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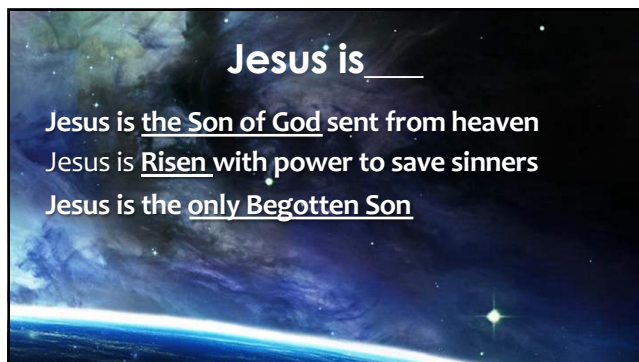
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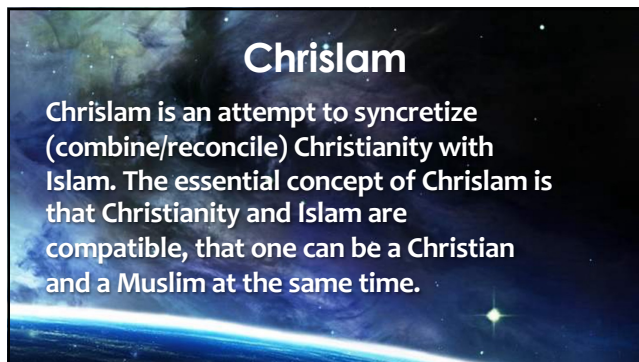
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**A Common Word**  
[www.acommonword.com](http://www.acommonword.com)  
 “We want to begin by acknowledging that in the past (e.g. in the Crusades) and in the present (e.g. in excesses of the “war on terror”) many Christians have been guilty of sinning against our Muslim neighbours. Before we “shake your hand” in responding to your letter, we ask forgiveness of the All-Merciful One and of the Muslim community around the world”

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**A Common Word**  
 “A Common Word Between Us and You identifies some core common ground between Christianity and Islam which lies at the heart of our respective faiths as well as at the heart of the most ancient Abrahamic faith, Judaism.”

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**Qur'an Quotes**

“God, there is no god but He, the Living, the Eternal. He sent down to you the Book with the Truth, confirming what came before it; and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel.” (3:2-3)

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**Qur'an Quotes**

“We believe in God, and in what was revealed to us; and in what was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the Patriarchs; and in what was given to Moses, and Jesus, and the prophets from their Lord.” (3:84)

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**Qur'an Quotes**

“The Angels said, “O Mary, God gives you good news of a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, well-esteemed in this world and the next, and one of the nearest.” (3:45)

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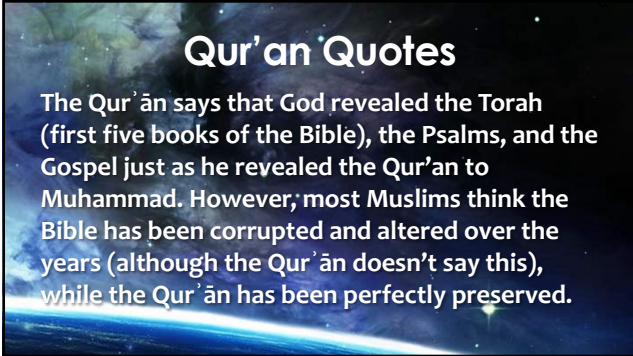
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### Qur'an Quotes

The Qur'an says that God revealed the Torah (first five books of the Bible), the Psalms, and the Gospel just as he revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad. However, most Muslims think the Bible has been corrupted and altered over the years (although the Qur'an doesn't say this), while the Qur'an has been perfectly preserved.

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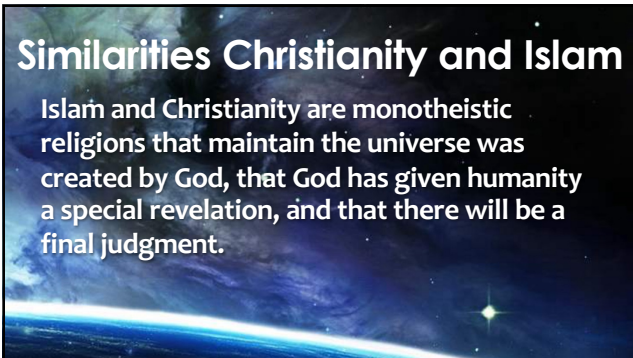
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### Similarities Christianity and Islam

Islam and Christianity are monotheistic religions that maintain the universe was created by God, that God has given humanity a special revelation, and that there will be a final judgment.

