

Isa Khutbah

Christmas and Isa AS
An Islamic Perspective

Today's Khutbah

Holiday Season in the Western World

Non-Muslim Colleagues might ask you about Christmas and Isa AS

This may lead to the difference between Christianity and Islam

You may already know these, but it is good to have a refresher

Quran calls Jews and Christians people of the book

You have to show respect and educate them about Islam - Dawah

Show Respect

Al-Ma'idah (The Table Spread) - 5:82 [\[read in context\]](#)

وَلَتَجِدَنَّ أَقْرَبَهُمْ مَوَدَّةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصَارَىٰ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ مِنْهُمْ قِسِيِينَ وَرُهْبَانًا وَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ (5:82)

nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, "We are Christians": because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant. - 5:82 (Y. Ali)

Al-'Ankabut (The Spider) - 29:46 [\[read in context\]](#)

وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَإِلَهُنَا وَإِلَهُكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ I(29:46)

And dispute ye not with the People of the Book, except with means better (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury): but say, "We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; Our Allah and your Allah is one; and it is to Him we bow (in Islam)." - 29:46 (Y. Ali)

Story of Najashi

Jafar ibn Abi Taleb, the elder brother of Ali ibn Abi Taleb, who after embracing Islam escaped the prosecution of Makkans and led a delegation of over 80 emigrants to Habesha, was standing in the court of Christian King Najashi to defend Islam.

Abu Jahl and Abu Sufyan, the two warlords of pagans of Makkah, sent a delegation to Najashi asking him to expel the Muslims.

Najashi invited the Muslims at the court and asked their leader Jafar: “What is this religion which you have introduced for yourself and which has served to cut you off from the religion of your people? You also did not enter my religion nor the religion of any other community.”

He asked Jafar: “Do you have with you something of what your Prophet brought from God? Please read to me:” Jafar, in his rich, melodious voice recited for him a portion of Surah Maryam from Verses 19 to 32.

Najashi stood up for Allah’s words and said: Certainly this and what Jesus had brought come out of one source. and said: “You’re welcome; Your Prophet is welcome. I admit that he is the Apostle about whom Jesus had given good news. Live wherever you like in my country.”

This shows that we have to find common ground with Christians.

Prophecy

Essa AS told his people.

As-Saff (The Row) - 61:6 [\[read in context\]](#)

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ^(61:6)

61:6 (Asad) And [this happened, too,] when Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O children of Israel! Behold, I am an apostle of God unto you, [sent] to confirm the truth of whatever there still remains ^[5] of the Torah, and to give [you] the glad tiding of an apostle who shall come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad." ^[6] But when he [whose coming Jesus had foretold] came unto them ^[7] with all evidence of the truth, they said: "This [alleged message of his] is [nothing but] spellbinding eloquence!" ^[8]

Birth

[Maryam (Mary) - 19:29] [\[read in context\]](#)

فَأَشَارَتْ إِلَيْهِ قَالُوا كَيْفَ نُكَلِّمُ مَنْ كَانَ فِي الْمَهْدِ صَبِيًّا (19:29)

But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?" - 19:29 (Y. Ali)

[Maryam (Mary) - 19:30] [\[read in context\]](#)

قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ آتَانِيَ الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا (19:30)

He said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah. He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet; - 19:30 (Y. Ali)

[Maryam (Mary) - 19:31] [\[read in context\]](#)

وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا (19:31)

"And He hath made me blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live; - 19:31 (Y. Ali)

[Maryam (Mary) - 19:32] [\[read in context\]](#)

وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا (19:32)

"(He) hath made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable; - 19:32 (Y. Ali)

Birth

Maryam (Mary) - 19:33 [\[read in context\]](#)

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا (19:33)

"So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)"! - 19:33 (Y. Ali)

Maryam (Mary) - 19:34 [\[read in context\]](#)

ذَلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ (19:34)

Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute. - 19:34 (Y. Ali)

Maryam (Mary) - 19:35 [\[read in context\]](#)

مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ سُبْحَانَهُ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُونُ (19:35)

It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be", and it is. - 19:35 (Y. Ali)

August Sept Birth

According to Quran

Maryam (Mary) - 19:24 [\[read in context\]](#)

(19:24) فَنَادَاهَا مِن تَحْتِهَا أَلَّا تَحْزَنِي قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكِ تَحْتَكِ سَرِيًّا

19:24 (Asad) Thereupon [a voice] called out to her from beneath that [palm-tree]:^[18] "Grieve not! Thy Sustainer has provided a rivulet [running] beneath thee;

Maryam (Mary) - 19:25 [\[read in context\]](#)

(19:25) وَهَرِّي إِلَيْكِ بِجِذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ تُسَاقِطُ عَلَيْكِ رُطَبًا جَنِيًّا

19:25 (Asad) and shake the trunk of the palm-tree towards thee: it will drop fresh, ripe dates upon thee.

ME people know, dates come out in Aug/Sept. Dec 25 was a Roman holiday, so it was called birth of Jesus.

The Savior

Jesus (Isa AS) is not Christ. He as Jesus the Messiah. He is not son of God, he was the son of Mary. He was not crucified.

