

# JESUS

## SON OF MARY

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**“God has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds, forgiveness and a mighty reward.”**

[Quran 5:9]

IN THE NAME OF GOD, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

## **Preface**

This booklet has been compiled with the sole intention to tell people that we as Muslims believe in Jesus, son of Mary as a prophet of God and that we cannot call ourselves Muslims if we did not. We also believe in his miraculous birth, his second coming, that his mother, Mary, was a chaste woman, he performed miracles and that he was one of the great prophets sent to the Jews.

This booklet has passages from the Quran which clarifies who Jesus was and what he preached. Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad in regard to Jesus are also stated from the Hadith. Hadith is a collection of what the Prophet Muhammad said, did or approved of. The hadith is separate from the Quran, which is God's word.

Jesus has been mentioned many times in the Quran and in the hadith in order to clarify for everyone concerned what Jesus actually believed, what he preached and whether or not he died on the cross. These questions and more have been answered in this booklet, from the passages of the Quran and hadith mentioned.

We ask the reader to read this booklet with an open mind and to ask questions in order to better understand the Islamic position of Jesus.

The Quran (43:64) states that Jesus said:

“Surely it is God who is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. This is the Right Way.”

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## **WHAT THE QURAN SAYS ABOUT JESUS?**

The Messiah, (Jesus) son of Mary was no more than an Apostle; many were the Apostles that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how God does make His Signs clear to them; yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth!

Say: Will you worship besides God something which has no power either to harm or benefit you? But God, He it is that hears and knows all things.<sup>i</sup>

He (Jesus) was no more than a mortal whom We favoured and made an example to the children of Israel.

Had it been Our will, We could create angels from you to succeed you in the earth. He (Jesus) is, in fact, a sign for the coming of the Hour of Doom. Therefore, have no doubt about its coming, follow me; this is the Right Way.

Let not Satan mislead you, for he is your open enemy. When Jesus came with clear signs, he stated: "I have brought you wisdom, and to clarify some of those things about which you have disputes: so fear God and obey me.

Surely it is God Who is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. This is the Right Way."<sup>ii</sup>

## **JESUS IS NOT DIVINE**

O People of the Book! Do not transgress the limits of your religion. Speak nothing but the Truth about God. The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger of God and His Word "Be" which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit from Him which took the shape of a child in her womb. So believe in God and His Messengers and do not say: "Trinity"." Stop saying that, it is better for you. God is only One Deity. He

is far above from the need of having a son! To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the Earth. God Alone is sufficient for protection.

The Messiah (Jesus) never disdained to be the worshipper of God nor do the angels who are nearest to God. Whosoever disdains His worship and is arrogant will be brought before Him all together.<sup>iii</sup>

They do blaspheme who say: "God is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O children of Israel! worship God my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with God, God will forbid him the garden and the Fire will be his abode. There will for the wrong-doers be no one to help.

They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy) verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.<sup>iv</sup>

“... the Christians call the Messiah the son of God. That is a saying from their mouths; (in this) they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. God's curse be on them: how they are deluded away from the truth!

They (Jews and Christians) have taken their rabbis and priests to be their Lords beside God and so they did with Messiah (Jesus) the son of Mary, although they were commanded in the Torah and the Gospel to worship none but One God; besides Whom there is none worthy of worship. Exalted be He above those whom they associate with Him.

They desire to extinguish the light of God with their mouths but God will not allow it to happen, for He seeks to perfect His light even though the disbelievers may dislike it.

It is He Who has sent His Messenger with guidance and true faith to make it prevail over all other faiths even though the unbelievers may hate it.<sup>v</sup>

And We made the son of Mary (Jesus) and his mother a sign for mankind, and gave them a shelter on a peaceful lofty ground, furnished with a fresh spring.<sup>vi</sup>

## **THE DISCIPLES WERE MUSLIMS**

When Jesus found out that they (most of the children of Israel) had no faith, he asked: "Who will help me in the cause of God?" The Disciples replied: "We will help you in the cause of God. We believe in God. Be our witness that we are Muslims."

(Then they invoked God and said): "Our Lord! We believe in what you have revealed and we follow Your Messenger. Please count us with those who bear witness."<sup>vii</sup>

O believers! Be the helpers of God, just as Jesus the son of Mary said to his disciples: "Who will be my helper in the cause of God?" And the disciples responded: "We will be your helpers in the cause of God." Then a group from the children of Israel believed in him (Jesus) and another group disbelieved. We aided the believers against their enemies, so they became victorious.<sup>viii</sup>

## **THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary when she withdrew from her family to a place in the East. She placed a screen (to screen herself) from them: then We sent to her Our angel and he appeared before her as a man in all respects.

She said: "I seek refuge from you to Most Gracious: (come not near) if you do fear God." He said: "I am only a messenger from your Lord (to announce) to thee the gift of a holy son."

She said: "How shall I have a son seeing that no man has touched me and I am not unchaste?" He said: "So (it will be): your Lord says `That is easy for Me: and (We wish) to appoint him as a Sign to men and a Mercy from Us': it is a matter (so) decreed."

