

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا طَيِّبًا مَبَارَكًا فِيهِ كَمَا يَجِبُ
وَيَرْضَى، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, as is befitting to Him. I bear witness there is no deity save Allah, having no partners, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who live like them till the Day of Resurrection.

Jesus Peace Be Upon Him

آمَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلٌّ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْ رُّسُلِهِ وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا
غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ – 2:285

- Isa ﷺ Ulul Azm Prophet is mentioned over 50x explicitly and implicitly in the Qur'an, born miraculously from the Virgin Mary, Sayyidah Maryam. He is our Prophet who contributed to the values of Piety and Righteousness.
- **Peter 3:10-12: “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”**
- Isa ﷺ taught people to stop haughtiness and Riyaa. He had no possessions of the world and taught us to leave the world, its consumption and delights.
- There was a time in history when Christmas was more than getting 40% off electronics at Currys, or rushing to Boxing day sales. It was a time of celebration of Jesus ﷺ the son of Mary.
- As Muslims we can argue the origins of Christmas until we are blue in the face, but instead I'd like us to use this time to remind ourselves of who Jesus was and what he stood for.

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- He was a great Messenger of Allah, a brother of our Messenger Muhammad ﷺ in the realm of prophecy. Allah ﷻ adorns the Qur'an with mention of Jesus and his blessed mother Mary.

قال كعبُ الأحبار * كان عيسى بنُ مريمَ رجلاً أحمرَ إلى البياض ما هو * سبطُ الرأس ولم يدهنْ رأسه قطُّ * وكان عيسى يمشي حافيًا * ولم يتَّخذ بيتًا ولا حليَّةً ولا متاعاً ولا ثياباً ولا ورقاً إلا قوتَ يومه * وكان حيثما غابت الشمس صفَّ قدميه وصلَّى حتى يُصبح * وكان يُبرئُ الأكمه والأبرص ويُحيي الموتى بإذن الله * وكان يخبرُ قومه بما يأكلون في بيوتهم وما يدخرون لِعَدِّ * وكان يمشي على وجهِ الماءِ في البحر * كان أشعثَ الرأس صغيرَ الوجه * زاهدًا في الدنيا راغبًا في الآخرة حريصًا على عبادةِ الله * وكان سيَّاحًا في الأرض ... فرفعه الله إلى السماء

- Ka'b al-Aḥbār narrates: 'Isa ibn Maryam was a man of rosy-white complexion, with lank hair which was never dyed. He would walk bare-footed, claiming nothing in the way of shelter, finery, wares, garments, or money; of the latter he would procure only enough to subsist for the day. Once the sun would set, he would align himself and pray until morning. He would restore sight to the blind, heal those afflicted with leprosy, and revive the dead – all with the license of God. He would inform his people of that which they were consuming in their own homes and of that which they were secretly and protectively safeguarding for their future. He would, in the very midst of the sea, walk upon the surface of the water. He had shaggy, tousled hair and a slender, delicate face. He was ascetic in matters of this world, vigorously exuberant towards the hereafter, ever-vigilant in his devotions to God. He was an itinerant who wandered the earth.....It was then that God raised him up to the heavens.

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قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ آتَانِيَ الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ذَلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ سُبْحَانَهُ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

“Jesus said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me prayer and zakah as long as I remain alive. And [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant. And peace is on me the day I was born and the day I will die and the day I am raised alive. "That is Jesus, the son of Mary - the word of truth about which they are in dispute. It is not [befitting] for Allah to take a son; exalted is He! When He decrees an affair, He only says to it, "Be," and it is. (19:30-35)

Beware of Resemblance, Dilution and Delusion Via Christmas

“Every people has its festival” (22:67)

“For every nation there is a direction to which they face” (2:148)

Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri رضي الله عنه: The Prophet ﷺ said: **“You will follow in the footsteps of those who came before you, hand span by hand span and arm’s length by arm’s length to such an extent that if they were to enter into the dwelling of a lizard, you would follow them.”** So the people asked: **“Do you mean the Jews and Christians?”** he replied: **“Who else?”** (Ibn Majah)