



**ISLAM**  
**SELECTED SCRIPTURES**  
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**Week: February 2, 2020**  
**Title: World Religions and The Bible: Islam**  
**Text: Selected Scriptures**

## I. Introduction

Our goal as Christians is to minister to all those who are outside of the knowledge of the True Gospel of Jesus Christ. For Muslims (1.5 BILLION), bringing the truth of Christ into their lives means understanding what they believe so we can introduce the Gospel to them as given to us by God's Word.

## II. What Do Muslims Believe About...?

- God**—is mono not triune
- Angels** & Evil Spirits—good and bad
- Holy Books**—104 total, Qur'an is primary
- The Prophets**—124,000 total, 3 stand out—Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad
- Divine Judgment**—the "Day of Gathering"

## III. Pillars of Islam

- Pillar #1**—Professing of faith  
**Pillar #2**—Ritualistic prayers  
**Pillar #3**—Paying of Alms  
**Pillar #4**—Fast of Ramadan  
**Pillar #5**—Pilgrimage to Mecca

## IV. Bridge Building with Muslims

- Western culture is secular not Christian
- Focus on Jesus and the Trinity
- Show your heart as well as your words
- Introduce the sacrifice of Jesus as the payment for sin
- Jesus is the Word of God
- God's Son paid our sin debt in full
- The cost is real for all who follow Jesus

## V. Conclusion

Let Muslims see, hear, and know your humility which is an extension of Christ who now occupies your heart, opening up an invitation to share Jesus with them.

### Kick Starters...

- What experience do you have in anything related to Islam or people are practicing Muslims?
- In trying to understand, what is your personal awareness/ understanding of Islam?

### Entertain the text

- Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

### Engage the text

- Discuss as a group what Muslims believe (look at your HO sheet from the sermon) and compare those to what the Bible teaches.
- Look at the Pillars of Islam together. Discuss how the power of religion's activity can often be confused for truth faith which the Bible calls us to in our lives.
- Being a bridge builder means knowing the materials you which are available. How would you address the following with a Muslim?
  - Addressing worldliness in a western culture as being Christian from a Muslim's perspective?
  - Muslims reject the Trinity—how can we use the significance of Jesus' deity to address this?
  - Common ground in humility—Rom. 16:16-21
  - Muslims embrace the reality of sin—introducing Jesus' sacrifice to address our sin
  - Muslims believe Jesus is Mary's son—he was and also the Son of God
  - Why does a Muslim need Jesus?—Luke 22:70; John 14:6
- As Christians, we are seeking to reach those who are following the false god of Islam. Our goal is to present the saving Gospel in loving truth. Let's let Muslims hear, see, and know our humility from Christ alone in our interactions with them.