

A Biblical Response to Spiritual Questions Muslims Ask

Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15

Before answering any questions:

- Understand your friend, contact, and the question.

Why don't you believe in Muhammad and the Qur'an?

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Why don't you become a Muslim?

Why do you believe in 3 gods - Trinity?

- Muslims accuse Christians of believing that 'Allah is the third of three' (Sura 5:73; 4:171).
- God will ask Jesus on the Day of Judgment, "Didst thou say unto mankind: 'Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?' (Sura 5:116).
- Clarify that what the Qur'an is condemning, is a trinity made of Allah, Mary, and Jesus.

How can Jesus be the Son of God?

- The phrase "Son of God"
- Luke's account of Jesus' birth and the intro of John (Luke 1:34-35; John 1:1-2, 14).
- If according to the Qur'an Jesus is the word, then he is more than a prophet (Sura 3:45).
- Show how Jesus accepted that he be called the Son of God (Matt 16:13-17)
- 'God has no wife'

The Crucifixion

- Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection are denied by Muslims. However, they acknowledge that he did ascend into heaven and will come again (Sura 4:157-158).
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- Show the Old Testament's prophesies that the crucifixion and resurrection were part of God's plan and are not a human fabrication.
- Show how Jesus predicted his death, burial, and resurrection.
- Compassion that offends God ...
- 2 Tim. 1:10; Luke 24:44-47; Revelation 1:18

The Integrity of the Bible

- Manuscripts evidence
- The Qur'anic evidence: . "No changes can there be in the word of God" (Sura 6:115; 10:64).
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- Why would God expect Muslims to believe in what was revealed to Jesus and Moses and make no distinction among them if the scriptures were corrupted? (Sura 3:84)
- Why would the God of Islam ask Christians and Jews to act and judge according to what is in their scriptures? (Sura 5:43,44,46,68)

Why is JESUS the ONLY way?

- He is more than a prophet
- He is the Word of God (*kalima*)
- He has revealed God (*az-zahir*) His coming was unique (*la-thani*)
- He is the Great and the only Sacrifice (*Zabiha akbar*)
- Key prophets foretold the coming of Jesus
- Jesus is the only name given under heaven through whom we can be saved. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
- He is the only one coming back.... (*Nuzul al-Masih* – the descent of the Messiah)

Etiquettes

- Avoid polemics and wordy arguments
- Argument may win a point but lose a hearing
- Persevere: Muslims have a lot of re-thinking to do when they are confronted with the gospel.