So she conceived him and she retired with him to a remote place. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree: she cried (in her anguish): "Ah! would that I had died before this! Would that I had been a thing forgotten and out of sight!"

But (a voice) cried to her from beneath the (palm-free): "Grieve not! for thy Lord has provided a spring beneath you; "So eat and drink and cool (your) eye. And if you do see any man say `I have vowed a fast to Most Gracious and this day will I enter into no talk with any human being.' "

At length she brought the (baby) to her people carrying him (in her arms). They said: "O Mary! truly an amazing thing have you brought! "O sister of Aaron! Your father was not a man of evil nor your mother a woman unchaste!"

But she pointed to the baby. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?" He said: "I am indeed a servant of God: He has given me revelation and made me a prophet; "And He has made me Blessed wheresoever I be and has enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live; "(He) has made me kind to my mother and not overbearing or miserable; "So Peace is on me the day I was born the day that I die<sup>1</sup> and the Day that I shall be raised up to life (again)<sup>2</sup>"!

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<sup>1</sup> Jesus will die after his second-coming. This is explained on pages 9 & 10.

<sup>2</sup> This refers to the Day of Resurrection when everyone will be resurrected to be judged. It does not refer to Jesus dying on the cross and then being resurrected as Muslims believe that Jesus is still alive and did not die on the cross.

Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth about which they (vainly) dispute. It is not befitting to (the majesty of) God that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! When He determines a matter He only says to it "Be" and it is Verily God is my Lord and your Lord: Him therefore serve ye: this is a Way that is straight.<sup>ix</sup>

## **JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS**

The unbelievers among the children of Israel plotted against Jesus and God also devised a plan to raise him up, and God is the best in planning.

God said: "O Jesus! I am going to recall you (from your mission) and raise you up to Myself. I will clean you of those who rejected you and exalt your followers<sup>3</sup> above the unbelievers till the Day of Resurrection; then to Me shall be your return and I shall judge those matters in which you have been disputing.

Those who are unbelievers will be punished with severe punishment in this world and the Hereafter; they shall have no helpers. As for those who believe and do good deeds, Allah will pay them their full reward. God does not love the transgressors." This revelation which We recite to you is full of signs and wise reminders.

In fact the example of the birth of Jesus in the sight of God is like the example of Adam who had no father and mother, whom He created out of dust, then said to him: "Be" and he was. This is the Truth from your Lord, therefore, do not be of those who doubt it.

If anyone disputes with you concerning this matter (the birth of Jesus) after full knowledge has come to you, say: "Come! Let us

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<sup>3</sup> This refers to the Muslims who believe in Jesus as a Prophet of God and not in the Trinity.

gather our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves: then let us earnestly pray and invoke the curse of God on the liars."

Verily this is the absolute true explanation. The fact of the matter is, that there is no god but God; and for sure God is the Mighty, the Wise.<sup>x</sup>

They went in their unbelief to such an extent that they uttered terrible slander against Mary. They even say: "We have killed the Messiah, (Jesus), son of Mary, the Messenger of God." Whereas in fact, neither did they kill him nor did they crucify him but they thought they did because the matter was made dubious for them. Those who differ therein are only in doubt. They have no real knowledge, they follow nothing but merely a conjecture, certainly they did not kill him (Jesus). Nay! The fact is that God took him up to Himself. God is Mighty, Wise.

There is none of the People of the Book but will believe in this fact before his death; and on the Day of Resurrection Jesus will bear witness against them.<sup>xi</sup>

## **DID JESUS APPROVE OF MONASTICISM?**

After them We sent other Messengers, one after the other, and followed them with Jesus the son of Mary. We gave him The Gospel, and put compassion and mercy into the hearts of his followers. As for monasticism, they instituted it themselves - for We did not enjoin it on them - in order to seek the good pleasure of God, but they did not observe it as it should have been observed. Yet We rewarded those among them who were true believers, but most of them are transgressors.<sup>xii</sup>

## **ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT**

On the Day of Resurrection when God gathers the Messengers and asks: "What response were you given from your

addressees?" They will say: "We have no knowledge, only You have all the knowledge of the unseen."

Then God will ask: "O Jesus son of Mary! Recall my favour upon you and to your mother, how I strengthened you with the Holy Spirit<sup>4</sup>, so you could speak to the people in cradle and in old age, how I taught you the Book, Wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel. How you were able to make the figure of a bird out of a clay, by My permission, how you breathed into it and changed it into a real bird, by My permission. How you could heal the born-blind and the lepers by My permission. How you could bring the dead body back to life by My permission. How I protected you from the violence of the Children of Israel when you came to them with clear signs and the unbelievers among them said: "This is nothing but a clear sorcery."

Remember when I inspired the disciples to have faith in Me and My Messenger and they said: 'We believe and bear witness that we have become Muslims.'

How when the disciples asked: "O Jesus son of Mary! Can your Lord send down to us from heaven a table spread with food?" And you said: "Have fear of God if you are true believers." They said: "We only wish to eat thereof to satisfy our hearts and to know that you have indeed told us the truth, and that we bear witness to it."

