

Read more about Bassem Adranly's background and focus of study.

Born into a Greek Orthodox family living in the Old City of East Jerusalem under Jordanian rule in 1966, he was only 1 year old when the 6 Day War annexed the Old City and East Jerusalem into Israel. Coming from this background the Lord immediately led him into Jewish and Arab reconciliation from the very first days of his faith in 1995. The unity of the believers in the Land is ever heavy on his heart and drives most of what he says and does.

Bassem is known for his unique insight, rare perspective and sharp teaching on sociopolitical issues. Some of these topics include God's message to the oppressed, preaching a relevant message to the world, our new identity in Christ and healing from nationalistic wounds for people under political oppression. He also teaches much about how to reach and disciple Muslims, how to deal with their arguments and answer their questions.

Bassem first got involved with Muslim ministry quite accidentally only four months after Christ found him, in 1995. At that time he was burdened to start a hot Christian line, and so he put an advertisement into a local magazine. After quoting Matthew 11:28 in bold, he wrote these words: "Do you feel tired, depressed, with no purpose in life? Call this number." Unexpectedly, nearly all who called for help were Muslims. This experience threw him into a crash course about Islam, exposing him to the Islamic narrative of the Bible and Christianity for the first time. Since that day he has been involved in Muslim ministry and dialogue with Muslims, ever moving him to constantly study the Islamic texts and theology and to find ways to defend the Gospel and the Bible.

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M.A. Biblical Studies: University of the Holy Land, 2005-2009

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