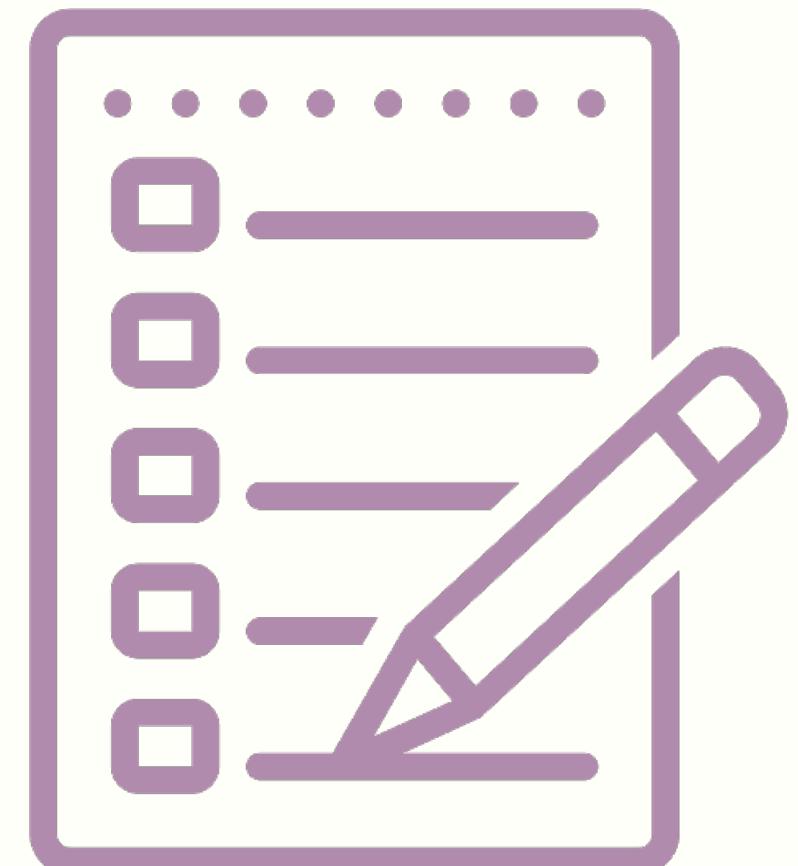


# Hazrat Isa (as)



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# Extraordinary birth of Hazrat Isa (as)

- Ancient civilizations thought God could have a son through a human. For example, Greek and Hindu mythology.
- Development in science has led to a detailed explanation of embryo formation and hence refutes such claims.
- Whereas Islam recognizes the virgin birth of Hazrat Isa (as) as a miraculous event, it does not consider it unnatural; the laws of nature are never broken. It just reflects the inability of man to fully understand the science behind various phenomena observed in nature. Numerous scientists have explained virgin births.
- Virgin birth could have occurred through parthenogenesis, hermaphroditism or as a combination of both.

**Useful Resource:**  
<https://www.alhakam.org/the-virgin-birth-scientific-plausibility/>

# Significance of the birth of Hazrat Isa (as)

- The birth of Hazrat Isa (as) signified the completion of the prophetic era of Prophet Jacob (as)—namely, the lineage of Hazrat Yaqub (as).
- Consequently, the divine promise regarding the continuation of prophethood among the progeny of Hazrat Abraham (as) would now be fulfilled through his other son, Hazrat Ismail (as).
- With this transition, the institution of prophethood shifted to Hazrat Ismail (as), from whose lineage the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) was born.

**Useful Resource:**  
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“Jesusas was the final brick in the Mosaic dispensation. Just as the final brick brings the construction of a house to its end, in the same manner, the Mosaic dispensation was brought to an end with the Messiahas, and God brought this dispensation to its completion.

After this, God laid the foundation for a new dispensation which was established through the progeny of Ishmaelas, and was known as the dispensation of Muhammadsa.

As is evident from the word Ishmaelas itself, and as God Almighty had intimated through Moses, peace be upon him, a community was destined to be established among the children of Ishmaelas, just like the Mosaic dispensation.”

