

Learn How to Share Christ With Muslims!

# Learn How to Share Christ with Muslims!

Sam Kawaneh

Hope of Nations

Copyright © 2021 Sam Kawaneh All rights reserved

> Hope of Nations P.O.Box 1278 Jerusalem 9101202 Israel Phone: +92 50 334 0310 www.hopeofnations.org

Dedicated to Every Hungry Soul Who Loves God and Wants to Serve Him

## To My wife and two daughters ChristEl and Trivina

#### Contents

#### Five points that you need to explain to Muslims:

- 1. The Bible was never changed.
- 2. Stability of revelation of the Bible.
- 3. Son of God.
- 4. Crucifixion of Jesus.
- 5. Trinity.

1. The Bible was never changed.

What if someone said to you your Bible was changed! What would your reply be?

Let us answer this question together...

The Bible was never changed.

#### **Background:**

Muslims believe that the Bible is the word of God. They teach that God gave it to Moses, then Jews changed it, then He sent Jesus with the new covenant, then Christians changed it, and then finally He sent Mohamed with a Quran, so He copied both New and Old Testaments in there and it's kept that way in something called (Allawh Almahfoth اللوح المحفوظ). Muslims teach that when God created the universe He wrote everything in that book.

Let me say this, this is the most important point, because if they discover this fact, they will accept everything in the Bible. We need to ask them questions to make them think (because the majority are not readers, they just depend on what the Shakes are teaching them in the Mosques). They have something called postulates which is, "do not ask, accept it as it is"... anyways, let us go to the main questions.

Ask the following Questions:

If the original Bible is the word of God:

\* How can people change it?

\* Doesn't God have the power to protect his word from any changes?

\* When you say so, aren't you accusing God of not having power to protect His word?

- \* Who made the changes and when?
- \* Which parts have been changed or deleted?

After you ask all these questions you will find that they don't have any answer for any question, so can lead them with the following points.

#### What does the Bible say about itself?

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

*Mathew 5*:18

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

*Matthew 24:35* 

The word of the Lord endures forever.

1 Peter 1:25

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Isaiah 40:8

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

2 Peter 1:21

Then you can share from Quran the following about the Bible

#### What does the Quran say about the Bible?

قل قل يا هل الكتاب) المسلمين (اذ اصبح لهم كتاب هو القران لستم على شيء حتى تقيموا) تعاليم (التوراة والانجيل وما انزل اليكم ربكم المائدة ٥: ١٧

(kol ya ahl alkitab eth asbah lahom kitab hwa Al-Quran lastom a'ala shai hatta tokimo Al-Tawrat wal Enjeel wama anzal elikom Rabokom)

Say, O People of the Book (Muslims), now you have the book of Quran, but it means nothing if you don't live the teachings of the Torah and the Gospel and what has been revealed to you from your God. They may ask you about the translations!

#### What about the translation?

The original languages are Hebrew & Greek.

We have the Bible since the 3rd century CE, 400 years before Islam

We even have two original copies

One is in a museum in London, and the other is in Vatican in Rome.

1- We have thousands of the original copies and fragments of the Old Testament before 3 CE.

2- We know that the first books of the New Testament (NT) have been written between the years 40 - 50 CE.

3- If we collect the writings of the Church fathers, we will have all the NT except 5 verses that are not related to the deity of Christ.

#### They may ask, "Why do we have 4 gospels not one?"

The word Gospel means "good news" and in the ancient Greek law needed witnesses.

God gave us 4 witnesses about Jesus.

*"Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."* 

2 Corinthians 13:1

Each gospel gives a true witness about Jesus. For example, if you have someone sit in the middle and four people surrounded him,

each one will give you a different description of the same person. Someone may describe the front of the face, another may tell about their right side, and another their back and so on... so the same with Jesus.

The gospel of Matthew is talking about Jesus being the King. The gospel of Mark is talking about Jesus being the Servant. The gospel of Luke is talking about Jesus being the Son of man. The gospel of John is talking about Jesus being God.

#### 2. Stability of revelation of the Bible.

### What do Muslims teach about the stability of the revelation of the Bible?

#### **Background:**

\* Muslims teach that God started three religions, so we have to share with them that God's purpose is not making religions. He wants a real relationship.

#### \*Important scripture

So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:14-15

Muslims believe in the story of Adam and Eve--how sin came into the world. The main point to emphasize here is the promise of God that the offspring of the woman will crush the head of the serpent.

Ask them this question:

Who is the only person that was born from a woman, without a man?

Their answer will always be Issa (Jesus) the son if Marry

The prophecies focus on the coming of Jesus Christ and that it is part of the plan of God.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel

Isaiah 7:14

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"(which means "God with us")

Matthew 1:23

#### <u>3. Jesus is the son of God .</u>

What picture comes to a Muslim's mind when someone says: Jesus is the Son of God?

#### **Background:**

\* When someone says "son of God," the first thing that a Muslim thinks of is that he's a son that was born after a sexual relationship between God and Marry.

