

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSLIMS

Lessons for Online Missionaries dealing with Muslims

Lesson 19: Jesus in the Qur'an (Part 1)

In order to effectively share the gospel with Muslim internet contacts, it is a good idea to read through the entire Qur'an at least once. One way to share about Jesus with Muslim seekers is to start with what the Qur'an says about him – because it says some pretty unique and amazing things about Jesus! We need only point our friends to portions of the book they're already familiar with for them to see Jesus' significance and power.

When we share about Jesus from the Qur'an, the goal is to build a bridge between Islam and Jesus, and to eventually be able to share from the Bible. The Bible has the complete revelation about Jesus; the Qur'an is only a starting point. But perhaps starting from the Qur'an can provide the spark that helps our Muslim friend become more interested in who Jesus really is!

As you read through the Qur'an, pay particular attention to Surah 3 ("Al-Imran" or "The Family of Imran"). One website where you can read this passage in English is:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/k/koran/browse.html>. In Surah 3:41-55, God speaks to Mary about Jesus.

Surah 3:41-55 (**bold** added):

41. He said: My Lord! appoint a sign for me. Said He: Your sign is that you should not speak to men for three days except by signs; and remember your Lord much and glorify Him in the evening and the morning.

*42. And when the angels said: **O Marium! surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the world.***

43. O Marium! keep to obedience to your Lord and humble yourself, and bow down with those who bow.

44. This is of the announcements relating to the unseen which We reveal to you; and you were not with them when they cast their pens (to decide) which of them should have Marium in his charge, and you were not with them when they contended one with another.

*45. **When the angels said: O Marium, surely Allah gives you good news with a Word from Him (of one) whose name is the Messiah, Isa son of Marium, worthy of regard in this world and the hereafter** and of those who are made near (to Allah).*

*46. **And he shall speak to the people when in the cradle and when of old age, and (he shall be) one of the good ones.***

47. **She said: My Lord! when shall there be a son (born) to I me, and man has not touched me?** He said: Even so, Allah creates what He pleases; when He has decreed a matter, He only says to it, Be, and it is.

48. And He will teach him the Book and the wisdom and the Taurat and the Injil.

49. And (make him) an apostle to the children of Israel: That I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, that **I determine for you out of dust like the form of a bird, then I breathe into it and it becomes a bird with Allah's permission and I heal the blind and the leprous, and bring the dead to life with Allah's permission** and I inform you of what you should eat and what you should store in your houses; most surely there is a sign in this for you, if you are believers.

50. And a verifier of that which is before me of the Taurat and that I may allow you part of that which has been forbidden to you, and I have come to you with a sign from your Lord therefore be careful of (your duty to) Allah and obey me.

51. Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord, therefore serve Him; this is the right path.

52. But when Isa perceived unbelief on their part, he said Who will be my helpers in Allah's way? The disciples said: We are helpers (in the way) of Allah: We believe in Allah and bear witness that we are submitting ones.

53. Our Lord! we believe in what Thou hast revealed and we follow the apostle, so write us down with those who bear witness.

54. And they planned and Allah (also) planned, and Allah is the best of planners.

55. And when Allah said: **O Isa, I am going to terminate the period of your stay (on earth) and cause you to ascend unto Me and purify you of those who disbelieve and make those who follow you above those who disbelieve to the day of resurrection;** then to Me shall be your return, so I will decide between you concerning that in which you differed.

The acronym "CAMEL" will help you remember the important points in this passage:

C – Chosen

A – Announced by angels

M – Miracles

E – Eternal

L – Life

In our next lesson we'll discuss what these important points are, and how to share them with seekers.

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