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A MIRACULOUS BIRTH AS SIGN OF GOD

‘The angel said, ‘Mary, God almighty gives you glad tidings (Bashara) **of a word (Kalimah) from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Eesa (Yeshua), son of Mary,** who will be held in honour in this world and in the next world, who will be amongst those closest to God almighty.” (3:45)

The Quran clarifies that the “word or Kalimah” means “Kun fa ya kuun” i.e. “Be and It Comes into being”

“Maryam (Mary) submitted: ‘O my Lord, how shall I have a son when no man has ever touched me?’ He said: ‘Allah creates what He pleases.’ When He decides (to do) some work, He just gives it the command ‘Be’, and it becomes” (3:47)

“Surely, the example of “Isa (Jesus) in the sight of Allah is the same as that of Adam whom He formed from clay, then said (to him): ‘Be’. And he became” (3:59).

REAL NAME OF JESUS!

“But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Yeshua.”
Luke 1:29-31

In Luke 1, the archangel Gabriel tells Mary (or Miriam) to name her son Yeshua, the Aramaic word meaning “salvation.”

Jesus spoke Galilean Aramaic natively the common spoken language of the people in area at the time. By that time Hebrew was long gone as a spoken language since the times that Jews were expelled to Babylon, being used almost exclusively as a language of liturgy.

There they picked up and shifted to Aramaic, the second common language of the Persian Empire The earliest Bible is available in Greek and Latin and the word used is “Iesous” meaning healer in Greek and “Iesus” in classic Latin from which comes Jesus The word Christ did not exist in Aramaic. It comes from the Greek word Χριστός which means ‘the anointed one’ and is a translation of the Aramaic Msheekha משיח
Messiah. So Jesus Christ is Yeshua Msheekha in Aramaic.

For example, Moses means “drawn out”, like he was drawn out of the water by Pharaoh’s wife. Then, he was used by God to draw Children of Israel out of Egypt.

MISUNDERSTANDING OF THIS “WORD”

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” John 1:1

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Its all in the “WORD”/s!

The actual Greek reads like this:

En arche een ho logoskai ho logos een pros ton theon kai theos een ho logos

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was A god.

With respect to John 1:1, Ernest Cadman Colwell writes: (After graduating from Emory College and Candler School of Theology, Colwell earned a Ph.D. in the Department of New Testament and Early Christian Literature at the University of Chicago for his 1930 dissertation on “The Character of the Greek of the Fourth Gospel: Parallels to the ‘Aramaisms’ of the Fourth Gospel from Epictetus and the Papyri”)

The absence of the article does not make the predicate indefinite or qualitative when it precedes the verb, it is indefinite in this position only when the context demands it.

So, whether the predicate (theos) is definite, indefinite or qualitative depends on the context. The commonly held theology that Jesus is God naturally leads to a corresponding translation. But a theology in which Jesus is subordinate to **God leads to the conclusion that “... a god” or “... divine” is the proper rendering. verb, it is indefinite in this position only when the context demands it.**

So John simply called Jesus a god, not THE God, this was something normal back then, to call people gods. When someone was called a god, it meant he was a prophet, a righteous man, a judge, and even the Messiah.

THE PRINCIPLES THAT DIFFERENTIATE JESUS PBUH

In Quranic terminology there is a difference between prophets (Nabi) and Messengers (Rasool).

Prophets have been in the hundreds of thousands whereas Messengers have been limited, with only 26 mentioned in the Quran

Rasools are sent to nations to act as a judgement for their people in this very world!

“And for every community there is a Rasool (messenger). After their Rasool (messenger) has come, judgment is passed on them in all fairness, and they are not wronged.”
(Quran 10:47)

Nations of Aad, Thamud, Lut, Ibraheem etc as detailed in Quran and Bible

TO WHOM WAS JESUS A RASOOL?

Quran describes the nation to whom he was sent as well as supporting evidence from the Bible in Matthew 15:24 and 10:5.

“He will send him (Jesus) a Rasool (messenger) to the Children of Israel...” (3:49)

“ was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel” Matthew 15:24

“These twelve (disciple’s) Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.” Matthew 10:5-6

John the Baptist (Yahyaa) is saying to the people “I am baptising you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy spirit and with fire (judgement).” Matthew 3:11

PURPOSE OF SENDING JESUS PBUH

“And He will teach him the **Scripture and wisdom**, and the Torah and the Gospel and send him forth as a Rasool to the Children of Israel with this message:

I have brought you signs of my appointment from your Rabb. I will make for you the likeness of a bird from clay; I will breathe into it and, with Allah’s leave, it will become a living bird. I will heal the blind and the lepers, and raise the dead to life, by Allah’s leave. Furthermore, I will tell you what you have eaten and what you have stored in your houses. Surely these are the signs to convince you if you are believers.