(Malfuzat, Vol. 3, p. 170)



# Timing of the birth of Hazrat Isa (as)

- Both the Holy Qur'an and Holy Bible imply that Hazrat Isa (as) was not born in winter.
- According to the Holy Qur'an, the birth of Hazrat Isa (as) took place when dates were found on palm trees in Judea: "And shake towards thyself the trunk of the palm-tree; it will drop upon thee fresh ripe dates". ([\*\*19:26\*\*](#))
- The Holy Bible mentions that shepherds were watching their sheep at the time of the birth of Hazrat Isa (as). It is unlikely to be in December when the climate in Judea is extremely cold. ([\*\*Luke, 2:7-8\*\*](#))
- The Gospels make no mention of the date of birth of Hazrat Isa (as). It was only three centuries after his birth, when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, that Christmas was first celebrated.
- Significance of 25 December has pagan origins: birthday of pagan God Sol Invictus.

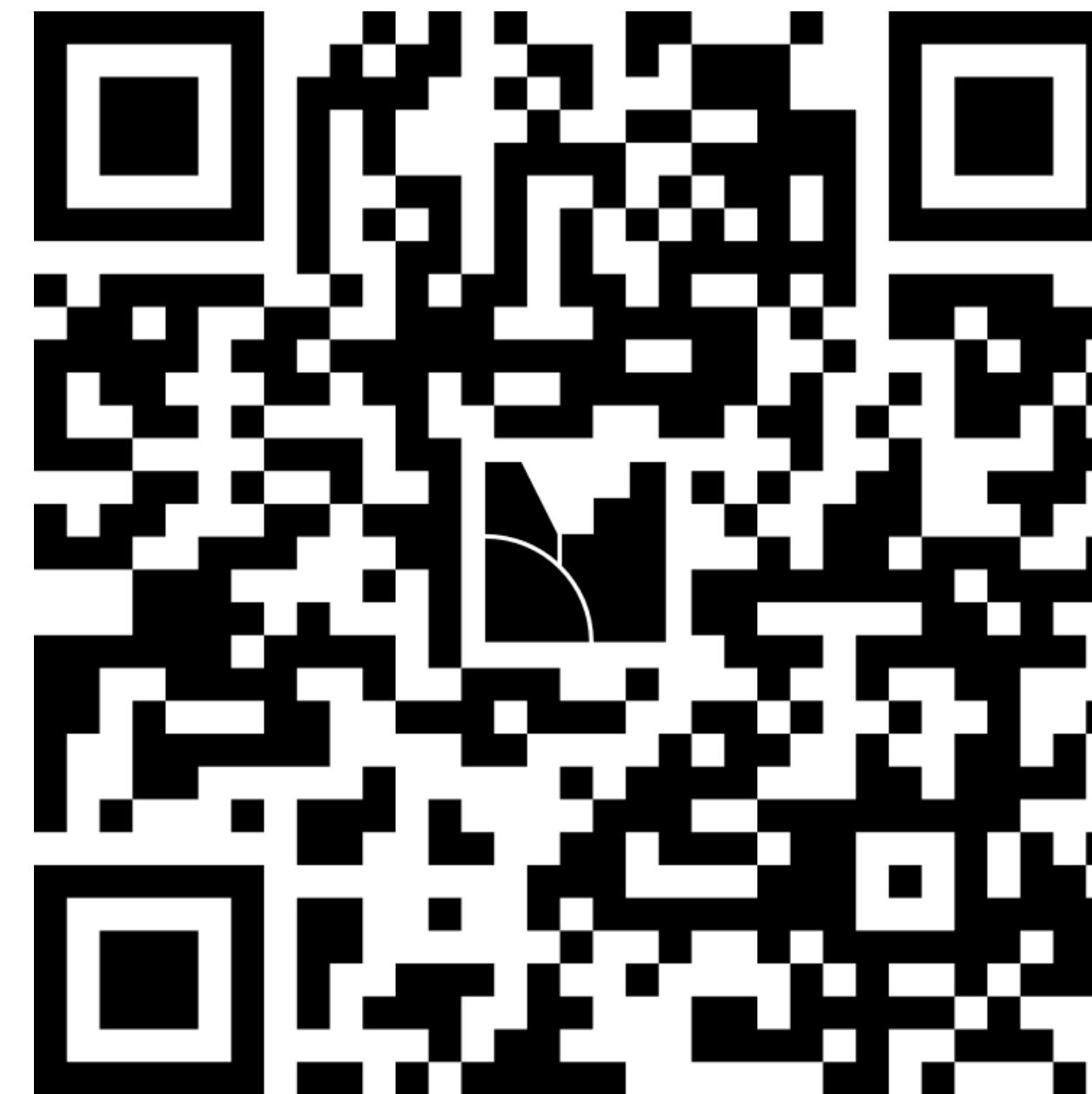
Useful Resource:

