



Jesus was not a God or the Son of God

Muslims do not view Jesus as the Son of God or a God but consider him an ordinary human being who, like other prophets, had been divinely chosen to spread Allah's message to his people, the people of Israel.

Islam forbids the association of partners with God, emphasizing the notion of God's . The Qur'an declares: *"There is nothing like unto Him (42:11); and, He begets not, nor was he begotten."* (112: 3).

Jesus was not crucified

Trinitarian Christians believe that Jesus was God Himself, or part of God, came to earth, was crucified on the cross to purify our sins and then resurrected and ascended to heaven until he will come back again to this earth.

Muslims believe that Jesus did not die on the cross at all. Allah saved him, and someone else was crucified in his place. The Qur'an states: *"And concerning their saying, 'We killed the Messiah Jesus son of Mary, Allah's Messenger.' They killed him not, nor crucified, but it appeared so to them. Indeed those who disagree concerning it are in doubt about it.*

They have no (true) knowledge about it except that they follow conjecture. Surely, they did not kill him, but Allah raised him up unto Himself. Allah is ever Mighty, Wise." (4: 157-158).

There is a difference of opinion as to the exact interpretation of this verse with regard to the following statement: "They (the Jews) did not kill Jesus, but Allah raised him up to Himself." Some hold that Jesus did not experience the usual human death, but still lives in the body in heaven, which is the widely accepted Muslim view. Others hold that he died, but not on the cross, and being "raised up" to Allah means that Allah saved him from the hands of those who wanted to kill him.

Jesus did not die for our sins

Most Christian denominations hold the belief that the sin of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God is passed on to their descendants and thus the whole of mankind is accursed with that Original Sin, from which no salvation is possible unless one believes in the atoning death on the cross of the Son of God.



Muslims believe that Jesus did not die for our sins to purify us and forgive us. In contrast to the Christian teaching that human nature is basically evil (due to the original sin), Islam teaches that all humans are innocent by birth and they become sinful only when they consciously commit a sin. So there is no original sin in Islam.

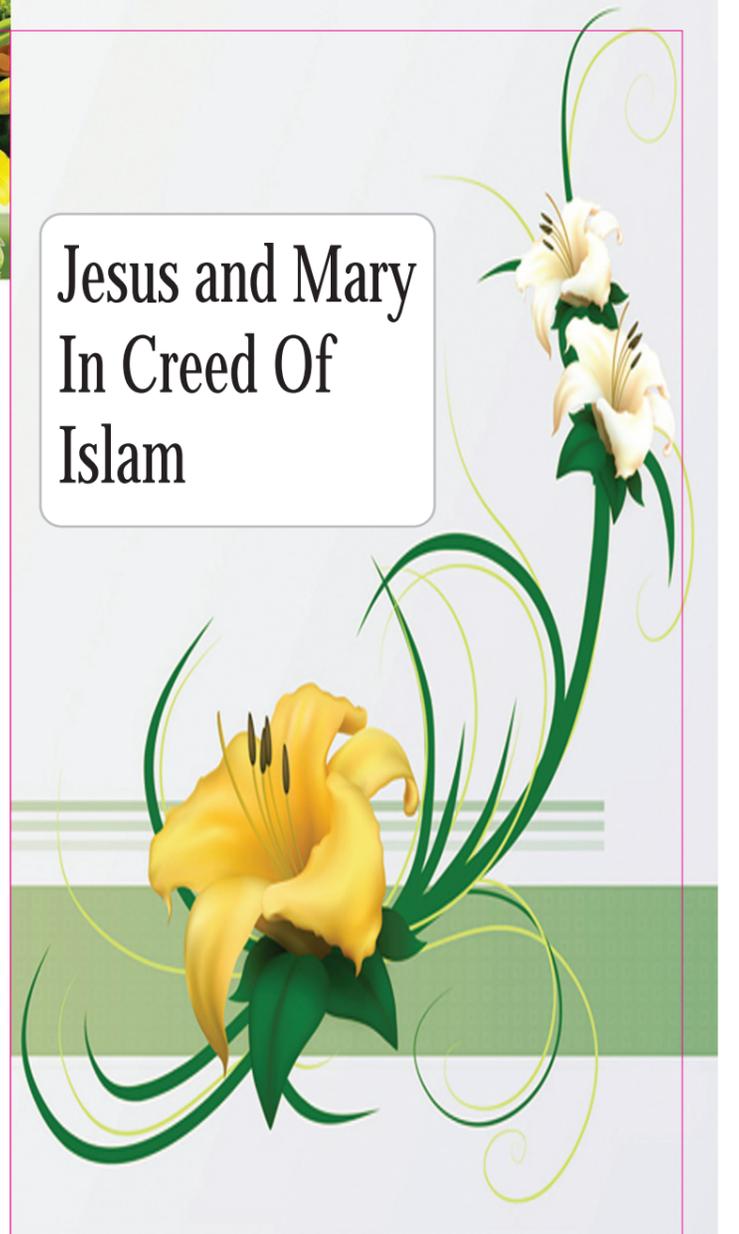
Islamic concept of sin is grounded on the belief that one man's sin cannot be transferred to another; nor can the reward. Every individual is responsible only for his or her actions, for God is never unjust. The Qur'an (17: 15) makes clear that every individual is an independent person who is responsible for his or her actions alone. There is no need for salvation from sin, for there is no original burden.

