

THE GOLD NUGGETS FOR COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL TO MUSLIMS



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Dedication

"Lord God, You Who are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, He Who is, and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty. We prayerfully dedicate the "The Gold Nuggets" to You with Thanksgiving, Honour and Glory. Lord we prayerfully ask that "The Gold Nuggets" may empower many labourers for Your Kingdom as You call and send them from all Nations into Your harvest. Let them lovingly proclaim Your Salvation by Grace through our Lord Jesus Christ by the Power of Your Holy Spirit among Muslims in all Nations. Unveil the Truth of Your Salvation and clear all misunderstandings and preconceived ideas of Muslims regarding Jesus Christ - The Messiah, The Word of God, The Spirit of God. May all Your Kingdom labourers always be encouraged by Your Living Word, The Bible, and in particular Acts 4:29-31 - Amen."

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SESSION ONE

THE GOLD NUGGETS FOR COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL TO MUSLIMS

The Purpose

How to Identify a Gold Nugget

Our Objective

The Spread and Growth of Islam in Our World

Five Reasons for Breakthroughs



SESSION ONE

THE GOLD NUGGETS FOR COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL TO MUSLIMS

The Gold Nuggets are developed to bring together the essential facts, resources, tools and communication skills to help and train others in the shortest possible time to be able to effectively communicate the Gospel to Muslims in love.

Over the years my ministry has evolved to educate others to assist and minister to Muslims. I believe in the saying: "He who works alone is not as productive as he who trains and mobilizes others to do what he is doing."

We need to discover and apply "The Gold Nuggets" to communicate effectively with Muslims in the shortest possible time. It is urgent!

Part 1 | The Purpose

The purpose of these sessions are to equip participants to share the Gospel effectively with Muslims.

PRAYER

“Lord, give me the opportunity to change small talk into God talk when presenting the Gospel to Muslims.”

Part 2 | How to Identify a Gold Nugget

We are looking for Gold Nuggets in:

- _____ ground
- Differences
- Solutions
- _____
- Communicate in such a way that people want to listen



Become like a Muslim for Muslims (1 Corinthians 9:20)

- Identify the urgency and need to witness to Muslims
- Calculate and express the enormity of evangelizing to Muslims in their own community, city and country
- Pray, motivate, challenge and teach for evangelizing Muslims



Ordinary Christians are God's biggest unused task force. Therefore, our aim is to teach, train and equip Christians to reach Muslims with the Gospel.

(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

- Multiply the workers
- Muslims must be able to hear and understand the Gospel within their own frame of reference
- Seek "Gold Nuggets" within familiar and common ground - things they can relate to
- Learn to communicate the Gospel with sincerity, love and respect
- Learn how to use and apply "The Gold Nuggets"
- Participants must equip others to also share the Gospel with Muslims

Part 3 | Our Objective

Our objective is not to attack or offend anyone's faith or belief, nor to compare religions. Our aim is to lead people to the saving knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ without compromise; to help participants to understand Muslims better in the shortest possible time.

“Lord help me, give me the opportunity to change small talk into _____ talk.”

Help Muslims to discover Eternal Life in Jesus Christ

We want people to experience the love of God

We don't want to attack or offend anyone's religion or Islam

The word "evangelist" comes from the Koine Greek word *εὐαγγέλιον* (transliterated as euangelion) via Latinised evangelium. Evangelism is the preaching of the gospel with the intention of exposing God's love to all mankind through Jesus Christ. Evangelism is bringing the Good News - and the good news is the message of salvation in Jesus Christ.



Paul's Choice to Use his Freedom

*¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews (**Muslim**) I became like a Jew (**Muslim**), to win the Jews (**Muslim**). To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.* 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 (NIV) (Emphasis my own)

Part 4 | The Spread and Growth Of Islam In Our World

- 1.8 - 2 billion Muslims in over 75 countries
- Islam spans over 550 major cultural groups
- 532 million Muslims on the African Continent
- More than 33 million Muslims are born in the world every year
- Only 2% of all Christians currently reach out with the Gospel to Muslims

Part 5 | Five Reasons for Breakthroughs

- More workers
- More cooperation
- Contextualisation
- Prayers, signs and wonders
- Socio-political change

While working through the Gold Nuggets: Pray, Plan and Work to Multiply the Workers; Cooperate with other Churches and Agencies; Learn the Culture and Islam; Mobilise Prayer in Churches and also for Muslims; Serve Muslims in your Community.



¹⁶For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. 1 Corinthians 9:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NIV)

Discover and identify "The Gold Nuggets", then use it and make the most of it in order to tell Muslims that God loves them!