<https://www.alhakam.org/christmas-jesus-bible-quran-islam/>

Useful Resource:

<https://www.ahmadiyya-islam.org/articles/six-reasons-muslims-or-anyone-should-not-celebrate-christmas/>

# Warm up Quiz !



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# Different Beliefs on the Death of Hazrat Isa (as)

## **Judaism**

- He was crucified by the Romans after they conspired against him as they did not accept him as a Messiah and they saw him as a threat.

## **Christianity**

- He was crucified, died and was buried and then rose from the dead on the third day.

## **Non-Ahmadi Muslims**

- He was not crucified nor killed. Instead, he was taken up bodily to heaven after being put to sleep and he will return in the future. Allah made one of Hazrat Isa's (as) enemies to look exactly like him and he was the one who was crucified.

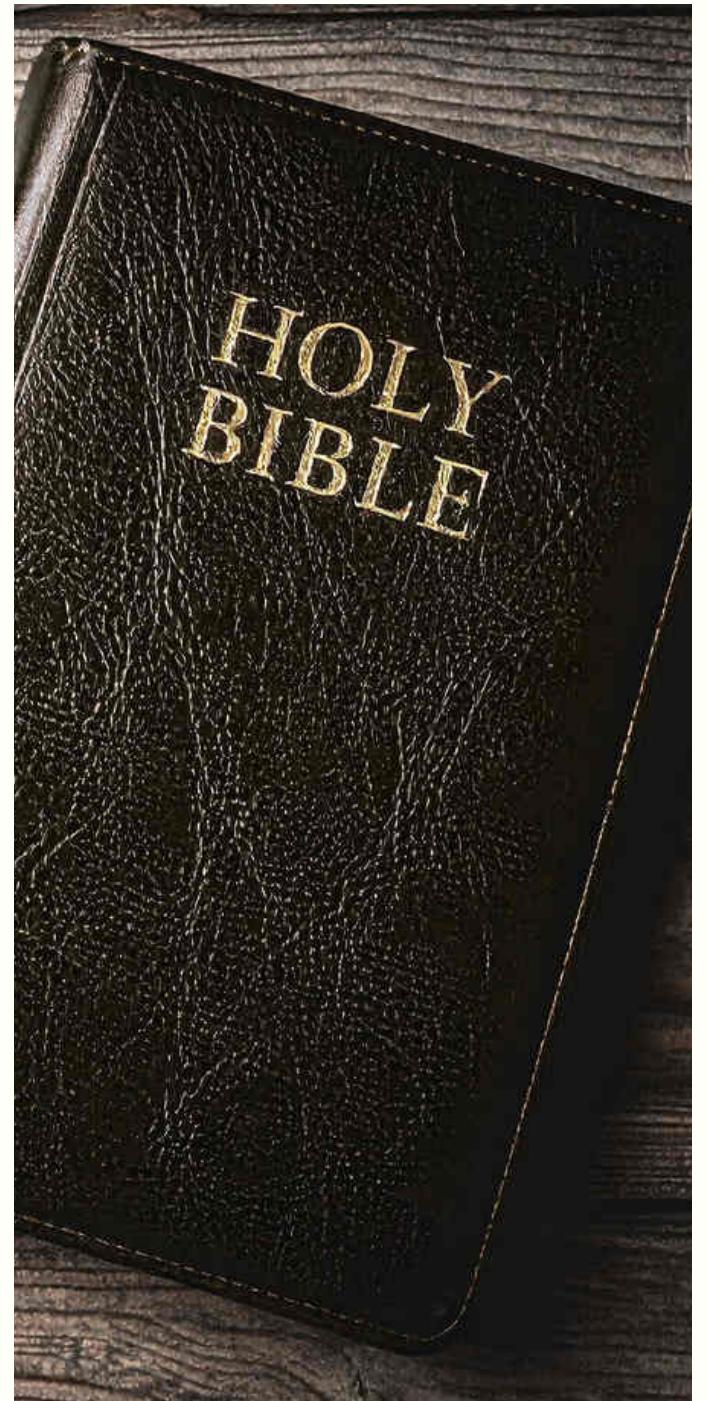
# Beliefs of Ahmadi Muslims

- Ahmadi Muslims believe that Hazrat Isa (as) survived the crucifixion. He was taken down from the cross in a state of unconsciousness – not death.
- After his survival, Hazrat Isa (as) travelled as far as Kashmir, India and preached to the Lost Tribes of Israel. His tomb can be found there to this day.
- Ahmadi Muslims also assert that this belief is not only upheld by the Holy Qur'an and Hadith, but even by the Holy Bible itself.