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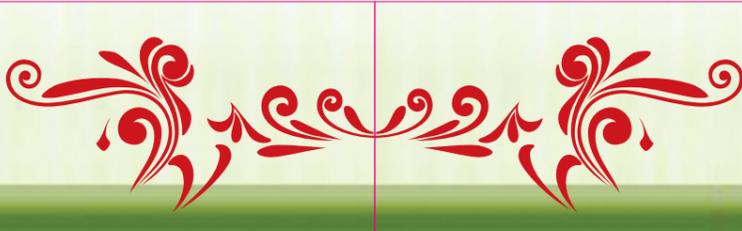


Jesus: A Prophet of Islam

Jesus was a Prophet

Muslims believe that Jesus (peace be upon Him) is one of the Prophets of Allah (God) who had been sent to guide the Children of Israel with a new scripture. In fact, belief in all of the Prophets and Messengers of Allah is a fundamental article of faith in Islam. The Holy Book of Muslims, the Qur'an, declares: "*Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us, and what was revealed unto Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and Jacob and the tribes, and what was given to Moses and Jesus and to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him do we submit.*" (3: 84).

Jesus is seen in Islam as a precursor to Muhammad, and is believed by Muslims to have foretold the latter's coming. In fact, according to the Islamic creed, the original religion taught by all these prophets is and was always Islam, which means peaceful submission to the One and Only God.



Another verse in the Qur'an (5: 46) affirms that Jesus follows the line of Prophets like Moses before Him: "And We sent after them (the previous messengers) in their footsteps Jesus, son of Mary, verifying what was before him in the Torah and We gave him the Gospel in which was guidance and light, and verifying what was before it in Torah and a guidance and an admonition for the God-fearing."

Jesus is mentioned by name in twenty-five places in the Qur'an. He is also addressed with respect as "son of Mary; as messiah; as servant of Allah; as messenger of Allah. He is spoken of as "the word of God", as "the spirit of God", as a "sign of God", and numerous other epithets of honor spread over fifteen different chapters.

Mary and the virgin birth of Jesus

Muslims respect and honor Jesus and His mother Mary. Many Muslims name their children Isa (Jesus) and Mariam (Mary). There is indeed a chapter in the Qur'an, named Mariam. There is also another chapter named after her father, Imran. According to the Qur'an, Mary was a chaste and virgin woman who miraculously gave birth to Jesus: "*And when the angels said: O Mary, surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the world.*" (3: 42)

Muslims believe that Jesus was born from a Noble Virgin. Muslims do not, however, accept the virgin birth of Jesus as evidence of Jesus' divinity. "*She (Mary) said: O My Lord! How can I have a child when no man has touched me? (God) said: Even so; Allah creates what He pleases. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, "Be!", and it is.*" (Qur'an 3: 47). "*The similitude of Jesus before God is as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him: 'Be.' And he was.*" (Qur'an 3:59). Adam's creation was even more miraculous because he was born without father and mother. When Mary brings the baby to her people, they said: "O Mary! Truly, you have brought a strange thing! O sister of Aaron! Your father was not a man of evil, nor your mother a woman unchaste!" Mary then points to the baby. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?" Then a miracle occurs. In defense of his mother, Jesus said: "*I am indeed a servant of Allah. 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, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!"* (Qur'an 19: 27-33).

Miracles of Jesus

Jesus was given the ability to perform to aid him in his quest, all by the permission of God. "*I have come to you, with a sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by God's leave. And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I bring the dead into life, by God's leave; and I declare to you what you eat, and what you store in your houses. Surely therein is a Sign for you if you did believe. (I have come to you) to attest the Torah which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (before) forbidden to you. I have come to you with a sign from your Lord. So fear God, and obey me. It is God Who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a way that is straight.*" (Quran 3:48-51).