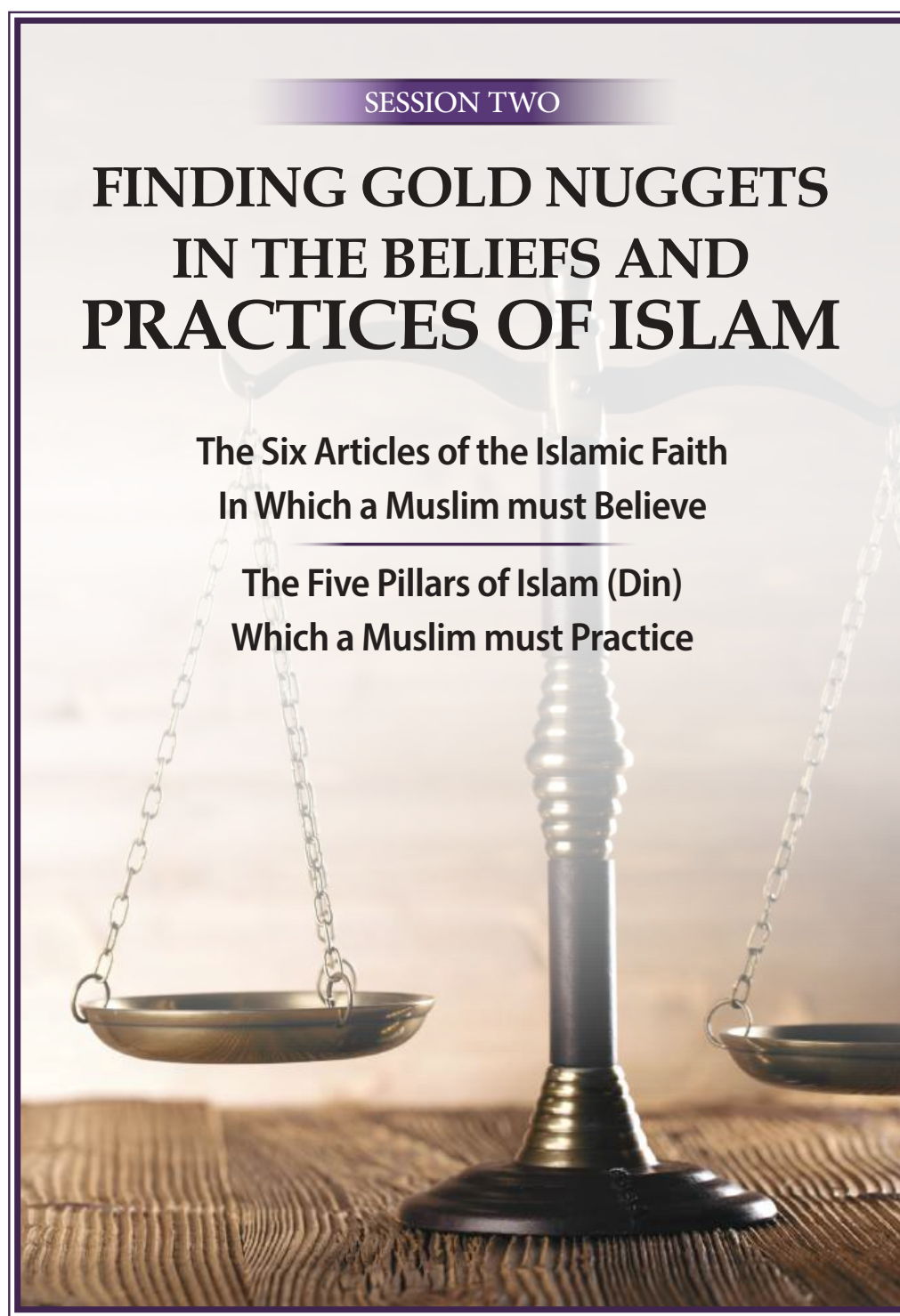


SESSION TWO

FINDING GOLD NUGGETS IN THE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF ISLAM

**The Six Articles of the Islamic Faith
In Which a Muslim must Believe**

**The Five Pillars of Islam (Din)
Which a Muslim must Practice**



DISCUSSION:

1. What is your motivation for sharing the Gospel with Muslims?
2. What could be "The Gold Nugget" that you could use in our conversation with a Muslim friend?

FINDING GOLD NUGGETS IN THE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF ISLAM

Part 1 | The Six Articles of the Islamic Faith - In Which a Muslim Must Believe

1. Muslims must believe in Allah

- That Allah is the Creator, Sovereign, and personally _____
- That Allah is the Creator; He is all-powerful and omnipresent
- That Allah has 99 most beautiful names
- That Muslims must not only believe in the Quran, but also in the *Hadith* (Traditions) and the *Sira* - (The life of Muhammad)

- As a Christian you can have a relationship with God Almighty
- True Christianity is not a religion, but a personal relationship with God Almighty
- Offer the Muslim a relationship with God Almighty through Jesus Christ, so that he can also have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ (*The Al-Masih; Kalimatullah, Rug-Allah*) and the Holy Spirit (*Rug-Allah*)

Present the hundredth name of God Almighty as _____ - that is what Jesus as well as Christians call **GOD ALMIGHTY** - Relational.

2. Muslims must believe in Allah's Angels and Jinns

- An angel on either shoulder of man - Surah 50.17
- Brought messages from God - Surah 2.97,98
- Sounds the trumpet on doomsday - Surah 18.99
- Angel of death - Surah 32.11
- Jinns created from fire - Surah 15.27
- Good jinns accepted Islam - Surah 72.1-3
- Wicked jinns sent to hell - Surah 6.128

- Muslims are very much aware of the spiritual world and how it affects them
- Talk to them about the Power of the Holy Spirit and the _____ in the name of Jesus and the Power of His Blood
- Tell Muslims about the authority we have in the name of Jesus
- Put on the full armour of God - Ephesians 6

⁴*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.* 1 John 4:4 (NIV)

²⁹*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* John 1:29 (NIV)

3. Muslims must believe in Allah's prophets

Muslims are taught that there are 125,000 prophets. The Quran mentions only 25 prophets, of which Jesus is one and Muhammad is the last one.

Muslims believe:

- Jesus – Was only a prophet
- Muhammad – The seal of the prophets and the last prophet

4. Muslims must believe in the books of Allah

- The *Taura* - The books revealed to Moses/Musa
- The *Zabur* - The books revealed to David/Dawood
- The *Injil* - The books revealed to Jesus
- The *Quran* - The book revealed to Muhammad

Muslims must not only believe in the Quran, but also in the Hadith (Traditions) and the Sira (The life of Muhammad); Many Muslim practices and beliefs come from the Hadith and Sira, not from the Quran – so does much of Sharia law also.

- The Quran teaches that everyone must read the Bible:
"If thou are in doubt as to what have been revealed to you, go and ask those that have been reading the book from before thee." Surah 10:94,95

5. Muslims must believe in the day of judgement

- The day everyone will be kept accountable for what they did in their lives (In many Muslim homes, a scale is placed to remind everyone of Judgement Day)
- Muslims have no assurance of Eternal Life unless they die in Jihad and/or according to specific local Folk Islam belief

- **InshaAllah** (*In shā'allāh*), also *in-sha-Allah* or *insha'Allah*, is the Arabic expression for "God willing" or "if God wills"
- **Alhamdulillah** means "praise" or "thank you God", also known as *Tahid*. It is the opposite of *InShaAllah*



6. Muslims must believe in Allah's predestination (No explanation on video)

- Judgement according to Allah's predestination
- Judgement according to good deeds and works
- No assurance of paradise unless they die in Jihad

Part 2 | The Five Pillars Of Islam (Din) - What a Muslim must Practice

1. **A Muslim must recite the Kalimah (Shahadah) daily.** (The Islamic creed states: "There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah and the seal of the prophets.")

Muslims love to talk about religion; therefore, it is easy to talk to them.



2. Salaah - A Muslim must recite the Islamic ritual prayers five times a day in Arabic

- *Fajr* - Dawn Prayer
- *Zuhr* - After Midday Prayer
- *Asr* - Before Sunset Prayer
- *Maghrib* - After Sunset Prayer
- *Isha* - Night Prayer

A Christian prayer is not a ritual, but a personal conversation with God Almighty.

3. Zakat - A Muslim must pay Zakat

- 2,5% on average of all income

4. Fasting - A Muslim must fast (*Sawm*) during the month of Ramadan (The 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar)

Do you want to know if I fast from food or from sin? As Christians we cannot fast from sin in our own strength, but only through Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit.



