

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS Nuzul-I-Isa (The descension of Jesus)

When talking of Jesus Christ second coming, we want to show that He is unique and that he must have come first and where he came from!

Both Muslim's and Christians believe that Jesus, who lived in the land of Israel about 2000 years ago, was raised alive to heaven. Muslims differ about how he got to heaven. Both of us agree that the climax of human history will be, Jesus coming again from heaven to this world at the end of the age.

But Muslims differ from us in what they say about how he will appear and what he will do and if he died at all.

Islam: -

Sura 4:158 He was not crucified " Allah raised him up unto himself; and Allah is exalted in power." vs **171** Jesus was a *ruhun minhu* "a spirit from God"

Sura 43:61 "And (Jesus) shall be a sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgement): Therefore have no doubt about the (Hour) but follow ye me: this is a Straight Way."

Most Muslim commentators including Abdulla Yusuf Ali says, This is understood to refer to the second coming of Jesus in The Last days just before the resurrection, when he will destroy the false doctrines that pass under his name and prepare the way for the universal acceptance of Islam, the Gospel of unity and Peace, the straight way of the Quran. (The Holy Quran vol. 2 p493b)

It is generally agree by Muslims that Jesus will descend in the Middle East where he will destroy the *Dajjal* (Antichrist), and lead the whole world to embrace Islam, He will, rule overall the earth, and establish a universal faith in God during His reign.

That Jesus will marry and have children, and that He will die after 40 years and be buried in Medina alongside the tombs of Muhammad, Abu Bakr and Umar

In The Hadith, teaches unambiguously that Jesus will return towards the end of the world. There are 70 accredited traditions supporting this idea which are all *mutawatir* "Universally attested" traditions of unquestionable reliability.

The Hadiths: - *Abu Huraira reported "that the messenger of Allah (May peace be upon him) said: By Him in whose hand is my life, the son of Mary (may peace be upon him) will soon descend among you as a just judge. He will break crosses, kill swine and abolish Jizya, and the wealth will pour forth to such an extent that no one will accept it". (Sahih Muslim, Vol.1, p92)*

In Vol.1 p93 He continues, " spite, mutual hatred and jealousy against one another will certainly disappear" and Sahih al-Bukhari Vol.4, p437 says "Jesus will return to earth to receive the homage of all to whom the scriptures have been given,"

Our faith: -

Mat, 25:31-32 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on the throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and he will separate the people one from another as the Shepherd separates the sheep from the goats..."

We know "that Jesus will return, **but not** to complete his life and physically have children in the last days and die again. When Jesus returns it will be very different.

But since we both agree that Jesus is returning isn't time to challenge our friends about the uniqueness of Jesus!

We do **not** believe that he will return to live an ordinary life! His life on earth is already complete. He has been alive in heaven for 2000 years and is alive forever more in glory. How

can Jesus return to complete an interrupted life and die again? His return must be far more than this.

There must be something very special about Jesus. Both of us await his return. Both agree that he is alive in Heaven. The return of no other prophet is looked forward to like this. We all agree that He will control the whole world. This Jesus Christ is unique. In his life on earth Jesus lived in one geographical area. He influenced this one place but when he returns he will rule the whole world. The Prophet Mohamed will not do this. The Quran states that Jesus will do this. Jesus will rule the world.

Q1 Where did Jesus come from?

Since Jesus will have a second coming from heaven, there must have been a first coming from heaven. We believe that he pre-existed and that he was in the beginning with God before anything was created. He came with God's spirit into the world directly from heaven. He was the result of a virgin birth and God's spirit was in Him.

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning"

The Quran give the title of Spirit of God to no one else but Jesus. This is what Christians believe that Jesus came into the world the first time with God's Holy Spirit, directed from God and this explains why His mother had such a unique birth experience.

Q 2 Did Mohamed arrive like this? Will Mohamed return like Jesus?

Many times Jesus said that he came down from heaven

John 6:38 " For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me". Later when the Jews argued he continued **61-62** "Does this offend you? What if you to see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!"

