

## Jesus: a Prophet of Islam

Muslims respect and revere Jesus, peace be upon him (p) and consider him one of the greatest of God's prophets and messenger to humanity.

Muhammad (p) felt a special closeness to Jesus (p):

*"Both in this world and in the Hereafter, I am the nearest of all the people to Jesus, the son of Mary. The prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one."*

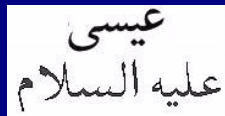
[Bukhari Collection of Hadith]

Neither Muhammad (p) nor Jesus (p) came to change the basic doctrine of the belief in One God, brought by earlier prophets, but to confirm and renew it.

The Quran confirms the virgin birth of Jesus (p), and compares his miraculous creation to the same power that had brought Adam (p) into being without a father:

*Truly the likeness of Jesus with God is as the likeness of Adam. He created him of dust and then said to him 'Be!' and he was.*

*Quran 3:59*



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Upon him be Peace



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# What does the Quran say about Jesus?

## Jesus in Islam

The Holy Quran and the teachings of Muhammad, peace be upon him (p) speak highly of Jesus (p) and his respected mother, Mary, may God be please with her (m).

The Islamic view of Jesus (p) lies between the two other monotheistic religions' views; the one advanced by Jews, who reject him outright, and the one taught by most Churches, that presents him as the Son of God or part of Divinity. The Islamic view is that Jesus (p) was the son of Mary (m) and a chosen Messenger of God who, like Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Muhammad, peace be upon them all, were sent to call mankind to God and righteous conduct.

Muslims love and respect Jesus (p), as much as all of the other Prophets of God.

## The Son of Mary

### From Chapter 3: The Family of Imran

Behold! the angel said: "O Mary! surely God gives you glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ, Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of those nearest to God;"

"He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And he shall be of the righteous."

She said: "O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?" He said: "Even so: God creates what He will: when He has decreed a matter, He only says to it, Be!, and it is."

"And God will teach him the Book and wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel"

And will make him a messenger unto the Children of Israel, [saying]: "I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by God's leave: And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I bring the dead to life, by God's leave; and I inform you of what you should

and what you store in your houses; most surely therein is a Sign for you if you did believe."

"And [I come] confirming that which was before me of the Torah, and to make lawful some of that which was forbidden unto you. I come unto you with a sign from your Lord, so keep your duty to God and obey me."

"It is God Who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a way that is straight."

Quran 3:45 -51

## A Witness

### From Chapter 5: The Table Spread

And behold! God will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of God?" He will say: "Glory to Thee! Never could I say what I had no right. Had I said such a thing, thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowest what is in my heart, though I know not what is in Thine, surely Thou art the great Knower of the unseen things."

"Never said I to them aught except what Thou didst command me to say; 'worship God, my Lord and your Lord'; and I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt among them; when Thou didst take me up You were the Watcher over them, and Thou art a witness to all things."

"If Thou dost punish them, they are Thy servants: If Thou dost forgive them, Thou art the Exalted in power, the Wise."

God will say: "This is a day on which the truthful will profit from their truth: theirs are gardens, with rivers flowing beneath — their eternal Home: God is well-pleased with them, and they with God: That is the great salvation."

To God doth belong the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, and it is He Who has power over all things.

Quran 5:116 -120



He hath ordained for you that religion which He commended unto Noah, and that which We inspire in thee [Muhammad] — and that which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: Namely, that ye should remain steadfast in religion, and be not divided therein: to those who worship other things than God, hard is that to which you call them. God chooses to Himself those whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn [to Him] frequently.

Quran 42:13

## A Prophet

### From Chapter 19: Mary

And she came to her people with him, carrying him [Jesus]. They said: "O Mary! Surely you have done one tremendous [terrible] thing!

O sister of Aaron! Thy father was not a man of evil, nor thy mother a woman unchaste!"

But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?"

He said: "I am indeed a slave of God: He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet;

And He has made me blessed where I may be, and has enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live;

And hath made me kind to my mother, and not arrogant or miserable;

So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised alive!"

Such was Jesus, the son of Mary: a statement of truth, concerning that which they dispute.

Quran 19:27 -34

## A Messenger

### From Chapter 5: The Table Spread

Certainly they disbelieve who say: Surely God is the third of the three; and there is no god but the one God; and if they desist not from what they say, a painful chastisement shall befall those among them who disbelieve.

Will they not then turn to God and ask His forgiveness? And God is All-Forgiving, Merciful.

The Messiah, son of Mary, was no other than a messenger; many were the messengers that passed away before him. And his mother was a woman of truth. And they both used to eat food. See how We make the revelations clear for them, and see how they turn away!

Quran 5:73 -75

Narrated by Umar;

I heard the Prophet saying: "Do not exaggerate in praising me as the Christians praised the son of Mary, for I am only a slave. So, call me the slave of God and His Apostle."

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