5. Hajj - a pilgrimage to Mecca (not compulsory, but only for those who can afford it)

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss the six articles of Islam
2. Discuss the five pillars of Islam

SESSION THREE

USING THE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF MUSLIMS TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL TO THEM

How to Present the Gospel

What a Gospel Presentation Should Look Like

The Ingredients of the Bridge of Common Ground

Muslim Practices that Lead to a Gospel Presentation



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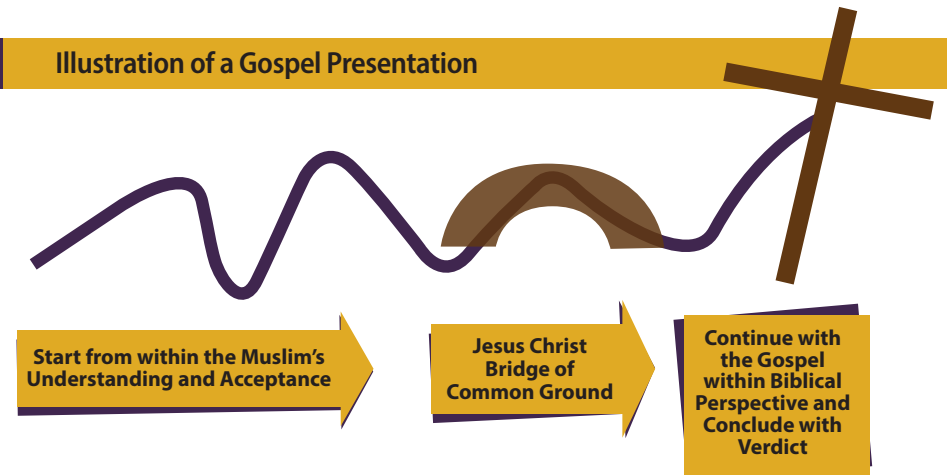
Part 1 | How to Present the Gospel

- Always be PREPARED to give an ANSWER (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:15, 16)
- Never bring up controversies in a Gospel presentation yourself
- Leave it to the Muslim to raise any issues
- You can't have a good presentation without good preparation

Golden Rule: _____ for Muslims / _____ for Muslims

Part 2 | What a Gospel Presentation Should Look Like

Illustration of a Gospel Presentation



- 2.1 Start from within the Muslim's frame of reference
- 2.2 Go over the Bridge of Common Ground – Jesus Christ
- 2.3 Continue with the Gospel within a Biblical Perspective after the Bridge; end with a verdict or question for the Muslim to consider

Part 3 | The Ingredients of the Bridge of Common Ground

"The Bridge" is Jesus Christ, His titles and uniqueness as acknowledged in the Quran and the Bible. (Muslims might not know them or what they mean)

- 3.1 Jesus' Virgin Birth (Surah 19:16-22)
- 3.2 That Jesus is Without Sin (Surah 19:19)
- 3.3 That Jesus Performs Miracles (Surah 3:49 & Surah 5:113)
- 3.4 That Jesus Ascended into Heaven (Surah 4:158)
- 3.5 That Jesus is Coming Back a Second Time (Surah 43:61-63)

Titles for Jesus in the Quran:

- **Al-Masih** - The Messiah (Surah 3:45; 4:157,171; 9:31)
- **Kalimatullah** - The Word of God (Surah 3:45; 4:171)
- **Ruhu-Minha** or **Ruh-Allah** - Spirit of God (Surah 4:171; 58:22)

Seek custom-related stories, practices or everyday occurrences that can help you change small talk into God talk and lead the conversation into a Gospel presentation



Part 4 | Muslim Practices that Lead to a Gospel Presentation

- 4.1 **Wadu** - Ceremonial wash before prayer
- 4.2 **Halaal and Haraam** - Religious law for acceptable food or practices
- 4.3 **"BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAN HIR RAHIM"** - God is the Beneficent and the Merciful One. Introductory words of all chapters (Surah) of the Quran
- 4.4 **Id-al-Fitr** or **Id-al-Ramadan** - A festival to celebrate the breaking of the fast at the end of Ramadan
- 4.5 **Id-al-Ada** - A festival in remembrance of Abraham who was obedient when asked by God to sacrifice his son - God provide a ram as a substitute. (Very important as one can use it to explain God's Blood Covenant through Jesus Christ for all man kind)

“My Muslim friend: 'How can we make our pot of life, our hearts, Halaal and keep it Halaal until the day of Judgement?'”

The Great Multitude in White Robes

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” ¹⁵Therefore,

they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Revelation 7:9-17 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss what Halaal and Haraam mean
2. Discuss what Id-Al-Ada is

SESSION FOUR

"THE RECIPE" - USING A STANDARD PROCESS TO RESOLVE THE MUSLIM'S OBJECTIONS

The Study Platform - "The Recipe"

What the Muslims and the Quran Reject

"The Recipe"



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"THE RECIPE" - USING A STANDARD PROCESS TO RESOLVE THE MUSLIM'S OBJECTIONS

Always be **PREPARED** to give an **ANSWER**. (2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 3:15,16)
You can't expect to solve an objection without good preparation.

The Overall Purpose

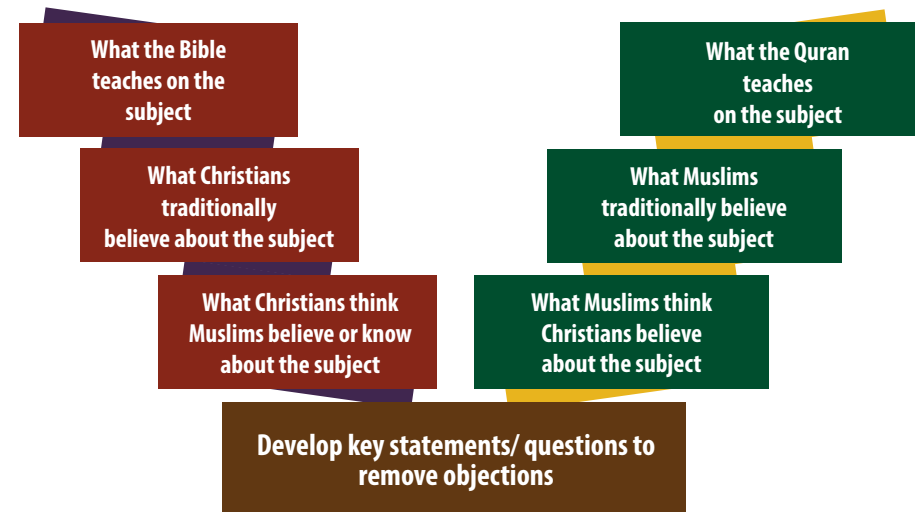
Construct a study platform to derive at a workable conclusion for resolving disagreements, misunderstandings and objections

Never bring up a controversy or a Muslim objection yourself, especially during your first conversation. Leave it to the Muslim to raise objections.

