



Islam & The Second Coming of Jesus

Dear Friend in Jesus! Islam’s portrayal of Jesus is very different from Jesus in the Bible. Although Jesus is the sign (*Ayah*), the word (*Kalima*) and spirit (*Ruh*) from God (Sura 19:16ff), he was a messenger of God like Abraham, Moses and David etc. He is not the Son of God, divine or God himself (Sura 19:88).

About the last days of Jesus’ ministry on this earth at his first coming, Islam is very much confused. The Qur’an states Jesus was not crucified (Sura 4:157-158). Muslims have various ideas from Substitution to a Swoon theory. The Qur’an mentions that Jesus was taken up to God. The majority of Muslims interpret that Jesus was taken up bodily and that one day He will return.

On His return as a Muslim, Jesus will give a chance to Jews and Christians to become Muslims. Islamic traditions state that Muhammad said: “The Hour will not be established until the son of Mary (i.e. Jesus) descends amongst you as a just ruler; he will break the cross, kill the pigs, and abolish the Jizya tax. Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it” (*Sahih Bukhari*, Volume 3, Book 43, Number 656).

These traditions state that Jesus will be an associate of a Muslim Amir – Caliph, leader, named Mahdi, showing his complete adherence to Islam. Some traditions indicate that on his arrival, Jesus will kill the one eyed *Dajjal*, an impostor Messiah (i.e. the antichrist) in a battle (Armageddon). Islam will be victorious. Jesus will live for forty years during which he will marry, have children, and perform *Hajj* (pilgrimage). After his death, Jesus will be buried beside the grave of the Prophet Muhammad (*Sahih Bukhari*, Volume 9, Book 88, Number 242). Sometime later, the ‘Last Day’ also known as ‘Judgment Day’ will take place.

Jesus will testify: ‘I never claimed divinity’

Some key scholars nowadays are teaching that on his return Jesus will testify to Christians, ‘I never claimed divinity’. Some go to the extent of quoting Matthew 7:22-23 claiming, ‘Jesus will say to you Christians I do not know you ... because you call him Lord.’ We are amazed how so many Muslims are writing to us quoting such an argument. Interesting to note that Islam too has some heretic groups like the Ahmadiyya and the Baha’i who believe that their founders were the second coming of Christ in spirit. A few Muslims are perturbed by the present situations of the world and ask Christians of their view; if it is time for Jesus’ coming?

Eschatology:

A thought to ponder

Americans were shocked to observe beheading’s by Islam warriors on the news a few years ago. Be-headings are practiced in some Islamic countries to this day. In fact if it was not for God’s intervention Dr. Masood would have been a victim of this some years ago as his father sought to take his life. Why is this practiced in Islam? First, it was practiced by Muhammad and Muslims believe that he should be followed. Second, it is found in the Qur’an, Sura 47 verse 4 that reads: “Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers smite at their necks.”

This is the method of execution that the Antichrist uses during the tribulation, Revelation 20:4 “and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands...”.

I ask, is it possible that Islam will be the religion that the Antichrist uses?

— David Corbett.

Biblical Perspective

In our response, we usually write: The Bible reveals that his second coming will not be in secret and that the same Jesus will come. When the apostles saw Jesus ascending into heaven, the angels told them: "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Jesus said: "as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west", so will be his coming (Matthew 24:27). In simple words, his coming will be visible to everyone. His first coming took place in obscurity, but his second coming will be universally visible. His coming will be so dramatic; no one will fail to recognize him (Matthew 24:30). At his first coming, Jesus became like us in every respect (Phil. 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:14-16) to deliver us from the power of Satan (Hebrews 2:14-17). He came to conquer sin and rise from the dead to gain victory and triumph over death. At his second coming, we are going to see him as he really is (1 John 3:2). Jesus is coming so that every knee shall bow down and confess that He is LORD (Phil 2: 11). He is coming for those who are His. He will establish the new heaven, the new earth and the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21). Praise God! — **Steven Masood**

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Prayer and Praise points

- ❖ We are thankful to the Lord for continuous good health. We pray for our friends and acquaintances that are ill and sick that the Lord will grant healing. Please pray with us that those who lost their dear ones will be comforted and that they will restore themselves to the Lord.
- ❖ We are thankful to God that in spite of our speaking appointments being cancelled, we have continued to teach and share the gospel on line and through various media venues.
- ❖ Pray with us that we will continue to be able to respond graciously to queries, and those not in our area who desire further guidance will be put in contact with Christians.
- ❖ Steven has now finished writing a new Urdu program to disciple new believers. Due to a change in circumstances, the recording is being delayed, awaiting a green light from the Christian Broadcasting Network. The 30 programs will each be approximately 30 minutes. We pray for His guidance.
- ❖ Please pray with us for the protection of those whom we have trained and equipped who are now in the field.
- ❖ We are thankful for our outreach resources being translated

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