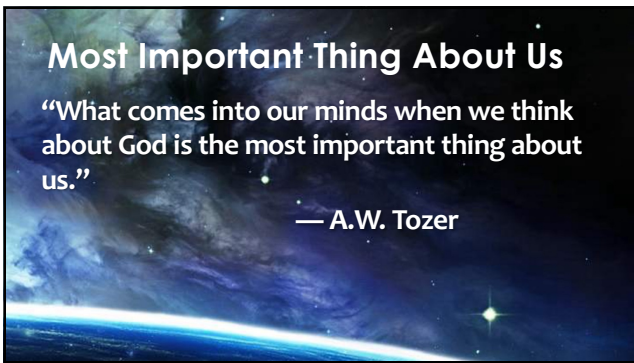
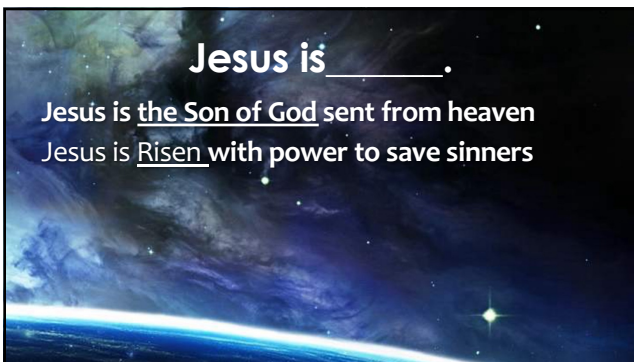


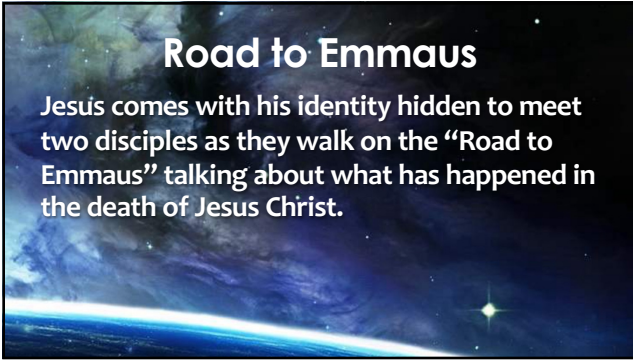
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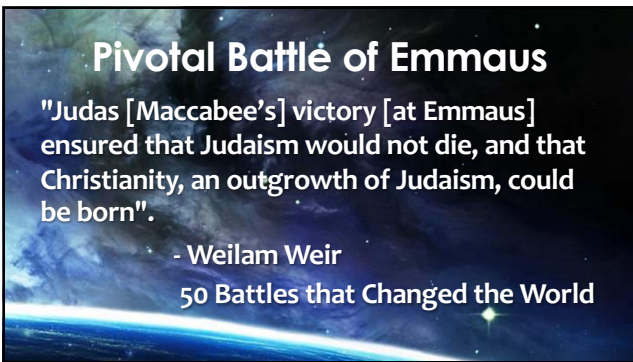
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Road to Emmaus

Jesus comes with his identity hidden to meet two disciples as they walk on the "Road to Emmaus" talking about what has happened in the death of Jesus Christ.

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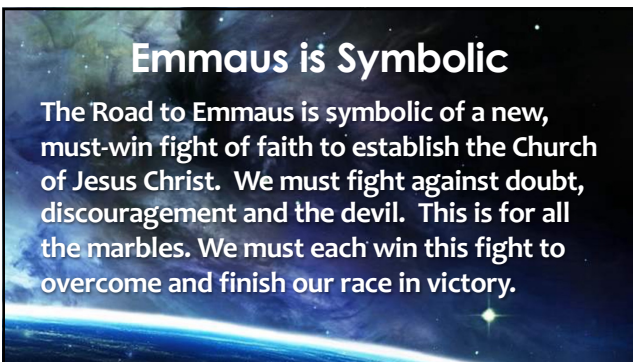


Pivotal Battle of Emmaus

"Judas [Maccabee's] victory [at Emmaus] ensured that Judaism would not die, and that Christianity, an outgrowth of Judaism, could be born".

