

ISLAM AND BELIEF IN JESUS

• Status of the Prophet Isa/Jesus in Islam

In Islam, Prophet Isa is highly respected as one of the important prophets and messengers of Allah. He is not **God or the Son of God**, but rather a human being entrusted with a special mission by Allah **to convey messages and revelations to humanity**. Not believing in him means that a person's faith as a Muslim is not valid and can be questioned.

• Miraculous Birth

Prophet Isa was born miraculously to Maryam (Mary) without the involvement of a father. This birth is a **testament to the power of Allah** but not meant to imply the greatness or divinity of Prophet Isa.

• What is the Teaching of Jesus?

In Islam, Prophet Isa (Jesus) was given the Injil (Gospel) and called upon humanity to believe in the oneness of Allah and to obey Him. He continued and confirmed the messages of earlier prophets like Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham), Prophet Musa (Moses), Prophet Daud (David), Prophet Sulaiman (Solomon), Prophet Ayub (Job), Prophet Yusuf (Joseph), and Prophet Yahya (John the Baptist). They all consistently conveyed Allah's guidance with the same message, emphasizing obedience to Allah's laws and the belief in monotheism (the belief in and worship of the one true God, Allah).

• Denial of the Crucifixion of Jesus

The Quran **explicitly denies the crucifixion of Prophet Isa (Jesus)**. Surah An-Nisa' (4:157-158) states: "And [for] their saying, 'Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah.' And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but [another] was made to resemble him to them. [...] But Allah raised him to Himself." This means that **Islam teaches that Prophet Isa was not crucified or killed**, but rather Allah saved him, and he is still alive.

• Return at the End of Times

It is indeed a belief among Muslims that Prophet Isa (Jesus) will return to the world in the end times. He will come back as a just leader who will combat injustice, correct misconceptions about himself, and call upon humanity to follow the teachings of Prophet Muhammad and **worship Allah alone**. This belief in the return of Prophet Isa is an important aspect of **Islamic eschatology (beliefs about the end times)** and reflects his continued role in guiding and leading people toward righteousness in the future.



The Birth of Maryam/Mary

When she delivered, she said, “My Lord! I have given birth to a girl,”—and Allah fully knew what she had delivered—“and the male is not like the female.¹ I have named her Mary, and I seek Your protection for her and her offspring from Satan, the accursed.”²

So her Lord accepted her graciously and blessed her with a pleasant upbringing—entrusting her to the care of Zachariah. Whenever Zachariah visited her in the sanctuary, he found her supplied with provisions. He exclaimed, “O Mary! Where did this come from?” She replied, “It is from Allah. Surely Allah provides for whoever He wills without limit.”

Surah 3:36-37

THE STORIES OF JESUS AND MARY IN THE QURAN

These stories in the Quran demonstrate a high level of respect for Prophet Jesus(Isa) as a prophet and messenger who conveyed the message of the Islamic religion.

Maryam Chosen as the Best Woman

And ‘remember’ when the angels said, “O Mary! Surely Allah has selected you, purified you, and chosen you over all women of the world.

O Mary! Be devout to your Lord, prostrate yourself ‘in prayer’ and bow along with those who bow down.”

This is news of the unseen that We reveal to you ‘O Prophet’. You were not with them when they cast lots to decide who would be Mary’s guardian, nor were you there when they argued ‘about it’.

Surah 3:42-44



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The Birth of Jesus

‘Remember’ when the angels proclaimed, “O Mary! Allah gives you good news of a Word¹ from Him, his name will be the Messiah,² Jesus, son of Mary; honoured in this world and the Hereafter, and he will be one of those nearest ‘to Allah’.

And he will speak to people in ‘his’ infancy and adulthood and will be one of the righteous.”

Mary wondered, “My Lord! How can I have a child when no man has ever touched me?” An angel replied, “So will it be. Allah creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it, ‘Be!’ And it is!

Surah 3:45-47

Miracles of Prophet Jesus(Isa)

And Allah will teach him writing and wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel,

and ‘make him’ a messenger to the Children of Israel ‘to proclaim,’ ‘I have come to you with a sign from your Lord: I will make for you a bird from clay, breathe into it, and it will become a ‘real’ bird—by Allah’s Will. I will heal the blind and the leper and raise the dead to life—by Allah’s Will. And I will prophesize what you eat and store in your houses. Surely in this is a sign for you if you ‘truly’ believe.

Surah 3:48-49



JESUS VS ADAM

Indeed, the example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him, "Be!" And he was!

Surah Ali 'Imran (3:59)

In this verse, Allah emphasizes that the creation of **Prophet Isa is similar to the creation of Prophet Adam**. Prophet Isa was created without a father, and Prophet Adam was created without a father and mother, directly from the earth. **Both of these creations demonstrate the unlimited power, greatness, and ability of Allah, who can create something from nothing.**

This comparison is used to affirm the oneness of God (the One and Only) and the power of Allah, as well as to reject the incorrect assumption that Prophet Jesus possesses divine attributes due to the miraculous nature of his birth. It is also an important concept in Islam that all miracles/wonders, including the births of Prophet Jesus and Prophet Adam, are the result of the will and power of Allah, not due to any special qualities of the individuals themselves.