Part 1 | The Study Platform - "The Recipe"

Three Platforms to Categorize Muslim and Christian Belief based on Origin and Mindset

(Use it to study towards a solution for the Muslim's objections)



Part 2 | What Muslims and the Quran Reject

"... Not to think Muslims understand what they actually reject or object to"

- The Trinity
- That Jesus is the Son of God
- The Deity of Christ
- That Jesus was Crucified
- That the Bible is God's Word (Not in the Quran)

- **Study the Quran in the privacy of your own study**
- **Never touch a Quran in the presence of a Muslim**
- **Always go back to the Bible regarding every aspect**
- **Be able to qualify Biblically what you believe**
- **Train yourself well, as Muslims get trained to throw objections, confusion and more than one subject at you at the same time**
- **This "Recipe" helps you and the Muslim to stay on point while you are presenting the Gospel**



Part 3 | "The Recipe" - Step-By-Step Process of Resolving a Misunderstanding

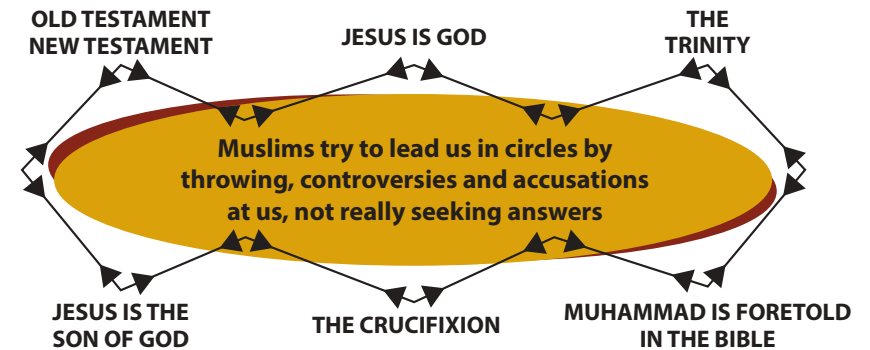
- 3.1 **LEARN** - What the Quran teaches about the Muslim's objection/subject
- 3.2 **LEARN** - What the Muslim traditionally objects to regarding the subject
- 3.3 **LEARN** - What the Muslim thinks the Christian believes regarding the subject
- 3.4 **LEARN** - What the Bible teaches about the subject
- 3.5 **LEARN** - What the Christian traditionally believes about the subject
- 3.6 **LEARN** - What the Christian thinks the Muslim believes about the objection/subject
- 3.7 **Develop a Key Statement/Question to Remove Objections and Misunderstandings to Build Trust.**

(From Step 8 you are outside your study and communicating with a Muslim)

- 3.8 **When with the Muslim – USE YOUR KEY STATEMENT/ QUESTION to remove objections, misunderstandings and build trust** (Do not continue with any discussions, until you've cleared up the misunderstanding)
- 3.9 **With Muslims** - Emphasise common ground regarding Jesus

- 3.10 **With Muslims** - Explain what Christians believe
- 3.11 **With Muslims** - Explain what the Bible teaches (Theological Explanation)
- 3.12 **With Muslims** - Do not be afraid to repeat yourself

How the Muslim may present misunderstanding, controversies and objections to you - demanding a quick answer - not really seeking an answer



When presenting answers to any one of the objections, we should start with the 8th step of 'the recipe': start with the key statement or key question you developed in the 7th step. Do not proceed unless the misunderstanding, objection or supposed contradiction is resolved. (This is what Jesus did with everyone who asked him a question.)

Omitting Step 8 always leads to a detrimental situation, in which the truth we communicate is obscured and clouded with the misconceptions and pre-conceived ideas of Muslims. In addition, our efforts may lead to even greater barriers, losing the opportunity to remove their objections and misconceptions.



DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss the various steps of the "The Recipe"
2. Discuss the difference between Step 7 and Step 8
3. Discuss why the key statement or question is so important
4. Discuss how one may experience a Muslim's accusations

SESSION FIVE

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION REGARDING THE TRINITY

The Trinity the Quran Rejects

What does the Trinity the Quran Rejects Look Like?

What does the Trinity Christians Believe in Look Like?

We as Christians Believe in One God

SESSION FIVE

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Part 1 | The Trinity the Quran Rejects

"... Say not "Trinity": desist: It will be better for you: For God is One God: Glory be to Him: (Far Exalted is He) above having a son....." The Quran, Surah 4.171

They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three In a Trinity: for there is No god except One God...." The Quran, Surah 5.76

And behold! God will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, Worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of God?... " The Quran, Surah 5.119

"Christ the son of Mary was no more than an Apostle; many were the apostles that passed away before Him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food..." The Quran, Surah 5.78

Part 2 | What does the Trinity the Quran rejects look like?

God + Mother + Jesus = Three Gods
The Father + Mary + The Son = Three Gods
One + One + One = Three Gods

Is this the Trinity that we as Christians believe in? **NO!**

Part 3 | What does the Trinity Christians believe in, look like?

God the Father; Jesus Christ the Son; Holy Spirit = GOD
ONE X ONE X ONE = ONE

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* ∞ = Infinity

"The Trinity your Quran rejects, we as Christians _____ reject!"

It may sound like a very simple statement, but let us analyse it. In the first place it tells the Muslims that you agree on common ground. You both reject this trinity. Secondly, it tells the Muslims that you know what is written in his Quran, (he may not even know himself what the Quran teaches, as Muslims, in general, recite the Quran in Arabic and do not necessarily study it in English, or mother tongue, in order to learn or understand its teachings) - so immediately you gain respect for knowing what is written in his Quran. Thirdly, as you agree upon the rejection of this trinity, it opens up the Muslim's mind to enquire about the Trinity you, as a Christian, believe in. This opens the door completely to solve the objection regarding the Trinity and to present the Gospel.

Part 4 | We as Christians believe in one God

⁴*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.* Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

⁶*"This is what the Lord says –
Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.* Isaiah 44:6 (NIV)

²⁹*"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.* Mark 12:29 (NIV)

⁴*So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one."* 1 Corinthians 8:4 (NIV)

⁶*one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* Ephesians 4:6 (NIV)

⁵*For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,...* 1 Timothy 2:5a (NIV)

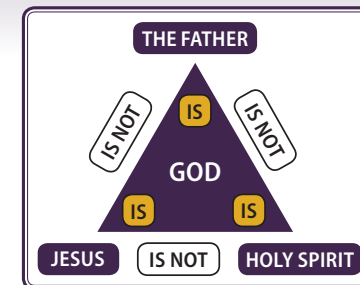
The trinity the Quran rejects is a man-made theology. The Trinity we as Christians believe is not a man-made theology, but a God ordained revelation. Study the following Biblical verses to obtain a better understanding of the Trinity applicable to our study: Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:29; John 6:27; John 20:28; John 14:16 & 17; Acts 5:3-5; Romans 3:30; 9:5; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5 and 2 Peter 1:1

4.1 Explanation of the Trinity

To fully understand the Trinity, you have to study the Bible to see how God reveals Himself to us as a Triune God.