I am appointed to confirm that which is before me from the Taurat (Torah) and to make lawful to you some of the things forbidden to you. Now I have brought you the signs from your Rabb, therefore fear Allah and obey me. In fact, Allah is my Rabb as well as your Rabb, therefore, worship Him; this is the Right Way.” (3:48-51)

FOUR IMPORTANT POINTS AS PURPOSE OF JESUS

- ❖ He came with Hikmah i.e. Wisdom this means the essence of the Deen this includes the moral and ethical teachings which form the essence of all Law. Rabbis had limited Deen to a few rituals only
- ❖ **He came to confirm Taurah not to change it**
- ❖ He came to remove the numerous things made haram by scholars of Bani Israel for the common masses
- ❖ **He Told them that God is my Rabb (Abb in Hebrew) This is what caused confusion in translation! Rabb-Abb-Father-Provider/Sustainer**

TEACHING THEM HIKMAH I.E. ESSENCE OF DEEN

Jesus PBUH was sent to share the “Kitab”-shariah or God almighty’s laws and “Hikmah” essence of those laws which means the essence/ethics/morality behind those laws which the Children of Israel had completely lost by turning the commands of God to just a few lifeless rituals.

They were focussing so much on the form/the outward look of the law that the true nature of their relationship with God and their purpose to sharing the message of God with the rest of the world had long been lost.

“On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of money changers and the benches of those selling doves and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said “Is it not written: “My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?” But you have made it ‘a den of robbers’.”
(Mark 11:15-17)

JESUS CAME TO ESTABLISH TORAH AND NOT CHANGE IT!

17: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfil them.

18: For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19: So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Mathew 17-19)

MAKING THINGS HALAL THAT WERE MADE HARAM BY PRIESTS

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent?"

I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,'[a] you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. (Mathew 12:1-14)

BANI ISRAEL AT TIME OF JESUS PBUH

❖ 700 Years

❖ 1300 Years

ABRAHAM Pbuh



MOSES Pbuh



JESUS Pbuh

TOTAL TIME ELAPSED 2000 YEARS

BANI ISRAEL BEFORE THE TIME OF JESUS PBUH

Moses PBUH came at a time when Children of Israel had moved from Kanaan to Egypt at the request of Prophet Joseph (Yusuf) PBUH who had authority in Egypt at that time. Later, there was a revolt, and the Children of Israel were taken slaves to which they were delivered by Moses PBUH.

When Moses PBUH delivered them from the pharaoh and the Egyptians, he ordered them to fight the people of greater Kanaan to which the Children of Israel refused.

As a punishment God almighty did not give them that country at that time and Moses PBUH passed away in the wilderness. After some generations passed, the people became better and found the courage to fight for this greater Kanaan area.

This was when the 12 tribes of Israel became united under the rule of Prophet David (Dawuud) and later his son, Prophet Solomon PBUH formulated what is known as the United Kingdom of Judia or the united kingdom of Jews in an area which today we understand as trans Jordan, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria. In Palestine he built the First Temple in 870BC.

This lasted approximately 400 years but due to internal conflicts in the Jewish community to the extent that the Jewish community killing its Prophets as well, when they disagreed with them.

They were thus punished by God almighty through a king from Babylon named Nebuchadnezzar who destroyed Jerusalem in 526 BC and led away many Hebrews into captivity in Babylon. He destroyed the people, temple, and their tablets.

Only a couple of tablets were preserved that were known as an arc kept by king Solomon PBUH until they were destroyed later on. This resulted in Torah being destroyed and the Children of Israel becoming captives once again in Babylon.

The Children of Israel were then freed under Prophet Uzkeel (Uzair) before having the so called second temple reconstructed in the original position. Through Uzair God almighty had Torah re-written allowing the Jewish community to resettle. Later on they were again attacked by the Persians who took over and made them slaves once again.

BANI ISRAEL AT TIME OF JESUS PBUH

Approximately 300 years before the arrival of Jesus PBUH, Alexander the Great took over the area of the Jews among other areas by defeating the Persians and taking control over the ruler-ship of the Jewish community.

After that a new culture called “Hellenization” which was Greek-Roman culture spread out throughout the world which is in essence the western culture of the world today. This Greek Roman culture was accepted by one of the main Jewish groups. By installing kings from amongst the Jewish community in the trans Jordan area the Roman Greeks, kept control of their kingdom.

At the birth of Jesus PBUH, king was named Herod, as mentioned in the Bible in Matthew 2:1, who was working under the authority of the Roman Greeks.

By this time the children of Israel had become so corrupt, breaking all of God Almighty’s laws, killing messengers and believing that they are a chosen nation so they are allowed to do anything they pleased. Although in reality they were chosen by God Almighty for the purpose of delivering the message of God almighty to the world!

