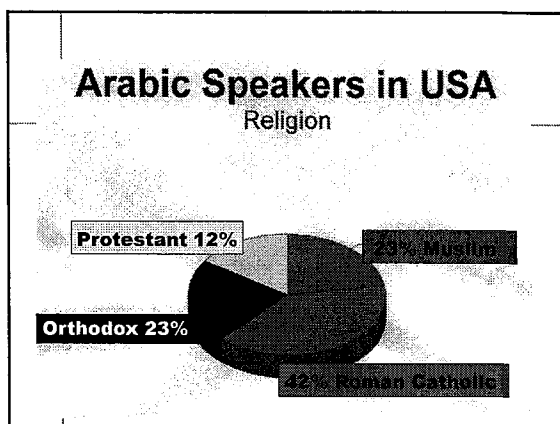


The Crescent in Light of the CROSS

Communicating the GOOD NEWS of
the Gospel to our Muslim Friends

What is a Muslim?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A terrorist? A foreigner? An Arab? ANY Arab? ■ Islam = To be submitted to God ■ Muslim = One who has been submitted to God



Facts about Mohammed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 570 Birth ■ 595 Marries Khadijah ■ 610 His first revelation ■ 613 Begins preaching ■ 622 Flees from Mecca to Medina - <i>Muslim calendar begins</i> ■ 630 Returns to Mecca ■ 632 Death ■ 732 Battle of Tours (Poitiers, FRANCE)

The Basic Beliefs of Islam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Belief in God ■ Belief in Angels ■ Belief in the Prophets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 120,000 prophets: the greatest being Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus & Mohammed ■ Belief in the Holy Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Torah, Zabur, Injil, Qur'an & Hadiths ■ Belief in the Day of Judgment

GREED
"Shahadah"

*"There is ONE God, **ALLAH**,
and Mohammed is His prophet"*

PRAYER
"Salat"

*5 times a day: "It is better to pray than to
sleep" - 1st call to prayer at 4:30 a.m.*

FASTING
"Sawm"

*During the month of Ramadan - no food, drink,
smoking nor physical contact with the opposite sex
during **ALL** daylight hours*

ALMS
"Zakat"

*2.5% of wealth should be given to the poor
per year*

MARRIAGE
"Naj"

*Visit the "Holy Land"
Mecca at least once in one's
lifetime*

The struggle
"Jihad"

*Struggle for Islam to become the world
religion through financial backing,
education or force*

<p>Christians and Muslims believe in common</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Christ's virgin birth ■ Christ's sinless life ■ Christ's performing of many miracles ■ Christ's ascension to heaven ■ Christ's future return to this world

<p>Christians and Muslims believe in common <i>cont'd</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Christ is the Messiah ■ Christ is the Word of God ■ Judaism and Christianity and their prophets are originally given by God ■ The Bible was originally sent by God

<p>Christians and Muslims differ in that Muslims believe</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Christ is not the Son of God ■ Christ is not God ■ Christ did not die on the cross ■ Christ did not rise from the grave ■ There is no substitutionary atonement ■ Salvation is by works

<p>Christians and Muslims differ in that Muslims believe <i>cont'd</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You cannot know if you will go to heaven <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Exception: martyrs in holy war ■ The Bible has been changed by Jews and Christians and therefore is not reliable today ■ Mohammed is God's final prophet ■ The Qur'an is God's final scripture, replacing what came before ■ Islam is God's final religion

<p>Barriers In Reaching Muslims</p>
<p>Political Barriers Theological</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Most Muslims in our world live in countries that are closed to traditional missions work ■ Most Muslims live in countries that are accessed creatively ■ In many of these countries it is illegal to put your faith in Christ

Cultural Barriers	<p>To accept Jesus as one's Savior is to risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rejection by the "ouma" (community) ■ Rejection by the family ■ Loss of work ■ Physical abuse ■ Potential death
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Theological Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ God's Word ■ The Trinity ■ Jesus Christ – The Son of God
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Beliefs about the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ "When was it changed?" ■ -Before Mohammed? What about Surah 4:136 - O ye who believe! believe in Allah and his Apostle and the scripture which He hath sent to His Apostle and the scripture which He sent to those before (him). And who denieth Allah His angels His Books His Apostles and the Day of Judgment hath gone far far astray. (29:45; 46:12; 26:191-196; 5:65-66; 6:34; 9:92)
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Beliefs about the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After Mohammed? What about the number of manuscripts? Thousands in Greek, Latin and Syrian which could not have all been changed!
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Beliefs about the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Matthew 5:18 "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved." ■ Mark 13:31 "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear." ■ Q: Do you believe that God is not able to preserve His Word?
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Beliefs about God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Unity of God : Surah 112:1-4 = "Say He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like Him." ■ 1 + 1 + 1 = How many? ■ "Shirk"
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<h3>Beliefs about Jesus</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ God cannot have a son! ■ Hebrews 1:1-3 ■ Two words for "son" in Arabic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ibn&walaad ■ Arabic equivalents: ibnsabeel ■ Do you believe that God is almighty? ■ Mediterranean Sea

<h3>Beliefs about Jesus</h3> <p>- The Crucifixion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jesus did not die on the cross ■ God made someone else to look like Jesus on the cross ■ God took Jesus to heaven ■ Jesus is coming again

<h3>Beliefs about Jesus</h3> <p>- The Crucifixion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Matt. 20,18,19"Listen," he (Jesus) said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead." ■ Q: Do you believe Jesus the prophet would lie? ■ Q: Wouldn't God become the greatest deceiver?

<h3>What Muslims Do Not Have</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Loving God ■ Personal God ■ Assurance of forgiveness ■ Assurance of eternal life

<h3>Witnessing to Muslims:</h3> <p>Is it possible?</p>
<h1>YES!!!</h1>

<h3>In Faith</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Trust God's sovereignty over history ■ Jesus died for ALL mankind including Muslims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rev 7,9,10 9 After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a mighty shout, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!" ■ Muslims are coming to faith in Christ today

Overcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fear of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –our Muslim neighbors here –Muslims in other countries –terrorists –traveling on airplanes ■ Muslims are NOTour enemy

Take off to put on...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Christians may overcome their fear of MuslimsthroughRELATIONSHIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Befriending–ask them to tell THEIR story – showing hospitality – doing things together – sharing God's love – witnessing to their Muslim neighbors, classmates, fellow-workers, store keepers and physicians

What Can we do?	PRAY

"... therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" -Jesus	

Pray for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ the salvation of leaders of Islamic movements ■ our Muslim neighbors, both here and around the world, to trust Christ as their Savior ■ God to raise up many local and cross-cultural evangelists to Muslims

Remember...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Let your friends tell you what they believe about Islam ■ Muslims believe that Jews and Christians have changed the Bible ■ Muslims assume that Christians believe in three gods ■ Muslims believe that Jesus did not die on the cross

Remember...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ God loves Muslims! – Gen 1:26-27; Rom 3:23; Jn 3:16■ God calls Muslims to Himself – Acts 17:24-31■ Muslims are our neighbors■ Muslims are people too!■ Revelation 7: 9,10

Muslims will come to know CHRIST as they see HIM being lived out daily by HIS children
