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## **Introduction:**

Billions of people throughout the world love Jesus, what he did, and what he left behind. Today we're going to explore the Holy Scriptures to shed light on who was Jesus, what was his message and why do we all love him

### **Muslims must believe in Jesus:**

One cannot be a Muslim without believing in Jesus, and believing in Jesus' original message contained in his revelation called: *'Injeel'* Allah says:

**"Say, [O believers], 'We have believed in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Descendants and what was given to Moses and Jesus and what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him.'" (Qur'an 2:136)**

### **What the Qur'an says:**

**"When God will say, 'O Jesus son of Mary, recall My favor upon you and upon your mother, how I supported you with the Holy Spirit. You spoke to the people from the crib, and in maturity. How I taught you the Scripture and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel. And recall that you molded from clay the shape of a bird, by My leave, and then you breathed into it, and it became a bird, by My leave. And you healed the blind and the leprous, by My leave; and you revived the dead, by My leave. And recall that I restrained the Children of Israel from you when you brought them the clear miracles. But those who disbelieved among them said, 'This is nothing but obvious sorcery'.'" (Qur'an 5:110)**

### **What does Prophet Muhammad say about Jesus?**

Allah's Messenger said: ***"Both in this world and in the Hereafter, I am the nearest of all the people to Jesus, the son of Mary. The prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one."*** (Sahih Bukhari, Volume 4, Book 55, Number #652)

### **Prophet Muhammad also said:**

***"When any human being is born, Satan touches him at both sides of the body with his two fingers, except for Jesus the son of Mary, whom Satan tried to touch but failed, for he touched the placenta cover instead."*** (Sahih Bukhari, 3216)

This was response to the supplication of his grandmother 'the wife of Imraan' when she said in the Qur'an: **"...And I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge**

for her in You and for her descendants from the Satan, the one expelled from Allah's mercy.” (Qur'an 3:36)... this actually is in contradiction to the biblical claim that Jesus was tempted by Satan in Luke 4:2.

## Our Beloved Prophet Jesus' Miracles:

### His Miraculous Birth:

“The Angels said, ‘O Mary, God gives you good news of a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, well-esteemed in this world and the next, and one of the nearest. He will speak to the people from the crib, and in adulthood, and will be one of the righteous.’ She said, ‘My Lord, how can I have a child, when no man has touched me?’ He said, ‘It will be so. God creates whatever He wills. To have anything done, He only says to it, ‘Be,’ and it is.’” (Qur'an 3:45-47)

“The likeness of Jesus in God's sight is that of Adam: He created him from dust, then said to him, ‘Be’, and he was. The truth is from your Lord, so do not be of those who doubt.” (Qur'an 3:59-60)

### Born to a Virgin:

“And mention in the Scripture Mary, when she withdrew from her people to an eastern location. She screened herself away from them, and We sent to her Our spirit, and He appeared to her as an immaculate human. She said, ‘I take refuge from you in the Most Merciful, should you be righteous.’ He said, ‘I am only the messenger of your Lord, to give you the gift of a pure son.’ She said, ‘How can I have a son, when no man has touched me, and I was never unchaste?’ He said, ‘Thus said your Lord, ‘It is easy for Me, and We will make him a sign for humanity, and a mercy from Us. It is a matter already decided.’” (Qur'an 19:16)

### Spoke in the Cradle:

“So she pointed to him. They said, ‘How can we speak to an infant in the crib?’ He said, ‘I am the servant of God. He has given me the Scripture, and made me a prophet. And has made me blessed wherever I may be; and has enjoined on me prayer and charity, so long as I live. And kind to my mother, and He did not make me a disobedient rebel. So Peace is upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the Day I get resurrected alive.’ That is Jesus son of Mary—the Word of truth about which they doubt. It is not for God to have a child—glory be to Him. To have anything done, He says to it, ‘Be’, and it becomes.” (Qur'an 19:35)

## **Jesus' Miracles:**

After Jesus performed the miracle of feeding a whole village:

