



EVANGELISM CLASS

Wednesday nights starting July 8th

6:30PM

**“Engaging Islam
with
the Gospel”**

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⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁴in whose case the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus. ⁶For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

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- **Truth in Love: Our posture is compassionate engagement, not political debate or mockery (Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:24–26).**

**¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is Christ,
Ephesians 4:15**

²⁴And the Lord's slave must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may give them repentance leading to the full knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

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- **High Reverence for God: Muslims value God's sovereignty, sacred texts, and moral purity. Frame discussions around shared categories (Creation, Sin, Revelation) while clearly presenting biblical truth.**

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Islam views itself not as a new 7th-century religion, but as the original restored faith of Abraham (Ibrahim).

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Lineage of Promise

ISLAMIC VIEW (ISHMAEL LINEAGE)

**Traced through
Ishmael. Traditions
hold Abraham
built the Kaaba in
Mecca with Ishmael.**

BIBLICAL VIEW (ISAAC LINEAGE)

**Traced exclusively
through Isaac
(Gen 17:19–21;22).
Redemptive covenant
culminates in Jesus
Christ (Gal 4:21–31).**

¹⁹But God said, “No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. ²⁰As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.”

Genesis 17:19-21

**²²So He finished talking with him, and God
went up from Abraham.
Genesis 17:22**

**²¹Tell me, you who want to be under law, do
you not listen to the Law? ²²For it is written
that Abraham had two sons, one by the
servant-woman and one by the free woman.
²³But the son by the servant-woman had
been born according to the flesh, while the
son by the free woman through the
promise. ²⁴This is spoken with allegory, for
these women are two covenants: one from
Mount Sinai bearing children into slavery;
she is Hagar. ²⁵Now this Hagar is Mount
Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the
Galatians 4:21-31**

present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written, “REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT GIVE BIRTH; BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE ONE THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.”²⁸And you brothers, in accordance with Isaac, are children of
Galatians 4:21-31

promise. ²⁹But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh was persecuting him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “CAST OUT THE SERVANT-WOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE SERVANT-WOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.”³¹So then, brothers, we are not children of a servant-woman, but of the free woman.
Galatians 4:21-31

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Muhammad's Role

ISLAMIC VIEW (ISHMAEL LINEAGE)

Claimed revelation from Gabriel (610 AD) as the final "Seal of the Prophets" to restore Abrahamic monotheism.

BIBLICAL VIEW (ISAAC LINEAGE)

Christ is the final and supreme revelation of God (Heb 1:1–2). Any gospel altering Christ's person is false (Gal 1:8).

¹God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,

Hebrews 1:1-2

**⁸But even if we, or an angel from heaven,
should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to
the gospel we have proclaimed to you, let
him be accursed!**

Galatians 1:8

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Children of Abraham

ISLAMIC VIEW (ISHMAEL LINEAGE)

**Those who submit
(Islam) to Allah and
follow the Qur'an.**

BIBLICAL VIEW (ISAAC LINEAGE)

**Those who share
Abraham's saving faith
in Jesus Christ
(Gen 15:6; Rom 4:1–5;
Gal 3:29).**

**⁶Then he believed in Yahweh; and He counted it to him as righteousness.
Genesis 15:6**

¹What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about—but not before God! ³For what does the Scripture say? “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wage is not counted according to grace, but according to what is due. ⁵But to the one who does not work, but believes upon Him who justifies the ungodly, his

**faith is counted as righteousness,
Romans 4:1-5**

**²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are
Abraham's seed, heirs according to
promise.
Galatians 3:29**

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KEY TAKEAWAY

We do not ask Muslims to abandon Abraham; we invite them to see the ultimate fulfillment of Abraham's faith in Jesus Christ, the true Seed of Promise (Galatians 3:16).

¹⁶Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And TO YOUR SEED," that is, Christ.

Galatians 3:16

III. CORE THEOLOGICAL CONTRASTS

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Nature of God

ISLAMIC TEACHING BIBLICAL / TEACHING

Tawhid (Strict Unitarianism): God is strictly one and distant. Associating partners with Him (Shirk) is unforgivable.

Triune God: One divine essence in three co-equal Persons (Father, Son, Spirit). Eternal intra-Trinitarian love (Matt 28:19; John 17:5).

**¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Matthew 28:19**

**⁵Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
John 17:5**

III. CORE THEOLOGICAL CONTRASTS

Scripture & Authority

ISLAMIC TEACHING BIBLICAL / TEACHING

**Dictated Qur'an:
Uncreated word of
Allah. Claims
original biblical texts
were corrupted (Tahrif).**

**Sola Scriptura: The 66
books of the Bible are
God-breathed, infallible,
and providentially
preserved (2 Tim 3:16;
Isa 40:8).**

**¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and
profitable for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, for training in righteousness,
2 Timothy 3:16**

**⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.
Isaiah 40:8**

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Humanity & Salvation

ISLAMIC TEACHING BIBLICAL / TEACHING

**Scales of Deeds
(Mizan): Man is
weak/forgetful, not
dead in sin. Salvation
is by ritual obedience &
unassured mercy.**

**Total Depravity &
Substitution: Man is
spiritually dead (Eph
2:1). Justification is by
grace alone through
faith alone in Christ
(Rom 3:21–26).**

**¹And you were dead in your transgressions
and sins,
Ephesians 2:1**

**²¹But now apart from the Law the
righteousness of God has been manifested,
being witnessed by the Law and the
Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all those
who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³for
all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, ²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace
through the redemption which is in Christ
Jesus; ²⁵whom God displayed publicly as a
propitiation in His blood through faith, for a
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IV. APOLOGETICS: RESPONDING TO THE 4 MAIN MUSLIM OBJECTIONS

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1. Objection: "The Bible Has Been Corrupted" (Tahrif)

**Response: Utilize "The Islamic Dilemma"
— Use the Qur'an's own internal logic to
demonstrate the reliability of the Bible.**

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THE ISLAMIC DILEMMA (4-STEP LOGICAL VISE)

**1. Qur'an Commands Belief in the Gospel:
Surah 5:47 commands 7th-century
Christians to judge by the Gospel. Surah
10:94 tells Muhammad to consult earlier
Scripture.**

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THE ISLAMIC DILEMMA (4-STEP LOGICAL VISE)

2. Qur'an Claims God's Words Cannot Be Changed: Surah 6:34 states, "No one can change the Words of Allah." (Also Surah 6:115, 18:27).

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THE ISLAMIC DILEMMA (4-STEP LOGICAL VISE)

3. Manuscript Preservation: We possess full New Testament Greek codices (e.g., Codex Sinaiticus, Vaticanus) dating from the 300s AD—300 years before Muhammad. Today's Bible matches what existed in Muhammad's day.

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THE ISLAMIC DILEMMA (4-STEP LOGICAL VISE)

4. Inescapable Conclusion:

- If the 7th-century Bible is authentic --> Islam is false (because the Bible contradicts Islam on Trinity & Cross).

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- If the Bible was corrupted --> Islam is still false (because the Qur'an validated a corrupted book and falsely claimed God's words could not be altered).

IV. APOLOGETICS: RESPONDING TO THE 4 MAIN MUSLIM OBJECTIONS

2. Objection: "Jesus Cannot Be the Son of God"

- **Clarify Misconception:**
Muslims assume "Son of God" implies biological reproduction (that God mated with Mary). Explicitly reject this.

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- **Biblical Meaning:** "Son of God" signifies eternal relationship, shared divine nature, and royal Messiahship (John 1:1–14; Hebrews 1:3). Jesus is the eternal Word of God (Kalimatullah).

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶There was a man having been sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, so that all

John 1:1-14

might believe through him. ⁸He was not the Light, but he came to bear witness about the Light. ⁹There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of

John 1:1-14

**the will of the flesh nor of the will of man,
but of God.¹⁴ And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us, and we beheld His
glory, glory as of the only begotten from the
Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:1-14

**³who is the radiance of His glory and the
exact representation of His nature, and
upholds all things by the word of His
power; who, having accomplished
cleansing for sins, sat down at the right
hand of the Majesty on high,**

Hebrews 1:3

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3. Objection: "Jesus Never Claimed to Be God"

- **Qur'an's Misunderstanding: Surah 5:116
mistakenly accuses Christians of
worshipping three gods
(God, Jesus, and Mary).**

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⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”
John 8:58

¹⁴And God said to Moses, “ I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘ I AM has sent me to you.’ ”
Exodus 3:14

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**⁵And Jesus seeing their faith *said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."
⁶But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"**

Mark 2:5-7

**⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said,
“Greetings!” And they came up and took
hold of His feet and worshiped Him.
Matthew 28:9**

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 - **Affirmed His deity at His trial before the Sanhedrin (Mark 14:61–62).**

⁶¹But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him and *said to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²And Jesus said, “I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”

Mark 14:61-62

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- **Islamic Claim: Surah 4:157–158 asserts Jesus was not killed or crucified, but someone else took his appearance.**

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- **Biblical & Historical Response:**
 - **Crucifixion is one of the most securely established facts of ancient history (attested by secular historians like Tacitus and Josephus).**

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- **Biblical & Historical Response:**

- **Without the Cross, divine holiness and justice are compromised. God cannot simply ignore sin without penal substitution (Romans 3:25–26; Hebrews 9:22).**

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Romans 3:25-26

²²And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:22

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- **Contrast the anxiety of the Islamic scales (Mizan) with the absolute assurance of Christ's finished work on the Cross ("It is finished" — John 19:30).**

**³⁰Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.
John 19:30**

V. PRACTICAL EVANGELISM STRATEGIES

2. Read Scripture Directly with Them:

- **Muslims respect sacred texts. Hand them a Bible or read passages together (John 1, Isaiah 53, Romans 3). God’s Word is the active sword of the Spirit (Hebrews 4:12).**

¹²For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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***Muslim:* "Yes, of course Allah is all-powerful."**

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