

# The Great Messengers

HAZRAT ISA عليه السلام



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## HAZRAT ISA ﷺ

Hazrat Isa ﷺ was amongst the most eminent of the messengers. While Nabi ﷺ was the seal of all the messengers, Hazrat Isa ﷺ was the last of the messengers of the Bani Israeel (the descendants of Hazrat Ya'qub ﷺ).

The Injeel that was given to Hazrat Isa ﷺ was the highest-ranking scripture revealed to the Bani Israeel. The Injeel corrected the malpractices and alterations made to the Deen of the Bani Israeel after the revelation of the Torah. It was therefore regarded as the completion of the Torah. Hazrat Isa ﷺ therefore revived the teachings brought to the Bani Israeel by Hazrat Musa ﷺ.

In addition to this, Hazrat Isa ﷺ was the greatest bearer of the glad tidings that Nabi ﷺ would soon be coming to this world. Hazrat Isa ﷺ is amongst the most mentioned figures in the Qur'an, which provides great details about him.

Hazrat Isa ﷺ and his mother are mentioned in fourteen Surahs of the Qur'an, sometimes in detail and sometimes in brief. Hazrat Isa ﷺ is referred to by his name Isa twenty-five times, by the title Maseeh eleven times, by the name Ibn Maryam (the son of Maryam) twenty-three times and sometimes by the title Kalimah or Rooh.

In many verses of the Glorious Qur'an Allah denied the claim of the Christians that He has a son.

### Glad Tidings of the Birth of Hazrat Isa ﷺ

The coming of Hazrat Isa ﷺ was foretold by several Ambiya ﷺ.

Hazrat Maryam (Radiyah anha) would not leave her room during the days except for a need and therefore never came into contact with men. It therefore came as a shock to her when Hazrat Jibrail ﷺ appeared before her in the form of a human one day. She bade him to leave, but he assured her that she had nothing to fear from him since

he was an angel deputed by Allah to give her a message. He then proceeded to inform her that she would soon be giving birth to a special and celebrated child. She exclaimed in surprise, “how can I bear a child when no man has touched me?”

However, Hazrat Jibrail عليه السلام then gave her courage by describing to her the special qualities of the child and assuring her that the child will be born as it is the decree of Allah.

## The Birth of Hazrat Isa عليه السلام

It was not long thereafter that Hazrat Maryam (Radiyahallahu anha) felt that she was pregnant. As it would worry anyone, she also began to worry as the pregnancy progressed. However, what worried her more was the fact that people would accuse her of fornication.

When the time for birth was imminent, she left her home and went out alone into the wilderness, until she reached a hill close to the Saraat mountain, which was located approximately nine miles out of Baytul Muqaddas. This place is now called Bethlehem. She was forced to sit down beneath a date palm when her labour pains started. While she had managed to conceal the pregnancy all the months, she wondered how she could ever conceal the child.

In this most desperate hour of need, Allah sent Hazrat Jibraeel عليه السلام to her again. Calling out to her from a distance, he bade her not to grieve. He told her that Allah would cause a stream to flow beside her for water and that she only needed to shake the trunk of the date palm for it to drop down fresh and nutritious dates to eat. Since she recognised the voice and appearance of the angel, she felt comforted and the child was soon born.

However, the worry did linger at the back of her mind concerning what she would say to her people when she returned.

However, Allah Ta’ala would not allow her to suffer slander and the angels arrived yet again to provide the solution. He told her to tell

the people that she was observing a fast of silence and could therefore not answer their questions. She was to point to the child to tell them to address their queries to the infant. Content with the directive from Allah, she returned to Baytul Muqaddas with the baby in her arms.

## Maryam returns with her baby

As expected, the people immediately censured her for committing a heinous act, adding that this was inexcusable because she belonged to a family in which piety was a hallmark. As commanded, she pointed to the child. The people were outraged and asked, “How can we speak to an infant in a cradle?” However, the little baby then spoke in clear words for all of them to understand. He said, “I am a slave of Allah (contrary to the beliefs of the Christians who claim that he is Allah or Allah’s son). Allah gave me a scripture (the Injeel) and made me a Nabi (contrary to the beliefs of the Jews who claim that he was not a Nabi). Allah has blessed me wherever I may be (so that I may always be of benefit to people) and has commanded me to perform salah and to pay zakah (when I return to the world before Qiyamah) as long as I remain alive. Allah has also made me kind to my mother (because I have no father) and has not made me a tyrant and a wretched person. Peace be on me the day I was born, the day death comes to me (after I return to this world before Qiyamah), and the day when I shall be resurrected (because these are the most traumatic days for people in general)”.

