

Our Belief About Isa (AS), the Son of Mary and Lessons from his Life

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُ ۚ
الْقِيَامَةَ إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحٌ مِنْهُ فَأَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ وَلَا تَقُولُوا ثَلَاثَةٌ
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ، لَيُوشِكَنَّ أَنْ يَنْزَلَ فِيكُمْ
ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ حَكَمًا عَدْلًا»

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In the eyes of us Muslims, Jesus (pbuh) is one of the prophets of "Ulu'l Azm" (Arch-Prophets), that is, one of the prophets who showed immense effort, patience and persistence. He is the servant and messenger of Allah (swt). In the Qur'an, Allah (swt) says: **"People of the Book! Do not exceed the limits in your religion, and attribute to Allah nothing except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was only a Messenger of Allah, and His command that He conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from Him (which led to Mary's conception). So believe in Allah and in His Messengers, and do not say: (Allah is a) trinity. Give up this assertion; it would be better for you. Allah is indeed just one God. Far be it from His glory that He should have a son. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth. Allah is sufficient for a guardian."**¹ The fact that our Isa (AS) was born without a father is a miracle and does not mean that he is God or the son of God. Allah (swt) mentions in the Quran, **"Indeed, the example of Jesus to Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust; then He said to him, "Be," and he was."**²

Dear Jama'ah!

Undoubtedly, it is important that we have accurate information about Isa (AS) and other prophets and reinforce our faith. However, the main purpose of getting to know them is to take them as an example and follow their footsteps.

Especially the narrations about Isa (AS) contain many lessons for us. According to a narration, **"Allah (swt) said to Isa (AS), 'O Isa, preach to yourself (first). Only after you have practiced your sermons do you begin to preach to others. If you do not do this, be ashamed of me.'"**³

Isa (AS) acted in line with this command of Allah (swt) and did not convey any behaviour that he did not practice to the society. In this respect, it sets an example for all Muslims until the Day of Judgment. According to a narration, Isa (as) said: **"Surely, the one who loves the world the most will be the one who fears the calamities the most."**⁴ We Muslims should adopt this wise saying as a way of life for ourselves. The only thing we are afraid of losing should be Allah's pleasure and approval from us.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

As you know, the return of Isa (as) to the world is considered one of the great signs of the Day of Judgment. Our Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an, **"And indeed, he [i.e., Jesus] will be [a sign for] knowledge of the Hour."**⁵ Rasulullah (saw) emphasised this sign in many hadiths. In a hadith in Bukhari, he said: **"By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, surely (Jesus,) the son of Mary will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler) (...)"** While Abu Huraira (r.a.) narrated this he would recite this verse and draw attention to the fact that it would be close to the Day of Judgment, **"And there is none from the People of the Scripture but that he will surely believe in him [i.e., Jesus] before his death. And on the Day of Resurrection he will be against them a witness."**^{6, 7}

May Allah (swt) make us among the faithful travellers of the path of Islam on which all the prophets were sent. Ameen.



¹ Surah An-Nisa, 4:171

² Surah Al-i Imran, 3:59

³ Ahmed b. Hanbel: Ez-Zuhd (1999), 1/48, H.No: 300

⁴ Ahmed b. Hanbel: Ez-Zuhd (1999), 1/53, H.No: 338

⁵ Surah Az-Zukhruf, 43:61

⁶ Surah An-Nisa, 4:159

⁷ Buhârî, Enbiyâ, 49, H.No: 3448