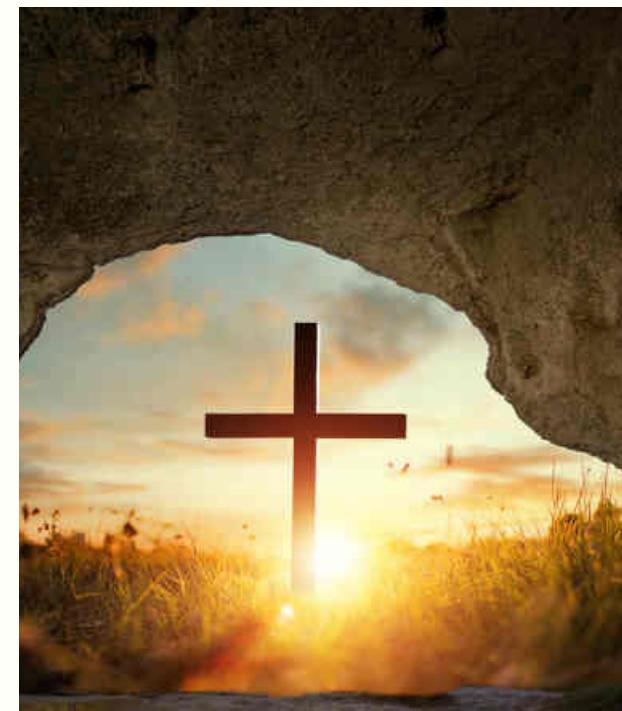
# Signs from the Holy Bible that Hazrat Isa (as) survived Crucifixion

- Hazrat Isa (as) foretold **he would survive just like Prophet Jonah (as) did (Matthew 12:39,40).**
- When it appeared that there was no way to avoid the devious plans of the Jews to have him crucified, Hazrat Isa (as) prayed fervently in the Garden of Gethsemane ‘to remove the cup’ of death upon the cross (**Mark 14:36**). The Gospel of Luke states an angel came from Heaven “strengthening him” (**Luke 22:43**). This indicates God had heard his heartfelt prayer.
- The Jews went to **Pontius Pilates** and conspired against Hazrat Isa (as). Pilates believed Hazrat Isa (as) to be innocent and did not want him executed. One of the influences was a dream of Pilate’s wife convincing her of Hazrat Isa (as)’s innocence, and the message she passed on to Pilate was “leave that innocent man alone” (**Matthew 27:19**).
- An important piece of information in the Gospel of John supports the view that Hazrat Isa (as) didn’t die on the cross: “One of the soldiers pierced ‘ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water” (**John 19:34**). Blood does not flow from Corpses.



