The Qur’anic Term ْInjīl: an exploration

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This paper explores the range of questions raised by the Qur’anic term ْInjīl. After comment on the etymology of the term, there follows a review of the Qur’anic concept of ْInjīl as revelation. Next the Qur’anic view of the content of the ْInjīl is discussed. Thirdly, this paper assesses the historical question raised by the apparently positive implication of Q5:47, which exhorts the Christians to judge according to the ْInjīl. What Muslim proposals are there for how best to understand this verse, and how far should the verse be seen as an endorsement of any part of the New Testament gospels? Finally, the paper looks beyond the gospels to consider the writings of Paul in relation to the ْInjīl.