*“Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said: ‘This is truly the Prophet who is come into the world.’”* (John 6:14)

It is not necessary to say that Jesus is divine to explain his ‘specialty’, and his miracles are not reasons to believe in his divinity; if so then one could ask:

- ↳ Why do you not consider Moses God since he hit the sea with his staff and it parted (Exodus 14:16-29) – his staff which was turned into a reptile as well (Exodus 4:2-5)?
- ↳ Why not consider Joshua God when he ordered the sun and the moon to stop (Joshua 10:12-13)?
- ↳ Also why wasn't Elijah not considered God though he quickened the dead (1 Kings 17:20-22)?
- ↳ What about Elisha who brought the dead back to life (2 Kings 4:32-35), or his bones that raised the dead (2 Kings 13:20-21)?
- ↳ What about Ezekiel who brought a whole army of thousands of people back to life (Ezekiel 37: 7-10)?

They never considered any of them to be God because of their miracles, then why Jesus?

## **Was he the ‘Son of God’?**

The title, ‘son of God’, was not exclusive to Jesus Christ alone. There are many instances in the bible where you will find the usage of ‘son of God’. Even in Jewish culture, ‘son of God’ is used for esteemed people. So if Jesus is the ‘exclusive’ son of God, because Jesus had no father, then what about Adam?

### **Sons of God:**

The term ‘son of God’ is sometimes used in the Old and New Testaments of the Christian Bible to refer to those with special relationships with God. In the Old Testament, angels, just and pious men, the descendants of Seth, and the kings of Israel are all called ‘sons of God’. In the New Testament, Adam and, most notably, Jesus Christ are both called ‘son of God’, while followers of Jesus are called, ‘sons of God.’

### **According to the Bible:**

- ↳ **Adam was a Son of God**

*“The son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.”*  
(Luke 3:38)

↳ **Israel was God’s Son; The Old Testament says that the nation Israel is God’s son**

*“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.” (Hosca 11:1)*

↳ **Angels Are The Sons Of God**

*“Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord.” (Job 2:1)*

↳ **Those Who Make Peace Are God’s Sons**

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:9)*

## **Who is Jesus?**

We must go back to the primary sources – original revelation and/or the people who lived during his time; those who interacted with him and witnessed his miracles; and most importantly, the testimony of God, his Creator. There exist many similarities in the Bible and Qur’an about Jesus, let’s explore them together...

## **Authentic Resources:**

A Muslim must believe in all of God’s divine revelations in their original form such as the Torah, Zabur (Psalms), Injeel (Bible), Scriptures of Ibrahim, and Qur’an.

Unfortunately, some of these previous revelations have not been preserved, and many alterations occurred.

Except the final revelation of God, the Qur’an that God promised He would preserve and protect from changes, alterations, additions and deletions.

### **Think Objectively:**

To think objectively means to not be influenced by personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing facts.

### **Truth & Accuracy:**

The truth of every religion (Judaism and Christianity) and the proof of its divine origin depends fundamentally on the accuracy with which the original revelation from God was preserved and transmitted to the rest of humankind.

The level of deviation and uncertainty depends on the degree of precision with which every word revealed to the prophets was transmitted to others. If these words have not been accurately transmitted and have instead suffered adulteration, it is highly likely that the essence of the original message would be lost forever.

### **Comparing and Contrasting:**

If we want to find out the truth that remains in the previous books of revelation that have been mixed with human thoughts and ideas, then we need to compare and contrast them with the pure revelation from God that has been preserved and protected.

1. Whatever is mentioned from the previous revelations that agrees with the Qur'an and Authentic Sunnah, then we affirm this to be the truth.
2. Whatever is from the previous revelations that disagrees with the Qur'an and Authentic Sunnah, then we hold it to be that which was altered, abrogated or changed.
3. Whatever is from the previous revelations and are not mentioned in Qur'an and Authentic Sunnah, then we neither affirm them or reject them.