- Weiland Weir
50 Battles that Changed the World

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Emmaus is Symbolic

The Road to Emmaus is symbolic of a new, must-win fight of faith to establish the Church of Jesus Christ. We must fight against doubt, discouragement and the devil. This is for all the marbles. We must each win this fight to overcome and finish our race in victory.

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Luke 24:19-21

19 ...And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

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What Caused the Doubt?

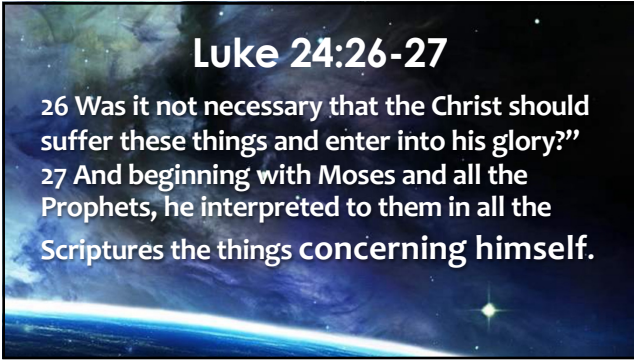
The disciple's crushed expectations caused them to rethink whether Jesus was the Christ. Maybe he was just a prophet mighty in deed and word?

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Expectations

Expectations are assumptions about the future, developed from a combination of our experiences, desires and knowledge of the environment or the people around us. The main function of expectations is to prepare for action.

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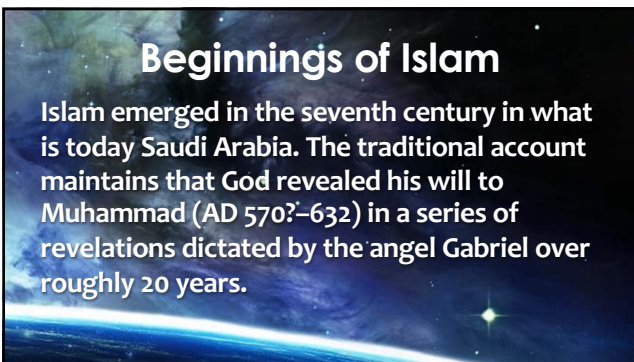
Luke 24:26-27
26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"
27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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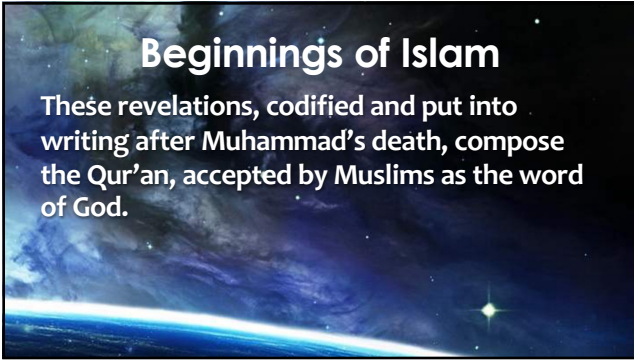
What's going to be on the test?

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Beginnings of Islam
Islam emerged in the seventh century in what is today Saudi Arabia. The traditional account maintains that God revealed his will to Muhammad (AD 570?-632) in a series of revelations dictated by the angel Gabriel over roughly 20 years.

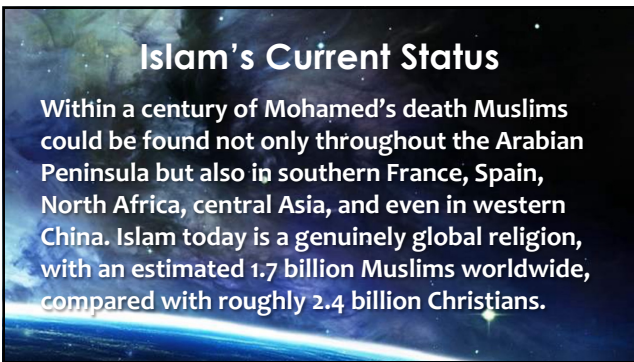
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Beginnings of Islam

These revelations, codified and put into writing after Muhammad's death, compose the Qur'an, accepted by Muslims as the word of God.