4.2 God decided to reveal Himself to us as:

- God the Father - _____
of the universe
- Jesus Christ - The _____
- The Holy Spirit - The _____
within us



4.3 Illustrations that offer an explanation of the Trinity

One has to study the Bible to fully understand the Trinity. All explanations and illustrations offered will be simplistic, and not do justice to the explanation of the Trinity, but let me offer you a few examples for the Muslim's sake:

Note: It is very important that the Christian is able to prove the Trinity from within the Biblical context.

4.4 Examples to assist you

- Water (H₂O): Steam, Liquid, Ice
- A person: Spirit, Soul and Body
- In Nature: Sun, Light, Heat



God decided to reveal Himself to us as a Triune God. The Trinity we as Christians believe is not a man-made theology, but a God ordained revelation.

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss the trinity the Quran rejected
2. Discuss your key statement to resolve the Muslim's rejection of the Trinity

SESSION SIX

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION TO ACCEPT THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD

What the Quran Teaches about the Bible

Contributing Facts why Muslims should Read and Accept the Bible

Key Questions Regarding the Bible

SESSION SIX

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION TO ACCEPT THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD

Muslims do not know that the Quran reveres the Bible. Challenge Muslims to get back to the Bible, emphasising that the Quran endorses the fact that Muslims must study the Bible

Christians make the mistake of thinking that Muslims read and study the Quran the same way that Christians read and study the Bible. Please do not think like that anymore. The majority of Muslims only recite the Quran in Arabic and leave it to their teachers to interpret the Quran for them and in order to teach them.



Part 1 | What the Quran Teaches about the Bible

All food was lawful to the Children of Israel, except what Israel made unlawful for itself, before the Law (of Moses) was revealed. Say: "Bring ye the Law and study it, if ye be men of truth" ... The Quran, Surah 3.93

If any, after this, invent a lie and attribute it to God, they are indeed unjust wrong-doers" The Quran, Surah 3.94

And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him: A guidance and an admonition to those who fear God. The Quran, Surah 5.49

Let the People of the Gospel judge by what God hath revealed therein. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what God hath revealed, they are (no better than) those who rebel. The Quran, Surah 5.50

If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the Book from before thee: The Truth hath indeed Come to thee from thy Lord: So be in no wise of those in doubt. The Quran, Surah 10.94

Nor be of those who reject the Signs of God, or thou shall be of those who perish.
The Quran, Surah 10.95

Explain to the Muslim that the Bible is not one book like the Quran (the Quran was collected and compiled well after Muhammad's death). The Bible is a compilation of 66 books written over a period of almost 2000 years. The Old Testament means the Old Blood Covenant that God instituted with the blood of animals, the New Testament constituted the New Blood Covenant God made with mankind through the blood of Jesus. (See Leviticus 17 and also Hebrews 9:11-27)



Do they not consider the Quran (with care)? Had it been from other than God, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy. The Quran, Surah 4.82

Part 2 | Contributing Facts why Muslims should Read and Accept the Bible

- The Bible already existed in its totality for more than 570 years, well before the Quran was compiled in AD 644 to 652
- Muhammad, and those who compiled the Quran, only had access to the Jewish Talmud and the Apocrypha books and other sources that are not reliable and not in the Bible
- It is clear that Muhammad's first vision was to lead the Arabic nation away from idol worshipping
- It appeared that he wanted the Arabs to worship the One and Only God that he came to know on his journeys, who was worshipped by Jews and Christians, long before the Arabs, but he had no access to the Bible
- He removed the idols from the Kaaba
- He was not sure himself whether his revelations were from God or not (Mishkat Vol. 4, p. 356-359 - authentic Hadith)
- Not all the people believed him (Surah 21.5; Surah 44.14; Surah 16.103; Surah 37.36)
- The Quran was compiled well after Muhammad's time because so many who heard his revelations died in wars (Hadith Vol. 3, p.702)
- A revelation came that the authenticity of the Quran must be checked against the Bible (Surah 4.82,83; 6.34; 16.84; 10:94,95)
- The Bible only became available to the general public on 31 Oct. 1517, during the time of Martin Luther and the start of the Reformation
- Those who compiled the Quran, as one book, did not have access to the Bible, which is a compilation of 66 books written over a period of 2 000 years
- According to the Quran and the Hadith, all the revelations were revealed to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel
- The revelations of the Bible were given to Moses, David, the prophets, Jesus Christ and others by God Almighty Himself
- God inspired all the authors of the Bible Himself

- There were seven revealed forms of the Quran, which differed considerably. (Mishkat Vol. 3, p. 702-705 or Tafsir of Al-Baiz on Surah 3.100; 6.91; 19.35; 28.48; 35.6; 34.18; 38.22)
- This emphasised the statement even more that the Quran must be checked for authenticity against the Bible (Surah 4.82)

- **Therefore, the Quran needed to be compared against the Bible (Surah 4.82,83), which Muhammad knew was from God**
- **No man can change the Word of God - The Bible**
- **It must have been clear, that once Muhammad's followers had access to the Bible, his revelation needed to be tested against the Bible**



- **TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE, AS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD:**
2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Jesus testifies to the inspiration of the Old Testament: Matthew. 4:4,7; 5:18; 11:10; Luke 4:4,8,12; 11:49; John 10:34-39.
- Evidence in the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:3; 1 Samuel 9:27; 1 Chronicles 17:3-14;
- Evidence in the New Testament: Matthew 13:9; Luke 3:2-6; Acts 8:25; 1 Peter 1:10-12
- Jesus commissioned His apostles as teachers and promised them supernatural aid: Matthew 28:19-20, 10:7,19,20; John 8:40, 14:26, 12:49-50, 15:26-27, 16:13, 17:8; 20:22
- The Apostles testified to the reception of the Holy Spirit and His teachings: 1 Corinthians 2:10, 11:23; 13; 14:37-38; Galatians 1:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:2,8; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 3:2, 15-16; 1 John 5:10
- The testimony of the prophets and apostles were supported by signs, miracles and prophecies: Matthew 10:1; 1 Corinthians 13:12
- The writers of the New Testament regarded their writings as universal authority: 1 Corinthians 1:2; Colossians 4:16; 2 Peter 3:15-16

We ask Muslims:

- When was the Bible changed and corrupted?
- Why was it changed and corrupted?
- By whom was it changed or corrupted?
- What was the response of Christians when these changes were discovered?
- If there was an 'original' Bible, where is it so we can compare it to modern translations?



"Of some apostles We have already told thee the story; of others, we have not; and to Moses God Spoke direct; -" The Quran, Surah 4.164

So please come to know what God said to Moses directly.

