

## CAMEL – FINDING THE MAN OF PEACE

### Evangelism

**“No one lives on a bridge. It is only a means to getting somewhere.”**

Basically, you ask a Muslim to tell you, or study together with you, what the Koran teaches about Jesus the Messiah (Isa in Arabic). Then, when a relationship is established and you can converse without arguing, proceed to the New Testament teaching about the Messiah.

**THE GOAL OF THE CAMEL METHOD:** It is critical that you understand the purpose and goal of the CAMEL method. **It is not to lead a Muslim to salvation in Christ.** It is only to find a man (or men) of peace. Our purpose is to find those who want to know more about Jesus (Isa) so that we can take them to the Bible and show them the full truth about Jesus. We will use Surah 3:42-55 in the Koran to raise Jesus from “prophet” status to “savior” status. After reading and explaining Sura 3:42-55, no Muslim can honestly say that Jesus was a mere prophet. From the text of the Koran, it is clear that Jesus was **more than a prophet.** **\*You’re not out to win an argument.**

### THREE STEPS TO RAISING JESUS UP TO SAVIOR STATUS

1. Isa is Holy.
2. Isa has power even over death.
3. Isa knows the way to heaven and is the way.

Jesus is our model for finding where God is at work. He took the time to show his disciples how he would find where God is at work. In a crowd of people, or in a city or village, God has been at work in someone. That “someone” is called the “man of peace.” When you find the man of peace, you have found where God is at work.

Follow Jesus’ example of using rhetorical questions to draw the truth to the surface (John 4 etc). Be humble and dependent upon the Holy Spirit – you don’t need to know all the answers. You just need to ask the right questions.

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How to find the Man of Peace:

Luke 10: 1-20

*After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them **two by two before His face** into every city and place **where He Himself was about to go.***

- Go with someone
- Know the Lord is at work in peoples lives prior to you getting there

*2 Then He said to them, “The **harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.** 3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as **lamb among wolves.***

- The Lord has prepared the Harvest
- Count the cost and be prepared for difficulty

*4 Carry **neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.***

- Depend on the Lord.
- Go as a man in need.

*5 But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘**Peace to this house.**’ 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. 7 **And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages.** Do not go from house to house. 8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9 **And heal the sick there and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’***

- Do not be afraid to be called a Disciple of Christ Jesus.
- When you find a man of peace – stay with him and do not give up... They are worth it..
- Proclaim what you know God is doing.
- Give the Glory to God.

*10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 “**The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this that the kingdom of God has come near you.**” 12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.”*

- Know that not all will accept the message.
- Know that even though they have not accepted the message, that the Kingdom of God has come near them.

The Man of Peace will:

1. Accept your greeting
2. Is ready to become a believer

**Read Acts 17:22-23:**

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, **I perceive that in all things you are very religious**; 23 for as I was **passing through and considering the objects of your worship**, I even found an altar with this inscription: **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD** Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, **Him I proclaim to you.**" 24 God who made the world and everything in it, He is Lord of Heaven and earth. 28 For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of **your own poets** have said, "For we are His offspring." 29 Therefore, since we are His offspring, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom he has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, **some mocked** while others said, 34 **"We will hear you again on this matter."** However, **some men joined him and believed.**

**Questions:**

- What bridges did Paul use to begin to communicate the Gospel with the men of Athens? vv 23 and 28
- How does that compare with how the church planter began to communicate with Uddin by using the Koran?
- What did Paul do after He had used the bridges? vv 30-31
- What was the result? v 32
- Were men of peace discovered? v 33

**CAMEL METHOD OUTLINE**

1. **Opening Statement:** *"I have been reading the Koran and I discovered an amazing truth that gives hope for eternal life in heaven. Will you read to me Sura Al-Imran 3:42-55?"*

2. **Three Steps to raising Isa up in the mind of a Muslim**

- **Isa is holy** – Surah 3:42-48
  - He is the word of Allah - 45
  - He is the Messiah, held in honor - 45
  - He is near to Allah - 45
  - He is righteous - 46
  - He is virgin born - 47
- **Isa has power over death** – 3:49-54
  - He gave sight to the blind – 49
  - He healed lepers – 49
  - He raised the dead to life again - 49
- **Isa knows the way to heaven and is the way** – 3:55

3. **Final Question:** *"I want to go to heaven when I die. Which prophet can help me get there?"*

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

*"I speak to Christians and Muslims about peace and salvation. May I show what I have found about peace and salvation **in the Koran**? Could you please read Surah Al-Imran 3:42-55?"*

# CAMEL METHOD EXPLAINED

Ask your Muslim friend to read Surah 3:42-47. Then discuss with him/her what it says about Isa.