It is evident that the claim of the Christians who say that Hazrat Isa عليه السلام was the son of Allah is a false claim. It is for this reason that Allah clarifies the fact that Hazrat Isa عليه السلام was created by Allah merely saying “Be!”

When the people heard the infant speak in this manner, they realised that the birth was indeed a miracle and that Hazrat Maryam (Radiyahallahu anha) was blameless of the slander they had implied. It did not take long for the news of this miraculous birth to reach all the people in the area.

## Declaration of Nubuwwah

Before the coming of Hazrat Isa عليه السلام, the Bani Israeel fell into many sinful activities and had also corrupted their beliefs with their practices. They eventually became so insolent in the matters of religion that they stooped to the level of assassinating the messengers whom Allah sent for their guidance.

The scholars of the Bani Israeel during those times used to alter the injunctions of the Torah according to their whims and the whims of those who rewarded them for doing so. According to the bidding of the people, they therefore made lawful what was unlawful and vice versa. They did nothing to forbid evil when they could and even went a step further to associate with the evil doers. They even declared evils like usury and bribery to be lawful.

Hazrat Isa عليه السلام was sent during these dark times for the guidance of the people. From a young age he started to call the people towards good and made it clear to them that Allah had sent him for their guidance. He told them that he had come to reinstate the injunctions of the Torah, which they had forsaken so that the truth it stated is confirmed as the truth.

## The Four Miracles

Together with being given a divine scripture, Hazrat Isa عليه السلام was also blessed with several miracles relevant to his times. The Qur'an explicitly mentions the following four miracles that Hazrat Isa عليه السلام performed:

1. By the command of Allah, he would raise the dead back to life
2. He would cure congenitally blind people as well as lepers
3. He would make birds out of clay and then cause them to come to life and fly away merely by blowing onto them

4. He could tell people exactly what they had eaten and what they had stored in their homes.

People who were objective and not obstinate could see clearly that these feats were performed with the help of Allah. This then led them to accept his prophethood and follow him. However, people whose hearts were blinded and who chose to be stubborn would brush his feats off as magic. In addition to this, the very birth of Hazrat Isa عليه السلام was a miracle in itself.

## Summary of his Teachings

Together with basic principles, Hazrat Isa عليه السلام advised the people with the words of the Torah and Injeel. However, with their stubborn and insolent nature still intact, the Jews did all they could to oppose him. It was only a small group from amongst them who accepted his message and supported him.

## The ‘Hawariyeen’ - Disciples

Hazrat Isa عليه السلام also had a few Hawariyeen, who assisted him in his duty, braved trying situations in the cause and gave everything for the propagation and preservation of the religion that Hazrat Isa عليه السلام brought. They constantly remained in the company of Hazrat Isa عليه السلام and thus earned the title of the ‘Helpers of Allah’; meaning ‘Helpers of the Deen of Allah’. These men adopted the lifestyle of Hazrat Isa عليه السلام and never deserted him. They maintained their loyalty to him even after he was raised to the heavens.

Allah had made the following five promises to Hazrat Isa عليه السلام:

1. That he will not be killed by the Jews
2. He would be raised to the heavens
3. He will be protected from the libelling of his enemies

4. His followers would dominate over their enemies until the Day of Qiyamah

5. Allah will be judge over the differences between his followers on the Day of Qiyamah

Allah protected His chosen Nabi by raising him to the heavens and changing the appearance of someone else so that he looked just like Hazrat Isa عليه السلام. Thinking that he was Hazrat Isa عليه السلام, the others grabbed hold of him. It is this episode that Allah refers to when He says, “They never killed him, nor did they crucify him, but they were cast into doubt (when Allah made the people think that another person was Isa عليه السلام, whom they killed instead). Indeed, those who dispute about him (who say that Isa عليه السلام was crucified) are definitely in doubt. The only knowledge they possess about Isa عليه السلام is guesswork (they have no accurate knowledge about his whereabouts). With certainty, they never killed him.” (4:157)

### **A Witness on the Day of Qiyamah**

Hafiz Ibn Asakir (Rahimahullah) has quoted a narration from Hazrat Abu Moosa Ash'ari رضي الله عنه in which Nabi ﷺ said that Hazrat Isa عليه السلام will be summoned on the Day of Qiyamah together with all the other Ambiya عليهم السلام. Allah will recount all the favours that he was blessed with in this world, which he will acknowledge. Allah will then ask him, “Did you say to the people, ‘Take myself and my mother both as Ilaah instead of Allah?’” (5:116) - Hazrat Isa عليه السلام will deny it. Allah will then summon the Christians and ask them about this. When they will lie and claim that he did tell them to do this, Hazrat Isa عليه السلام will be overcome with fear and fall prostrate before Allah. He will remain like this for what would seem like a period of a thousand years before Allah disproves the Christians and then dispatches them all off to Jahannam.

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