

THE KORAN SAYS SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT
'ISA IN SURAH AL-IMRAN 3:42-55

I 'ISA IS HOLY

Mary chosen by God to bear Jesus into the world 42 And when the angels said: O Maryam! surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the world.

43 O Maryam! Keep to obedience to your Lord and humble yourself, and bow down with those who bow.

44 This is of the announcements relating to the unseen which We reveal to you; and you were not with them when they cast their pens (to decide) which of them should have Maryam in his charge, and you were not with them when they contended one with another.

'Isa is the Word of God

45 When the angels said: O Maryam, surely Allah gives you good news with a Word from Him (of one) whose name is the Messiah, 'Isa son of Maryam, worthy of regard in this world and the hereafter and of those who are made near (to Allah)

'Isa is the Messiah

'Isa is near to Allah/God

'Isa is righteous

46 And he shall speak to the people when in the cradle and when of old age, and (he shall be) one of the good ones.

47 She said: My Lord! When shall there be a son (born) to I me, and man has not touched me? He said: Even so, Allah creates what He pleases; when He has decreed a matter, He only Says to it, Be, and it is.

3:42-43 At a dark moment in the history of the world. Allah did something exceptionally unusual. Allah spoke through an angel to a young virgin woman named Maryam. He told her that he had chosen her for an unusual role.

3:44 The Koran says that angels cast lots to see who would be given the privilege to guard and protect Maryam during the time period of this all-important assignment given by Allah.

3:45 Muslims have two particular designations for 'Isa. 'Isa-Kalimatullah and 'Isa-Ruhullah. Why is 'Isa called by these two names? The answer is in Al-Imran 3:45

Allah said that he would put his Word into Maryam. "Word" (Kalim) is related to the term used for 'breath' or 'spirit' of Allah. 'Isa Ruhullah means, "Jesus the spirit of Allah". Another reference to 'Isa being a Word and spirit of Allah is found in The Women 4:171 "speak the truth; the Messiah, 'Isa son of Maryam is only an apostle of Allah and his word which he communicated to Maryam and a spirit from him".

So the Koran teaches us that 'Isa Kalimatullah or 'Isa Ruhullah was sent from Allah himself and placed in the form of a baby in Maryam. That means 'Isa has come to us from heaven.

Allah told Maryam to name the baby " 'Isa Masi". Masi or Messiah means, "The Anointed or Promised One". The verse concludes with the claim that 'Isa would be honoured by all people in this world and forever in heaven and is one of the nearest to Allah. It's easy for 'Isa to be near Allah since he is Allah's Kalimatullah and Ruhallah. We can also understand why 'Isa would be honoured by all people of the world. Look at Surah Luqman 31:27, "And if all the trees of the earth were pens and the Ocean (were ink) yet would not the words (Kalim) of Allah be exhausted." I believe the Koran is exactly right. I cannot think of any major religion (Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) that does not give honour and respect to 'Isa". "Isa is a prophet for the entire world.

3:46 Furthermore, Allah said that 'Isa would speak to the world, not only as an adult, but also from the cradle. How could 'Isa speak to the world as a baby from the cradle? Surah Maryam tells a story of Mary holding 'Isa in her arms. She lifts back the blanket and the infant 'Isa speaks to the people. But it could also refer to 'Isa's birth being a testimony to the whole world!

Allah also said that 'Isa would be righteous. 'Isa never sinned. 'Isa never married, killed anyone and was poor. In many cultures, people considered to be holy have these three traits.

3:47 Maryam was shocked by the news that Allah had given. How could she have a baby? No man had ever touched her. But Allah explained to her that He could do anything He wanted. All He has to do is say "Be!" and it is so.

[When Christians say 'Isa is the Son of God they mean that he is the Word of God or Spirit of God become a human being. Certainly not through a physical relationship!]

Do you know of any other prophet who did not have a father? Answer: Al-Imran 3:59 says that 'Isa is like Adam. This is true, because both of these prophets did not have a father.

Secondly, Allah does nothing by accident. Everything he does is his perfect plan. Have you ever thought about the reason why Allah decided 'Isa was to be born without a father?

The answer is apparent when you realise that Adam, before he committed his sin in the garden and became evil, walked with God in the garden. Adam could walk and live with God because he did not have any sin. At first, Adam was righteous and holy, but once Adam committed sin by disobeying Allah, he and all of his descendants became unholy and could not live together with the holy God.