4 MAIN SECTS OF BANI ISRAEL AT TIME OF JESUS PBUH

The four main Jewish groups at the time of Jesus:

- 1) Sadducees- The elite members of the society who were pardoned for breaking many of God almighty's laws.**

This included priests, nobles, wealthy individuals, politically strong people in the society. They believed in only the Tanakh- the written Torah.

They were in control of the temple (2nd temple) and focussed on rituals in the temple such as sacrificing animals in temple and burning incense in certain area of the temple for certain people to enter. They believed religion was inside the temple.

They received and benefitted from the donations from common people with minimal effort on their own.

THE PHARISEES, ESSENES & SIKRIM SECTS

2) Pharisees- The common citizens who did not agree with the Sadducees' understanding of the religion. They believed in the Tanakh and the Talmud. They always disagreed with each other. They were not as focussed on the inside temple rituals and believed that the real-life application of the religion was outside the temple.

3) **Essenes- These were the individuals that had given up the luxuries and wealth of the world. They lived in the jungles and bathed in the morning, immersing themselves in water which was known as Baptising-purifying themselves. Even at that time, where owning slaves was common practice, they were against this practice. They knew of the signs of the Messiah and were waiting for the Messiah to come and so it's no surprise that most of the followers of Jesus PBUH were from this group.**

4) The Zealots/Sikrim (Aramaic word)-They would attack Roman stooges with daggers before running away. They did not agree with the Greek Roman rule.

THE CHIEF PRIEST OR KAHAN

All these groups had over the generations lost the essence of the teachings of Moses PBUH that he had given them and the Prophets had asked them to follow.

The Pharisees were revolting against the Sadducees because of the religious difference where the Pharisees believed in the written and oral Torah whereas the Sadducees only believed in the written Torah. To ensure that order could be ordained in the society, a chief priest was appointed that was the final authority, the one that made the final decision on any matter that these two groups differed on.

The appointed chief priest, throughout history, came from the lineage of “Laavi” who was one of the sons of Jacob. Through that lineage came Moses and Aaron PBUH. Through Aarons lineage would come the chief priests. At the time of Mary, the chief priest was Zachariah PBUH.

Apart from the chief priest there was a committee of 70 people that made decisions on religious and societal matters. This committee included members from both the Sadducees and the Pharisees. This committee or tribunal was called “Sanhedrin” that governed every Jewish law in the community. They were supposed to have passed the judgement on killing Jesus PBUH according to Bible as mentioned in John 18:19-27.

WHY IS CRUCIFIGATION IMPORTANT FOR ALL 3 GROUPS?

"And their saying: 'We slew the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary', the Messenger of Allah –

whereas in fact they had neither slain him nor crucified him but the matter was made dubious to them –

and those who differed about it too were in a state of doubt!

They have no definite knowledge of it, but merely follow conjecture;

and they surely slew him not," (Nisa 4:157)

JEWISH VIEW AND IMPORTANCE

The rejection of Jesus as Messiah has never been a theological issue for Judaism because Jewish eschatology holds that the coming of the Jewish Messiah will be associated with events that had not occurred at the time of Jesus, such as

- **God redeems the Jewish people from the captivity that began during the Babylonian Exile**
- **God returns the Jewish people to the Land of Israel (Canaan)**
- **God restores the House of David and the Temple in Jerusalem**
- **God creates a regent from the House of David (i.e. the Messiah) to lead the Jewish people and the world and usher in the Messianic Age, an age of justice, righteousness, and peace**
- **All nations recognize that the God of Israel is the only true God**
- **God resurrects the dead (Messiah comes out from Eastern Gate)**
- **God creates a new heaven and a new earth**

None of these are in Written Torah or from God, they are in traditions of Jews-passed down through their Rabbis/scholars e.g Book of Ezekiel chapter 38

Jesus died without completing or even accomplishing part of any of the messianic tasks, which Christians say will occur at a Second Coming of Jesus when he will Kill the antichrist!



HISTORY OF EAST GATE ON TEMPLE MOUNT

- On Palm Sunday Jesus Christ rode a donkey from the Mount of Olives down through the Kidron Valley and up into Jerusalem through the east-facing Golden Gate.
- **Within forty years the Romans had destroyed Jerusalem with its walls and gates, but Suleiman the Magnificent rebuilt them in the 1500's.**
- As you can see in the picture, Suleiman closed up the Eastern Gate for security reasons however the Jews believe that he did it thinking of Jewish beliefs that the Messiah would return through that entrance.

CRUCIFIGATION WOULD HAVE BEEN A TRIUMPH FOR JEWS

“If someone guilty of a capital offense is put to death and their body is exposed on a pole, you must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, **because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God’s curse.** You must not desecrate the land the Lord your God is giving as an inheritance” (Deuteronomy 21:22-23).

