



In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

## Lajna Ta'leem Lesson Plan Outline

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### Learning Objectives:

- To understand the key messages given by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> in "Lecture Ludhiana"
- To learn why it is important to establish the death of Jesus<sup>as</sup> to show the superiority of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>.
- To understand the true concept of jihad.

Time	Activity and Comments	Resource
30 minutes	<p>Continuing in the subject of the death of Jesus<sup>as</sup> the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> presents further arguments quoting from the Holy Quran:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "O Jesus, I will cause thee to die <i>a natural death</i> and will exalt thee to Myself." (3:56) and "But since Thou didst cause me to die, Thou hast been the Watcher over them." (5:118)</li> <li>• Explanation of the word "tawaffi" is death and the same expression was used for the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in the verse, "And if we show thee <i>in thy lifetime the fulfilment of some of the things with which We have threatened them, thou wilt know it, or if We cause thee to die before that.</i>" (10:47).</li> <li>• The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> saw Jesus<sup>as</sup> among the dead on the night of Mi'raj- the Ascension; just as he saw Prophets Abraham<sup>as</sup>, Moses<sup>as</sup> and others. Then how could a person, who was alive be in his physical form, be with them?</li> <li>• According to other traditions; the age of Jesus<sup>as</sup> was between 120-125</li> <li>• No consensus was ever reached about Jesus<sup>as</sup> being alive.</li> <li>• The Sufis themselves believed in the death of Jesus<sup>as</sup> and in his second coming in the figurative sense.</li> </ul> <p>Then the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> explains how under the British Government the Muslims were granted complete freedom to propagate and publicise their faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government of the time was peace loving and did not object to holding different religious views.</li> <li>• Under its legal system everyone was free to carry out his religious obligations.</li> </ul> <p>Relate the allegations made by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Martin Clark and how the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was acquitted by the Grace of Allah the Almighty.</li> <li>• The case of Dr Dowie</li> <li>• Karim Din's case</li> </ul> <p>Then explaining the true meaning of Jihad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> emphasises that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> never mounted an armed attack for the propagation of Islam</li> <li>• It was only when atrocities exceeded all limits that Allah the Almighty allowed the Muslims to defend themselves.</li> <li>• The enemy of that time brandished the sword; today the sword was no</li> </ul>	<p>"Lecture Ludhiana" p. 25-46</p>



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more.

- Those Muslims who believe that Islam was spread by sword insult Islam and cast false aspersions on the innocence of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>.
- Islam spread only because of its pure teachings and guidance and because of the miracles witnessed and the blessings of heavenly light; it spread because of the Holy Prophet's<sup>sa</sup> glorious miracles and ennobling and sublime influence of his exemplary character.
- Our Prophet<sup>sa</sup> is a living Prophet<sup>sa</sup> because his teachings and guidelines ever and always keep bearing fruit.
- When the atrocities were at their peak and all the enemies were out to annihilate Islam and no recourse was left, Allah the Almighty gave permission to fight back in self-defence. "Permission to *fight* is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged." (22:40)
- This permission was meant for that time and not every other situation.
- The hallmark of the arrival of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was that "He would abolish religious war".
- Today it is the pen which is employed against Islam. The opponents at the time of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> were using the pen to defame Islam; hence it would be inappropriate to take the sword against them.
- The time had come to reveal the bright and shining face of Islam, to refute all objections against it and to remove the scar so unjustly stamped on its luminous face.
- The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> warns the Muslims of the time that they were rejecting the opportunity, given by God the Almighty, to bring the Christians into the fold of Islam.

Through his writings, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> has tried to establish Islam's supremacy over all religions. His publications were sent to Europe and America. Endowed with intelligence, those people have come to realise the truth. But alas! The Muslims have failed to recognise the truth.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, in support of his truthfulness, challenges and warns his opponents:

- "I swear by Allah, the Glorious, that I am from Him"
- "Show me an imposter and a liar and someone who dared attribute to God what was not from Him, and was still the recipient of His help and support. And continued to enjoy life as long as mine and whose aspirations were similarly fulfilled"
- God hates liars and His wrath far exceeds the collective attack of all the opponents against him

Then the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> elucidates prophecies.