### **The Qur'an:**

The authenticity of the Qur'an – which is the final scripture revealed by God to humankind – has remained unaltered and free from human changes for more than 1440 years. This final message was revealed from God to Prophet Muhammad over a period of 23 years. As soon as he received segments, he recited it to his disciples, who wrote it down and memorized it. In this way, the Qur'an, in its entirety, had been written and memorized by hundreds of Prophet Muhammad's disciples and companions.

The existence of the Qur'an in its original Arabic text, the existence of millions of people who memorized it verbatim in different parts of the world through succeeding generations, and the complete agreement of all its copies and manuscripts – with every single letter and mark exactly the same throughout all copies in all of history, testify to the authenticity of the last and final revelation sent as guidance to mankind.

William Muir states in his book, *'The Life of Mohamed'*: *"There is probably no other book in the world which has remained twelve centuries (now fourteen) with so pure a text."*

## **The Gospels:**

### **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**

They were written between 70 CE and 115 CE, decades after Jesus departed, supposedly based upon documents that have since been lost.

#### **Synoptic Gospels:**

**Mark:** Written in the Greek language in Rome, at least 40 years after Jesus' departure.

**Matthew:** Written in Greek about 90 CE.

**Luke:** Written in Greek approximately 80 CE.

They are called the Synoptic Gospels because they are supposed to have originated from original documents.

#### **Gospel of John:**

Completely different from the synoptic gospels. It is in this gospel that the divinity and preexistence of Jesus was expressed, even though Jesus never confirmed this in his statements attributed to himself. This gospel was written between 110 and 115 CE.

Also John was not a disciple of Jesus.

Encyclopedia Britannica mentions it was written by 500 Christian scholars: "*The Gospel according to John is definitely and undoubtedly a fabrication.*"

Gospels were composed after the first disciples of Jesus had divided into sects. They were written down in order to reflect the conception of the practical needs of the community. Although traditional sources were utilized to write them down, the writers did not exercise great care to keep the original content free from additions, deletions and other forms of corruption, as the content was meant to serve the personal interests of the writers. This was confirmed by many...

#### **Facts:**

Encyclopedia Britannica: "*Important intentional changes, such as the insertion and addition of whole paragraphs took place.*" (Vol. 2, pp. 519-521)

Introduction to Catholic Bible mentions: "*copyists had clearly inserted things over the centuries that were not part of the Scriptures...*"

In the Preface of RSV, produced by 32 Christian scholars, backed by 50 consultative bodies: "*Yet, the King James Version has grave defects... and these defects are so many and so serious...*"

## **Other Gospels:**

### **Jacob, Peter, Thomas, Philip, and Barnabas.**

If we consider the Hebrews, it was written in Aramaic – the same language spoken by Jesus. Utilized by Nazarenes who negated the divinity of Jesus and considered him no more than a great prophet.

Fourth century CE, the four Gospels (Mark, Matthew, John and Luke) were included in the main body of Biblical text and the other gospels were declared heretical.

## **Analyzing the Veracity of the Gospels:**

1. The original Gospel as revealed to Jesus and mentioned in the Qur'an (5:46), as well as in the contemporary gospels does not exist today (Mark 14:9, Matthew 26:13).
2. The first records about the sayings of Jesus were made shortly after his ascension to heaven.
3. The gospels were written between 70 and 115 CE, decades after Jesus' departure, based on lost documents.
4. The gospels were written in Greek, while Jesus spoke Aramaic.
5. The present Gospels and Epistles were not chosen and validated until the fourth century CE, when a resolution by a minority of the Council of Nicea was enforced in 325 CE. Before this date the Gospels did not have any canonical authority and were changed by writers of different sects in order to comply with their personal interests and desires. Tampering is still prevalent.
6. None of the Gospels' authors saw Jesus or heard him speak. Hence, they were not eyewitnesses.
7. The majority of the New Testament is composed of Paul's and his students' writings. Paul, who never saw Jesus, nor heard him speak, was initially one of the most prominent enemies of Jesus' ministry.

He killed many followers of the Messiah and imprisoned them (Acts 8:3, 9:1-2).

