

We Are More Worthy Of

JESUS

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INTRODUCTION

Indeed, all praise and thanks are due to Allāh. We praise Him, we seek His Aid, and we beg for His Forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allāh from the evils of ourselves and from the consequences of our sinful deeds. Whomever Allāh Guides, none can mislead; and whomever Allāh allows to stray, none can guide. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allāh Alone, without partners. And I bear witness that Muḥammad is His slave and Messenger. And I bear witness that Jesus is the slave of Allāh and His Messenger, and His Word which He bestowed upon Mary, and a spirit created by Him; and that Paradise is True, and Hellfire is True.

The title of this short treatise is: **We Are More Worthy of Jesus than They Are.** We, the Muslims, those who declare that nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allāh, are closer to Jesus than any other people, past or present. Those who say that Jesus is the son of Allāh, or that he is Allāh, or that he is one of three—these are the furthest people from Jesus. And those who are closest to Jesus are those who testify that nothing is deserving of worship except Allāh, and who pray and give charity.

In the following pages, four matters will be briefly discussed:

- Who is Jesus, the son of Mary according to Islām?
- The facts pertaining to the miraculous birth of Jesus
- The fact that Jesus was saved from being crucified and did not die on the cross, and
- A look at the return of Jesus to the earth towards the Last Day

It is with the goal of establishing the Truth in the hearts of the people that we bring the reality about this Messenger of Firm Will, the Noble Prophet Jesus Christ, the son of Mary.

WHO IS JESUS IN ISLĀM?

'Īsā (Jesus), the son of *Maryam* (Mary), is a Noble Prophet, peace be upon him. He is one Prophet out of more than one hundred thousand Prophets, peace be upon all of them. We must believe in him, because to disbelieve in a single Prophet is to disbelieve in all of them.

How is that? You may ask. The answer lies in the fact that all of the Prophets are Brothers. Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ said, *"The Prophets are paternal Brothers, their mothers are different, their Religion is one."*¹

So if you disbelieve in Ādam, then you disbelieve in *Dāwūd* (David). If you disbelieve in *Mūsā* (Moses), then you disbelieve in *Yūsuf* (Joseph). If you disbelieve in Muḥammad, then you disbelieve in Jesus. And the same applies to each and every Prophet, because they are Brothers.

The Muslims have been commanded to say: **"We believe in Allāh and that which has been sent down to us and that which has been sent down to *Ibrāhīm* (Abraham), *Ismā'īl* (Ishmael), *Ishāq* (Isāc), *Ya'qūb* (Jacob), and the sons of *Ya'qūb* (Jacob), and that which has been given to *Mūsā* (Moses) and 'Īsā (Jesus) and that which was given to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no difference between any of them, and to Allāh we have submitted."**²

Now, that it is clear that we must believe in all the Prophets, let us repeat the words of Prophet Muḥammad: *"The Prophets are paternal Brothers, their mothers are different, their Religion is one."* The truth seeker will logically

¹ Recorded by Aḥmad, Abū Dāwūd and aṭ-Ṭabarī

² Sūrat-ul-Baqarah (2): 136

ask, “What was their Religion?”

We find that answer in the Qur’ān where Allāh says, which means, **“Truly, the Religion with Allāh is Islām.”**³

Islām means submission to Allāh. And a Muslim is one who submits to Allāh. Did Ādam, the first Prophet of Allāh, submit to Allāh? Of course he did, then naturally he was a Muslim. Did *Nūḥ* (Noah) submit to Allāh? Of course he did, then naturally he was a Muslim. Did *Mūsā* (Moses) and his Brother *Hārūn* (Aaron) submit to Allāh? Of course they did, then naturally they were Muslims. Did *Īsā* (Jesus), the Messiah, submit to Allāh? Of course he did, then naturally he was a Muslim. Did Muḥammad, the final Prophet and Messenger, submit to Allāh? Of course he did, then naturally he was a Muslim. All of them submitted to Allāh, therefore, all of them practiced Islām.