Part 3 | Key Questions Regarding the Bible



- Do you know that the Quran teaches that Muslims and Christians must read and accept the Bible? (Surah 5.50) As the Quran is written for Muslims
- Do you know that the Quran teaches that its authenticity must be checked against the Bible? (Surah 4.82,83)
- Do you know that the Quran teaches that if Muslims are in doubt, they must ask the Christians? (Surah 10.94,95)

“Therefore, accept that the Bible is the Word of God.”

DISCUSSION:

1. According to Surah 5.50, which book should Christians read?
2. Discuss Surah 4.82

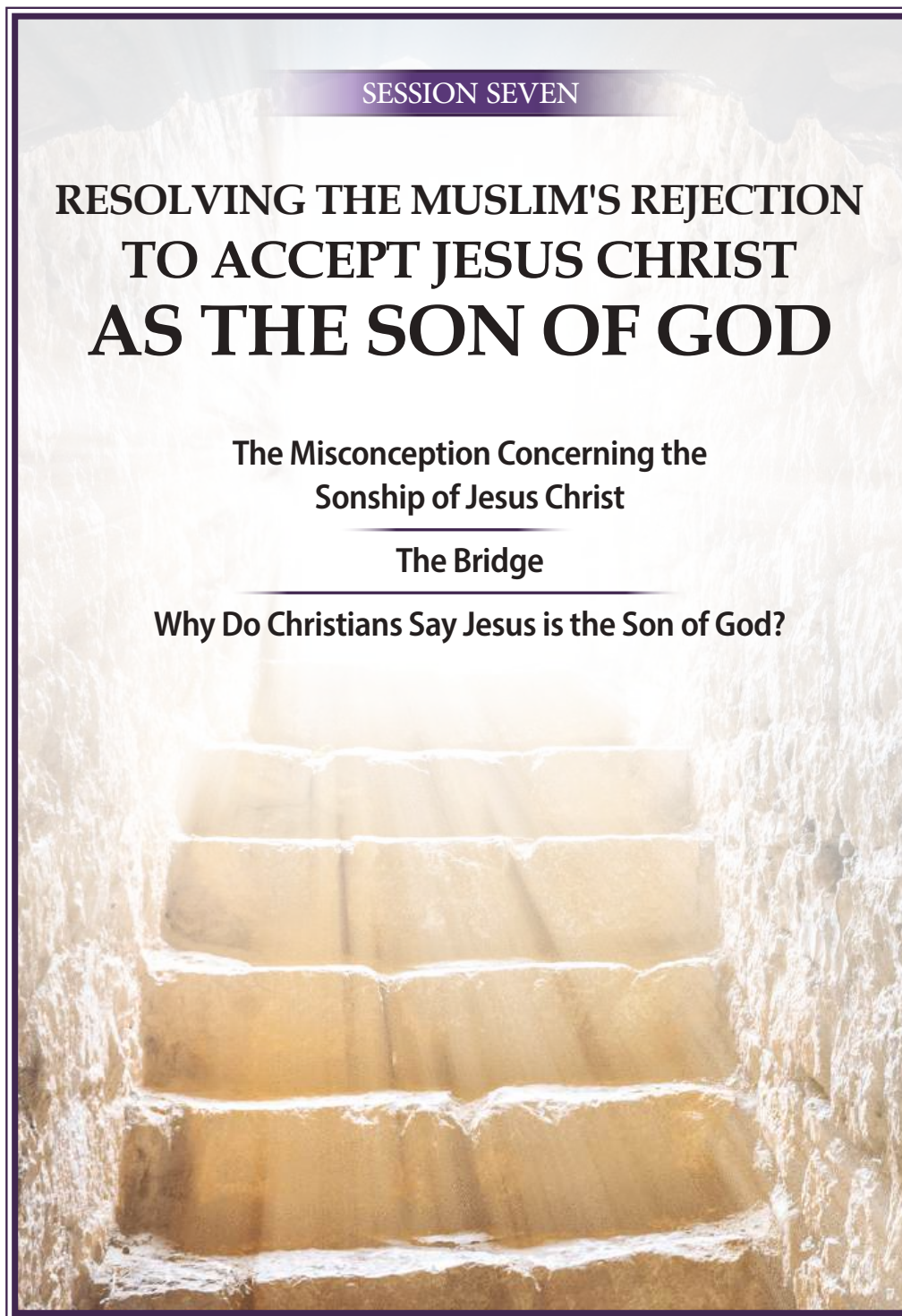
SESSION SEVEN

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD

The Misconception Concerning the
Sonship of Jesus Christ

The Bridge

Why Do Christians Say Jesus is the Son of God?



RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD

Jesus as the Son of God is one of the major objections for Muslims.

In this session we start our presentation not from Step 1 of "The Recipe", but from Step 8, as if we have already developed a key statement/question as discussed previously (Session 4 Part 3).

Observe how I change shop talk into God talk and how I apply my already developed KEY STATEMENT/QUESTION to answer this Muslim's objection and to build trust between us.



"Yes, we Christians do believe and say that Jesus is the Son of God. Please tell me according to your knowledge, what do you think we believe when you hear us say that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Due to the importance of this case, we developed a strong line of argument:

- First, our comment should be, "Yes, Christians do say that Jesus is the Son of God. But what do you think it implies when you hear us Christians say that Jesus is the Son of God?"
- Secondly, give the Muslim a chance to express his own view - why he thinks Christians say that Jesus is the Son of God - before making any attempt to explain what we do believe.

(Do not proceed further if they do not want to give an answer.) Muslims will often try to avoid this question, but we must encourage them to explain their thoughts and beliefs. Always avoid the temptation to put words in their mouths. (They may deny your explanation - taqiya.) Give them a chance to articulate the lie that they believe about Christians, regarding the Sonship of Christ.

- Thirdly, Muslims may reply with the predictable statement: "Christians believe God had a sexual relationship with Mary, which is blasphemous!"

- Once we openly and clearly agree that their view of us is also blasphemy for us, most Muslims are astounded as this is a revolutionary piece of truth and evidence. This enables us to move onto the Muslim's next question: "But, why do you Christians call Jesus the Son of God?"
- Only now is it time to explain what Christians mean when we say Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Back to Step 1 to develop our key question/statement.

Part 1 | The Misconception: Sonship of Jesus Christ

Say not "Trinity": desist It will be better for you: For God is One God: Glory be to Him: (*Far Exalted is He*) above *having a son*. The Quran, Surah 4.171

No son did God beget, nor is there any god. The Quran, Surah 23.91

It is not befitted to (the majesty of) God That He should beget a son.

The Quran, Surah 19.35

Behold! God said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee SUPERIOR to those who reject faith, to the day of resurrection: then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.

The Quran, Surah 3.55

** Footnote 396 on Superior in the Yusuf Ali Commentary on the translation of the Quran he wrote: Those who follow thee: The Muslims are the true Christians, for they follow (or should follow) the true teachings of Christ, which did not include the blasphemy that he was God or the Son of God in the literal sense.*

- It is clear that Muslims think that Christians call Jesus the Son of God, because they think Christians believe God had a physical relationship with a woman (Mary)

How can the Christian handle this objection?

