

Jesus triumphed over the death: "Allah raised him up unto Himself"

(Surah 4 ayat 158).

According to the Koran, Allah addressed the following words to Jesus: "*I will make you undergo death and I will lift you to me*" Surah Al-Imran Ayat 55.

An excerpt of a letter written by the apostle Paul to the Corinthian Church (Greece) between 30 and 56 AD: "*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born*" (New Testament : 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 3-7).

Note: James was Jesus' brother.

By dying on the cross Jesus "*cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us*" (New Testament: Colossians chapter 2 verse 14).

After his resurrection Jesus the Christ appeared to his disciples and said to them: "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned*" (Gospel of Mark chapter 16 verses 15-16).

Is Jesus the only path to God?

The Gospel of John quotes the words of Jesus himself: "*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*" (Chapter 14 verse 6).

The book of the Acts of the apostles tells us about Jesus: "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved*" (New Testament: chapter 4 verse 12).

Jesus also said: "*if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins*" (John Chapter 8 verse 24). According to the Torah, God revealed himself to Moses under the name EYEH ASHER EYEH = I AM WHO I AM.

Jesus said: "*He who is not with me is against me.*" (Gospel by Luke chapter 11 verse 23). Are you with Jesus or against Him? Faith in Jesus Christ means obedience to His word.

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The Gospel of Jesus

"And in their footsteps We sent Isa the son of Mary, confirming the Torah that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Torah that had come before him: a guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah" Surah Al-Maidah Ayat 46.

The Arabic word "Injil" in the Koran means "Good News", the Gospel is thus the Good News of the arrival of the Messiah: God is fulfilling the promise He made to Abraham and David by sending Jesus into the world. The Old Testament (the first part of the Bible) includes the writings of Israel's prophets; this book announces the arrival of a saviour.

Why do Christians have four Gospels?

The New Testament (the second part of the Bible) consists of 27 books of which the first four are called Gospel. These four accounts enable us to know the life and the teaching of Jesus. We read in the first chapter of the Gospel written by Luke (verses 1 and 2) that several people undertook to compose an account on the events which occurred at the time of Jesus, after having consulted eyewitnesses. These people were Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Matthew and John were chosen by Jesus to be apostles and one followed him during his earthly ministry, Mark and Luke were disciples. The other books of the New Testament include: a report written by Luke on the birth and the growth of the Church, the letters written by the Apostles and the first Christians at the various Churches as well as a revelation made to John, the close friend of Jesus.

The name given to Jesus.

In the Bible we notice that the names given to people reveal their identity or refer to their mission. For example, the name of Abraham means his calling to be the father of many nations. Another example is the name Isaac, which recalls Abraham's wife's burst of laughter when she learned that she would be pregnant at an advanced age. Also the name of Jacob means: "the supplanter", "the one who passes in front the others". Jacob lied to his father, deceived his brother and then he fled for fear of being killed.

We read in the Gospel written by Matthew that an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying: "*Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins*" (Chapter 1 verses 20 to 21).

The name of Jesus (or Iêsous en in Greek) is a Hellenic form of the Hebraic name Yeshua which means: "Yahve saves" or "God saves".

Why Jesus is called the prophet?

In the Torah written by Moses we read: "*The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers (the israelites). You must listen to him*" (Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 15).

The gospel according to John: "*The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathaniel and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip*" (chapter 1 verses 43-46).

Why does Jesus have the name of Messiah?

The word Messiah is the English translation of the Hebraic word Messiah, Masih is the Arabic form. The word Christ comes from the Greek "Christos" which also means Messiah, that is to say the Anointed one, one who has received anointing. The ritual of the anointing oil was reserved for the future king of Israel, it symbolizes the investment of the king by the Holy Spirit and makes him the representative of God at the head of his people. We read in the Gospel of Matthew that Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan: "*As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he (John the Baptist) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him*" (chapter 3 verses 21-22). In the next chapter Jesus went to the synagogue of Nazareth: "*And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.*" (Luke chapter 4 verses 16-21) ... "*After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God*" (Luke chapter 8 verse 1).

Why Jesus is called Mary's son?

According to the Koran, Jesus was conceived by the power of God without any human intervention (see surah 3 ayat 35-37). According to the Luke's gospel the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin to tell her: "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God*" (ch.1 v.35). The power of God continued to be seen throughout Jesus' life through miraculous acts. According to the Koran the miracles

which He achieved are "*evidence*" (see surah 2 ayat 87 and surah 5 ayat 110) that he acted on behalf of God. The Koran presents Jesus as a "sign" on three occasions. It associates each of these occasions with the virgin Mary; this idea can perhaps be related to a statement made by the prophet Isaiah a few centuries before the birth of the Messiah: "*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel*" which means: "God with us" (Chapter 7 verse 14).

Do you believe in God and in the last judgment day?

"The pious man is the one who believes in God, the last day, the angels, the book and the prophets..." Surah Al-Baqara Ayat 177.

According to the Koran and Hadith, at the end of time all men will arise and stand before God. After this judgment some will go to heaven and other to hell. **After your death, where do you think you will go?**

Because of their disobedience Adam and Eve were expelled from paradise, direct contact with God was broken and mankind fell under the dominion of sin. Since the creation of the first man and woman, no human except Jesus has been able to meet God's standards. We read in the Bible: "*There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one*" (N.T. Romans ch.3 verses 10-12, O.T. Psalms ch.14 v.3 and ch.53 v.3, Ecclesiastes ch.7 v.20). The Koran also confirms that man is a sinner: "*Truly man is, to his Lord, ungrateful; And to that (fact) he bears witness (by his deeds)*" (surah 100 ayat 6-7), the prophet Mohammed recognized himself as a sinner when he asked for the forgiveness of his sins (see verses of the surah 40:55, 47:19 and 48:2). Mankind was thus definitively lost because God is holy (= without sin) and righteous, He does not consider sinners as innocent (see Torah: Exodus ch.34 v.7 and Numbers ch.14 v.18). But because God loves us and wants to save us, he has made a way to definitely solve the problem of sin.

What was Jesus' mission?

Trough out Old Testament we learn that the Messiah had to die for the sins of His people: "*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him; And by His stripes we are healed....He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation?*" (Extract from the book of the prophet Isaiah chapter 53 verses 5 and 8 written between 760 and 698 before Christ). In the Torah we read that "almost everything, according the law (of Moses), *is cleansed by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness*" (letter to Hebrews chapter 9 verse 22).