An-Nisa (The Women) - 4:156 [\[read in context\]](#)

(4:156) وَيَكْفُرُهُمْ وَقَوْلِهِمْ عَلَىٰ مَرْيَمَ بُهْتَانًا عَظِيمًا

4:156 (Asad) and for their refusal to acknowledge the truth, and the awesome calumny which they utter against Mary, **[170]**

An-Nisa (The Women) - 4:157 [\[read in context\]](#)

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَىٰ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِن شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ
مِّنْهُ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا (4:157)

4:157 (Asad) and their boast, "Behold, we have slain the Christ Jesus, son of Mary, [who claimed to be] an apostle of God!" However, they did not slay him, and neither did they crucify him, but it only seemed to them [as if it had been] so; **[171]** and, verily, those who hold conflict-ing views thereon are indeed confused, having no [real] knowledge thereof, and following mere con-jecture. For, of a certainty, they did not slay him:

An-Nisa (The Women) - 4:158 [\[read in context\]](#)

(4:158) بَلْ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا

4:158 (Asad) nay, God exalted him unto Himself **[172]** - and God is indeed almighty, wise.

Servant and Slave

An-Nisa (The Women) - 4:172 [\[read in context\]](#)

لَنْ يَسْتَنكِفَ الْمَسِيحُ أَنْ يَكُونَ عَبْدًا لِلَّهِ وَلَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ وَمَنْ يَسْتَنكِفْ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ وَيَسْتَكْبِرْ فَسَيَحْشُرُهُمْ إِلَيْهِ جَمِيعًا

(4:172)

4:172 (Asad) Never did the Christ feel too proud to be God's servant, nor do the angels who are near unto Him. And those who feel too proud to serve Him and glory in their arrogance [should know that on Judgment Day] He will gather them all unto Himself:

Maryam (Mary) - 19:30 [\[read in context\]](#)

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19:30 (Asad) [But] he said: [23] "Behold, I am a servant of God. He has vouchsafed unto me revelation and made me a prophet, [24]

Maryam (Mary) - 19:31 [\[read in context\]](#)

وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا (19:31)

19:31 (Asad) and made me blessed wherever I may be; and He has enjoined upon me prayer and charity as long as I live,

Miraculous Birth same as Adam AS

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:59 [\[read in context\]](#)

إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ آدَمَ خَلَقَهُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُونُ (3:59)

3:59 (Asad) Verily, in the sight of God, the nature of Jesus is as the nature of Adam, whom He created out of dust and then said unto him, "Be" - and he is. [47]

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:60 [\[read in context\]](#)

الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُن مِّنَ الْمُؤْتِرِينَ (3:60)

3:60 (Asad) [This is] the truth from thy Sustainer; be not, then, among the doubters!

Never Asked to Worship Himself, Instead Allah

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:51 [\[read in context\]](#)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ (3:51)

3:51 (Asad) "Verily, God is my Sustainer as well as your Sustainer; so worship Him [alone]: this is a straight way."

He is not Alive like any other person

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:55 [\[read in context\]](#)

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِنِّي فَاعٍ لِمَ الْكَافِرِينَ إِيَّاكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ (3:55)

3:55 (Asad) Lo! God said: "O Jesus! Verily, I shall cause thee to die, and shall exalt thee unto Me, and cleanse thee of [the presence of] those who are bent on denying the truth; and I shall place those who follow thee [far] above those who are bent on denying the truth, unto the Day of Resurrection. In the end, unto Me you all must return, and I shall judge between you with regard to all on which you were wont to differ. [45]

Never asked followers to call themselves Christians

He called them helpers, Ansar - Nasara comes from there

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:52 [\[read in context\]](#)

فَلَمَّا أَحَسَّ عِيسَى مِنْهُمُ الْكُفْرَ قَالَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَاشْهَدْ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ (3:52)

3:52 (**Asad**) And when Jesus became aware of their refusal to acknowledge the truth,^[41] he asked: "Who will be my helpers in God's cause?" The white-garbed ones ^[42]replied: "We shall be [thy] helpers [in the cause] of God! We believe in God: and bear thou witness that we have surrendered ourselves unto Him!

We believe in All Prophets

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:84 [\[read in context\]](#)

قُلْ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ
وَالنَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ^(3:84)

3:84 (Asad) Say: "We believe in God, and in that which has been bestowed from on high upon us, and that which has been bestowed upon Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and their descendants, and that which has been vouchsafed by their Sustainer unto Moses and Jesus and all the [other] prophets: we make no distinction between any of them. ^[68] And unto Him do we surrender ourselves."

Have a Pleasant Dialog to Inform

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:64 [\[read in context\]](#)

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ^(3:64)

3:64 (**Asad**) Say: "O followers of earlier revelation! Come unto that tenet which we and you hold in common: **[49]** that we shall worship none but God, and that we shall not ascribe divinity to aught beside Him, and that we shall not take human beings for our lords beside God." **[50]** And if they turn away, then say: "Bear witness that it is we who have surrendered ourselves unto Him."

Ask Forgiveness

May Allah forgive our sins and allow us to represent Islam in its truest spirits.