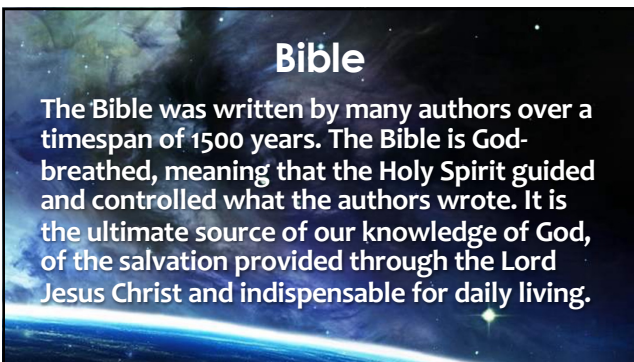
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Islam's Current Status

Within a century of Mohamed's death Muslims could be found not only throughout the Arabian Peninsula but also in southern France, Spain, North Africa, central Asia, and even in western China. Islam today is a genuinely global religion, with an estimated 1.7 billion Muslims worldwide, compared with roughly 2.4 billion Christians.

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Bible

The Bible was written by many authors over a timespan of 1500 years. The Bible is God-breathed, meaning that the Holy Spirit guided and controlled what the authors wrote. It is the ultimate source of our knowledge of God, of the salvation provided through the Lord Jesus Christ and indispensable for daily living.

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Qur'an

The prophet Muhammad was visited by an angel Gabriel in AD 610. Muhammad said that the angel appeared to him in the cave Hira, close to Mecca and commanded him: "Read!" Muhammad responded, "But I cannot read!" Then the angel embraced him and recited to him the first verses of the Surah Al-Alaq. The Qur'an contains 114 chapters called Surah.

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Bible vs Qur'an

The Bible consists of 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. It has roughly 800,000 words.
The Qur'an contains 114 chapters and is about 80,000 words, so the Bible is about ten times longer.

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Bible vs Qur'an

The Bible was carefully copied by trained scribes so that it would be a precise representation of the original text.
The Qur'an was compiled and edited over hundreds of years by Islamic scholars.

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Bible vs Qur'an

Both the Bible and the Qur'an contain stories and references about the same people: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Lot, Isaac, Ishmael, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Goliath, Elisha, Jonah, Mary, John the Baptist, and even Jesus. However, some of the basic details of the stories are different.

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Key Areas of Conflict

1. Cross of Christ
2. Deity (exclusivity) of Christ

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

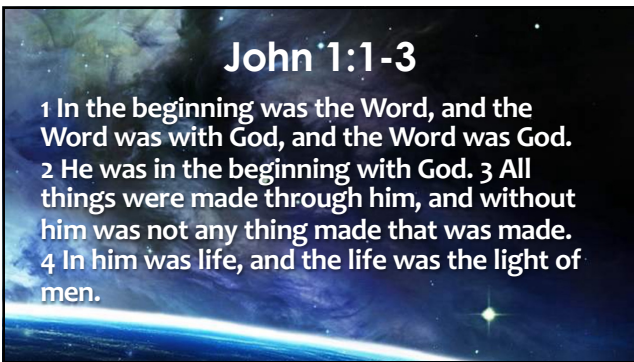
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1 Corinthians 8:6

