



Jesus in Islam

Muslims believe that Jesus is one of the mightiest messengers of Allah; that he was the Christ; that he was born miraculously without any male intervention (which many modern-day Christians do not believe); that he gave life to the dead by Allah's permission and that he healed those born blind and the lepers by Allah's permission. In fact, no Muslim is considered a Muslim if he or she does not believe in Jesus!

What will also surprise the Christians is the fact that the Muslim does not take the holy name of Jesus, in his own language, without saying *Eesa, alaihi assalam* ("Jesus, peace be upon him").

Jesus in the Quran

In the Holy Quran Jesus is mentioned twenty five times ***"We gave Jesus, the son of Mary, clear signs and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit"*** Quran 2: 87. ***"O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary..."*** Quran 3:45 ***"...Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of Allah..."*** Quran 4: 171. ***"...And in their foot steps we sent Jesus the son of Mary..."*** Quran 5:46. ***"And Zakariya and John, and Jesus and Elias: all in the ranks of the righteous"*** Quran 6: 85

Other Titles

Though Jesus is mentioned by name in twenty-five places in the Holy Quran, he is also addressed with respect as: Ibn Maryam, meaning "The son of Mary"; and as the Maseeh (in Hebrew it is the Messiah), which is translated as "Christ". He is also

known as Abdullah, "The servant of Allah"; and as Rasulu Allah, "the messenger of Allah". He is spoken of as "The Word of Allah", as "The Spirit of Allah", as a "Sign of Allah". Numerous other epithets of honor spread in over fifteen different chapters. The Holy Quran honors this mighty messenger of Allah, and the Muslims have not fallen short over the past fourteen hundred years in doing the same. There is not a single disparaging remark in the entire Quran about him.

Mary Honored

The birth of Jesus Christ is described in two places of the Quran - chapter 3 and chapter 19. Reading from the beginning of his birth, we come across the story of Mary, and the esteemed position which she occupies in the House of Islam, before the actual annunciation of the birth of Jesus, is given: ***"Behold! The angels said: 'O Mary! Allah hath chosen thee and purified thee, and chosen thee above the women of all nations'"*** Quran 3: 42. ***"Chosen thee above the women of all nations."*** Such an honor is not given to Mary even in the Christian Bible! The verse continues: ***"O Mary! Worship thy Lord devoutly: prostrate thyself, and bow down (in prayer) with those who bow down."*** Quran 3: 43

There is a Chapter in the Holy Quran, named Maryam, (Chapter 19) "Chapter of Mary", named in honor of Mary the mother of Jesus Christ, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him; again, such an honor is not given to Mary in the Christian Bible. Out of the 66 books of the Protestants and 73 of the Roman Catholics, no single chapter is named after Mary or her son. You will find books named after Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul and two score more obscure names, but not a single one of Mary!

If Muhammad (Pbuh) was the author of the Holy Quran, then he would not have failed to include in it with Mary, the mother of Jesus, his own mother Aamina, his dear wife Khadija, or his beloved daughter Fatima. But No! No! This can never be. The Quran is not his handiwork!

Divine Revelation

What is the source of this beautiful and sublime recitation, which, in its original Arabic, moves men to ecstasy and tears? ***"This is part of the tidings, of the things unseen, which We reveal unto thee (O Muhammad!) by inspiration: Thou wast not with them when they cast lots with arrows, as to which of them should be charged with the care of Mary: nor wast thou with them when they disputed (the point)."*** Quran, 3:44

So neither Muhammad, the unlettered prophet nor his followers were aware of such tremendous and truthful information concerning all of the messengers, Mary, her mother, Zachariah and those who disputed with him regarding who would care for Mary. They did not know how Zachariah welcomed her and of who used to bring sustenance from Allah as a gift to her, which led Zachariah in spite of his old age and the barrenness of his wife to ask Allah to grant him righteous offspring. Neither Muhammad nor his followers was aware of this previously. It is not possible that you will be able to find such speech bearing the highest level of splendor and eloquence and which is nicely phrased and magnificently presented in the Gospels or anywhere else. This shows that Prophet Muhammad did not speak of his own whims, but rather the Lord of all creations revealed it to him.

