



# ‘Isā عليه السلام: A Prophet of Allāh



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‘Isā ﷺ is one of the eminent Prophets of Allāh Ta’ālā and was a human just as other Prophets ﷺ. He was born miraculously, without the agency of a human father. Allāh Ta’ālā revealed a book of guidance to him known as the Injeel (the New Testament) which has undergone many changes and alterations and no longer remains in its original form.

## Maryam ﷺ

‘Isā ﷺ was born to Maryam ﷺ who was the daughter of Imrān and Hannah. They were both very pious, righteous and respected by all.

Hannah desired to have a child and would continue making Du’ā to Allāh Ta’ālā. Allāh Ta’ālā accepted her Du’ā and she was blessed with a daughter whom she named Maryam.

Imrān, the father of Maryam ﷺ had passed away before her birth. By the instruction of Allāh Ta’ālā, Zakariyyā ﷺ, who was also her uncle, became her guardian.

From childhood, Maryam ﷺ was very pious and religious. She would worship Allāh Ta’ālā all day and read the Tawrāt in a room connected to Al-Masjid Al-Aqsā.

Maryam ﷺ was bestowed with many blessings. Whenever Zakariyyā ﷺ would visit her place of worship, he found food and drink with her. She would have fruits which were out of season. Upon asking, Maryam ﷺ replied, “It is from Allāh Ta’ālā.”

## Birth Of ‘Isā ﷺ

‘Isā ﷺ was born miraculously without the agency of a father. This miracle was only possible through the power of Allāh Ta’ālā. Maryam ﷺ worshipped Allāh Ta’ālā and studied the Tawrāt all day. Once, Maryam ﷺ went to the eastern part of Bayt-ul-Maqdis for a bath. Suddenly, Jibra’eel ﷺ appeared before her in human form and said, “I am an angel sent by Allāh Ta’ālā to give you glad-tidings of a son.” She was amazed and could not understand how she could have a child when no man had ever touched her.

Allāh Ta’ālā mentions in the Qur’ān, “She said, “O my lord, how shall I have a son while no human has ever touched me?”

Jibra’eel ﷺ replied, “That is how Allāh Ta’ālā creates what He wills. When he decides a matter, He simply says to it ‘Be!’ and it comes to be.”

## Is ‘Isā ﷺ A God Or The Son Of God?

As Muslims, we believe that ‘Isā ﷺ is not God nor the son of God. He was a beloved servant and noble messenger of Allāh Ta’ālā just like all other Prophets ﷺ.

It is mentioned in the Qur’ān that ‘Isā ﷺ miraculously spoke to the people whilst still a baby in the cradle and said, “Verily I am the servant of Allāh Ta’ālā. He has given me the Book, and made me a prophet.”

Allāh Ta’ālā also mentions in the Qur’ān, “Indeed, the example of ‘Isā to Allāh is like that of Ādam.”

Ādam ﷺ was created without a father and mother yet he is not believed to be God or the son of God. He is a servant and messenger of Allāh Ta’ālā. Likewise, ‘Isā ﷺ cannot be God nor the son of God simply on the basis that he was born without the agency of a father. He is a servant and messenger of Allāh Ta’ālā.

## ‘Isā ﷺ Preaches The Oneness Of Allāh Ta’ālā

‘Isā ﷺ called his people to believe in the oneness of Allāh Ta’ālā and to obey all His commands. He also gave glad-tidings of the last and final Messenger Muhammad ﷺ.

Allāh Ta’ālā mentions in the Glorious Qur’ān, “(Remember) when ‘Isā, son of Maryam said ‘O children of Isrāeel, I am a messenger of Allāh sent towards you, confirming the Tawrāt that is (sent down) before me, and giving you the good news of a messenger who will come after me, whose name will be Ahmad.”

## Miracles Of ‘Isā ﷺ

‘Isā ﷺ performed many miracles through the power of Allāh Ta’ālā. He blew life into birds made of clay. He restored the eyesight of those born blind. He cured the leper. He brought the dead back to life. He would also reveal to the people what they had eaten and what they had kept in their homes.

## Was ‘Isā ﷺ Crucified Or Killed?

‘Isā ﷺ has not yet died a physical death. He was raised physically into the heavens. He was neither killed or crucified. He is alive in the heavens and will remain so until just before the end of time.

Allāh Ta’ālā mentions in the Qur’ān, “And for their saying, ‘We have certainly killed the Masīh ‘Isā, the son of Maryam, the Messenger of Allāh’, while in fact they did neither kill him, nor crucify him, but they were deluded by resemblance. Those who disputed in this matter are certainly in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it, but they follow whims. It is absolutely certain that they did not kill him, but Allāh lifted him towards Himself. Allāh is All-Mighty, All-Wise.”

## ‘Isā ﷺ Was Raised In To The Heavens

Due to the increase in number of the followers of ‘Isā ﷺ, the Israelites could not tolerate this and feared they would lose grip of their people. So, they went to the Roman

Governor of Damascus, Pilate and convinced him that ‘Isā ﷺ is a threat to his rule. He immediately ordered the arrest of ‘Isā ﷺ.

‘Isā ﷺ was informed by Allāh Ta’ālā of this evil plot and Allāh Ta’ālā saved him just as He saved other Prophets ﷺ when they were in danger.

When the soldiers sent one of their men into the place where ‘Isā ﷺ was residing, through the power of Allāh Ta’ālā, the soldier’s face was changed to resemble ‘Isā ﷺ and Allāh Ta’ālā raised ‘Isā ﷺ up into the second heaven. When the other soldiers went inside to assist him, they arrested him and crucified him believing him to be ‘Isā ﷺ.

Many people thought that the crucified man was ‘Isā ﷺ. But the truth is ‘Isā ﷺ was raised up into the second heaven and was not crucified.

## Descent Of ‘Isā ﷺ

One of the major signs of Qiyāmah will be the descent of ‘Isā ﷺ from the heavens into this world.

It is mentioned in the Ahādeeth that ‘Isā ﷺ will come back to Earth resting his arms on the shoulders of two angels and will descend on the white eastern minaret of the Jāmi’ Masjid of Damascus in Syria. Upon his descent, it will appear as if drops (of water) are flowing from his head though it would not be wet. ‘Isā ﷺ will then take command of Imām Mahdi’s forces and kill Dajjāl by the gate of Ludd.

‘Isā ﷺ will establish a just and prosperous rule and will follow the teachings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

He will live for some time and then die a natural death and will be buried alongside our Prophet ﷺ in Madeenah Munawwarah.

## Who Is The Final Prophet?

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the last and final prophet. When ‘Isā ﷺ will return before Qiyāmah, he will not come as a prophet. Instead he will follow the religion of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Whosoever was to be given prophet hood has received it before the coming of our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, who is the last and final prophet.

These are the beliefs of Muslims regarding ‘Isā ﷺ. To entertain beliefs which are contrary to the sacred personality of the Prophets and Messengers of Allāh Ta’ālā is an act of disbelief.

May Allāh Ta’ālā safeguard our Imān and bless us with His Guidance.

