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His name is known all over the world. Some invoke him as a lord and deity, ascribing divine attributes to him; others disparage and insult him.

✦ What is, then, the truth of Christ Jesus, son of Mary ?

✦ Is he really the son of God, as the Christians claim ?

✦ Is he God himself, as some of them assert ?

✦ Or is he an illegitimate child, as the Jews portray him ?

The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, may Allah's protection be upon him, is one of Allah's prophets. Allah chose him as a prophet and sent him forth to the Children of Israel to call them to worship Allah alone and not to attribute any partners to Him.



Allah Almighty created him in a very special manner: He miraculously brought him into existence without a father. Allah did this to prove His absolute power to us. He created Adam without a father or a mother and Eve without a mother. He also created Jesus with a mother but without a father, and He creates the rest of mankind with a mother and a father.

His mother, Maryam (Mary) daughter of 'Imran, was a devout worshipper. She dedicated herself to the worship of Allah in the Sacred House, the Mosque in Jerusalem. She withdrew from her people to an eastern place in the mosque, where she kept herself in seclusion, so that she could devote herself solely to worship.

Then Allah sent the angel Gabriel, may Allah's protection be upon him, in human form to her. Terrified and thinking that he intended to do her harm, she exclaimed: (I seek refuge from you with the All-Merciful [Allah]! Leave me alone, then, if you truly fear Him.) *The Qur'an, 19:18*

that is to say, If you truly fear Allah, do not do me any harm then.

The angel reassuringly replied: (I am only a messenger of your Lord, who has sent me to give you, by His command and power, a pure son.) *The Qur'an, 19:19* i.e., a sinless child who will grow up upon goodness and piety.

(How can I possibly bear a child), she said, rather astonished, (when no man has ever touched me, nor have I ever been a loose woman?!) *The Qur'an, 19:20*



That is to say, how can this possibly happen given that I am not married, nor am I an adulteress? He said, (Thus it will be, Your Lord says: Creating a child without a father is easy for Me to do. We will create him in this

way to be a sign for people of Allah's power and a mercy from Us to you and to people. This matter has already been decreed.) *The Qur'an, 19:21*

Gabriel, peace be upon him, blew into the neck opening of her garment, and so she conceived Jesus, peace be upon him.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, said: "If anyone bears witness that there is no deity worthy of worship but Allah, without any partners, and that Muhammad is His servant and messenger, that Jesus is Allah's servant and messenger, as well as His Word ("Be," whereby He commanded him to come into existence, and he was) which He bestowed on Maryam (Mary), and a spirit created by Him, and that Paradise is true, Hell is true and the resurrection is true, Allah will certainly admit him into Paradise through any of its eight gates he wishes."

Allah created Jesus by His command to him with the word, "Be," and he came into existence, hence he is referred to as "Allah's Word".

Allah says: (The likeness of Jesus, in Allah's sight, is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then He said to him, "Be", and he was!.) *The Qur'an, 2:59*

Because Jesus came into existence without a father, the Christians claimed that he was the son of God. Allah Almighty conclusively refutes this misconception in several ways:



Allah is self-sufficient and rich beyond need

Allah Almighty says: (And they (Jews, Christians and pagans) say: Allah has begotten a son. Glory be to Him

(Exalted be He above all that they associate with Him). Nay, to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth, and all surrender with obedience (in worship) to Him.) *The Qur'an, 2:116* Thus, Allah Almighty is self-sufficient. He does not stand in need of His creation, while His creation does stand in need of Him and depends in its existence and sustenance on Him. All that is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him; how could He, then, have offspring from what He has created and when everything belongs to Him and is in total subjugation to Him?!

People need offspring to give them company in their old age, assist them in earning their livelihoods, maintain and provide for them or bear their names after their demise. By contrast, Allah Almighty does not stand in need of that, for He is the Ever-Living God who never dies, and so He does not need offspring.



Allah does not have a wife

Allah Almighty says: (He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. How can He have children when He has no wife? He created all things and He is the All-Knower of everything.) *The Qur'an, 6:101*

How could He, then, have offspring when He does not have a wife? It is well-known that the offspring is and must be of the same nature and kind as the parent. Allah, however, is not comparable to any of His creation; He is the Creator of everything and has neither a wife nor offspring.

The Almighty says: (Our Lord -exalted is His majesty! Has not taken a wife nor any offspring.) *The Qur'an, 72:3*



Jesus was born without a father

The fact that Jesus was born without a father does not provide valid grounds to raise him to divine status. Allah Almighty says: (The likeness of Jesus, in Allah's sight, is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then He said to him, "Be," and he was!") *The Qur'an, 2:59*

Therefore, if the miraculous birth of Jesus without a father is used as a justification for taking him as a god, Adam, who was created with neither a father nor a mother, should with all the more reason be considered a deity. However, since Adam was not a deity, as those who make such a claim admit, Jesus is , with all the more reason, not a deity.



Their claim is manifestly unfounded

Allah Almighty says: (They say, 'Allah has begotten offspring!' Self-sufficient is He, and far exalted is He above all that! To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. You have no evidence whatsoever for such an assertion. Would you say something about Allah which you do not even know if it is true?.) *The Qur'an, 10:68.*

He also says: (That is the utterance of their mouths.) *The Qur'an, 9:30* That is to say, What they say merely

comes from their mouths and does not materialize in reality, which, in other words, means they are only telling lies.

Allah Almighty gives us manifest rational proof - which even very young children comprehend - that Jesus is by no means a deity. Allah Almighty says: (The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a messenger. Messengers before him passed away. His mother was a virtuous and truthful woman. They both ate food. See, then, how We offer them clear, conclusive evidence, and see how they cling to their misguided ideas and turn away from the truth.) *The Qur'an, 5:75*

That is to say, both Jesus and his mother, Mary, ate food to satisfy their human needs, and thus they can by no means be considered deities.



Jesus the Messiah himself never claimed he was the son of God, nor did he ever command anyone to worship him. In fact, the first thing he said when he was still an infant proves this: (I am the servant of Allah. He has already decreed He will give me the Gospel and make me a prophet.) *The Qur'an, 19:30*

The Almighty also says: (And Allah will say “on the Day of Resurrection”: “O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you say unto men: ‘Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allah?’ ” He will say: “Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right (to

say). Had I said such a thing, You would surely 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 all that is hidden and unseen.)
The Qur'an, 5:116

Jesus the Messiah was raised up to heaven alive. When the Roman soldiers attempted to arrest him, Allah cast his likeness on another man, whom they thought was Jesus, and so they apprehended and crucified his lookalike instead, after Jesus was raised up to heaven. The Almighty says: (Certainly; they killed him not [i.e. Jesus, son of Mary]. Rather, Allah raised him up “with his body and soul” unto Himself “and he is in the heavens”. And Allah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.)
The Qur'an, 4:157-158

He will return during the end times and rule by the law revealed to Muhammad ﷺ.

Therefore, people's faith will not be reckoned valid unless they believe that Muhammad and Jesus Christ are among Allah's honourable messengers - for they affirmed each other and called people to the same religion, namely, to worship none but Allah—and to believe in all of Allah's messengers. Allah Almighty says: (The Messenger believes in what has been revealed to him from his Lord, and so do the believers; each one believes in Allah, His angels, His books and His messengers, without making any distinction whatsoever between any of His messengers «that is, they do not believe in some and reject others». They say, ‘We hear and obey. Grant us Your forgiveness, our Lord; to You is the return of all.) *The Qur'an, 2:285*





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