All the Prophets, peace be upon all of them, submitted to Allāh Alone. And all the Prophets called to the worship of Allāh Alone. Each of them said, which means, **“O my people! Worship Allāh. You have no other god than Him. Will you not then be afraid?”**⁴

To further answer ‘Who is Jesus in Islām?’ let us look once again at the statement of the Prophet Muḥammad: *“The Prophets are paternal Brothers, their mothers are different, their Religion is one.”* And let us look into who was the mother of Jesus. In order to be better acquainted with

³ Sūratu Āl-‘Imrān (3): 19

⁴ To read where Prophet *Nūḥ* (Noah) called to the worship of one God alone, see Sūratu Ḥūd (11): 71-72; Prophet *Ibrāhīm* (Abraham), see Sūrat-ul-Baqarah (2): 130-133; Prophet *Yūnus* (Jonah), see Sūratu Ḥūd (11): 84; Prophet *Yūsuf* (Joseph), see Sūratu Yūsuf (12): 101; and from Prophet *Īsa* (Jesus), see Sūratu Āl-‘Imrān (3): 52-53

Jesus, we should know a little bit about his mother.

Her name was *Maryam* (Mary). Her father's name was 'Imrān. Her mother was Ḥinnah, the daughter of Fāqūd. Ḥinnah, Mary's mother, was unable to have children so she called upon Allāh to give her a righteous son whom she would dedicate to live in the temple for His worship.

But when Ḥinnah gave birth to a girl, she was disappointed because women at that time were not accepted in the places of worship. But Allāh knew best what she had given birth to.

'Imrān, Mary's father, probably died before she was born because she was raised by *Zakariyyah* (Zachariah), her uncle, who was also a Prophet of Allāh, peace be upon him.

Mary was raised in Baytul-Maqdis⁵ and she was raised there by a Prophet. Mary reached a position that most people will never reach. She reached perfection. Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ said, "*Many men have reached perfection but only a few women have...*"⁶ And of those he mentioned was Mary, the daughter of 'Imrān.

She reached such a level that a whole Sūrah is named after her in the Qur'ān.⁷ And this story tells of her conceiving Jesus, peace be upon him.

Mary left from her room in the place of worship to take care of some personal business when the Angel *Jibrīl* (Gabriel) came to her in the form of a man.

Being that Mary was a virgin, and a righteous woman, she sought protection in her Merciful Lord from this strange

⁵ The well-known masjid in Palestine.

⁶ Recorded by al-Bukhārī

⁷ A Sūrah is similar to a chapter. Sūratu Maryam is number 19.

man. But Gabriel told her of the good news of a son. She said, “How can I have a son, when no man has touched me, nor am I unchaste?” He said, “So it will be. Your Lord says, ‘That is easy for Me.’”⁸

See, dear seeker of Truth, the creation of Jesus without any father is easy for Allāh. All humans were created in one of four ways. Ādam was created from dust - he had neither father nor mother. Ḥawā (Eve) was created from Ādam’s rib - she had no mother. Jesus was born of a virgin - he had no father. And every other human had a father and a mother.

The Might, the Power and the Decree of Allāh—this is all easy for Him. Allāh created the sun and all that is in the sky without anything holding it up. The earth is round yet we walk on it flat. Allāh is the One Who sends down water for us to drink. Allāh is the One Who causes the tender shoot to penetrate the hard soil, and the seed to develop into a flower.

It is Allāh Who saved *Nūḥ* (Noah) from the flood. It is Allāh Who saved *Ibrāhīm* (Abraham) from the fire. It is Allāh Who allowed *Mūsā* (Moses) to split the river and lead the Children of Israel to safety. It is Allāh Who saved Jesus from the Jews and Romans. It is Allāh Who saved Muḥammad the day he fled Makkah.

“It is Allāh Whom there is nothing worthy of worship except Him, the Knower of the Unseen and the Seen, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

“It is Allāh Whom there is nothing worthy of worship except Him, the King, the Holy, the One Free from all

⁸ See Sūratu Maryam (19): 16-21

defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory be to Allāh! High is He above all that they associate with Him.

“It is Allāh, the Creator, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of form. To Him belongs the Best Names. All that is in the Heavens and the earth glorifies Him. And He is All-Mighty, All-Wise.”⁹

It is easy for Allāh to create a man from dust. It is easy for Allāh to create a woman from a rib. And it is easy for Allāh to place Jesus in the womb of a virgin, Mary.

Right away, Mary became pregnant. And on the same day, *Zakariyyah’s* (Zachariah) wife became pregnant with *Yaḥyā* (John). Jesus and John were maternal cousins. When Mary began to show signs of her pregnancy she left for Bethlehem. She did not want people to accuse her of fornication, so she left.

