

Jesus in the Qur'an and the Bible

Sharing the Truth with Muslims

- 90 verses spread across 15 chapters in the Qur'an refer to Jesus.
- Known as *Isa al-Masih Ibn Maryam* – Jesus the Messiah, Son of Mary (Sura 3:43-46; 19:20 compare Mark 6:3).

The Birth of Jesus

- Mary (Maryam) delivered the baby under a palm tree.
- The baby Jesus (from the cradle) spoke, proclaiming his prophetic mission (Sura 19:21-34; 3:46, 49-51).

The miracle worker

- Jesus, as a child, would make clay birds and breathe in them – they would fly away.
- He healed people, performed miracles, and fed people.

Jesus was not divine.

- Jesus is the word and spirit from God – but he is not Divine (Sura 4:171)
- Truly, the likeness of Jesus, in God's sight, is as Adam's likeness (Sura 3:59)

The Qur'anic Argument:

- *They say: Most gracious has begotten a son - assuredly they utter a disastrous thing* (Sura 19:88-89)

The Last Days of Jesus

- The Qur'an: "... they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, ... for of a surety they killed him not" (Sura 4:157).
- 'Nay, God raised him up unto himself, and God is exalted in Power, wise' (Sura 4:158).

Conclusion:

The real purpose of Jesus being sent as Savior / Redeemer /Restorer is absent from the Islamic teaching.

So how do we help Muslims to know the real Jesus and their need of him?

Main Purpose:

- Using the same Qur'anic information to remove misunderstanding.
- Finding passages in the Qur'an to help Muslims to read the Bible
- A Muslim's need to see in Jesus assurance of eternal life

The Good News to Mary

- ... I am a messenger from your Lord so to (give you the news) of a son endowed with purity (Sura 19:19)

- Help the Muslim friend to read or share what the Gospel narrates (Luke 1:30-31)
- Share and Compare Matthew 1:23 with Isaiah 7:14
- Talk about his title *al-Masih* – 25 times mentioned in the Qur'an

The purity

- ...I am a messenger from your Lord so to (give you the news) of a son endowed with purity (Sura 19:19)
- *The Sinlessness of Jesus* – an important aspect

Jesus as the Sign and Mercy

- A Sign and Mercy from Us. It is a matter decreed (Sura 19:21)
- Share John 1:17; Titus 3:4-7.
- Compare *In the name of Allah, the beneficent and most merciful*, with Eph 2:3-9.

Jesus being the Son - Reason of denial.

- **The Qur'anic reason:** 'How can God have a son when he has no consort' (Sura 6:101)
- **Christian Response:** The Bible nowhere speaks of God having a wife
- The angel's testimony, 'the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God' (Luke 1:35; Compare with John 1)
- The one who was with God and was HIM (John 1:1ff) became the son of Mary, the Son of Man (Phil 2:5-9)

The Last Days of Jesus

- Context, Context, Context (Sura 4:157-158; Sura 3:55; Sura 19:33)

Biblical Response: A Clarification

- The Bible interprets the death of Jesus and his subsequent resurrection as a victory (2 Tim 1:10).

Jesus and Adam:

- Sura 3:59 --- Romans 5:12
- God created the World through Jesus, and the same Jesus was sent to restore it.

Bridges for Sharing Truth

Share the story – Prophets mentioned in the Qur'an – Give a Biblical perspective!

Share the purpose of life here and the eternal -

Etiquettes in outreach

- **Avoid polemics and wordy arguments!**
- **Persevere**
- Muslims have a lot of rethinking to do when they are confronted with the Gospel.
- **Be ready to help – Ask other Christians to come forward to be in fellowship.**
- **"The word that goes from my mouth will never return to me empty ..."**