We have to explain that He's a spiritual son, not by flesh.

#### Example

If someone is from Jerusalem we say, "that man is a son of Jerusalem," because the culture of Jerusalem is in him. It's the same with Son of God, Jesus did miracles. He raised the dead, and He created eyes for the blind man.

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on 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 1:53

#### <u> 4. Crucifixion of Jesus</u>

Does the Quran disprove the crucifixion of Christ? The answer in No.

#### **Background:**

Muslims don't believe that Christ was crucified, and they use verse 157 from Quran in Swrat El-nsa (which is called, "Women's Chapter.")

وما قتلوه وما صلبوه ولكن شبه لهم، وما قتلوه يقينا ولكن الله رفعه وكان الله ارحم الراحمين

النساء 157

(Wma kataloh wma salabouh walakin shubiha lahom, wma katalouh yakinan wlakin Allah rafaa'aho wkan Allaho arhama rahimin)

"They didn't kill him, or crucify him, they thought that they did so, but it was somebody that "looked like him," in fact they didn't kill him but God lifted him up for Allah was the most merciful one."

Swrat El- nisa' 157

And in fact there is another verse in the Quran that says the opposite. Swrat Miryam 33 (Miryam's chapter 33) supposes to quote Jesus,

السلام علي يوم ولدت ويوم اموت ويوم ابعث حيا

مريم 33

(Asalamo a'alaia yawma wolidto wayawma amuto wayawma oba'atho haiia)

"Peace be with me on the day that I was born, the day that I will die, and the day that I will be sent alive."

Swrat Miryam 33

When you ask the Muslims to explain that for you they will never find the right answer.

Now let us go to the Bible.

The prophecies of the Bible about crucifixion!

\* God's promise that the offspring of the woman will crush the head of the Serpent. (Geneses 3)

\* The victory of Messiah over Satan through His death and resurrection in order to redeem human.

\* God accepted Abel's offering and refused Cain's (Genesis 4)

#### \*Abraham offered his Son (Genesis 22)

#### 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 2:29

Invite them to read this passage from Isaiah:

#### Isaiah 53

"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment, he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes<sup>[c]</sup> his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:4-12

Let them read it in a loud voice, then ask them: "Who is the prophet talking about here?"

All of the time they will answer: "Issa, son of Mary."

They say "Issa" from the world Isous in Greek. We use "Yasoo" in Arabic from the Hebrew Yashua.

It's important to explain,

For the wages of sin is death, But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Romans 6:23

The following story will illustrate the verse.

The Judge and his Son.

Once, there was a just and merciful judge. One day, the judge's own son was brought before him because he had broken the law.

The policemen explained what had happened, brought proof, and demanded a just judgment.

The judge was puzzled as he looked at his son and listened to him exclaim: "Dad, I'm your son, how could you place me in jail between criminals?"

The judge was perplexed; should justice or mercy prevail?

After a while, he was ready to give his sentence and decided that justice had to prevail. His sentence was imprisonment and a fine, according to the law.

Once the trial had ended, the judge, pulled out his checkbook and paid the fine. Then he approached the policeman, stretched out his hands and said: "take me instead of my son".

Through this, the law was fulfilled but mercy prevailed in the end.

Two questions you can ask.

1. After all the promises about Christ's coming, does the judge's behavior resemble God's character?

2.Does that make God a liar?

With that some of them may ask you this question:

If Jesus died on the cross, and He is God, does it mean that God died on the cross?

We need to remind them that God is spirit and Jesus has two natures Spiritual and Flesh, the following example will help you to explain.

Take an empty bottle, cover it with your hand and ask: is it empty or full?

Most of the time they will say it's empty. Then and again: are you sure? They will tell you: it is full of air. Then you can explain that God is a spirit. He is just like the air in the room, the air took a shape of the empty bottle and at the same time it is everywhere. God became flesh in a picture of a human, and when he died on the cross that's what happened; the flesh died not the Spirit. (and you can damage the bottle).

Then you can read the following chapter

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider –equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father.

Philippians 2:5-11

#### 5.Trinity.

#### **Background:**

Muslims say that we believe in three gods,

The Father, Jesus and the Holy spirit.

We need to explain that in order to help them to understand:

In this case we have lots of examples but also it is important to show them what the Bible is talking about that.

Examples

The water, is a liquid in the normal; it is water vapor; and it is ice when it is freezing but it is H2O.

The married son: he is a son, a husband and a father at the same time.

A human being is soul, spirit and body.

And there are lots of similar examples.

Now let us see what the bible says about this.