And she carried Jesus for a full nine months. Some people say she was pregnant only for a day, or a month—but this is wrong. This is proven by the fact that when she returned to her people with a baby, they accused her of fornication. Would they have done so if she left for an hour and came back with a baby? No! They would have thought she was babysitting or something, or that she found a lost or abandoned baby. So we must understand that she carried Jesus for a full nine months.

When she gave birth, the pains drove her to the trunk of a palm tree and she said, “Would that I had died before this, and been forgotten and out of sight.”

⁹ Sūrat-ul-Ḥaṣhr (59): 22-24

Then Jesus cried unto her from below and said, "Grieve not, your Lord has provided water under you. And shake the trunk of the tree, ripe dates will fall for you."

When she brought the baby to her people, they accused her of fornication but she did not speak and pointed towards the baby. They said, "How can we talk to one who is in the cradle?"

But Jesus said, **"Verily, I am a slave of Allāh. He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet. And He has made me Blessed whosoever I be, and He has enjoined upon me prayer and charity, as long as I live, and to be dutiful to my mother. And He made me not arrogant, unblessed. And peace be upon me the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive."**

Such is Jesus, the son of Mary. It is a statement of Truth, about which they doubt. It befits not Allāh that He should have a son. Glorified is He. When He decrees a thing, He only says to it: "Be and it is."¹⁰

Glory be to Allāh! While still a baby, Jesus was able to speak and order the Jews and the Romans to obey Allāh, the Most High.

Jesus was appointed as a sign and a mercy. But what does this mean? This is answered beautifully in Sūrat-ul-Mā'idah (5), where Allāh reminds Jesus, **"O Jesus, the son of Mary! Remember My Favor to you and your mother when I supported you with the Holy Spirit so that you spoke in the cradle and in maturity, and when I taught you writing, the power of understanding, the Torah and the Gospel; and when you made out of clay a figure like that of a bird, by My**

¹⁰ Sūratu Maryam (19): 22-35

Permission, and you breathed into it, and it became a bird by My Permission; and you healed those born blind, and the lepers by My Permission; and when you brought forth the dead, by My Permission.”¹¹

So as soon as he was born he started calling people to submit to Allāh—he called them to Islām.

It is said that Jesus was born having already memorized the Torah. And that he would sit upon the seats of the Jewish scholars and would teach them their books at the age of five years old. This is a sign to mankind. And he was given the *Injīl* (Gospel) in order to correct the errors of the Jews. This is indeed Mercy.

He spoke in the cradle, made a clay bird fly, healed those born blind and the lepers, and brought the dead to life, all by Allāh’s Permission. These, too, were signs for mankind. These are some of the miracles of Jesus that he used to call people to submission to Allāh—to call them to Islām.

But these signs were not enough. The people wanted more. So Allāh gave them one more sign. He saved Jesus from the Romans and the Jews when they decided to kill him.

Allāh supported Jesus with disciples. But even his own disciples wanted more signs. They wanted a table spread to come down from the sky with food from the sky.

Allāh granted them this request, but He told them that if they disbelieved after this then He would punish them with a punishment that He would not punish anyone else with.¹²

And after all those signs: speaking as a baby, healing

¹¹ Sūrat-ul-Mā’idah (5): 110

¹² See Sūrat-ul-Mā’idah (5): 112-115

the blind and the lepers, bringing food down from the sky and more—the multitudes of people still disbelieved - but not just a regular disbelief. They disbelieved in the Message of Jesus so much that they wanted to murder him.¹³

They plotted to kill Jesus but Allāh raised Jesus up to Himself. Even though the Jews boasted about killing Jesus—they did not.¹⁴ Allāh raised him to Himself. They did not even bring him to the cross. This is what the Qur’ān says.

This is not a new thing for Allāh. Jesus was not the first to be raised up. Prophet *Idrīs* was also raised up.

And it is not strange for Allāh to save one of His obedient slaves. He saved *Nūh* (Noah) in the flood. He opened the Nile for *Mūsā* (Moses) to walk through. And Prophet Jesus was raised to the sky.

Allāh put him in a state of sleep and He raised him up. It is reported to us from Ibn Abbās that Jesus came to his disciples and asked them, “Who from among you is willing to have Allāh place my likeness on him and he be placed on the cross and be killed instead of me, and he will be rewarded by being with me in Paradise?”

The youngest one stood up but Jesus told him to sit down. He asked the question again, and the youngest stood up again. Again, Jesus told him to sit down. Jesus asked the question for the third time and when the youngest stood up again, Jesus told him, “Then it is you.”

