke 1:42 John 1:18; Mark 1:11

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The One Confirmed [Strengthened] with the Holy Spirit (Ruh-Al-Qudsi)	2:81, 87, 254, 253	Mark 1:11; Luke 4:14
The Noble; Lordly (Sayyid)	3:39	Matthew 21:8-10
The Chaste (Hasuwur)	3:39	2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21
Man of Peace (Salam)	19:34, 33	Isaiah 9:6; Daniel 19:25
A Perfect Man (Sawiy)	19:17	1 Corinthians 13:10; Hebrews 2:10
Spirit of God	4:171	Luke 1:35 1 John 3:3; Hebrews
Pure and Sinless	19:19	7:26
Christ will be born, die and raised from the dead	3:55; 4:158; 19:15	Matthew 24-26; Mark 15-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20



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