### **Saul – Later Called Paul:**

Paul forced them to confess lies against Jesus as well (Acts 26:11). But later when Paul supposedly converted, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him... Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles... (Acts 9:26-27). This supposedly occurred on his way

to Damascus, he bore witness for himself, without any eyewitnesses, and one's testimony for oneself is rejected according to the Bible (John 5:31) (Acts 9:3-8).

Surprisingly, he became the chief spokesman in the name of Jesus claiming that he was appointed by Jesus to preach to the world (Acts 9:3-6).

Paul confessed himself to lying in his preaching (Romans 3:7).

Paul also accused those who didn't consider him as a disciple of erring concerning faith (1 Timothy 6:20-21).

Paul described Barnabas, the one who had been good to him with 'hypocrisy' (Galatians 2:13).

Gave himself the right to propagate teachings that were contradictory to those taught by Jesus and went against the 'Law' which Jesus came to fulfill (Acts 21:20 and Romans 7:6).

This is why we find in Acts 19:30: *"When Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples wouldn't allow him."*

8. The oldest Biblical manuscripts we have access to are Codexes Vaticanus, Sinaiticus and Alexandrinus – all dating back to between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries CE. The extent of alteration the Gospels were subjected to prior to these dates can hardly be determined considering that the language of the Gospels was Greek while Jesus spoke Aramaic.
9. There are many discrepancies between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> century manuscripts. According to the International Translation of the New Testament: *"All the versions of the New Testament that reached us were not similar."*
10. The Gospels, seen as a whole, together with the Epistles, contain many errors and contradictions. There is great uncertainty among Biblical scholars as to who the authors of the Gospels actually were.

Robert Kehl Zeller in *'The Authenticity of the Holy Bible'* said: *"The numerous errors contained in the Bible, a book that no other book suffered more changes, errors and corruptions..."*

## **Facts:**

These facts were mentioned here as evidence that the Gospel of Jesus as revealed by God has not reached us in its original form.

These passages contained evidence cited to support Jesus' ascension:

*“So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.” (Mark 16:19)*

*“Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that he was parted from them and carried up into heaven.” (Luke 24:51)*

### **Jesus’ Identity:**

- ↳ **Servant of God**
- ↳ **Prophet**
- ↳ **Messenger**
- ↳ **Human Being**

### **The Bible says:**

*“And when he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, ‘Who is this?’ So the multitudes said: ‘This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.’” (Matthew 21:10-11)*

### **And when he cured the blind:**

*“They said to the blind man again, ‘What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’” (John 9:17)*

### **Jesus was a prophet:**

Every time, Jesus was referred to as a prophet by the people living during his time. How about Jesus himself? Did he agree to this entitlement of ‘Prophet’ by the people?

### **His disciples said:**

*“‘What things?’ he asked. ‘About Jesus of Nazareth,’ they replied. ‘He was a Prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.’” (Luke 24:19)*

*“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.” (Acts 2:22)*

*“For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)*

### **The Qur’an says:**

**“The Messiah son of Mary was only a messenger, before whom other Messengers had passed away, and his mother was a woman of truth. They both used to eat food. Note how We make clear the revelations to them; then note how deluded they are.” (Qur’an 5:75)**

**“Jesus said: ‘Indeed I am the servant of God. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet.’” (Qur’an 19:30)**

**Jesus’ disciples said:**

**“He Jesus said: ‘Who are my supporters for God’s cause?’ The disciples said: ‘We are supporters for God. We have believed in God and testify that we are Muslims (submitting to Him). Our Lord, we have believed in what You revealed and have followed the messenger (Jesus), so write us from amongst the witnesses to the truth.’” (Qur’an 3:52-53)**

**A Servant of God:**

*“The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus...” (Acts 3:13)*

*“To you first, God having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.” (Acts 3:26)*

*“By Stretching out your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus.” (Acts 4:30)*

**Which Testimony Do We Accept?**

- A) Firsthand narrative from the disciples and those who lived with Jesus?
- B) Those who only heard about Jesus’ narrative and didn’t experience or hear from him directly?

