



# Jesus did not die on the cross – Really?

**Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims!** Many Muslims suggest that because of Jesus' supplications (Hebrews 5:7) to be saved from death, he was assured that "God would deliver him from such a death." However, this refers to Jesus' experience in Gethsemane (John 12:27; Matthew 26:39-44).

While orthodox Muslims say that Jesus was bodily taken up into Heaven and perhaps someone else was crucified in his place, the followers of the Ahmadiyya movement in Islam claim that his prayers were heard and that he suffered on the cross but did not die.

*We celebrate  
the Victorious  
Resurrected  
Jesus not just  
once a year  
or one day a  
week, but  
every day!*



## Context matters

When the Bible says Jesus was heard, it does not mean that God would prevent his death on the cross. God answered Jesus' prayer by giving him the strength to go through an agonizing death, to fulfill the promise of atonement for the whole of the world.

To endure separation from his Father and then be raised from death to life was God's will for Jesus, thereby making assurance of salvation and forgiveness available to all believers. Jesus' crucifixion, sacrificial death, and resurrection are all mentioned in Hebrews (9:11-28; 10:8-15; 13:9-12, 20). The writer of Hebrews never intended to imply that Jesus escaped death. Jesus never tried to run away from death on the cross. Instead, we see him deliberately going to Jerusalem to face death (Luke 9:51; Matthew 16:21; Mark 10:33).

It was God's will that Jesus be crucified, fulfilling prophecy. In Gethsemane, Jesus ended his prayer with the words: "Not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). This showed that he did not oppose his Father's will. Jesus did feel the agony of taking the sins of the world on his shoulders and being separated from God. His cry from the cross, using words of the prophecy in Psalm 22:1, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" confirms this.

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Luke 24:44-47;  
Revelation 1:18

## 50 Years in Mission

- On April 23, 1973, Steven Masood committed his life to Jesus and was baptized on April 29 of the same year.
- On April 5, 1975, he was dedicated by local church elders to share the Gospel as a missionary.
- April 5, 2025. We are grateful for 50 years of mission work, praising the Lord for His grace and how He has used Steven and his friends for His glory.
- We are thankful to all of you who have partnered with us on this journey to reach Muslims for Christ and equip believers to follow and share the Gospel.

## The Climax of His Mission

Jesus' death and resurrection are the climax of his mission on earth. At the start of his ministry, Jesus said: "My time has not yet come" (John 2:4). Later he repeated this saying: "My time is not yet at hand" (John 7:6). Just before his crucifixion, he prayed: "Father! The time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you ... I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world" (John 17:1,6). Finally, on the cross, Jesus' last words were: "It is finished." His mission on earth had been accomplished. The promise God had made to Abraham centuries before was fulfilled in the work of Jesus on the cross.

Jesus not only gave his life but also rose from the dead victoriously! The Bible interprets Jesus's death, together with his subsequent resurrection, as a victory (2 Timothy 1:10). We should look not only at his crucifixion and death but also at his victorious resurrection (Luke 24:44-47; Revelation 1:18).— Steven & Karen Masood.

## Ministry outreach highlights

Steven has just finished seven sessions of study on the Book of Acts. Each video presentation is approximately 95 minutes long.  
[www.JesusToMuslims.org/study-acts](http://www.JesusToMuslims.org/study-acts)

There is also a study available in 10 presentations on Jesus or Muhammad, which can be accessed on our website at  
[www.JesusToMuslims.org/seminar4](http://www.JesusToMuslims.org/seminar4)

We've launched a new video series to equip you to share the Gospel with Muslims in your home through our evangelistic leaflets. You can find recordings and PDF leaflets here:  
<https://JesusToMuslims.org/outreach-workshop>

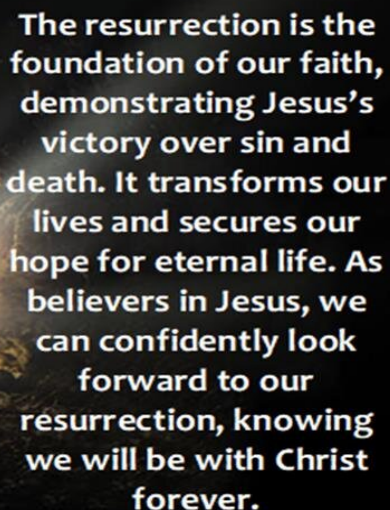
## Other activities:

We continue to add articles to our websites and respond to queries, questions, and objections from Muslims and others. We travel to hold seminars and discussions, equipping the body of Christ in their outreach to Muslims. We help believers of Muslim background in their spiritual journey with Christ. Most of this is accomplished through counseling and Bible Studies, conducted in person or via Zoom and other media.

We appreciate your support. Please remember us in your prayers, as it can be challenging due to technological changes and the need for hands-on help. On that Great Day, may He remember all your help in taking the Good News to Muslims and equip fellow Christians to do the same!

## Prayer and praise points:

- ❖ We pray that all those in the world who knowingly or unknowingly fight against God will know the true peace that comes in submitting to God's will in Christ.
- ❖ We thank God for all our Zoom, Skype, and WhatsApp meetings and our teaching and sharing sessions. We thank Him for the funds and resources He supplied through His precious people. We pray that the Lord will help us to utilize the precious time and energy He has given us to continue writing and presenting messages with a biblical perspective.
- ❖ We ask God to grant us continuous wisdom to equip the body and share the gospel in the simplest Biblical way with Muslims.
- ❖ We pray that all resources received by attendees from seminars, conferences, and websites will be used for the glory of God.



**The resurrection is the foundation of our faith, demonstrating Jesus's victory over sin and death. It transforms our lives and secures our hope for eternal life. As believers in Jesus, we can confidently look forward to our resurrection, knowing we will be with Christ forever.**

- ❖ Please pray for Christians and other minorities in the Middle East who are in danger from Muslims who strive to obey Islam (Sura 9:27-30) to wage war against non-Muslims. We pray for the safety of those who have left Islam and continue to live in predominantly Muslim communities.

- ❖ Pray for our Administrative help in the office to be effective and productive.

### ❖ Please pray with us for the following:

- ✓ **God's Anointing:** as we witness to Muslims and equip believers.
- ✓ **God's Protection:** Spiritual warfare becomes fierce against us when Muslims start listening to Jesus as the only source of Salvation.
- ✓ **God's Provision:** that the Lord will convict the hearts and minds of His people to join us in meeting the needs of this ministry.

## Jesus to Muslims Financial Aspects

This ministry relies solely on the generosity of our donors to continue daily operations, expand outreach, conduct seminars to equip Christians, and research and publish material to reach truth seekers.

We express our gratitude to those dedicated to supporting and remaining steadfast in their calling as we fulfill our purpose.

**Total funds received:**

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**March 2025: \$10,169**

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