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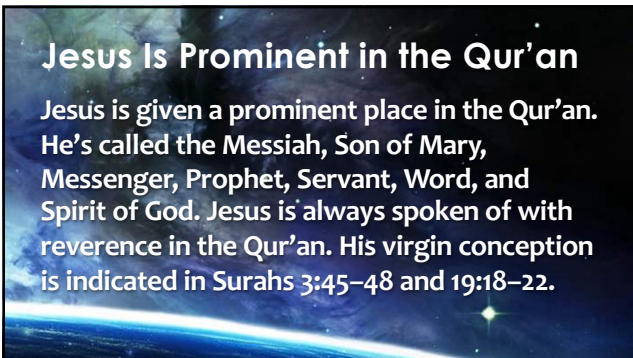
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### Jesus Is Prominent in the Qur'an

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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### 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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### 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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### 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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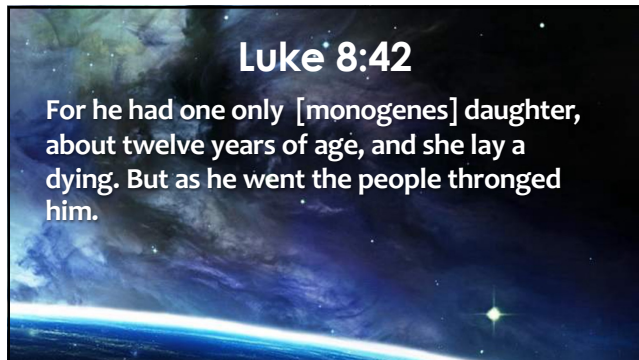
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**Luke 8:42**  
 For he had one only [monogenes] daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

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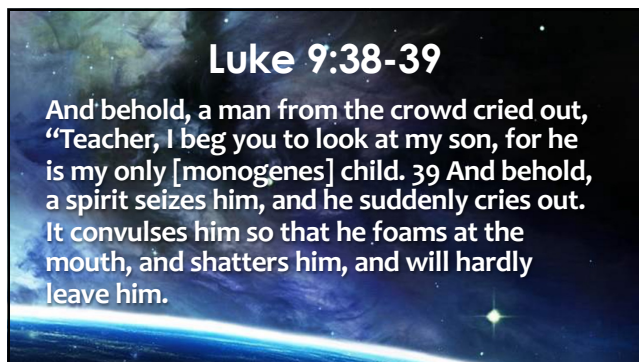
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**Luke 9:38-39**  
 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only [monogenes] child. 39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him.

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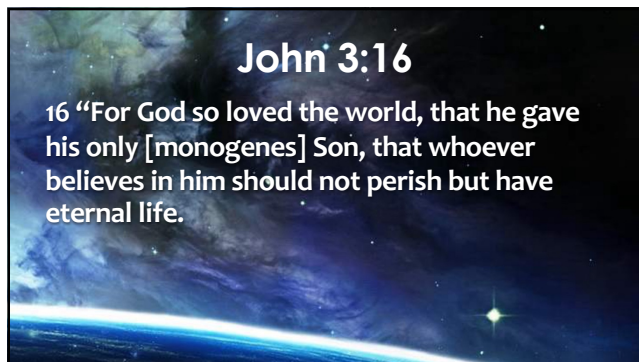
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**John 3:16**  
 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only [monogenes] Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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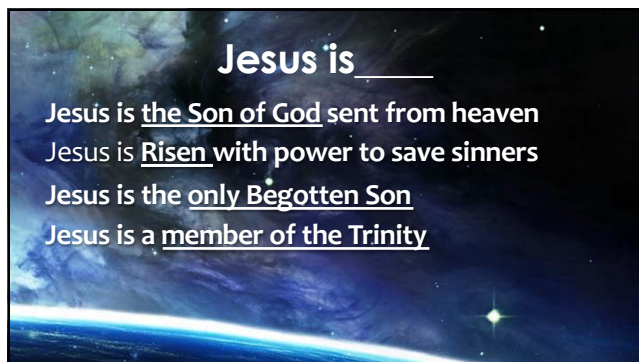
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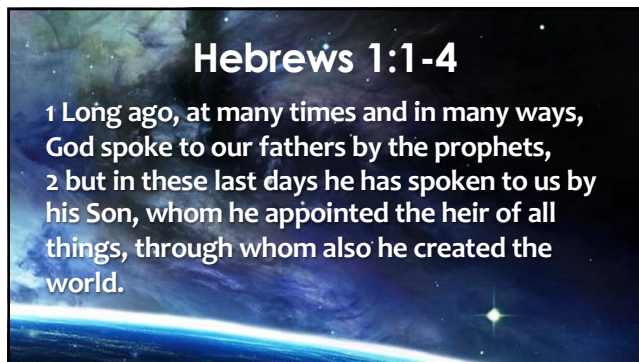
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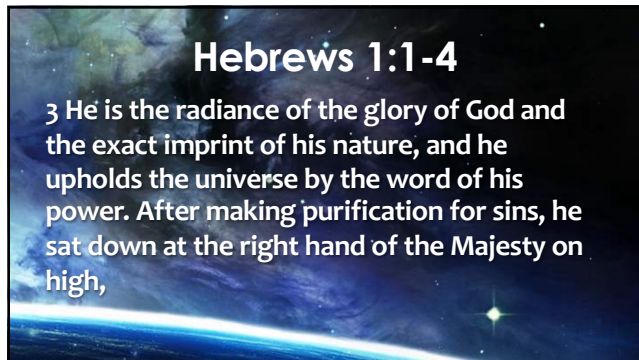
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**Hebrews 1:1-4**