**Logical Answer:**

We would choose the disciples’ narratives and those that lived with Jesus and were closest to Jesus.

We find that Jesus’ disciples called Jesus a ‘prophet’ and never called him the ‘son of God’ or ‘Lord’. In fact, he did not even like to be called ‘good’.

*“Now a certain ruler asked him, saying: ‘Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit the eternal life?’ So Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good, except One, this is God.’” (Luke 18:18-19)*

**Prophets Weren’t Accepted:**

All prophets were faced with resistance by their own people, similarly Jesus as the bible records him saying:

*“Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country.” (Luke 4:24)*

*“He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.” (John 1:11)*

## **Jesus' Role:**

Jesus' role was to convey God's message to the Israelites.

*"Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan!' For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'"* (Matthew 4:10)

*"Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'"* (Mark 12:29-30)

Worship God Alone, Jesus never allowed that even an attribute of God should be attributed to him:

*"Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your father, he who is in heaven."* (Matthew 23:9)

*"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."* (John 17:3)

## **All Prophets' Roles:**

All Prophets were sent to call the people to worship One God and don't associate partners with Him.

### **Old Testament:**

- ↳ *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord."* (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- ↳ *"Has not the One God made and sustained for us the spirit of life?"* (Malachi 2:15)
- ↳ *"You may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Savior."* (Isaiah 43:10-11)
- ↳ *"I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is like Me?"* (Isaiah 44:6)
- ↳ *"And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. Turn to Me and be saved... To Me every knee shall bow."* (Isaiah 45:21-23)
- ↳ *"God is not a man that he should lie nor is he the son of God that he should repent."* (Numbers 23:19)

### **New Testament:**

- ↳ *"One came and said unto him, 'Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?' And he (Jesus) said unto him, 'Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God.'"* (Matthew 19:16-17)

- ↳ *“Now this is life eternal, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)*
- ↳ *“Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.” (Matthew 4:10)*
- ↳ *“Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord.” (Mark 12:29)*
- ↳ *“For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)*

### **Qur’an:**

- ↳ **“Say: He is Allah, the One; Allah the Eternal, Absolute; He begets not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him.” (Qur’an 112:1-4)**
- ↳ **“There is no god but I; so worship Me.” (Qur’an 21-25)**
- ↳ **“Can there be another god besides Allah (God)? Nay, most of them know not.” (Qur’an 27:61)**
- ↳ **“Can there be another god besides Allah (God)? His is Allah above what they associate with Him.” (Qur’an 27:63)**
- ↳ **“Can there be another god besides Allah (God)? Say, ‘Bring forth your proof, if ye are telling the truth!’” (Qur’an 27:64)**

### **Confirming previous revelations:**

*“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law of/or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from law till all is fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:17-18)*

**“And I have come confirming what was before me of the Torah and to make lawful for you (Israelites) some of what was forbidden to you. And I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, so fear God and obey me.” (Qur’an 3:50)**

### **Jesus’ Message:**

God cannot change... He doesn’t change in his nature, therefore God cannot be subjected to the same laws that he created – time, air, weather... He doesn’t need these things... He cannot be subjected under these laws... He cannot die, go to heaven, go to hell, etc... If he was subject to the things he created, then he would be considered less than God; God cannot do anything that is less than his nature. God cannot be consistently One for all of time throughout the Old Testament, but then all of a sudden change and say I am now three, or part of the trinity...

### **Prophethood:**

They are the medium through which God’s message is sent to mankind. Jesus explicitly informed his people that he was sent as a messenger from God, nothing more. He never taught that he was begotten by Him or His son, he also made known the limitations of his abilities and powers.

