

Summary of Any 3 by Mike Shipman, 2013

1. Are you Muslim? *Or* Are you very religious?
2. Most religions are alike, aren't they? We are all trying to pay off our sins so that we can go to heaven. In your religion, what are you doing to pay for your sins?
3. Three questions:
 - a. Are your sins paid off yet?
 - b. When do you think your sins will be paid off?
 - c. On Judgment Day, will your sin debt be paid?
4. What I believe is different. I know that my sins are forgiven. It is not because I am a good person, although I do try. I know my sins are forgiven, because God Himself has made a way for our sins to be forgiven.
5. Jesus, who was perfect and did miracles,¹ also told his closest friends that He had to die and be raised again to life. Do you know why He said that He had to die?
6. The Taurat tells us that Adam and Eve sinned and were thrown out of the garden. Then God killed an animal and used its skin to make them some clothes. The animal was a sacrifice that covered the shame of sin.
7. From then on the prophets offered sacrifices to pay for sin. Adam, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, and others did this. In fact, the Bible teaches that there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood.
8. In the beginning of Jesus' ministry, a prophet named John pointed to Him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." A lamb is an animal used for sacrifice.
9. That is why Jesus said that He must die. By dying on a cross Jesus became the sacrifice which paid for your sins and mine. By rising again He displayed His power over death.
10. According to the Bible, if we surrender our life to Jesus as Lord and believe that He has paid for our sins through His sacrifice and that God has raised Him from the dead, our sins will be forgiven.

¹ You should expand on the underlined portions as time allows and the Lord leads.

11. It makes sense, doesn't it, that we cannot pay off our own sins but that God made a way for our sins to be forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice? Do you believe this?
12. Would you like to meet sometime to discuss this further?