



What Do Muslims Believe About Jesus?

We the Muslims believe in the prophethood and messengership of Jesus, the Son of Mary. What is meant is that he was a willful and compliant servant of Allah (God), who was sent with a message from Allah (God); to be a source of guidance and a means to prosperity and success for whomever willfully submitted and followed him.

We believe that Jesus is Allah's word imposed upon Mary, it being "be" and as a result he became (i.e. he came into existence within her womb without her ever being touched by a man). Him being brought into existence by Allah's command "be" is a sign/evidence of the might and power of Allah (God), which indicates Allah (God) being capable of what we humans would consider to be impossible. Likewise it was a sign/evidence indicating the legitimacy of the prophethood and messengership of Jesus.

We believe Jesus was a flesh and bone man from the tribe of Israel, thus he had no share in divinity whatsoever. We believe that he performed miracles like causing the blind to see, healing the leper, breathing life into the clay bird, and raising the dead. However, these miracles were impossible for him to perform without the permission of Allah (God); in other words Allah (God) granted him the ability to perform these miracles and Allah (God) willed it to be. In addition, these miracles were a testimony to the truthfulness of his prophethood and messengership.

We believe that Jesus was sent to the descendants of Israel exclusively, and not to every tribe and/or nation. He warned them of a severe chastisement for whomever turned away from Allah's guidance, and gave glad tidings to whomever submitted to the message that he was instructed to deliver. Consequently, he was the means for the descendants of Israel to receive Allah's mercy and forgiveness, as he was the long awaited Messiah; and the last prophet and messenger sent to them specifically.

We believe that the myth that Jesus died on the cross in order to atone for the sins of humanity is false, due to several reasons: **First:** No man can die for the sins of another; whatever man earns with his hands is what he will receive. Furthermore, if a man falls into sin, then he should turn to Allah (God) with sincere repentance; as He hears the calls of His creation and knows the sincerity of their repentance. **Second:** We believe that Allah (God) spared Jesus from this torment and humiliation at the hands of his enemies and made it appear as if they had succeeded, when in reality they did not. On the contrary, Allah (God) raised Jesus--*body and soul*--to Himself, and he is currently in the heavens.

We believe in the return (second coming) of Jesus. His return will be a sign for the nearness of the Day of Judgment. He will judge over men in accordance with Allah's guidance and legislation, he will slay the Antichrist, will get married, and die a natural death. No one from among humanity, *in general*, and the descendants of Israel, *in specific*, will deny his true status and reality from what was previously mentioned about him prior to his death.

We believe that Jesus will have lived a life of servitude to Allah (God), directing all acts of worship to Him alone (e.g. invocation, fear, hope, prayer, fasting, repentance, etc.). This is a reality that he lived and taught. Jesus' life is lived in service to the Creator by worshiping Him and inviting others to the worship of Him, along with shunning the worship of created beings. This goal of his was the goal of all prophets and messengers, and it is also the goal of their adherents; thus making it the goal of the religion of Islam, to which we the Muslims invite humanity.