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The Birth of Jesus: Son of Mary

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One of the most important figures to humanity today is Jesus the son of Mary. His significance is acknowledged by Muslims and Christians throughout the world and he is hailed as one of the greatest spiritual leaders of all time. The Christian communities show their reverence for the great Prophet by celebrating his birthday on the 25th of December. Although there is no evidence to prove that he was born on this day, as many contemporary scholars contend that December the 25th was actually chosen as his birth date to correspond with the pre-Christian roman celebration of Dies Natalis Solis Invicti, "the birthday of the unconquered sun", there is however absolutely no doubt that Jesus (Isa A.S.) was miraculously born without a father to the Virgin Mary (Mariam A.S.) in the land of Palestine.

Mary (Mariam A.S.) was the daughter of Imran, a notable imam of Bait al Maqdis and a man whose family Allah had chosen as one of the most distinguished and honorable families in the world. He even named a Surah (Chapter) after them in his final scripture, the Qur'an. In this Surah, titled 'The Family of Imran', Allah gives details of the conditions surrounding Mary's birth and her upbringing which is as follows:

(Verse 35) [Mention, O Muhammad], when the wife of Imran [whose name was Hanna] said [after becoming pregnant in old age], "My Lord, indeed I have pledged to You what is in my womb, consecrated [for Your service], so accept this from me. Indeed, You are the Hearing, the Knowing."

(Verse 36) But when she delivered her [expecting the child to be a boy], she said, "My Lord, I have delivered a female." And Allah was most knowing of what she delivered, "And the male [I expected] is not like the female [I have received]. And I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allah]."

(Verse 37) So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Zechariah [because her father had passed away]. Every time Zechariah entered upon her in the prayer chamber [which he prepared for her in the masjid], he found with her provision [i.e. fruits out of their season]. He said, "O Mary, from where is this [coming] to you?" She said, "It is from Allah. Indeed, Allah provides for whom He wills without account



The City of Bethlehem located in Palestine is believed to be the birthplace of Jesus

(Verse 42) And [mention] when the angels said, "O Mary, indeed Allah has chosen you and purified you [from having any intimate relationship with the opposite gender] and chosen you above the women of the worlds [in your era].

(Verse 43) O Mary, be devoutly obedient to your Lord and prostrate and bow with those who bow [in prayer]."

After a period of time when Mary (Mariam A.S.) had matured Allah sent the following message:

Verse 45) [And mention] when the angels said, "O Mary, indeed Allah gives you good tidings of a word from Him [i.e. a child], whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary - distinguished in this world and the Hereafter and among those brought near [to Allah].

(Verse 46) He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity and will be of the righteous."

(Verse 47) She said, "My Lord, how will I have a child when no man has touched me?" [The angel] said, "Such is Allah; He creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is. ►

MONTHLY HADITH

Abu Huraira reported, Prophet (SAW) said, "The Hour will not be established until the son of Mary (i.e. Jesus) descends amongst you as a just ruler, he will break the cross, kill the pigs, and abolish the Jizya tax. Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it (as charitable gifts).

{Sahih Bukhari}

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WEEKLY IJTEMA GATHERING

Will be held Friday nights after Isha Prayers - 8:30pm

JUMA PRAYERS

1st) 12:50pm Khutba
1:00pm Jamaat

2nd) 2:10pm Khutba
2:20pm Jamaat

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