

## GOSPEL PRESENTATION

“Which religion do you follow?” Or simply ask, “Have you already said your prayers today?”

Affirm that “Almost all religions are the same, aren’t they?”

- 1) The point of religion is to try to do good and be good enough to please God, so that God will receive us. Almost all religions are concerned with doing good things to offset our sins, but we never get our sins paid off.
- 2) We are all frustrated, aren’t we? We try our best to please God, but fail (sin) continually, leaving us frustrated.

We are all sinners, aren’t we? Our sin debt gets larger instead of smaller, doesn’t it? because we sin every day, don’t we?

What are you doing to pay off your sins? (let them talk about 3-5 things they are doing to get their sins forgiven, then ask the following questions)

- Are your sins paid off (forgiven) yet?
- When will they be paid off (forgiven)?
- In eternity, will your sins be forgiven

## FIRST and LAST SACRIFICE STORY

What I believe is different. *I know my sins are forgiven*, not because I am a good person, although I do try to be good. I know my sins are forgiven, because God Himself already made a way for our sins to be forgiven.

### Jesus Was Sinless

Jesus, the Word of God, was in Heaven with God from the beginning. Then Jesus was born into the world through the virgin Mary. Even the Qur’an says this. Jesus never sinned. He once fasted 40 days and nights without eating anything. During this time he was tempted in every way imaginable, yet he did not sin. He could overcome His passions, so He never married. He never killed anyone. He was born into a normal family (not rich or a religious hypocrite). He was an ordinary person like us.

### Jesus Performed Great Miracles

He cast out demons, healed many people, and He even raised the dead.

### Jesus Prophesied His Death

*It is interesting that*, although Jesus was not old yet, he began prophesying to his followers, “I must die and will rise again.” Do you know why *Jesus said, “I must die?”*

*Why did Jesus have to die? (Adam and Eve Story)*

The answer is in the books of the Law (Torah). The Law tells us about the first person, Adam, and his wife, Eve. In the beginning, God created Adam and from his rib, God created his wife, Eve. God put them in a perfect paradise, called the Garden of Eden. They were given the responsibility of taking care of the garden. They were also given great freedom to eat fruit from all of the trees of the garden, except for the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God promised that if they ate that fruit, they would be punished severely—They would die.

### *Sin, Guilt, Shame, Fear = Leaves for Clothes*

One day, the Devil (in the form of a serpent) tempted Eve to eat the fruit that God had forbidden. Eve ate from the fruit, then she gave it to Adam, and he also ate from it. Suddenly, they were embarrassed and felt ashamed, so they made clothes from leaves to cover their nakedness. They were also afraid, so they hid from God.

### *Severe Punishment*

Then God, who is all-knowing, came to them and brought severe punishment. Eve would have difficulty in childbirth, and until now, all women have that same problem. Adam would have difficulty working to make a living. And until now, all heads of households are in the same predicament. God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden like Paradise, and they could never return. Finally, they died. God's intention was for them to live forever, but because of sin, they had to die.

*That is interesting*, because as far as we know, Adam and Eve were responsible, good people; maybe better than us. We are not told in the Scripture, but perhaps they had already done thousands of good works. However, as far as we know, how many times did Adam and Eve sin before God judged them? Just one time, and that was a small sin. They hadn't killed anyone, committed adultery, or stolen anything. They merely ate a fruit which God told them not to eat. Sometimes we think that if we do more good things than bad things, that our sins will be forgiven, but that is not what the Bible says.

### *Promised Savior and New Clothes*

After judging Adam and Eve, God also judged the serpent (Satan) who had deceived them. God promised that a Savior, whom He had anointed, would be born of a woman's seed, would defeat Satan, and would suffer to redeem people from their sins. Many prophets over a period of hundreds of years promised the coming savior, who would pay off our sin debt.

God still loved the people that he had created. So He made a way for their sins to be forgiven. God did something *interesting*. He changed their clothes. Formerly, they wore leaves for clothes. Do you know what kind of clothes God gave them? God replaced their clothes with animal skins. It appears that God himself offered the first sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. The teaching of the Torah, Psalms, the prophets and the Gospel is that if there is no shedding of blood, sins are not forgiven.

## **“That is Why Jesus Had To Die!”**

All of our forefathers offered blood sacrifices to have their sins forgiven: Adam and Eve, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, etc. Then Jesus came. He was born of a virgin. Only Jesus was a woman’s descendent. He lived a sinless life and performed great miracles. One day, the prophet John, said this about Jesus, “Look, the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world.” That is interesting, a person was called God’s lamb. Why? Because a lamb is a sacrificial animal. THAT IS WHY JESUS SAID, “I MUST DIE.” Jesus is the promised sacrifice. Therefore, Jesus surrendered himself to evil people, who crucified Him. Before Jesus died, He said, “It is finished.” Our sin debt was paid off. Then He bowed his head and died. Jesus came back alive on the 3rd day after his death. He appeared to his followers for 40 days, and then He was taken up into heaven. One day, Jesus will return to the earth as Judge of all men.

## **That is Why I Know My Sins Are Forgiven**

God did for us what no one else could do. God came to us in the form of a man, Jesus, so that He could remove the obstacle that separated us from Himself. True worship can now be restored. I know my debt of sins is paid off because I surrendered myself to Jesus as Lord and believed that He paid my debt through His sacrifice and was raised from the dead. Now I worship God who I know as the Lord Jesus. Jesus has paid my debt of sin and my heart will only worship Him.

## **Get to a Decision**

Invite them to receive Christ by using the following questions:

1. “Does this story make sense to you? It means that our acts of worship cannot pay the price of our sin. Do you still remember the story of Adam and Eve? They only made one mistake and then all their good deeds could not help to pay the wages of their sin.”
2. “Have you ever heard this before?”
3. “Do you want all of your sins to be forgiven so that you can worship God through the Lord Jesus alone? If you want that, do you want to believe that God’s way to pay for your sin debt is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?”

A. If they are ready to receive Christ

- Explain Romans 10:9-10 to them and invite them to receive Christ.  
*Do you believe that Jesus died and rose again to pay for your sin? Will you confess Jesus as Lord of your life? Do you believe that Jesus is the only way to be saved and good works cannot save you? If he believes, then invite him to pray a prayer to surrender himself to Jesus Christ as the Divine Master.*
- Guided him in prayer as follows:  
*“Oh God, I am a sinner, separated from you. Therefore, I deserve to be punished for my sins. But I believe that Jesus had died as a sacrifice to atone for my sins and on the 3rd day was raised from the dead. Now I invite Jesus to become the Divine Master of my life. My life is yours. I confess you as my Lord and Savior. Forgive my*

*sins and lead me every day in the truth. You are the Master of my life. Thank You, in Jesus name I pray, Amen."*

- **Confirm** the time to meet again to start Discipleship.
- B. If open, but not ready to profess faith
- If there is time, immediately tell the first two sacrifice stories.
  - If there is no time, make an appointment to meet again to go through the 6 sacrifice stories.
  - If it is possible, pray for their faith journey and any prayer requests that they have. Let them see that it is Jesus that answers their prayers.
- C. If not open to the gospel, share the gospel briefly, and then move on.