Allāh Who is Able to do all things befitting His Majesty, placed the likeness of Jesus on this young Believer and he was taken by the Jews while Jesus was raised to the

¹³ See Sūratu Āl-‘Imrān (3): 52-54

¹⁴ See Sūrat-un-Nisā’ (4): 157

sky in a state of sleep. But the Jews and Romans were made to think that they killed Jesus.

This was a test for the disciples. The people disagreed about what happened and became three separate groups. Some of them said that Jesus was Allāh. Some said that Jesus was the son of Allāh. And others said that Jesus was the Messenger of Allāh who came to teach us submission to Allāh.

So those who said Jesus was Allāh and those who said he was the son of Allāh came together and killed those who said he was the Messenger of Allāh. They killed those who truly followed Jesus. And the Truth was hidden until Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ came to clarify and establish our affairs.

These are great miracles. Miracles that occurred by the permission of Allāh. And each Prophet was sent with miracles relevant to their time and people.

Mūsā (Moses), peace be upon him, lived in a time when people practiced magic. So his miracles involved his staff turning into a snake, by Allāh's permission; and his hand becoming white when he placed it in his garment, by Allāh's permission. The miracles of *Mūsā* (Moses) outshined the people's magic.

Jesus, peace be upon him, was sent when a people practiced medicine. So his miracles included curing the blind, healing the leper, raising the dead, all by Allāh's permission. Jesus' miracles overshadowed the medicine of his people.

Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ came at a time when people were into poetry and took pride in possessing eloquent speech. So although he performed hundreds of miracles, by Allāh's permission, his greatest miracle is the Qur'ān.

And if you were asked to prove that Prophet Moses'

staff turned into a snake, you couldn't do it. If you were asked to prove that Prophet Jesus brought a dead person to life, you couldn't do it. If you were asked to prove the miracles of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ like multiplying food, stones talking to him, reattaching limbs, etc., you couldn't do it.

But we can prove that the Qur'ān is the best speech ever, for it is the Speech of Allāh, preserved and unaltered. And in this miracle of a Book that is most excellent in style, rhythm, and meaning we read about the story of Jesus, peace be upon him. And such a book could only tell the Truth.

It is true that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, that he spoke in the cradle, and cured the sick and disabled. It is true that Allāh saved him from the evil plans of the Jews. And we can prove it because it is in the Qur'ān.

So Jesus ascended into heaven and he will return one day that is not too far off. Only Allāh Knows the reasons he will return but we can deduce many reasons why he will return by looking at what will happen then.

First, he will disprove those who said he was crucified. Second, he will disprove those who said he is Allāh, or the son of Allāh, or that he is one of three. Third, he will prove that Prophet Muḥammad is a true Messenger of Allāh and the final Prophet. Fourth, he will rid the earth of the trials of the anti-Christ. And fifth, his coming will mean that the Final Hour is very near.

One of the acts of Jesus upon his return will be to kill the anti-Christ. The anti-Christ is not an internet, or a concept, or a country—but a real man. He will be red-complexioned, overweight, have extremely curly hair, be blind in his right eye and it will bulge out like a grape, and his

left eye will be green.

All the Prophets, from Ādam to Muḥammad, warned against this one-eyed liar. But many people will be fooled by his deception. He will be able to travel anywhere in the world quickly, but he will not be able to enter Makkah or Madīnah.

The anti-Christ will show the people two rivers: one clear, containing cool water while the other will be like molten lava. But if you have the misfortune of meeting him, you should drink from the hot river because it is actually cool. And the cool river is really hot. The anti-Christ is a deceiver.

The devils will help him but this is only a test from Allāh. The anti-Christ will be on earth for one year. At this time, Jesus will descend. He will be medium height, red-white complexioned, and he will have on two yellow garments, and his head will appear wet though it is not.

He will descend with one hand on an Angel's wing and the other hand on another Angel's wing. He will appear in Damascus, Syria near the white lighthouse. The Muslims will be about to pray when he descends and the leader of the Muslims will offer to let Jesus, peace be upon him, lead the prayer. Jesus will refuse to lead since he is not returning as a leader but a follower, and he will pray with the people.

After this, Jesus will go quickly to Jerusalem where the Muslims will be under siege by seventy thousand Jews with swords in their hands. The Jews will be helping the anti-Christ.

But when the anti-Christ sees Jesus he will start to dissolve like salt dissolves in water. Jesus will catch him and kill him. And no disbeliever will survive the breath of Jesus which extends as far as he can see. The anti-Christ will die at the door of Ludd, in the city of Ramalah, Palestine.