**“And when God will say: ‘O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to the people, ‘Take me and my mother as deities besides God?’ ‘He will say, “Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that which I have no right. If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is in myself, and I do not know what is in Yourself. Indeed, I didn’t say anything to them except what You commanded me-to worship God, my Lord and your Lord.” (Qur’an 5:116-117)**

*“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent me.” (John 5:30)*

### **Submission to God:**

*“For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent me gave me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.” (John 12:49-50)*

*“...I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and you God.” (John 20:17)*

### **Obedience to the Prophet of God:**

Obedience to God is accomplished through obedience to His assigned Messenger. Thus Jesus, told the Children of Israel to obey him and follow his way because it was the way of God

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)*

### **Jesus’ Prayer:**

Jesus prayed to God, and by modeling it, made it possible for people to learn and emulate. The prayer he practiced during his lifetime, however, differs from the modern Christian prayer of today. His prayer is described in the Bible:

*“He (Jesus) went a little farther and fell on His face and prayed.” (Matthew 26:39)*

*“He (Jesus) went a little farther, and fell on the ground and prayed.” (Mark 14:35)*

Prostration to God was practice by Jesus as well as his forefathers and former prophets, proving the oneness of their message and way of worship.

*“So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the*

*door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them.” (Numbers 20:6)*

*“And Ezra Blessed the Lord, the great God. Then all the people answered: ‘amen, amen!’ while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.” (Nehemiah 8:6)*

*“And Elijah went up to the top of the Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees.” (1 Kings 18:42)*

*“And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped.” (Joshua 5:14)*

Thus, not only did Jesus pray to God, which proves that he was indeed a servant of God, but his prayer beautifully coincides with that of the past prophets, proving the unity of their message.

### **Repentance & Heaven:**

The essential message of all the prophets of God was worship of one God and following His commandments. But there is also another very important message. All this worship aims toward a definite goal and objective-life in the hereafter. Jesus taught people to repent from their sins and wrongdoings, and gave them glad tidings of the paradise. (Matthew 4:17, 9:13, Luke 8:1)

### **Are Jesus’ teachings being applied today?**

Seeing that Jesus is a symbol of Christianity, one would expect his teachings to make up the major foundation of the religion. Thus, it is rather ironic that they do not. Unfortunately, Paul’s religion has overridden that of Jesus. Many Christians today are following the Pauline doctrine rather than the pure teachings of Jesus. Paul referred to the law of Jesus as an old written code and made a new way of his own. Clearly visible in his letters to the Romans and Galatians.

### **Paul’s Teachings:**

- Romans 7:6
- Galatians 2:16
- Acts 15:28-29 – Omit part of the law
- Galatians 5:4 – Paul considered following Jesus and obeying commandments meant a fall from grace, this is contrary to the law brought by Jesus in Matthew 5:19-20

Paul claimed that Jesus died to redeem the world from sin:

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*

*“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5)*

### **Jesus’ Teachings:**

The true reasons for Jesus’ coming were mentioned by Jesus himself in many verses in the Bible. They did not include redemption or that he was sent as a sacrifice for mankind. Rather he was sent to preach the Gospel to his people and teach sinners to repent. (Matthew 9:13, Mark 1:14-15, John 17:9)

Jesus taught his followers to follow the way of truth and declared clearly that he did not come to judge. God Almighty is the only one that can judge people for their deeds on the Day of Resurrection, and He is the only one who can forgive sins. (John 12:47, Matthew 6:4, Matthew 6:6, Matthew 6:14, 6:17-18)

### **Paul altered Jesus’ message:**

Paul changed the religion of Jesus, he dared to cancel circumcision which was practiced by Prophet Abraham, Father of the Prophets. He said in his letter to Galatians:

*“Indeed, I Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.” (Galatians 5:2)*

However Jesus followed the covenant of God and was himself circumcised (Luke 2:21).

### **Importance:**

The importance of adhering to the covenant of God regarding His command of circumcision is told in the book of Genesis (17:10-14).

### **Treachery of Paul:**

Paul changed the belief of the true followers of Jesus as well as the Jews by contradicting both their prophets, Moses and Jesus. But believers among the Jews refused Paul’s teachings and way as they knew it differed from the true teachings of their master, Jesus, as it states in Acts (18:12):

*“The Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat, saying ‘This fellow persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.’”*

### **Jesus' Identity Marred:**

Paul was more influential in forming the majority of the Christians beliefs than Jesus himself. It is hard for one to imagine how letters that were written and sent by Paul during his time are now said to be the word of god.