#### There is none other God but ONE

1 Corinthians 8:4

By the way in Quran Muslims always using this verse because in Quran they have it which is in Arabic (La elaha ella allah لا اله الا اله الا اله)

One Lord, One Faith, One baptism

Ephesians 4:5

There is none other God but One

1Corinthians 8:4

#### **Prophecies about His Ministry**

Prophecy	After Jesus	In Jesus
Will crush the head of Satan	Genesis 3: 15	Hebrews 3:14 1 John 3:8
He will be a prophet	Deuteronomy 18: 18	Matthew 21:11 John 6:14
He will be a Priest	Psalm 110: 4	Hebrews 3:1, 5:5, 6, 7:26-27
He will be Judge	Isaiah 11: 4, 33: 22	John 5:20; 2 Timothy 4: 1
He will be King	Psalm 2:6, Zechariah 9:9, Jeremiah 23: 5	Matthew 27:37, 21: 5, John 18:28, 33
<i>Will be anointed with the Holy Spirit</i>	Isiah 11:2, 42:1,61;1,2	Matthew 3:16, 17; 12: 17, 31

Jealous of the Father's house	Psalm 69: 9	John 2:15-17
Preceded Messenger	Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:1-3, 11:10 Luke 1:17, John 1: 23
His ministry begins from Galilee	Isaiah 9:1	<i>Matthew</i> 4:12 – 13, 17
His ministry will be marked with signs and wonders	Isaiah 35:5-6, 32:3-4	Matthew 9:32-35, 11: 4-6 Mark 7; 32-35 John 5:5-9, 9:6-11, 11:43 – 44, 47
Teaches in parables	Psalm 78:2	Matthew 13:34 - 35
Enter the temple	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12
Will enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9: 9	Matthew 21:6–11, Luke 19:35-37
He will be a stumbling stone to the Jews	Psalm 118:22 Isaiah 8:14, 28:16	1 Peter 2: 7 Romans 9:32- 33
<i>He will be Light for all nations</i>	Isaiah 49:6, 60:3	Acts 13:47–48; 26:23, 28:28 Luke 2:30 - 32

#### <u>Prophecies about His Suffering, Death and</u> <u>Resurrection</u>

Prophecy	After Yeshua	In Yeshua
Betrayal of a friend	Psalm 41:9, 55:12–14	Matthew 10:4, 26:49–50, John 13:21
Will be sold at 30 of silver	Zechariah 11:12, 13	Matthew 26: 15, 27: 3-7
Abandon by His disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 27:12-14 Luke 23:9, 1 Peter 2:22-25
Hurts and hits	Isaiah 50:6 Zechariah 13:6	Matthew 26: 67, 27:26 1 Peter 2:24
Gibe Him	Psalm 22:7-8, 69:13-18	Matthew 27: 29–31, 39
<i>He will die on the cross</i>	Psalm 22:16, Zechariah 12:10	Luke 23:33 John 20:25

Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:27-28, Luke 22: 37
Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34
Psalm 69:4	John 15:25
Psalm 22:18	John 19:23-24
Psalm 69:21	John 19:28
Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Psalm 31:5	Luke 23:46
Exodus 12:46, Psalm 34:20	John 19:33,36
Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57–60
	Matthew 28:6, Luke 24:46, Acts 2:31, 13:35
Psalm 68:18	Acts 1: 9, Ephesians 4:8
Psalm 110:1	Mark 16:19, Acts 2:34 Hebrew 1:3
	Isaiah 53:12 Psalm 69:4 Psalm 22:18 Psalm 69:21 Psalm 22:1 Psalm 31:5 Salm 31:5 Isaiah 53:9 Isaiah 53:9 Psalm 16:10, 3:30, 118:18 Psalm 68:18



Sam Kawaneh

Sam Kawaneh is the founder and president of Hope of Nations ministry. He is marred to Maram Kawaneh, they have two daughters, ChristEl and Trivina, He has served in ministry for more than twenty years, and working together with Messianic leaders and local Arab Christian leaders, Sam is contending for many Arabic speakers to know Yassua (Jesus) through teaching, discipleship and outreach. Sam currently serves as planting pastor of King of Kings Arabic Initiative (Malek El- Molouk), a part of the King of Kings family of ministries in Jerusalem. If you are non-Arabic speaker and it is in your heart to reach out to Muslims, then this book is for you.

This book comes from experience gained through more than twenty years in the field sharing Christ with Muslims. It is designed especially for you to understand the mindset that many are coming from, to ask the right questions to help them think about their eternity and to answer their questions. It's easy and very simply to use.

But remember before you go out into the filed you need to pray, let the Holy Spirit lead you and always share with Love. Without those three elements it will be hard to share Christ with Muslims. Be prepared for them to always having something against what you tell them. If you bring them Jesus they will bring you Muhammad. If you bring to them the Bible they will bring to you the Quran, but when you bring to them God's love they can't get anything except love.

Like everyone, Muslims background people need the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior. Remember that we are not in charge of their salvation, the Lord is. It's our responsibility to share the good news; He will grow that seed in their hearts. So let us obey the great commotion and fulfill His plan in our lives.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16: 15

If you'd like to share copies of this book, please visit our website.

www.hopeofnations.org