## I. ISA IS HOLY

### Holiness of Isa

### Koran, Surah 3

Mary chosen by God to bear Jesus into the world

**42** And when the angels said: O Marium! surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of of the world.

**43** O Marium! keep to obedience to your Lord and humble yourself, and bow down with those who bow. "

**44** This is of the announcements relating to the unseen which We reveal to you; and you were not with them when they cast their pens (to decide) which of them should have Marium in his charge, and you were not with them when they contended one with another.

Isa is the *Word of God*  
Isa is the *Messiah*  
Isa is near to Allah/God

**45** When the angels said: O Marium, surely Allah gives you good news with a Word from Him (of one) whose name is the ' . Messiah, Isa son of Marium, worthy of regard in this world and the hereafter and of those who are made near (to Allah)

**46**And he shall speak to the people when in the cradle and when of old age, and (he shall be) one of the good ones.

Isa is righteous

**3:42-43** At a dark moment in the history of the world, Allah did something very unusual. Allah spoke through an angel to a young virgin woman named Maryam. He told her that He had chosen her for an unusual role.

**3:44** The Koran says the angels cast lots to see who would be given the privilege to guard over Maryam during the time of this assignment that Allah had given her. Muslims often call Jesus "*Isa-Rohullah*." Why do we call 'Isa by this name? The answer is in Al-Imran 3:45.

**3:45** Allah said that He would put his Word into Maryam. "Word" is also the word for 'breath' or 'spirit of Allah.' (If necessary you can reference Koran 4:171 "... speak the truth; the Messiah, 'Isa son of Maryam is only an apostle of Allah and his Word which He communicated to Maryam and a spirit from Him.") So the Koran teaches us that 'Isa *Rohullah* means "Jesus the Spirit of Allah." Also commonly used is, "Isa *Kalamtullah*" which means "Jesus the Word of Allah." Allah's Word" (*Rohullah*) would become flesh in the form of a baby. Allah told Maryam to name the baby 'Isa Masih. Masih means, "The Anointed or Promised One" Isa would be honored by all people in this world and forever in heaven. Finally, Allah said that Isa would be one of those nearest to Himself.

**3:46** Furthermore, Allah said that Isa would speak to the world, not only as an adult, but also from the cradle. How could Isa speak to the world as a baby from the cradle? There was something about Isa's birth that is a testimony to the whole world! Allah also said that Isa would be righteous. Ask if Isa ever sinned. They will agree with you that, indeed, Isa never sinned.

### QUESTIONS:

If Jesus was born without an earthly father can he inherit the sinful nature? NO

"Do you know of any other prophet who is as holy as Isa?"

**Then ask him/her to read Surah 3:48-54 – See Below:**

## II. ISA HAS POWER OVER DEATH

### Power of Isa

Isa taught the Truth of God

Isa heals the blind  
Isa heals the leper  
Isa raises the dead

### Koran, Surah 3

**48** And He will teach him the Book and the wisdom and the Taurat and the Injeel.

**49** And (make him) an apostle to the children of Israel: That I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, that I determine for you out of dust like the form of a bird, then I breathe into it and it becomes a bird with Allah's permission and I heal the blind and the leprous, and bring the dead to life with Allah's permission and I inform you of what you should eat and what you should store in your houses; most surely

**3:49** Allah demonstrated His power through Isa. The Koran says that the lepers were healed, the blind received their sight, and even the dead were raised to life again.

### QUESTION:

What is our greatest enemy? Answer: death!

Take the opportunity to drive home the fact that Isa has power over our greatest enemy. No one overcomes death – **but Isa did!**

**NOTE:** In **Surah 10:94** the Koran speaks before Books/Scriptures (Kitabs) that were before: *And if thou (Mohammed) art in doubt as to what We reveal unto thee, then question those who have read the Scripture (that was) before thee. Verily the Truth from thy Lord hath come unto thee. So be not of the waverers.*

there is a sign in this for you, if you are believers.