- Give the Muslim an opportunity to reveal the lie he believes about Christians
- How do we do it? By asking the Muslim a key question



"Yes, we Christians do say Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but what do you think it implies when you hear us say that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Don't put words in the Muslim's mouth, he will deny your statement. Many Muslims will try to avoid your question. Don't give him an answer unless he is prepared to answer you. (The Muslim must get an opportunity to reveal the lie that he believes regarding Christians.)

- When the Muslim gives you the already known answer, react with the rightful rejection to his answer
- Let the Muslim realise that his concept of the Sonship of Christ is also unacceptable to us as Christians
- Once the lie has been revealed and removed, the Muslim may want to know why we as Christians say Jesus Christ is the Son of God
- The Christian now has the golden opportunity not only to correct the misconception, but also to present the Gospel

Part 2 | The Ingredients of the Bridge of Common Ground

2.1 Islam upholds the following uniqueness about Jesus Christ - The Bridge -

- Jesus' virgin birth
- Jesus is without sin
- Jesus performed miracles
- Jesus ascended into heaven
- Jesus' second coming

2.2 The Titles of Jesus Christ:

- Al- Masih – _____
- Kalimatullah – _____
- Rūhun min-hu / Ruh-Allah – _____

Part 3 | Why do Christians Say Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with a child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

Footnote: Immanuel means God with us

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be on His shoulder, And He will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35 (NIV)

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22 (NIV)

³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him" Luke 9:35 (NIV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (NIV)

¹⁴The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth John 1:14 (NIV)

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 (NIV)

³⁰"I and the Father are one." John 10:30 (NIV)

³⁶...what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? John 10:36 (NIV)

Emphasise, show and tell the Muslim these verses, explaining the reason why we say Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Provide a Cristian Perspective and Conclusion about Jesus Christ being the Son of God:

- Tell the Muslim no Christian will call the Prophet (Isaiah) a liar
- Tell the Muslim no Christian will call the Angel a liar
- Tell the Muslim no Christian will call God Almighty a liar
- Tell the Muslim no Christian will call Jesus Christ a liar

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!" John 10:10 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss the misconception Muslims have regarding the Sonship of Jesus Christ
2. Discuss what a Christian should not do in order to solve the misconception/objection regarding the Sonship of Jesus Christ

SESSION EIGHT

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS GOD

Verses in the Quran that Rejects Jesus Christ's Divinity

Answering the Misconception

What the Bible Teaches About the Deity of Jesus Christ

SESSION EIGHT

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS GOD

Part 1 | Verses in the Quran that Rejects Jesus Christ's Divinity

In Blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ the son of Mary say: "Who then hath the least power against God, if His Will were to destroy Christ the son of Mary, his mother, and all – everyone that is on the earth? Quran, Surah 5.19

They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them. The Quran, Surah 5.76

Christ the son of Mary was no more than an Apostle; many were the apostles that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food.... The Quran, Surah 5.78

The Quran emphasises that it is only God who can create and give life!

"O men! Here is a parable set forth! Listen to it! Those on whom, besides God, Ye call, cannot create (Even) a fly, if they all met together for the purpose! And if the fly should snatch away anything from them, they would have no power to release it from the fly. Feeble are those who petition and those whom they petition!" Surah 22.73

As Christians we agree, no one besides God can create.



The Quran confirms that Jesus Christ creates and gives Life. Therefore, He is more than a prophet, He creates.

"And (appoint him) an Apostle to the children of Israel, (with this message): "I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, In that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by God's leave: And I heal those born blind and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by God's leave; ..." Surah 3.49

They do blaspheme who say: "God is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: Be no one to help. "O Children of Israel! Worship God, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with God, -God will forbid him The Garden, and the Fire will be his abode. There will for the wrong-doers be no one to help. The Quran, Surah 5.75

"Then will God say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to thee and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee with the Holy Spirit, so that though didst speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught thee the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel. And behold! Thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by my leave, and thou breathest into it, and it becometh a bird by my leave, And thou healest those born blind, and the lepers, by My leave..." Surah 5.113a

... And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the children of Israel from (violence to) thee when thou didst show them the clear signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic.'

The Quran, Surah 5.113

The Quran teaches that Jesus:

- Created and gave Life (Surah 3.49; 5.113)
- That no one besides God can give life
- By implication, the Quran teaches that Jesus is more than a prophet



Do you know that even the Quran teaches by implication that Jesus is more than a Prophet? He Creates, He is the WORD of God, the Spirit of God and the Messiah

Part 2 | Answering the Misconception

How does the Christian correct this misconception?

- Urge the Muslim to rethink the Deity of Christ
- Progress to the _____ answer
- One can also employ explanations used for The Trinity (See Session 5)

Part 3 | What the Bible Teaches about the Deity of Jesus Christ

- Christ pre-existed (John. 8:58; Micah 5:2)
- He is God as prophesied (Isaiah. 7:14, 9:6)
- He is the Word of God that became flesh (Matthew 28:17; John 1:1, 14)
- He forgives sins (Luke 7:48-49; John. 1:29)
- He has command over natural elements (Mark 4:37-41; Matthew 14:25)
- He is the Creator; the Keeper of the Universe (Hebrews 1-3; John 5:26-27)
- He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)

"My Muslim friend, please reconsider the Deity of Jesus Christ, as your Quran actually teaches that Jesus Christ creates - and we all know and agree that no one besides God can create. Go and read the Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you."

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss the miracles Jesus performed according to the Quran
2. Discuss how Jesus relates to Surah 22.73