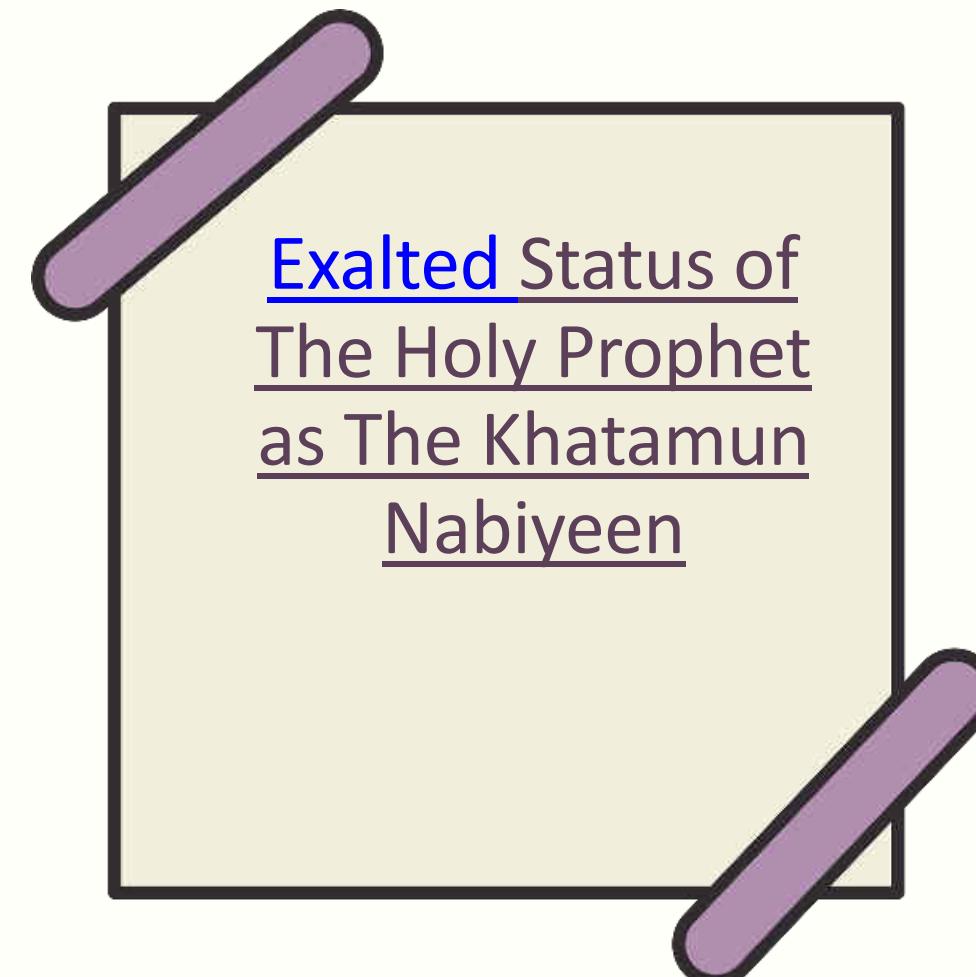
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- When the news of the supposed death of Hazrat Isa (as) reached Pilate, he was surprised to learn that he had passed away so soon (**Mark 15:44**). Death by Crucifixion takes days.
- After the crucifixion, the body of Hazrat Isa (as) came into the hands of his disciples **Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus**. The Gospel of John records that Nicodemus brought myrrh and aloes (**John 19:39**). These plants, are considered medicinal and applied to wounds for healing the living — not embalming the dead.
- After crucifixion, Hazrat Isa (as) was brought into a spacious tomb. He showed his wounds to Thomas (**John 20:25-7**), and was treated by **Aloe and Myrrh**, convincing his disciples they he did not have a supernatural, resurrected body, but a patient's body. In doing so, he in effect was showing he never died as God saved him from the ordeal just as Prophet Jonah (as).



# Addressing conflicting claims

- 1) Which claim is supported by the Holy Quran
- 2) What is the verdict of the Hadith
- 3) What is the interpretation of the companions and eminent scholars
- 4) what view does not contradict with Allah's law of nature
- 5) what is more logical and rational



# Proofs of the death of Hazrat Isa (as) from the Holy Qur'an

## CHAPTER 5 Surah Al-Ma'idah : Verse 118

118. "I said nothing to them except that which Thou didst command me—'Worship Allāh, my Lord and your Lord.' And I was a witness over them as long as I remained among them, but since Thou didst cause me to die, Thou hast been the Watcher over them; and Thou art Witness over all things.

مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَمْرَنِي بِهِ أَنْ  
أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ وَكُنْتُ  
عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَا دَمَتْ فِيهِمْ فَلَمَّا  
تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتَ أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبُ عَلَيْهِمْ  
وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ۝

## CHAPTER 3 Surah Aal-e-Imran : Verse 56

56. When Allāh said, 'O Jesus, I will cause thee to die *a natural death* and will exalt thee to Myself, and will clear thee from *the charges of* those who disbelieve, and will place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve, until the Day of Resurrection; then to Me shall be your return, and I will judge between you concerning that wherein you differ.

