

Introduction to Apologetics:Worldviews 1

REVIEW

Key Bible Verse for All Apologetics: _____

In ALL Gospel engagements we don't seek to "win the fight" but to garden the soil of the soul of the person in front of us with the truth and hope that Jesus saves.

Always:

- Pray that God will change hearts
- Use the Bible as the bases of Gospel conversations
- Be Respectful
- Avoid assumptions
- Ask questions
- Listen
- Seek to understand so you can be understood
- Remember the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. **Don't treat someone in ways you don't want to be treated.*

Islam & Christianity

Bible Study: *Who Do You Say I Am?* Matt. 16:13-19 (Luke 9, Mark 8)

Basic Islamic Teachings

- Islam means _____ to the will of god.
- A Muslim is a person who _____ (to god's will).

While there may be some commonly held ethical teachings, there is a profound difference between Islam and Christianity regarding the remedy for sin.

- ❖ god
 - god is numerically and absolutely one.
 - god is beyond the understanding of man so that only his will may be revealed and known.
 - He is confessed as the “merciful and compassionate one.”
- ❖ Man's Nature & Sin
 - The fallen nature of humankind is not endorsed by Islam.
 - Humankind is considered weak and forgetful but not as fallen.
 - Original sin seen as a “lapse” by Adam.

- The most serious sin is that of “shirk” or considering god as more than one.

❖ Reconciliation

- No clear and sure reconciliation with god possible
- Must adhere to Islamic beliefs (iman) and obligations (deen)
- Obligations (5 Pillars of Islam)

The 5 Pillars of Islam

1. The _____
(to bear witness to Allah as one true god & Muhammand as his messenger)

2. To _____ (Salat) 17 daily cycles of _____
each day (Dawn, noon, midafternoon, dusk, 2 hours after sunset)

3. To _____ (Sawm) during Ramadan
(no food, water during daylight hours)

4. To give _____ (Zakat)

5. To Make the _____ (Hajj)

❖ Life After Death

- Person's deeds will be weighted at judgment
- Hope for more good deeds to outweigh the bad
- Only god knows if one's good deeds have outweighed one's bad deeds
- A Muslim has no assurance that he or she will be accepted by god

❖ Prophets & Holy Books

- god sent a prophet to each nation
- Many biblical names considered prophets:
Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Jonah,
John the Baptist, Jesus

- _____ is highest and final prophet of all time

- Four Holy Books

- Torah [Gen-Deut of OT] (_____)
- Zabur [Psalms] (_____)
- Injel [Gospel] (_____)

- Qur'an (_____) *only holy book not corrupted

❖ Jesus

- The Quran affords some level of respect to Jesus as a prophet of god but falls short in key ways.
- Islam teaches that Jesus was:

1. _____ a prophet who was surpassed by Mohammad
2. _____ the son of god
3. Did _____ on the cross

5 Common Objections Muslim's Have to Christianity

1. The _____ is irrational.

Biblical Response: John 1:1-4

2. God would not let a prophet like Jesus suffer the _____ of the cross.

Biblical Response: John 10:17-18

3. Your Bible has been _____ and is _____

Biblical Response: 2 Peter 1:16-21

4. We're really mostly the same with only a few _____

Biblical Response: John 14:6

5. We believe in all of your prophets, why don't you _____?

Biblical Response: Matt. 24:5

How to engage in Gospel conversations

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The _____ of Christ and the _____ of Christ are the two most foundational truths of the Christian faith that the Quran denies.

Gospel Tool



Share Jesus Without Fear

Jesus said to Peter, "But who do you say that I am?" Matt. 16:15 ESV

"Using simple, leading questions is an almost effortless way to introduce spiritual topics to a conversation without seeming abrupt, rude, or pushy.

Questions are engaging, interactive, probing, yet amicable." - Greg Koukl.

Share Jesus Without Fear 3-step Process by Bill Fay

Step 1: _____

1. Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?
2. To you, who is Jesus?
3. Do you believe there is a heaven and hell?
4. If you died right now, where would you go? Why?
5. If what you believe were not true, would you want to know?

Step 2: _____

1. Romans 3:23 - "all have sinned"
2. Romans 6:23 - "the wages of sin is death"
3. John 3:3 - "born again" - ask: Why did Jesus come to die?
4. John 14:6 - "I am the way"
5. Romans 10:9-11 - "if you confess"
6. 2 Corinthians 5:15 - "no longer live for themselves"
7. Revelation 3:20 - "I stand at the door and knock"

Step 3: _____

1. Are you a sinner?
2. Do you want forgiveness for your sins?
3. Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again?

4. Are you willing to surrender your life to Christ?
5. Are you ready to invite Jesus into your life and into your heart?

After asking question 5, be silent and pray

For more information visit: www.sharejesuswithoutfear.com

Supplemental Material

Recommended websites

- **Share Jesus Without Fear**
www.sharejesuswithoutfear.com
- **Do Muslims and Christians worship the same God?** By Albert Mohler
<https://albertmohler.com/2015/12/18/do-christians-and-muslims-worship-the-same-god>
- **Many resources for Gospel conversations with Muslims** by NAMB
<https://www.namb.net/apologetics/topics/world-religions/>

Book recommendations

1. From Nabeel Qureshi <http://www.nabeelqureshi.com/>
 - **Seeking Allah Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity**
 - **No God But One: Allah or Jesus?**
 - **Answering Jihad: A Better Way Forward**
2. **The Compact Guide to World Religions**, David C. Halverson, Gen. Ed.
3. **Christianity at the Religious Roundtable** by Timothy C. Tennent

Handouts

1. **How Can You Share the Gospel with Muslims?** By Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
<https://billygraham.org/story/how-can-you-share-the-gospel-with-muslims/>
2. **Islam: An Overview** by NAMB
<https://www.namb.net/apologetics/resource/islam-overview/>
3. **Engaging Muslims Part 2: Five Common Objections** by NAMB
<https://www.namb.net/apologetics/resource/engaging-muslims-part-2-five-common-objections/>
4. **A Comprehensive Listing of References to Jesus ('Isa) in the Quran** by NAMB
<https://www.namb.net/apologetics/resource/a-comprehensive-listing-of-references-to-jesus-isa-in-the-qur-an/>
5. **Reaching Muslims with the Gospel of God: An Interview with Abdul Saleeb** by Ligonier Ministries
<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/reaching-muslims-gospel-god/>
6. **Comparison Chart: Islam & Christianity** by NAMB
<https://www.namb.net/apologetics/resource/comparison-chart-islam-and-christianity/>

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