

Muslims believe that there is no other god worthy of worship except God Almighty and do not associate any partners with Him. Thus Muslims reject the concept of the Trinity and do not elevate Jesus, nor any other individual, angel, or human to a god-like status, as God says in the Qur'an:

Say, "He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was He begotten. No one is comparable to Him."

(QUR'AN 112:1-4)

When the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was questioned by a delegation of Christians as to why Jesus' (pbuh) birth without a human father was not proof of his divinity, God revealed a verse stating that it was a similar miracle through which Adam (pbuh) was brought into being:

In God's eyes Jesus (pbuh) is just like Adam (pbuh): He created him from dust, said to him, 'Be', and he was.

(QUR'AN 3:59)

The rejection of the Trinity and the idea of God having a son is mentioned on numerous occasions in the Holy Qur'an:

"The disbelievers say, "The Lord of Mercy has offspring." How terrible is this thing you assert: it almost causes the heavens to be torn apart, the earth to split asunder, the mountains to crumble to pieces, that they attribute offspring to the Lord of Mercy. It does not befit the Lord of Mercy [to have offspring]: there is no one in the heavens or earth who will not come to the Lord of Mercy as a servant.

(QUR'AN 19: 88-93)



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Prophet Jesus in Islam

(Peace be upon him*)

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The Holy Qur'an revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh*), which Muslims believe to be the final revelation in a long line of books such as the Torah and Gospel, speaks very highly not only of Mary but also of her son, Jesus Christ, and hails Mary as an exemplar for all women.

*(pbuh) 'peace be upon him' is a conventionally honorific phrase that is said after the mention of Prophets names. An extended variant 'peace & blessings be upon him' is a phrase used after mentioning the name of Prophet Muhammad to show respect and honour to him.



Do Muslims believe in Jesus?

Yes. Muslims, as a matter of faith, are obliged to love, respect and revere Jesus (pbuh). They consider him one of the greatest of God's messengers to mankind and also await his Second Coming. A Muslim should not refer to him as simply 'Jesus', but is expected to always add the phrase 'peace be upon him', out of the respect and love Muslims have towards their beloved messenger.

Muslims believe that God has bestowed upon Mary the most exalted of all positions. The Holy Qur'an hails Mary as a model for the entire world. God says:

*The angels said to Mary:
"Mary, God has chosen you and
made you pure: He has truly
chosen you above all women."*

(QUR'AN 3:42)

The 19th chapter of the Qur'an is named after Mary. This chapter describes how Mary gave birth to her son and how she was accused of adultery when she brought the child home:

*She went back to her people carrying
the child, and they said, "Mary! You
have done something terrible! Sister
of Aaron! Your father was not an evil
man; your mother was not unchaste!"
She pointed at him. They said, "How
can we converse with an infant?"
[But] he said: "I am a servant of God.
He has granted me the Scripture;
made me a prophet; made me
blessed wherever I may be.*

*He commanded me to pray, to give
alms as long as I live, to cherish my
mother. He did not make me
domineering or graceless. Peace
was on me the day I was born,
and will be on me the day I die
and the day I am raised to life again."*

(QUR'AN 19:27-33)

Later in life, during his prophetic mission, Jesus (pbuh) performed numerous miracles. The Qur'an informs us that Jesus said:

*"I have come to you with a sign
from your Lord: I will make the
shape of a bird for you out of clay,
then breathe into it and, with God's
permission, it will become a real bird;
I will heal the blind and the leper,
and bring the dead back to life with
God's permission."*

(QUR'AN 3:49)

Neither Muhammad nor Jesus (peace upon them both) came to change the basic doctrine of the belief in one God brought by earlier prophets, but to confirm and renew it. In the Holy Qur'an, Jesus (pbuh) is reported as saying that he came:

*"To confirm the truth of the Torah
which preceded me, and to make
some things lawful to you which
used to be forbidden. I have come
to you with a sign from your Lord.
Be mindful of God, obey me:
God is my Lord and your Lord,
so serve Him – that is a straight path."*

(QUR'AN 3:50-51)