Someone may insist that although 'Isa did not have a father, he did have a mother and that she had the blood of Adam in her. This point is well taken. When a baby is in the mother, never is blood passed between the two. If blood is passed, very likely, both the mother and the child will die. Babies create their own blood as they develop in the mother's womb. 'Isa did not have Adam's blood in him. Adam and Eve were banned from the garden because of one single sin. Anyone who has committed only one sin has become unholy and cannot go to heaven and live in the presence of the holy God. Adam committed one sin and was cast out of God's presence without any hope of returning there. No matter how many good things man does, he cannot solve the problem of his unholiness. Only God can solve this problem for man.

The topic of Adam becoming a sinner and his descendants inheriting his sinful nature arises. The Koranic verse below shows that Adam was

forever kicked out of the garden and his nature became evil, as did his descendants. Simply look at his descendants from Adam to Noah.

Surah Ta Ha 20:121 "Then they (Adam and his wife) both ate of it, so their evil inclinations became manifest to them, and they both began to cover themselves with leaves of the garden, and Adam disobeyed his Lord, so his life became evil".

When Adam was first created, he walked with Allah in the Garden. They could be together because both were holy. This is why the Koran says that 'Isa and Adam were similar. 'Isa was like Adam when Adam was holy. Then Adam sinned and he could no longer stay with the holy God. The descendants of Adam who have Adam's blood in them are just like him. An apple tree only produces apples, it will never produce oranges. We long to be with Allah, but because we are unholy, we cannot get to Allah or heaven.

We need someone who is wise enough and powerful enough to help us. Is there a prophet who is wise enough and powerful enough to help us? See Surah Al-Imran 3:48-54

2. 'ISA HAS POWER OVER DEATH.

Allah taught 'Isa the Book of wisdom and the other holy books

48 And he will teach him the book and the wisdom and the Taurat and the Injil.

'Isa heals the blind

'Isa heals the leper

'Isa raises the dead to life

49 And (make him) an apostle to the children of Israel: That I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, that I determine for you out of dust like a form of a bird, then I breathe into it and it becomes a bird with Allah's permission and I heal the blind and the leprous, and bring the dead to life with Allah's permission and I inform you of what you should eat and what you should store in your houses; most surely there is a sign in this for you, if you are believers.

50 And a verifier of that which is

before me of the Taurat and that I may allow you part of that which has been forbidden to you, and I have come to you with a sign from your Lord therefore be careful of (your duty to) Allah and obey me.

- 51 Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord, therefore serve Him; this is the right path.
- 52 But when Isa perceived unbelief on their part, he said, "Who will be my helpers in Allah's way?" The disciples said: We are helpers (in the way) of Allah: We believe in Allah and bear witness that we are submitting ones.
- 53 Our Lord! We believe in what Thou Hast revealed and we follow the apostle, so write us down with those who bear witness.
- 54 And they planned and Allah (also) planned, and Allah is the best of planners.

3:48 In Surah Jonah 10:94 the Koran speaks about the "Before Books" or Scriptures (Kitabs): " And if thou (Mohammed) art in doubt as to what We reveal unto thee, then question those who have read the Scripture (that was) before thee. Verily the Truth from thy Lord hath come unto thee. So be not of the waverers".

Muslims know about the Scriptures (holy books or Kitabs) that were before. These scriptures include the Taurat (Torah), the Zabur (Psalms), Book of Wisdom (Proverbs, not normally mentioned by Muslims), and the Injil (Gospel). According to Surah Jonah 10.94, Allah tells Mohammed that if he has any doubts about Allah's words, then ask those who have read those books.

3:49 Allah demonstrated his power through 'Isa. The Koran says that the lepers were healed, the blind received their sight, and even the dead were

raised to life again..Just as Allah made Adam out of clay and breathed life into it and it became alive, 'Isa had the same power to create life. He blew his "Ruh" (Spirit) into the clay and it came to life. This reaffirms that 'Isa is the Ruhullah of Allah.

What is our greatest enemy? Answer: death! 'Isa has power over our greatest enemy. No one overcomes death-but 'Isa did! This passage in the Koran floods my soul with hope, 'Isa had the power to raise the dead to life- POWER OVER DEATH! The world has been waiting for a prophet who can demonstrate power over our greatest enemy-death!