Thus the Jewish view of the Jesus not being the Messiah or Messenger of God was to be construed by them through “God’s word” that He cannot be the Messiah for then how come he received a cursed death!

CHRISTIAN VIEW ON SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS!

The first and most important fact of the gospel Paul preached was that
“Christ died for our sins” (1 Cor. 15:3)

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law.” How did He do it? By “having become a curse for us, because it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.” He came under the condemnation of sin. He became a curse and took the judgment that was due us by paying our penalty. (Galatians 3:13)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him”** (John 3:16-17)

THE QURANIC VIEW ON JESUS NOT BEING KILLED

كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَا غَلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

“Allah has decreed that most certainly I and My Messengers will always prevail. For indeed Allah is Most Strong, Most Mighty. (58:21)

Allah’s Messenger Rasool cannot be defeated let alone killed!

Hence the Verse:

“And their saying: ‘We slew the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary’, the Messenger of Allah –

whereas in fact they had neither slain him nor crucified him but the matter was made dubious to them –

and those who differed about it too were in a state of doubt!

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HOW JESUS WILL PRESENT HIS CASE IN THE HEREAFTER

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُعِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّي إِلَهَيْنِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالِ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ
بِحَقِّ إِنْ كُنْتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ تَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِكَ إِنَّكَ ■ لِيَ أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي
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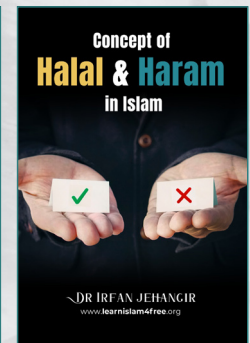
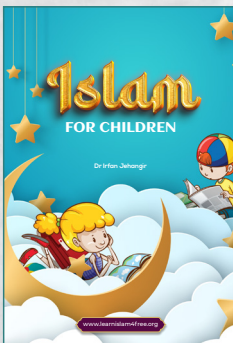
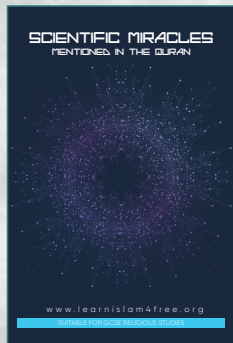
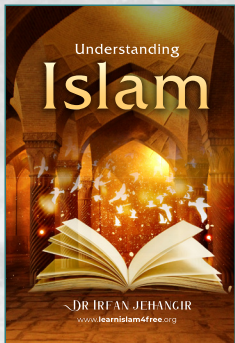
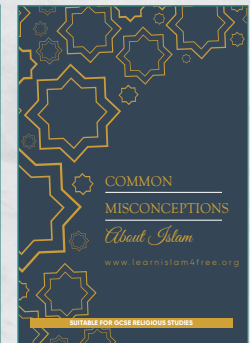
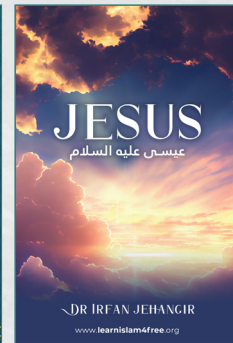
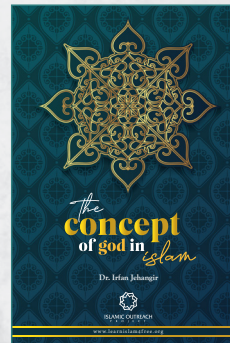
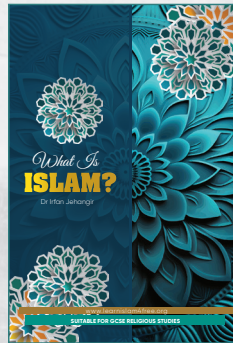
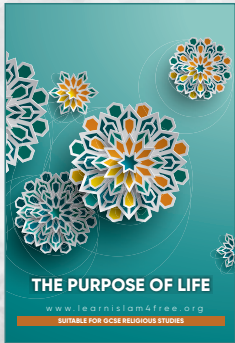
مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مِمَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي
كُنْتُ أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ

And imagine when thereafter Allah will say: ‘Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to people: “Take me and my mother for gods beside Allah?” and he will answer: “Glory to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right to. Had I said so, You would surely have known it. You know all what is within my mind whereas I do not know what is within Yours. You, indeed You, know fully all that is beyond the reach of human perception.

I said to them nothing except what You commanded me, that is: 'Serve Allah, my Rabb and your Rabb.' I watched over them as long as I remained among them; and when You did recall me, then You Yourself became the Watcher over them. **Indeed, You are Witness over everything.** (Quran 5:116-117)

"Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" John 20:17

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