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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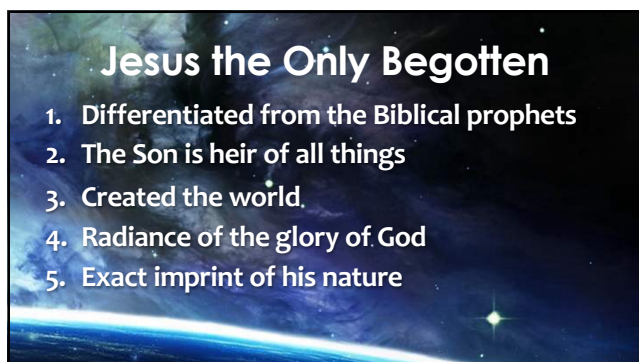
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**Jesus the Only Begotten**

1. Differentiated from the Biblical prophets
2. The Son is heir of all things
3. Created the world.
4. Radiance of the glory of God
5. Exact imprint of his nature

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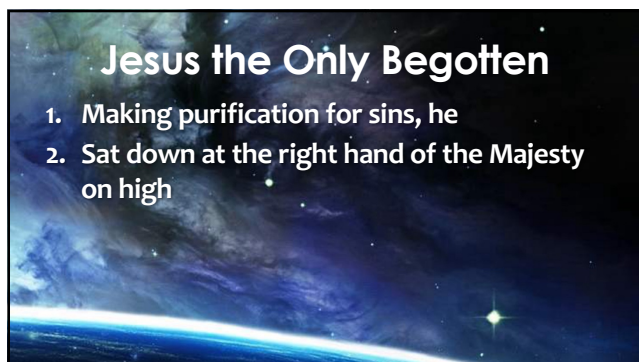
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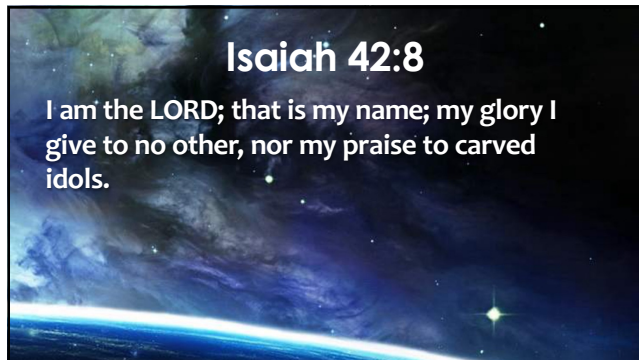
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**Isaiah 42:8**  
 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

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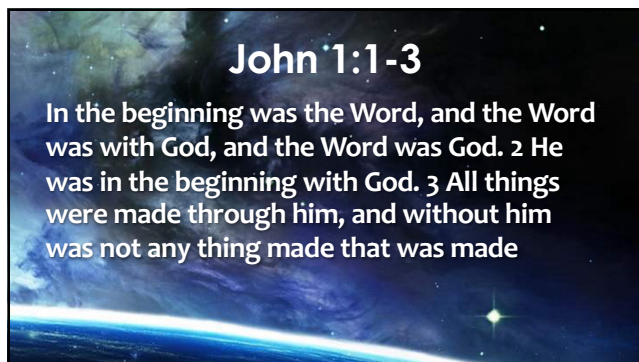
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**John 1:1-3**  
 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made

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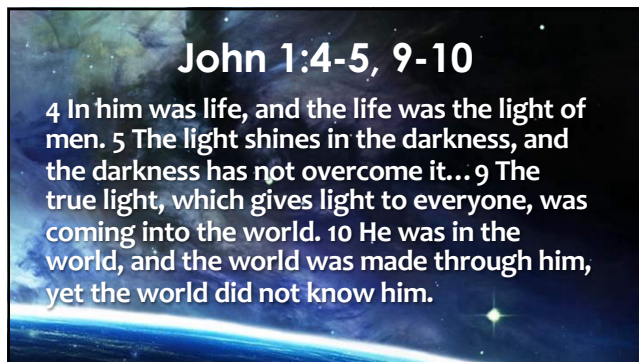
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**John 1:4-5, 9-10**  
 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

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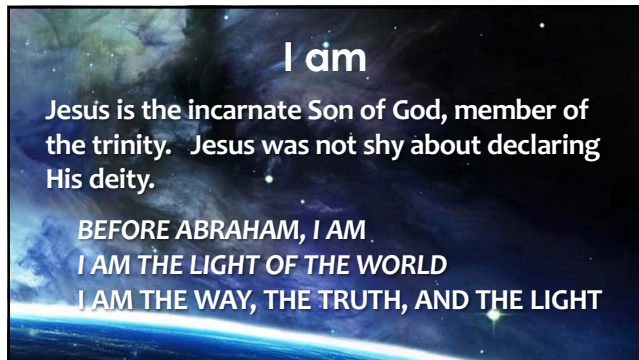
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