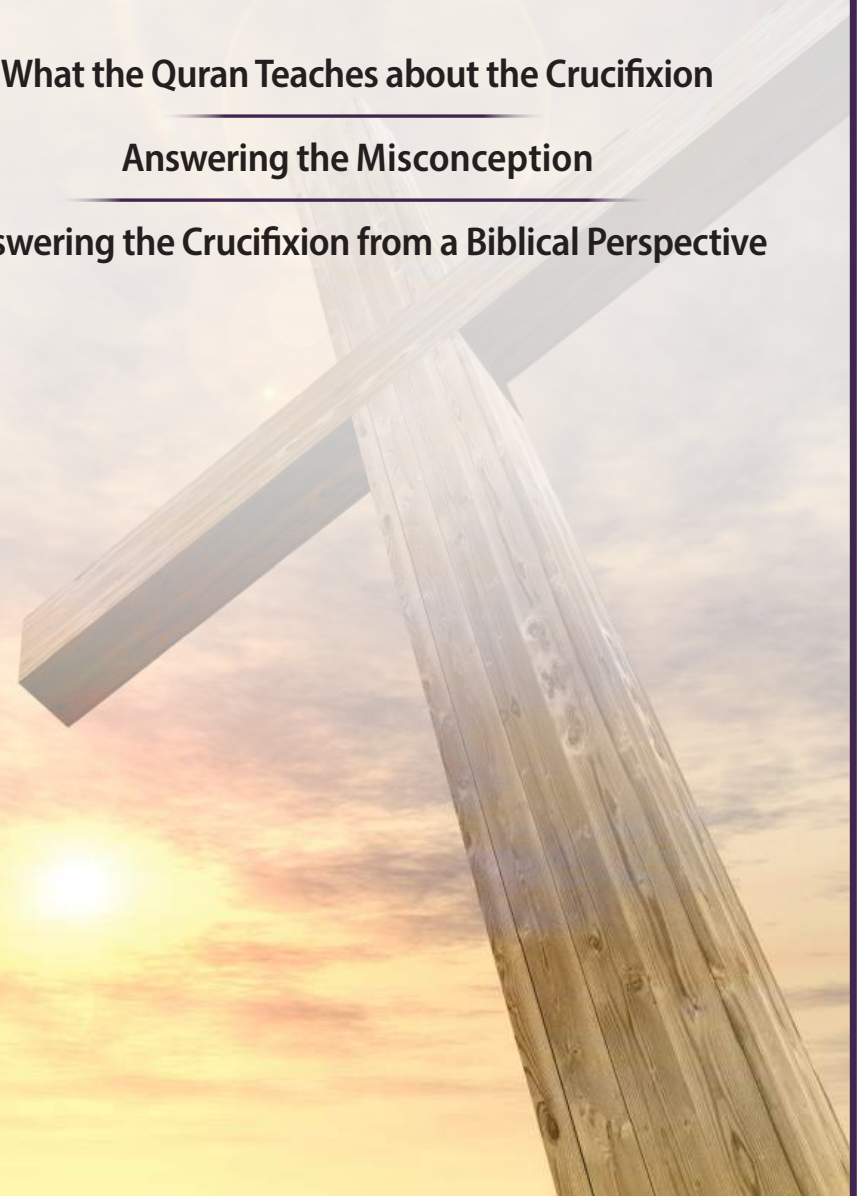
SESSION NINE

RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION REGARDING THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST

What the Quran Teaches about the Crucifixion

Answering the Misconception

Answering the Crucifixion from a Biblical Perspective



RESOLVING THE MUSLIM'S REJECTION REGARDING THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST

Part 1 | What the Quran Teaches about the Crucifixion

The one and only verse in the Quran that rejects the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is contradicted by the Quran itself in Jesus' own words in another verse.

That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus The Son of Mary, The Apostle of God";- But they killed Him not, nor crucified Him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no certain knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not;- The Quran, Surah 4.157

"So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I Shall be raised up to life (again)!" The Quran, Surah 19.33

Muslims think they honour Jesus Christ more if they say He was not crucified:

- They ask themselves: How is it possible that the Jews and the enemies of Jesus Christ could have greater power than Him?
- Was it possible that such a good person and prophet as Jesus Christ, could be crucified?
- Was it necessary for Jesus Christ to be crucified for sinful men?
- Did Jesus Christ die or not?

All the evidence is there that the denial of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in the Quran (in just this one verse) is in line with:

a _____ death and not a _____ death.
(This makes a big difference)



From Biblical facts it proves that Jesus Christ died a sacrificial death for all of people. Without QUALIFYING it, Christians always **THINK** of Christ's death as a **SACRIFICIAL** death (although they don't always say it) Christians do not think of Jesus Christ's death as a **MARTYR'S** death. It is time we explain the difference to the Muslims.

We should say: "Jesus Christ died sacrificially for me." What is the difference between a martyr's death and a sacrificial death? Participants must seek real life stories to explain the difference.

Part 2 | Answering the Misconception

KEY QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

- The Quran confirmed without explanation that Jesus Christ did not die a **MARTYR'S** death (but so it was made to appear to them) **BUT** neglected to explain that Jesus Christ died a **SACRIFICIAL** death
- Do you understand the difference between a Martyr's death and a Sacrificial death?
- Explain the difference between a **MARTYR'S** death and a **SACRIFICIAL** death to the Muslim
- Explain by using everyday examples the difference between a Martyr's death and a Sacrificial death
- In Surah 3:55 God Himself said He will make those who follow Jesus **SUPERIOR**

Part 3 | Answering the Crucifixion from a Biblical Perspective

Confirm and prove to the Muslim that:

- The coming of Jesus Christ was prophesied. (*Genesis 22:18; 49:10; Deuteronomy 18:15; Psalm 118; 45:2; 68:18; 69:21; Isaiah 2:4; 7:18; 9:6; 11:1; 28:16; 42:11; 59:16; 61:1; 63:1; Jeremiah 23:5; Daniel 9:25; Malachi 3:2-5*)
- The crucifixion was prophesied and that Jesus Christ, Himself, confirmed it. (*Psalm 22:14; Is. 55; Acts 2:23; Philippians 2:8; Mark 14:10-11, 17-21, 43-44; John 10:17-18; Luke 22:42*)
- History and eye witnesses confirmed the crucifixion that constitutes the fulfilment of God's reconciliation plan for mankind. (*1 Cor. 15:3-6; Luke 24:1-2; Matt 28:8-15*)

Show the Muslim the world's need for a Christ, a Redeemer/Saviour, and His reconciliation with emphasis on Romans 6:23 and Romans 3:21-25.

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NIV)

²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished. Romans 3:21-25 (NIV)

According to the Quran we see God does not pardon sin lightly, and Surah 16.61 below confirms it again as in so many other verses in the Quran. With the Bible, the Quran confirms that God provides a sacrificial ram for Abraham to save his son - *Eid-Al-Ada*. In no uncertain terms the Quran confirms that Jesus is the Word of God, The Spirit of God and The Messiah.

If God were to punish men for their wrong doings, He would not leave, on the (earth), a single living creature:-... The Quran, Surah 16:61

According to the Bible The Messiah is the only one that sacrificially gave his life to take away the sin of the world - to give everyone who accepts Him, Eternal Life. (See John 3:16)

The Christian must be well acquainted with the Blood Covenant:

- It must be emphasized that the Blood Covenant was not instituted by men, it was ordained and given by God Himself (*Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:11-14*)
- Avoid having a purely intellectual conversation about the crucifixion
- Talk to the person about their own salvation and remember to invite them to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour
- Discuss His resurrection from the grave, as well as His ascension and His second coming

**“Jesus Christ was crucified, not as a MARTYR,
but willingly – SACRIFICIALLY”**

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss the difference between a martyr's death and a sacrificial death
2. Discuss everyday examples of a person that died a sacrificial death so that someone else can live
3. Discuss Surah 4.157 and Surah 19.33

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