Jesus spoke often about originating from heaven (**John 3:13**) and that he would ascend again (**John 20:7**)

It is logical that since Jesus is coming from heaven the second time, He must have come from there the first time. Many non-Christians cannot see this.

Jesus said

John 8:23 "You are from below and I am from above: you are of this world, I am not of this world."

Isn't it amazing! Man returns to where he comes from to dust: -

Gen 3:19 "You are dust, and to dust you will return."

So Jesus also returns from where He comes from, from Heaven.

John 16:28 "I came from the father and have come into the world; again. I am leaving the world and going to the father".

Q3 Why has Jesus been kept alive in heaven for 2000 years when other men, both small and great have returned to dust?

David lies dead in Jerusalem and Mohamed is buried in Medina. Neither lived beyond a normal lifespan. Jesus is the only one who descended from Heaven and ascended into heaven.

Q4 How will Jesus be identified on His return?

If, as Muslims believe, he will be just an ordinary man living to rule the world as a human being, how would they know Him? How will they recognise Him?

No one will fail to recognise him. We believe that everyone will see him at once! So he won't be identical to humans.

Mat.24: 29-31 " The sun will darken, the moon will fade, the stars will fall, the powers of earth will be shaken, and then in their place a new brightness will appear". The whole earth

will see Jesus appears in a cloud with heavenly power and glory. He calls all those who are His own. Jesus will be brighter than any moon, star or the sun. All the world's power will be shaken up, and He will be brighter than the sun. St Paul saw this in **Acts 26:13**.” About noon, O King, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me, and my companions. **Vs 15** Then I asked ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And The Lord replied ‘ I am Jesus whom you are persecuting’”

The Apostle John saw this in **Rev 1:16** “His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.”

He will not descend on a mountain as ordinary flesh and blood. But will be revealed in all His glory.

Q5 What does Jesus look like now, what is his present status?

Daniel saw a vision of Jesus in Heaven. Daniel lived before the first coming of Jesus: -

Daniel 7:9-10

“As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was the ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow;...His throne was flaming with fire... thousands attended him, the court was seated, and the books were opened.” **14** “then there came one like the son of man, and he came to the ancient of days and was presented to him. To Him was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples and nations worshipped him.... His kingdom will never pass away”.

When **Isaiah** had a similar vision of the glory of God and His angels before his throne he was terrified **Isa 6:1-5**

When Jesus was on earth 3 disciples saw him at his transfiguration.

Mat.17: 2 “His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light”

For a brief moment His disciples saw something of His real glory.

Stephen, the first martyr, and an early disciple of Jesus, had a similar vision: -

Acts 7:56 “ Stephen full of The Holy Spirit looked up to heaven and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God”

Q6 Was Mohamed ever transfigured? Did he ever walk with Elijah and Moses?

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciple John had a similar vision to Daniel.

Rev 1:12-16 “One like a son of man, dressed in a robe.... hair as white as snow....a voice like the sound of rushing waters, ...His face was like the sun shining.”

Rev 5:1 “Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a scroll.”

While Daniel saw Jesus presented to the ancient of Days, John saw the completed vision Jesus upon the throne of God ruling the whole universe with angels around him.

Our friends and family believe that Jesus was full of Gods spirit and that he will return from Heaven to rule the world but as a human being.

Q7 If Jesus will rule as a human being the second time, (as some Muslims believe), what would be the point? His work is already done.

Has there ever been one human world leader? Is it possible? To rule the world as described in the Quran and the bible would not Jesus have to be superhuman? Jesus is superhuman!

We believe that Jesus came from heaven to earth. He came as a man with Gods spirit within him. He came as God in human form. He died a human death. He rose from the dead and returned to heaven and will come back from heaven to judge the world. Those who believe in Him and repent of their sins will be saved and go to live with Him in heaven. The differences are small and yet they are life saving. For without Christ we are lost.

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