6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

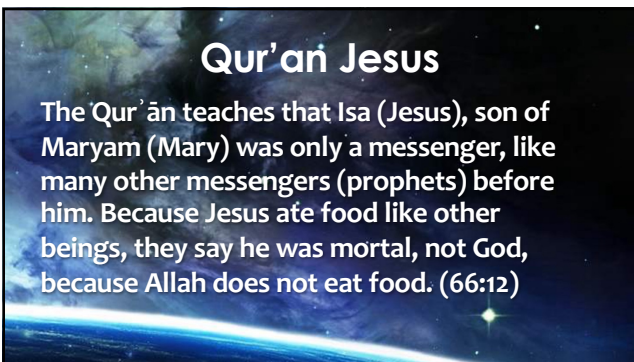
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John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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Qur'an Jesus

The Qur'an teaches that Isa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary) was only a messenger, like many other messengers (prophets) before him. Because Jesus ate food like other beings, they say he was mortal, not God, because Allah does not eat food. (66:12)

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Jesus Is Prominent in the Qur'an

Jesus is given a prominent place in the Qur'an. He's called the Messiah, Son of Mary, Messenger, Prophet, Servant, Word and Spirit of God. Jesus is always spoken of with reverence in the Qur'an. His virgin conception is indicated in Surahs 3:45-48 and 19:18-22.

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Nicene Creed

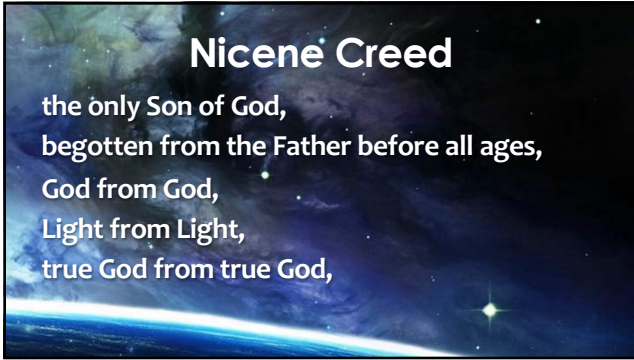
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,

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Monogenes

The Nicene Creed and the New Testament were both originally written in Greek, and possibly one of the most crucial words in Christology is the Greek word monogenes. Translated "only begotten" or "one and only"

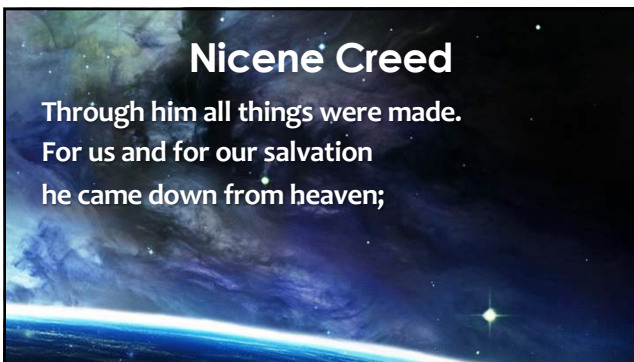
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Nicene Creed

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

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Nicene Creed

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

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Qur'an rejects Jesus as Son of God

The Qur'an rejects the notion Jesus is divine. Particularly offensive to Muslims is the title "Son of God." (5:109-119). There can be little doubt that Muhammad understood this title to imply the physical generation of the alleged Son from the Father, an implication he detested (23:90-93; cf. 112)

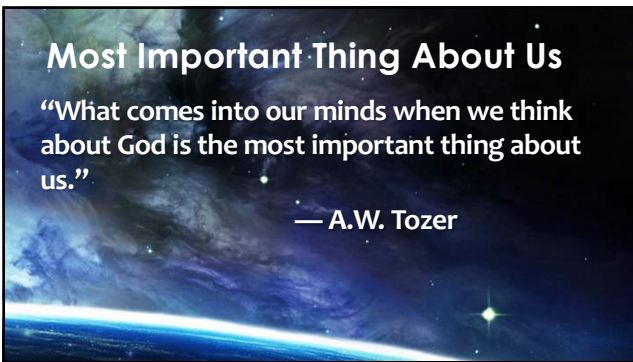
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Most Important Thing About Us

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

— A.W. Tozer

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Jesus Is _____.

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