Jesus the son of Mary said: "O God, our Lord! Send us from heaven a table spread with food that it may mark a feast, one of a kind for those before us and for those after us, as a sign from You; and provide us our sustenance, You are the best Sustainer."

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<sup>4</sup> Everywhere in the Quran where "Holy Spirit" is mentioned it refers to the Angel Gabriel. It does not refer to one part of the Trinity as believed by Christians.

God responded: "I shall send it down to you, but if any of you disbelieve after that, I shall punish him with a torment which I have never inflicted on anyone in the worlds."

After reminding him of these favours, God will say: "O Jesus son of Mary, Did you ever say to the people, "worship me and my mother as gods beside God?" He will answer: "Glory to You! How could I say what I had no right to say? If I had ever said so, you would have certainly known it. You know what is in my heart, but I know not what is in Yours; for You have full knowledge of all the unseen.

I never said anything other than what You commanded me to say, that is to worship God, Who is my Lord and your Lord. I was a witness over them as long as I remained among them; but when You called me off, You were the Watcher over them and You are a Witness to everything.

If You punish them, they surely are Your servants; and if You forgive them, You are Mighty, Wise."

God will say: "This is the day on which the truthful will profit from their truth; they shall have gardens beneath which rivers flow to live therein forever. God is well-pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. This is the mighty achievement."

To God belongs the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth and all that is therein, and He has power over everything.<sup>xiii</sup>

## **WHAT PROPHET MUHAMMAD SAID ABOUT JESUS?**

### **Description of the Second Coming**

“There is no prophet between me and him, that is, Jesus. He will descent (to the earth). When you see him, recognise him: a man of medium height, reddish fair, wearing two light yellow

garments, looking as if drops were falling down from his head though it will not be wet. He will fight the people for the cause of Islam. He will break the cross, kill swine, and abolish *jizyah* (a tax taken from the non-Muslims who are in the protection of the Muslim government). God will perish all religions except Islam. He will destroy the Anti-Christ and will live on the earth for forty years and then he will die. The Muslims will pray over him.”<sup>xiv</sup>

### **Muslims must believe in Jesus**

"If anyone testifies that none has the right to be worshipped but God Alone Who has no partners, and that Muhammad is His Slave and His Apostle, and that Jesus is God's Slave and His Apostle and His Word which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit created by Him, and that Paradise is true, and Hell is true, God will admit him into Paradise with the deeds which he had done even if those deeds were few." <sup>xv</sup>

"I am the nearest of all the people to the son of Mary, and all the prophets are paternal brothers, and there has been no prophet between me and him (i.e. Jesus)." <sup>xvi</sup>

"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." <sup>xvii</sup>

“... if a man believes in Jesus and then believes in me, he will get a double reward.” <sup>xviii</sup>

"By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, surely (Jesus,) the son of Mary will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler); he will break the Cross and kill the pigs and there will be no *jizyah*. Money will be in abundance so that

nobody will accept it, and a single prostration to God (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it."<sup>xix</sup>

"How will you be when the son of Mary (Jesus) descends amongst you and he will judge people by the Law of the Quran and not by the law of the Gospel."<sup>xx</sup>

## **On the Day of Judgement**

... the Christians will be called upon and it will be said to them, 'Who did you use to worship?' They will say, 'We used to worship Jesus, the son of God.' It will be said to them, 'You are liars, for God has never taken anyone as a wife or a son ...'<sup>xxi</sup>

(On the Day of Judgement people) ... will go to Jesus and say, 'O Jesus! You are God's Apostle and His Word which He sent to Mary, and a superior soul created by Him, and you talked to the people while still young in the cradle. Please intercede for us with your Lord. Don't you see in what state we are?' Jesus will say, 'My Lord has today become angry as He has never become before nor will ever become thereafter. Jesus will not mention any sin, but will say, 'What about me! What about me! What about me!'<sup>xxii</sup>

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**Some useful websites about Islam:**

[www.discoverislamaustralia.com](http://www.discoverislamaustralia.com)

[www.beconvinced.com](http://www.beconvinced.com)

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**“O mankind! Worship your Lord, Who has created you  
and those before you, so that you may ward off (evil).”**

[Quran 2:21]

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- i Quran 5:75  
ii Quran 43:57-64  
iii Quran 4:171-172  
iv Quran 5:72-73  
v Quran 9:30-33  
vi Quran 23:50  
vii Quran 3:52-53  
viii Quran 61:14  
ix Quran, 19:16-36  
x Quran 3:54-62  
xi Quran 4: 156-160  
xii Quran 57:27  
xiii Quran 5:109-120  
xiv Sunan Abu Dawood, no.2025  
xv Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, no.644  
xvi Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, no.651  
xvii Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, no.652  
xviii Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, no.655  
xix Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, no.657  
xx Sahih Bukhari, vol.4, no.658  
xxi Sahih Bukhari, vol.6, no.105  
xxii Sahih Bukhari, vol.6, no.236