3:50 'Isa said that his life verified or confirmed what the prophets had spoken about him in the 'Before Kitabs (holy books).' The old prophets spoke much about "Isa Masi (the Promised One). When I read the 'Before Kitabs,' I found over three hundred prophecies about 'Isa spoken by the prophets. For example this one was written 758 years before the birth of 'Isa; it says: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14) In the original language, the name 'Immanuel' means, 'God with us.'

3:51 'Isa sais that the Straight Path is to worship Allah alone. Say,"There is only one straight path to Allah. 'Isa knew about that straight path."

3:52-53 In order to get all the people of the world to worship Allah alone, 'Isa asked for some helpers. A small group of men (the disciples) came forward and said that they are Muslims and that they will help 'Isa. In addition, they said that they believe in Allah's message and the Messenger ('Isa) that he sent down (note that not all translations say, "that He sent down). Down from where? Obviously, 'Isa was sent down from heaven. By the way the followers of 'Isa were called Muslims..is this not amazing?

3 'ISA KNOWS THE WAY TO HEAVEN.

"Terminate" in Arabic (mu-tawaffi-ka) means "to die." Other translations use the word "gather"

'Isa was raised to be with Allah

55 And when Allah said: O 'Isa, I am going to terminate the period of your stay (on earth) and cause you to ascend unto Me and purify you of those who disbelieve and make those who follow you above those who disbelieve to the day of resurrection; then to Me shall be

Followers of 'Isa are made
Superior to those who
disbelieve

your return, so I will decide
between you concerning that in
which you differed.

3:55 In the Arabic Koran the word for death in verse 55 would be, "Iz qa_lalla_hu ya_ "isa_inni mutawaffika wa ra_fi'uka ilayya wa mutahhiruka minal lazina_kafaru_ wa ja_'ilul lazinattaba'u_ka fauqal lazina kafaru_ila_yaumil qiya_mah(ti), summa ilayya marji'ukum fa ahkumu bainakum fima_kuntum fihi takhtalifu_n(a)." Mutawaffika (root of the word is "Tawaffa") means "death" or "to die". Does ayat 55 say that Allah would cause 'Isa to die then raise him?

It is exciting to read in the Koran that those who follow 'Isa and do his work will be lifted above all the Unbelievers in the world. In Surah Al-Imran 3:33 it says "Surely Allah chose Adam and Nuh (Noah) and the descendants of Ibrahim and the descendants of Imran (father of Maryam) above the nations."

'Isa came down from heaven, lived a holy life, had power over death, then left the earth and went to be with Allah, and is in heaven today. Maybe there is hope for us to get to heaven after all. In Surah 21:91 we read: "And she (Maryam) guarded her chastity, so We breathed into her of Our spirit and made her and her son a sign for the nations."

Along roadsides are signs that help us to get to where we want to go. 'Isa is a sign for the entire world, according to the Koran.

Here are four verses from the Koran that show that Allah's Truth and roadmap to heaven is perfectly revealed in the "Scriptures that came before the Koran". First look at Surah Jonah 10:94:

And if you (Mohammed) are in doubt concerning that which We reveal unto you, then question those who read the Scrioture (that was) before you. Verily the Truth from thy Lord hath come unto you. So be not of the waverers.

Allah tells Mohammed, if you have doubts, you should question "those who read the Scripture that was before you," because he truth is found in those Scriptures. Christians and Jews are the ones who have read the previous scriptures referred to by Mohammed.

Then Surah The Women 4:136 O you who believe! Believe in Allah and His messenger and the Scripture which He revealed aforetime,

Whosoever disbelieves in Allah and His angels and His Scriptures and His messengers and th Last day he verily has wandered far astray. It is common for Muslims to say that the Scriptures "that came before," that is, the Old and New Testaments, have been changed and corrupted and are therefore unreliable. Look at Surah Cattle 6:115-116 which reads:

... Those unto whom We gave the Scripture (aforetime) know that it is revealed from your Lord in truth. So be not (O Mohammed) of the waverers. Perfected is the Word of the Lord in truth and justice. There is nothing that can change His words. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

So Allah has assured Mohammed that the Scripture (prior to the Koran) was given by him. It is perfect and no one can change it.

Finally, the roadmap for blessings and eternal life are found in the Taurat and Injil. See The Table Spread 5:65-66

If only the People of the Scripture (the Jews-see verse 64) would believe and ward off evil, We would remit their sins from them and surely We would bring them into Gardens of Delight. If they had observed the Taurat (Torah) and the Injil (Gospel) and that which was revealed unto them by their Lord, then they would have been nourished from above them and from beneath their feet.