As a result Jesus' identity was marred, blurred and thus changed and altered by those who came after him. No longer was he a prophet and servant of God, but his identity was embellished with a touch of divinity.

### **The Qur'an says:**

The Qur'an is the final revelation that God sent to mankind, confirming the previous revelations, so when Allah knew that people altered Jesus' true message, He revealed verses about the atrocious crime and devastating claim that Jesus is the son of God or has any characteristics of divinity, the Qur'an reprimands those who changed Jesus' original message and considered them disbelievers. (Qur'an: 19:30, 34-35, 88-92, 5:72-74, 2:116)

### **Extremism in Belief:**

**“O People of the Scripture! Do not exaggerate in your religion, and do not say about God except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, is the Messenger of God, and His Word that He conveyed to Mary, and a Spirit from Him. So believe in God and His messengers, and do not say, ‘Three.’ Refrain – it is better for you. God is only one God. Glory be to Him – that He should have a son. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and the earth, and God is a sufficient Protector. The Messiah does not disdain to be a servant of God, nor do the favored angels. Whoever disdains His worship, and is too arrogant – He will round them up to Himself altogether.”** (Qur'an 5:77)

### **Crucifixion:**

The belief of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to atone for the original sin is based on an incorrect and corrupt foundation that Paul introduced into Christianity. The idea that Adam's sin was passed on to his offspring contradicts the verses of the old testament and the Qur'an.

- \* Deuteronomy 24:16: *“The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”*
- \* Ezekiel 18:20: *“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son.”*
- \* Jesus mentions that everyone is rewarded according to his own deeds. Matthew 16:27: *“Then He will reward each according to his works.”*

- \* The bible mentions that whoever is hung on a pole or cross is cursed. Galatians 3:13: *“Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”*
- \* This is in agreement with the Qur’an 53:38-40:
 

**“That no soul bears the burdens of another soul. And that the human being attains only what he strives for. And that his efforts will be witnessed.”** (Qur’an 53:38-40)

**The Qur’an says:**

**“And for their saying, ‘We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God.’ In fact, they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them as if they did. Indeed, those who differ about him are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it, except the following of assumptions. Certainly, they did not kill him. Rather, God raised him up to Himself. God is Mighty and Wise.”** (Qur’an 4:157-158)

**Doctrine of Trinity:**

- ↳ Nowhere mentioned in the Bible
- ↳ Emerged 300 years after Jesus (Council of Nicea)

Should we believe in the Trinity? ...Why?

1. It’s not mentioned in Bible
2. It’s not compatible with Jesus’ message
3. It’s not necessary to explain ‘specialness’ of Jesus
4. It’s a mystery, as Roman Catholic Church states
5. Those who don’t believe in the Trinity: Judaism, Arianism, Islam, Unitarians, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons

**Conclusion:**

It should be quite disconcerting, at the very least, that Jesus, the messenger of God and prophet of the Children of Israel, has been given a rather skewed image and status. It should be even more disturbing that his teachings are no longer being applied by the religion that has him as its core figure. However, the fact that the key to Jesus’ true identity lies in both the Bible and the Qur’an is food for thought, utilizing the principles we discussed earlier.

*“He [‘Eesaa (Jesus)] said: Verily! I am a slave of Allah, He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me Salah (Prayer) and Zakah (Alms) as long as I remain alive. And [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant. And Salam (peace) be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive!” [Qur’an 19:30-33]*

*“And [beware the Day] when Allah will say (on the Day of Resurrection): ‘O ‘Eesaa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)! Did you say unto men: ‘Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allah?’ He will say: ‘Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, You would surely have known it. You know what is in my inner-self though I do not know what is in Yours, truly, You, only You, are the All-Knower of all that is hidden and unseen.” [Qur’an 5:116]*



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