**50** And a verifier of that which is before me of the Taurat and that I may allow you part of that which has been forbidden to you, and I have come to you with a sign from your Lord therefore be careful of (your duty to) Allah and obey me.

**51** Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord, therefore serve Him; this is the right path.

**52** But when Isa perceived unbelief on their part, he said "Who will be my helpers in Allah's way?" The disciples said: We are helpers (in the way) of Allah: We believe in Allah and bear witness that we are submitting ones.

**53** Our Lord! we believe in what Thou hast revealed and we follow the apostle, so write us down with those who bear witness.

**54** And they planned and Allah (also) planned, and Allah is the best of planners.

The Scriptures (Holy books/kitabs) that were before are the Taurat (Torah), the Zabur (Psalms) and the Injil (Gospel).

**3:50** Isa said that his life verified or confirmed what the prophets had spoken about him in the 'Before Kitabs (Holy books).' The old prophets spoke much about 'Isa Masih. When I read the 'Before Kitabs,' I found over three hundred prophecies about 'Isa spoken by the prophets. For example this one was written 758 years before the birth of 'Isa; it says: *"God himself shall give you a sign, 'Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name, Emanuel.'*

In the original language, the name 'Emanuel' means, 'God is with us.'"

**3:51** Isa said that the Straight Path is to worship Allah alone.

**3:52-53** In order to get all of the people of the world to worship Allah alone, Isa asked for some helpers. A small group of men (the disciples) came forward and said that they are Muslims and that they will help Isa. In addition, they said that they believe in Allah's message and the Messenger (Isa) that He sent down (note that not all translations say, "that He sent down). Down from where? Obviously, Isa was sent down from heaven.

### QUESTION:

- Do you know of any other prophets as powerful as Isa?
- Do you think Isa can lead you to God?

***If I wanted to get from here to the capital city, who should I choose to help me? Should I choose someone who has never been there or someone who knows the way and lives there now?***

### Review from what the Quran itself said about Isa or Jesus.

- 1) Isa was born without a father and therefore did not inherit Adam's sinful nature.
- 2) Allah put His Word and Spirit into Maryam. Isa = God's Word/Spirit.
- 3) From His childhood, Isa lived a righteous and holy life.
- 4) Allah gave Isa tremendous power to heal the sick and raise the dead to life.
- 5) Isa has power over our greatest enemy, death.
- 6) Allah Himself taught 'Isa the Holy Kitabs (Books).
- 7) If anyone wants to know more about 'Isa, they must read the Holy Kitabs – Torah, Zabur, Injil (Old and New Testaments)
- 8) God lifted Isa to Himself. He came from Allah and was raised back to Allah. So, Isa knows the way to Allah.
- 10) Muslims who join in Isa's work will receive blessings from God and will be more blessed than the unbelievers in this world.

Terms:

Isa - Jesus

Injil- New Testament

Taurat- Old Testament

Zhabur- Psalms

Surah- A chapter division in the Quran

# THE BIG QUESTION

WHAT IF YOU ARE ASKED “WHO DO YOU SAY MUHAMMAD IS?”

The number one question that I have been asked by Muslims is, “Who do you say Muhammad is?” An answer to this question that belittles Muhammad can be detrimental. Muslims feel a strong sense of obligation to protect Muhammad’s honor. Below, I have provided a suggested answer to this excitable question.

## ***Who do you say Muhammad is?***

**Answer:**

“I say Mohammed is who he said he was in the Koran. Let’s look at Banning, Surah 46:9 to see what Mohammed said about himself.”

Surah 46:9 *“I am nothing new among the Prophets; what will happen to me and to my followers, I do not know; I am only a plain warner.”*

**Take the time to point the three 3 Parts to this verse:**

1. He is not any different from the prophets before him. He is not the greatest.
2. He does not know where he or his followers are going.
3. He is only a warner.

We don't use the Koran for presenting the Gospel. But here are a couple of verses from the Koran to help your Muslim friends to understand that Allah's Truth is perfectly revealed in the "Scriptures that came before (the Koran).

First look at Surah 10:94

*And if you (Mohammed) are in doubt concerning that which We reveal unto you, then question those who read **the Scripture** (that was) **before you**. Verily the Truth from thy Lord hath come unto you. So be not of the waverers.*

Allah tells Mohammed, if you have doubts, you should question "those who read the Scripture that was before you," because the Truth is found in those Scriptures. He urges Mohammed not to be among the waverers.