Miraculous Birth and absolving of Virgin Mary from slander

"Then We sent to her Our spirit, and he appeared before her in a form of a man in all respects." This refers to angel Gabriel. So at the time this (miraculous) event took place, this pure and chaste woman had set out to devote herself to worshipping Allah, and she had placed a screen in front of her for this purpose in order to protect her honor and chastity so that she can establish her worship. Then lo and behold, a human that was well proportioned in his form and beauty suddenly appeared before her. So she demonstrated the signs of her chastity and modesty in this instance, saying: ***"Verily, I seek refuge in the Most***

Gracious (Allaah) from you, if you do fear Allaah."

Then the noble messenger Gabriel gave her news that caused her fear to be removed and her heart to find tranquility: **"I am only a messenger from your Lord, (to announce) to you the gift of a righteous son." So she replied in amazement: "How can I have a son when no man has touched me, nor am I unchaste?"** So the angel informed her: **"So it will be. Your Lord said: 'That it is easy for Me. And We wish to appoint him as a sign to mankind and a mercy from Us.'"**

So this spirit blew (the life of Jesus) into her. So she conceived Jesus, and withdrew with the baby in her womb to a far place. There she gave birth to her child and was faced with the problem that any chaste and honorable woman like her would feel, so she wished she was dead. Then there happened something that removed her fear and anxiety: **"(The baby Jesus) cried out to her from below her, saying" 'Grieve not, your Lord has provided a water stream under you.'"**

These were the signs and miracles that increased her tranquility and faith in the fact that God would protect her, demonstrate that she was free from any claims of fornication, and manifest her honor and nobility. So all she needed to do was to point to this infant that the slanders used as a means to accuse her of fornication. This child said while still in the cradle: **"Verily, I am a slave of Allah. He has given me the scripture and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I may be. And He has enjoined on me prayer and giving of charity for as long as I live. And (He has enjoined me) to be dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me to be arrogant and wretched. And peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I shall die, and the day I will be raised alive."**

One must remember that Adam also was born miraculously. Does the miraculous birth of Jesus make him a god or a "begotten" Son of God? No! Says the Holy Quran: **"The similitude of Jesus before Allah (God) is that of Adam; He created**

him from dust then said to him: 'Be', and he was."
Quran 3: 59

If being born without a male parent entitles Jesus to being equated with Allah, then, Adam would have a greater right to such honor.

Crucified??

Contrary to Christian beliefs, Muslims believe that Jesus was not crucified, but rather someone else was made to resemble him and crucified instead of him. The Quran states that he was raised up to the heavens where he will wait until the day when he will be sent back to earth towards the end of time. God says: **"And because of their (Jews) saying boastfully: 'We killed the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, Messenger of Allah.' But they killed him not nor did they crucify him, but rather the resemblance of Jesus was put in another man (and they killed that man). And those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no certain knowledge; they follow nothing but conjecture, for surely they killed him not. Rather, Allah raised him up (body and soul) unto Himself. And Allah is Ever All-Powerful, Most Wise. And there is none of the people of the Scripture (i.e. Jews and Christians), except that he will surely believe in Him (that he was really a messenger of Allah) before his (Jesus') death. And on the Day of Resurrection he will be a witness against them."**
Quran 4: 157-159

Descent of Jesus, Son of Mary

Jesus, the son of Mary will be returning to this world before the Day of Resurrection. He will return to become a leader of the Muslim nation" **And he Jesus, son of Maryam (Mary)) shall be a known sign for (the coming of) the Hour (Day of Resurrection) (i.e. Jesus descent on the earth) . Therefore have no doubt concerning it (i.e. the Day of Resurrection). And follow Me (Allah) (i.e. be obedient to Allah and do what He orders you to do)! This is the Straight Path (of Islamic Monotheism, leading to Allah and to His Paradise)." Quran 43:61. Prophet Muhammad**

(Pbuh) has prophesied that Jesus will return and judge mankind with justice. He will descend and will fight the disbelievers.

Does Jesus Knows about Muhammad?

"If you love me, Keep my commandments. And I will pray to the Father and He shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever."
Bible, John 14-15/16. **"But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me, and he also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."**
Bible, John 15-26/27. **"I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. How be it when he, the spirit of Truth will come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall speak not of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that he shall speak, and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and he shall show it unto you."**
Bible, John 16-12/14 .

Muslim scholars have said that the person who is described by Jesus (As) to come after does not comply with any other person but Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). The "comforter" he mentions is none other than Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) and his laws and way of life (Shariah) and Book (Holy Quran) are those that Jesus asks his followers to abide by.

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