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَعِيسَى إِنِّي مُتَوَفِّيَكَ  
وَرَأْفِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ  
كَفَرُوا وَجَاءُكُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ  
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ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَخْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ  
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## Meaning of Tawaffa:

When the subject of the verse is Allah or the Angels and the object has a soul and is not an inanimate object and there is no indication towards sleep in the sentence or the context, then in such a case, the verb tawaffa will always mean death.

**Useful Resource:**  
<https://www.alhakam.org/tawaffa-decoded-an-exploration-of-its-linguistic-dimensions/>

# Use of the Word 'Tawaffa'

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Imam Bukhari recorded the interpretation of Hazrat Ibn-e-Abbas about the meaning of the word Mutawaffika.  
**Ibn-e-Abbas stated: mutawaffika means “I will cause you to die”**

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Hadith of Prophet Muhammad (saw) when he delivered a sermon to his followers and spoke about the day of judgment and referred to the verse (5:118) of Hazrat Isa (as) and that he is innocent of their actions after his demise.

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Word “Tawaffa” mentioned in the context of death 24 times in the Holy Qur'an.

# All Prophets before Hazrat Muhammad (saw) have passed away

## CHAPTER 3 Surah Aal-e-Imran : Verse 145

145. And Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, *all* Messengers have passed away before him. If then he dies or be slain, will you turn back on your heels? And he who turns back on his heels shall not harm Allāh at all. And Allāh will certainly reward the grateful.

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ ۚ قَدْ خَلَّتِ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ۚ إِنَّا فَإِنْ كُنْتَ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ  
إِنْ قَلَبْتُمْ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ يَنْقُلِبْ  
عَلَىٰ عَقِبَيْهِ فَلَئِنْ يَضِرَّ اللَّهُ شَيْئًا  
وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّكِيرِينَ<sup>١٤٥</sup>

When the Holy Prophet (saw) passed away, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) read this very verse to establish that all prophets before him have passed away. All companions were reciting this verse showing they all believed that Hazrat Isa (as) has died.

# Meaning of Rafa' of Hazrat Isa (as)

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَاتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا قَاتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُتِّتَهُمْ وَإِنَّ  
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- **The Rafa' in these verses is falsely interpreted as “physically lifted up” by non-Ahmadi Muslims.**
- **Based on other verses in the Holy Quran, sunnah and hadith ,when the object of the Rafa' is human then it refers to exalting his/her status.**

# Meaning of Rafa' in Hadith and prayers

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فَالْعَمَرُ أَنَا إِنْ تَسْتَكِنْ صَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ "إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْفَعُ بِهِذَا الْكِتَابِ أَفْوَاتَهُ وَيَنْهَا بِهِ أَخْرَى"

'Umar said: So the Prophet (ﷺ) said: By this Book, Allah would *raise* some people and *degrade* others.

[Sahih Muslim 817a]

*Lord forgive me and have mercy on me and guide me and grant me security and raise me up and make good my shortcomings and provide for me.*

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي، وَارْحَمْنِي، وَاهْدِنِي، وَعَافِنِي، وَارْفَعْنِي وَاجْبُرْنِي، وَارْزُقْنِي

**In both this Hadith and the prayer, the meaning of Rafa' refers to exalting individual's status rather than raising the physical body**

# Meaning of Al-Rafa'

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**It is agreed upon by all Muslims that the definition of Allah's attribute Al-Rafa' is the Exalter, who raises whoever He willed by His Endowment**

# Allegation: Hazrat Isa (as) is alive in the heavens and he will come back

Until, when death comes to one of them, he says *entreating*, 'My Lord, send me back,

'That I may do righteous *deeds* in the life that I have left *behind*.' Never, it is but a word that he utters. And behind them is a barrier until the day when they shall be raised again.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتَ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ ﴿١٣﴾

لَعِلَّ أَعْلَمُ صَالِحًا فَيَسْأَلُوكُمْ لَا إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ قَابِلُهَا  
وَمِنْ وَرَاءِهِمْ بَرْزَخٌ لِيَوْمٍ يُبَعَّثُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

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# Allegation: Non-Ahmadi Muslims believe that another person's face was switched to Hazrat Isa (as)