Be sure to point out that the Taurat and Injil that you are sharing with your friend has been Translated from their original languages and from the oldest manuscripts in existence.

Then, ask your friend to read in the Koran, Surah 4:136:

*O you who believe! Believe in Allah and His messenger and the Scripture which He has revealed unto His messenger, and **the Scripture which He revealed aforetime**. Whosoever **disbelieves** in Allah and His angels and His **Scriptures** and His messengers and the Last day he verily has wandered far astray If your friend asks, Where does it say that the Taurat and the Injil are the "before Scriptures",*

ask him to read The Table Spread, Surah 5:65-66.

*If only the People of the Scripture (the Jews – see verse 64) would believe and ward off evil, we would remit their sins from them and surely We would bring them into Gardens of Delight. If they had observed the **Taurat (Torah) and the Injil (Gospel)** and that which was revealed unto them by their Lord, then they would have been nourished from above them and from beneath their feet.*

It is common for Muslims to allege that the Scriptures "that came before", which are the Old and New Testaments, have been changed and corrupted and are therefore unreliable. If this issue arises, refer them to their Koran, the *Cattle Surah* 6:115-116 which reads:

*...Those unto whom We gave the Scripture (aforetime) **know that it is revealed from your Lord in truth**. So be not (O Mohammed) of the waverers. **Perfected is the Word of the Lord** in truth and justice. **There is nothing that can change His words**. He is the Hearer, the Knower.*

So, Allah has assured Mohammed that the Scripture (prior to the Koran) was given by Him.  
**It is perfect and no one can change it.**

**Once you have drawn out God's man (or woman) of peace, you should shift completely from the Koran to the Bible. As you have seen, the Koran makes an effective bridge for Muslims to the Gospel, but you don't want to camp on the bridge! Once you have crossed the bridge leave it and move on.**

**From the Scriptures, show them the penalty for sin and the need of a Savior – Jesus.**

Adam and Eve- Gen. 2: 1-3:24

Sin produces death. Death means separation from God who is our life.

Cain and Able- Gen. 1-16

The blood sacrifice that Abel brought established the requirement of a blood sacrifice until the coming of Jesus, (see Hebrews 11:24)  
Sin brings death which is separation from God.

Noah- Gen. 6-8

Sin brings judgment and death. Those who believe God and apply his appointed means of deliverance will be saved from God's judgment upon sin.

Abraham- Gen. 12-25

God wants us to know what He is like and what he requires of us. In Abraham we see that right standing before God requires faith. (see Romans 4:1-5) Also we see that God would not allow Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice. God provided a substitute. But one day God would offer His Son Who would be the substitute for all people of faith. (see John 3:16)

Moses: Exo. 12-20

In the very fabric of the existence of His people, Israel, God wove the picture of the blood sacrifice. The Passover feast that celebrated their deliverance from bondage reminded them of the lamb that died and became the substitute for them. The constant sacrifices for sin reminded them of the penalty of sin which was death and the animals which became the substitute for them. Those who would be in right standing before God and have their sins forgiven had to offer the proper sacrifice.

David: 1Sam. 16–17 /// II Sam. 5-7

The Messiah or Deliverer that was to come to God's people would be a descendant of David. He would be the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Jesus- Matt. Mark. Luke. John

Jesus came to be the sacrifice for our sins. Jesus told us that He was going to die for our sins. Then He died for us and God confirmed that He had accepted the sacrifice of Jesus for the penalty of sin by raising Him from the dead.

At this point you should be ready to confront your Muslim friend with His need to receive Jesus as Savior. Here are some verses you can use with him:

- And He (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who **believes and is baptized** shall be saved; but he who **does not believe** shall be condemned." Mark 16:15-16
- As many **as received Him** (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those **who believe in His name**. John 1:12
- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that **whosoever believes in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16
- If you **confess with you mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. Romans 10:9

**DREAMS. A recent survey of 600 Muslims who came to faith in Christ revealed that one quarter became believers as a result of a dream. Even where missionaries are not working, God is. The most common theme in these dreams is seeing Jesus in a bright white robe.**

**The most common way that Muslims are drawn to Jesus is through a direct verbal witness.**