While Jesus is still on earth, the Gog and Magog will be set loose in the earth but Jesus will pray to Allāh for Help and a worm will kill the Gog and Magog. Then the Muslims will live in peace.

Jesus will not live on earth as a Prophet, but he will be a Muslim following the Qur'ān and the Sunnah – the final revelation, for there is no religion acceptable to Allāh other than Islām.

Jesus will destroy the cross because it is a sign of idolatry and disbelief in Allāh. He will kill the pig and will call the people to Islām and won't accept anything else from them.

At this time, money will become so abundant that no one will accept charity. It will be a blessed life where people will race to do good deeds. Rain will be ordered to fall and vegetation will grow so much that if you planted a seed on a rock the plant would grow really big. And wolves will live with sheep, lions with camels, and children will play with snakes without being bitten.

Jesus will live for forty years and then he will die like all humans do. And the Muslims will pray for him after his death, peace be upon him.

CONCLUSION

O people whose eyes are set on these words! O people whose hearts are set on following the Truth! It is true that Jesus was born of a virgin, and he spoke as a newborn baby, but listen to what he said. He said, **“Verily I am a slave of Allāh.”**¹⁵

Many people think that because Jesus did not have a father that he must be Allāh, or the son of Allāh. But Allāh says, **“Verily, the likeness of Jesus before Allāh is the likeness of Ādam. He created Ādam from dust, then He said to him, ‘Be’ and he was.”**¹⁶

“Verily, Christ the son of Mary is nothing more than a Messenger, his mother was an honorable, trustworthy woman. They used to eat food. Look how Allāh makes the signs clear.”¹⁷

Jesus said while in the cradle that he was a slave of Allāh, and on the Day of Judgment he will be asked by Allāh, **“O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to the people, ‘Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allāh’? He will say, ‘Glory be to You! It was not for me to say that which I had no right to say. Had I said such a thing, surely, You would have known it. You know what is in my inner self though I do not know what is in Yours. Truly, You, only You, are the All-Knower of what is hidden. I never said anything except what You commanded me to say, and that is: Worship Allāh, my Lord and your Lord. And I was witness over them while I**

¹⁵ Sūratu Maryam (19): 22

¹⁶ Sūratu Āl-‘Imrān (3): 59

¹⁷ Sūrat-ul-Mā‘idah (5): 75

was among them, but when you took me up, You were the Watcher over them. And You are a Witness to all things. If You punish them, they are You slaves. And if You Forgive them, verily, You, only You, are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.”¹⁸

So on that Great Day, Jesus will free himself from the evils the people have attributed to him.

To the worshippers of Jesus, here is a question. And anyone who can answer it should do so:

If a god was to die by the hands of the people—is he a god?!

And how strange it is that the god can be covered in a grave. And what is stranger than that is a god living in a woman’s stomach, living there for nine months amongst darkness and blood. And exiting her body, opening his mouth to eat and drink and be breastfed. And then relieving himself. Is this your god? Is this your god?! High is Allāh above the lies the people will be asked about.

Jesus will never be too proud to reject being a slave of Allāh¹⁹ and neither should you. Submit to Allāh. Submit to what Jesus called you to submit to. Submit to Allāh in Islām.

Islām is simple. It is only to bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allāh Alone, and that Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allāh, the Brother of Jesus. Islām is to pray five times a day at appointed times, to give a small amount from your wealth to the poor, to fast the month of Ramaḍān, and to perform Ḥajj if you are able.

¹⁸ Sūrat-ul-Mā’idah (5): 116-118

¹⁹ Sūrat-un-Nisā’ (4): 72

Islām is to believe that Allāh is One, having no partners, no sons nor daughters, no shortcomings. To believe in the Angels, the Books sent down to the Messengers, the Prophets sent to mankind. To believe in the life after death, and to know that everything happens according to the Will of Allāh, whether we see it as good or bad.

So the call of Islām is for mankind to join the rest of the Muslims worldwide; to join Jesus in submitting to and worshipping Allāh Alone, to join him in prayer, and in giving charity.

Any way other than this has no right to claim Jesus, for only those who submit to Allāh are worthy of Jesus. The Muslims are most worthy of Jesus Christ, the son of Mary. Muslims believe as he believed, and they do as he did. We are more worthy of Jesus, peace be upon him, than anyone else. And all praise and thanks are due to Allāh.