- Some prophecies are conditional and the punishment can be averted through repentance, imploring divine mercy and turning towards God.
- Prophecies are of two kinds: 1) Those bearing glad tidings and 2) prophecies of warning- God sometimes forgives, after He has sent the warning, because He is Rahim, the Merciful.
- The difference between a prophecy and Divine Will is that a prophecy is communicated to a prophet, whereas no one is apprised of the Will of God. That remains a secret.
- The self- same will of God when communicated through a prophet,



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becomes a prophecy. If a prophecy cannot be averted, the Will of God, too, cannot be averted. But prophecies pertaining to warning can be averted as is clear from verse, "Some of that which he threatens you with will, *surely*, befall you." (40:29)

- The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> reminds of the incident of Jonah<sup>as</sup>
- He then reminds the Muslims that God is Ghafur- Most Forgiving. Why then should He not forgive those who repent and turn to Him?

**Then go through these questions based on "Our Teachings".**

Q1. Who is the author of "Our Teaching"?

A. The Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Gulam Ahmed Qadiani aw wrote it. It is a part of his book "Kashti Nooh"

Q2. What is the background of "Our Teaching"? Or In what context (our teaching) was it written?

A. During those days Great Plague spread all over India and for its protection the British Gov. ordered everyone to be vaccinated. Hazoor<sup>as</sup> told his Jama'at members that those who were "under the Divine Protection of the four walls of his house" not to be vaccinated as a Great Sign of his truthfulness. But he told that there was one condition. That is the members should follow his true teaching. Then he gave the details of his true teaching under the heading of "Our Teaching".

Q3. What is the essence of true teaching? Or

According to Hazoor<sup>as</sup> what does true teaching mean? -----page 1

A. Hazoor<sup>as</sup> said it is not a mere verbal pledge. It needs genuine and firm resolve to live up to that teaching. To practice it is important.

Q4. God revealed to Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, "I shall myself protect all those who are in this house" according to Hazoor<sup>as</sup> what was the actual meaning of "that house" of protection? -----page 1

A. Hazoor<sup>as</sup> explained that it does not mean that the divine protection was granted to those who were living within the compass of his house made of mud and bricks. Divine protection was granted only to those who follow his teaching to the fullest extent. So those people could be truly said to be the inmates of his "spiritual home"

Q5 What is the concept of God according to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>?

A. God is One and absolutely Unique, His manifestations are diverse and multifarious. He is all-Powerful, all-Sustaining Supreme Being, the Creator of everything, Changeless, Everlasting and Eternal. He is Holy. He does not beget, nor was He begotten. There is no need for him to go on the Cross, or suffer in any way, or be subject to death. He is far but still very near to us.



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Q6. What happens when a man is changed? Page 1-2

A. Whenever there occurs in man a new change, for the changed man He becomes a new God and the man witnesses a change in God in proportion to the change in himself. God does not change but with every change in man for better, God also reveals himself to him in a fresh and clearer manifestation. He displays extraordinary manifestations of His power and glory only, when man shows an extraordinary change in himself

Q7. What is the foremost essential condition of our Movement? Page 2

A. Hazoor<sup>as</sup> said that the belief in this God, with the above mentioned powers, is the foremost essential condition of our Movement (Ahmadyiat). We should inculcate this belief in our hearts and give it priority over ourselves. Give Him preference over all our material means.

Q8. What is the secret of our success? Page 2

A. secret of our success is that we should strive to the utmost of our power to spread the idea of His singleness and Unity all over the earth. Seek His pleasure without the slightest sense of dissatisfaction against the way His will works.

Q9. Besides the belief in the unity of God, what are some other good acts which Hazoor<sup>as</sup> mentioned to be a part of his "teaching"? Page 2-3

A. Be kind and merciful to humanity, for all are His creatures. Not to oppress them with our tongue, or hands. Or in any other way. Always work for the good of mankind. Not to be proud and be humble, kind and gentle, and forgiving, sympathetic towards all and not to use abusive language for anyone.

Q10. When are we accepted in the presence of God? Page 3

A. We are accepted to our Lord the Almighty God only when we are pure, both on the outside and inside. Every morning should be a witness for us that we spent the night with the righteousness, and every evening should be a witness for us that we went through the day with the fear of God in our heart.