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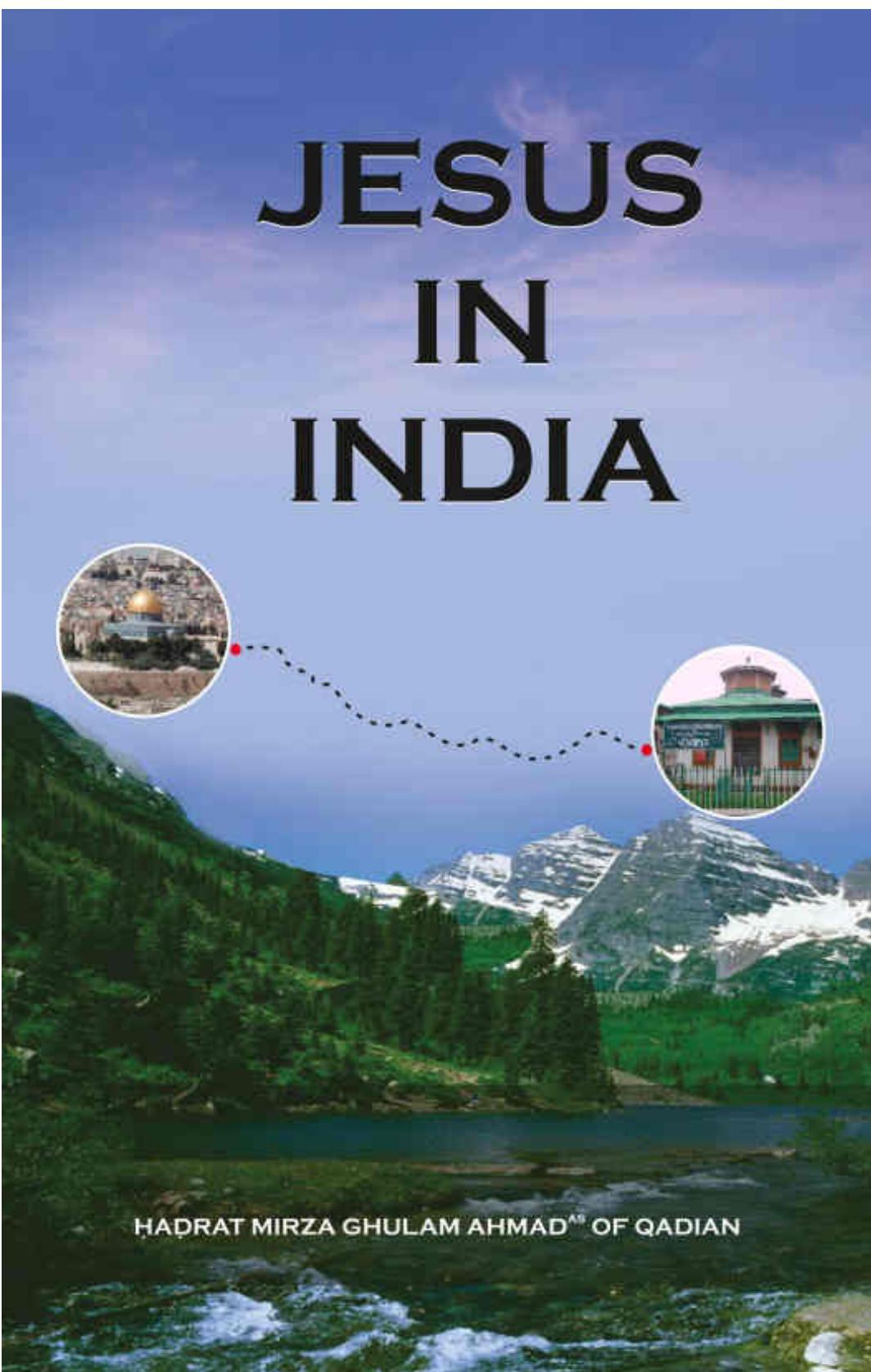
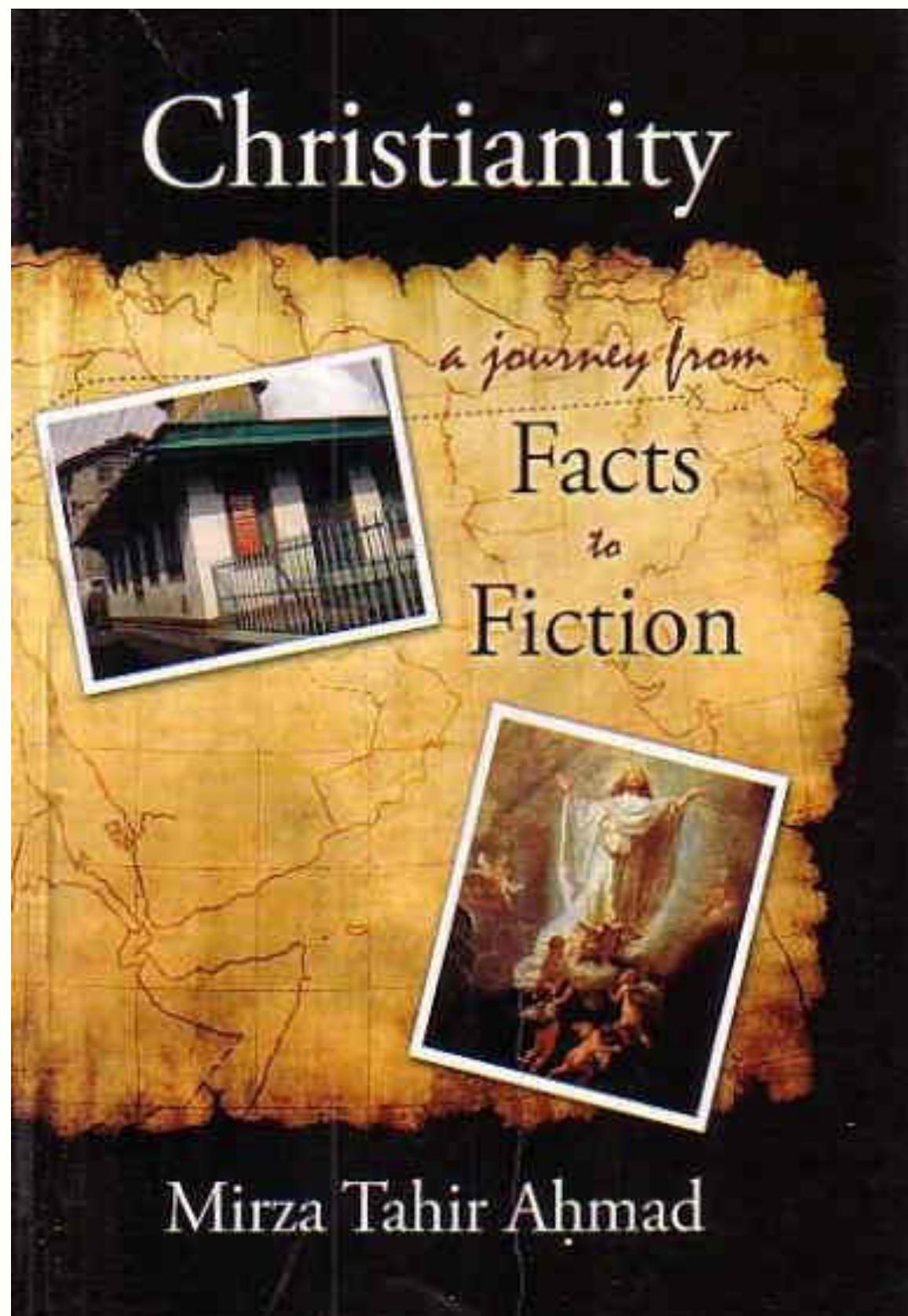
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- No evidence to support this allegation and it was only used to make sense of the crucifixion.

Useful Resource:  
<https://ahmadianswriters.com/jesus/misquotehadith/switch/>

**Allegation:**  
Jews believe  
that Hazrat Isa  
(as) was cursed  
because he died  
on the Cross.

- What was the purpose of Jews wanting to put Hazrat Isa (as) to death on the cross?
- Deuteronomy Ch 21 Verses 21-23:
  - “If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God”.



Useful Resources to develop your knowledge and understanding of this topic:

#### Articles:

Jesus Christ died a natural death:

<https://www.alislam.org/articles/jesus-christ-died-natural-death/>

Death and “Ascension” of Hazrat Jesus (as), Son of Mary:

<https://www.alislam.org/articles/natural-death-of-hazrat-jesus-son-of-mary/>

#### Videos:

Faith Matters: The Crucifixion Of Jesus (as) - 27 April 2011

<https://youtu.be/dtZ58AVRLXU?si=fdEqDFOLdTyN8ETS>