As a respected and obedient Messenger of God, Jesus willingly followed God's commands and, in doing so, was a “Muslim”, which means someone who submits to God's will.

CRUCIFIXION

In Islam, it is believed that Jesus was not crucified. Instead, God raised him up to heaven, where he remains till this day. The Qur’an states that the Jews did not kill or crucify him; rather, someone else was made to resemble him, and people afterward only speculated about what happened. In truth, Jesus was not killed; God raised him up, body and soul.

Muslims also believe that Jesus will return to earth near the Day of Judgment, as the Qur’an describes. When he comes back, he will follow the law of Islam and call others to worship the One True God. He will reject any claim that he is divine and affirm that he is a servant and messenger of Allah. Jesus (peace be upon him) was born, will return, and will die as a Muslim.

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In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

Jesus is a beloved figure admired by billions, yet his role is often misunderstood. Islam, which teaches the worship of the One True God, Allah in Arabic, also honours many Prophets and Messengers. Jesus (peace be upon him) is one of these respected figures. He holds an important place in both Islam and Christianity. So, what is his connection to Islam?

In Judaism, Jesus is not recognised as the Messiah. Christianity views him as divine or the son of God. Islam, however, regards Jesus as a noble Prophet and Messenger of God. Muslims believe he was born to the virgin Mary and that he will return as the Messiah. They do not consider him God or part of a Trinity.

In the Qur'an, Jesus says he is a servant of Allah who was given scripture and made a Prophet. Muslims honour him just as they honour Moses, Abraham, Muhammad, and all other Prophets (peace be upon them all). Rejecting Jesus or any Prophet means one is no longer a Muslim. Prophets are not worshipped; they are chosen by God to deliver His message.

JESUS AS GOD

The idea that Jesus is God or the son of God does not align with the teachings found in the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the Qur'an.

Many verses in the Qur'an clearly express a different perspective. To say that God has a son would suggest that God possesses human traits and limitations, which contradicts the concept of an all-powerful deity, as God is above such imperfections.

> *The Qur'an states, "Surely, they have disbelieved who say: 'Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary.' But the Messiah [i.e. Jesus] said: 'O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.'" Qur'an (5:72)*

THE VIRGIN MARY

Mary, known as the noble virgin, is so respected in Islam that an entire chapter of the Qur'an is named in her honour. Her story is also told in this chapter. Allah states: "And remember when the Angels said:

> *Oh Mary, Indeed Allah has chosen you, purified you, and chosen you from amongst all the women" Qur'an (3:42).*

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) also acknowledged her significance, saying that "the best of the world's women was Mary during her lifetime."

THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH

God tells the story of the birth of Christ in the Qur'an.

> *And make mention of Mary in the Scripture, when she had withdrawn from her people to a chamber looking East, And had chosen seclusion from them. Then We sent unto her Our Spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man." Qur'an (19: 16-17)*

> *She said, "Indeed, I seek refuge in the Most Merciful from you, [so leave me], if you should be fearing of Allah." He said, "I am only the messenger of your Lord to give you (news of)a pure boy (i.e., son)." Qur'an (19:18-19)*

> *She said, "How can I have a boy while no man has touched me and I have not been unchaste?". He said, "Thus [it will be]; your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me, and We will make him a sign to the people and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter [already] decreed." Qur'an (19:20-21)*

And thus, Jesus (peace be upon him) was born.

> *"God says, "The likeness of Jesus before Allah is as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him: 'Be', and he was. This is the truth from your Lord, so be not of the disputers." Qur'an (3:59-60)*

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

If we think about it, if Jesus is worshipped because he had no father, then Adam deserves even more worship since he was created without any parents. Jesus was sent to the Children of Israel to share the message from earlier Prophets, teaching them to believe in the One True God, Allah.

> *Jesus came to his people with clear signs of prophethood, explaining, "I have come to you with wisdom, to clarify certain points of disagreement. So, be mindful of God and follow me, for Allah is my Lord and your Lord. Worship Him alone; that is the true path" Qur'an (43:63-64).*