Q11. Fill in the blanks.

Show ----- to your -----, be -----to your -----and to your ----- who are -----, so that in heaven you too be received with -----

A. Show mercy to your subordinates, be kind to your spouses and to your brethren who are poor, so that in heaven you too will be received with mercy.

Q12. How do you keep evils, tribulations and trials away from you?

A. With sincerity and steadfastness of heart, catch hold of God. No distress is



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<p>lifted until mercy descends from Heaven.</p> <p>Q13. Is it forbidden to have recourse to remedies?</p> <p>A. No, it is not forbidden. You have to recourse to remedies or plans with human Endeavour. What is forbidden is that you place your entire reliance on them. The position of faith in God and reliance on God is the best of all positions</p> <p>Q14. What is another essential teaching besides faith and reliance on God?</p> <p>A. Do not leave the Holy Quran like a book that has been forsaken. Those who do honour to this Holy Book shall be honoured in heaven.</p> <p>Q15. Who is the only Messenger and Mediator for mankind now?</p> <p>A. For the sons of man there is no Messenger and no Mediator except Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. So strive that you cherish the purest love for this Prophet of power and glory, giving no one else any kind of preference over him.</p> <p>Q16. What is real and true salvation? -----Page 6</p> <p>A. salvation is not something that you will experience in the life after death. The real salvation is only that which shows its light in this very life.</p> <p>Q17. Who will be saved?</p> <p>A. Only he will be saved who maintains a firm faith that the living God is a reality, and that Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, is the Mediator between Him and mankind; and there is no one equal to him in rank and elevation: nor any book to rival the Holy Quran: that for no one else did God wish that he should live forever, but for this blessed Prophet He did so wish: that to keep him alive forever.</p> <p>Q18. Who laid the foundation of Shariah?</p> <p>A. Allah the Almighty, through Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> laid the foundation for continuing the benefit of his Shariah and his spiritual blessings to the day of Resurrection.</p> <p>Q19. What was the purpose of sending Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> after him?</p> <p>A. From the flow of His spiritual blessings for mankind, He sent Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> to this world whose advent was indispensable for the completion of the structure of Islam. For it was necessary that this world should not come to an end before the Movement of Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> was given the colour of a spiritual Messiah.</p> <p>Q20 What is the similarities and differences between Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> and Prophet Moses<sup>as</sup> ?</p>	
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A. Moses<sup>as</sup> received the same spiritual treasure which unfortunately had been lost by the earlier ages. Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> received the treasure. Now the Movement of Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> stands in the place of the Movement of Moses<sup>as</sup>, but such that in grandeur, the like of Moses<sup>as</sup>, exceeds him in thousand times.

Q21. (i) Why does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> excels in status to Jesus<sup>as</sup>? (ii) What are similarities between the two?

A. (i) As Our Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> excels to Moses<sup>as</sup> in spiritual status so Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> too excels by thousand measures, in spiritual position to Jesus<sup>as</sup>.

(ii) Jesus<sup>as</sup> came, in terms of time, exactly in the fourteenth century after Moses<sup>as</sup> and he also came at a time when condition of the Muslims of the day was identical with the Jews of the time of Jesus<sup>as</sup>

Q22. Fill in the blanks--- page 7

In----- you shall be counted----- of my ----- only when in all truth you actually begin to advance on the ----- of -----.

A. In heaven you shall be counted members of my following only when in all truth you actually begin to advance on the paths of righteousness.

Q.23 Do all good deeds with the proper care they deserve, forsaking evil from a real repulsion rising in the heart.

True or False

A. True

Q24. What is the root of everything good?

A. The root of everything good is Taqwah (righteousness).

Q25. Practise the good to an extent where it reaches its highest perfection

False or True

A. True

Q26. God shall put you through trials to punish you.

True or False

A. False

God puts you through trials to test whether or not you remain firm.

Q27. Every one among you who relaxes and becomes lazy shall be in heaven.



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	<p>True or False</p> <p>A. False</p> <p>They shall be thrown out of the community, as a dirty thing is discarded and thrown out.</p>	
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**Homework:** Revise for Test Paper 2