

Three Books

The Qur'an, the Torah, and the Gospel

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In this study, let us see the best of Islam and the best of Christianity and bring them together. We will study verses from the Qur'an, the Torah (*Tawrat*), and the Injil/Gospel, and see what Allâh wants us to know. Allâh wants us to understand that He is One. This is the main teaching that Islam wants the world to know. And you combine that with the understanding that Allâh is love. This is the teaching that pure Christianity is proclaiming to the world. Bring these two teaching together, and this is what we believe. In this lesson we will see truths that are hidden in the Qur'an, Torah, and the Injil/Gospel. And we will bring these truths to light so that we can know the will of Allâh for us. In three books, the Torah, the Gospel, and the Qur'an, we can find many similarities about God, righteousness, and the Messiah (*al-Masîh*).

The Word

In the Qur'an, Allâh states,

Qur'an - Sûrat 3 Âl-'Imran, ayah 3: "It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the criterion (of judgment between right and wrong)."

Here we see that Allâh has given the Torah (*Tawrat*), or what we call the Old Testament, to man along with the Injil – the Gospel – the New Testament. These books are to guide man in the ways of truth and righteousness. The Gospel states that the Spirit of God moved on the prophets and they spoke the Word of God.

(2 Peter 1:21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In the Injil / Gospel we are told that the Torah and the Injil was given by God to man. **(2 Timothy 3:16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**

The Word is for Guidance

In the Qur'an it tells us that Allâh revealed the Torah (*Tawrat*) and the Gospel for mankind's guidance

Qur'an - Sûrat 3 Âl -'Imran, ayah 3, 4, 48, 65: "He has revealed to you the Book with the truth, confirming what has been before it, and has sent down the Torah and the Injil. 4. Earlier to give guidance to mankind, and has sent down the Furqan (the Criterion of right and wrong). Surely, those who have rejected the verses of Allah, for them there is severe punishment. Allah is Mighty, the Lord of Retribution. 48. And Allah will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel. 65. Ye People of the Book! Why dispute ye about Abraham, when the Law and the Gospel Were not revealed Till after him? Have ye no understanding?"

The Torah teaches us that the Word of God is the law that we are to live our lives by. (Deuteronomy 17:19) And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.

The Gospel tells us that the Word of God will guide us to do good works. (II Timothy 3:16-17) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17) That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

The Word of Allāh is Food for Our Souls

The Qur'an said that observing the Torah (*Tawrat*) and the Gospel brings nourishment from above

Qur'an – Sûrat 5 Al-Mâ'idah, ayah 66: “If only they had stood fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that was sent to them from their Lord, they would have enjoyed happiness from every side. There is from among them a party on the right course: but many of them follow a course that is evil.”

We read in the Torah that the prophet Job treasured the Word of God more than food. (Job 23:12) Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.

Peter wrote in the Gospels that the Word of God is as important to us as milk is for babies. (1 Peter 2:2) As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

We read in the Gospel that Jesus is the bread of life. (John 6:35) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Curse to those who change Allāh's Words

The Qur'an said that religious leaders who were condemned by Allāh perverted the true message of Jesus and the prophets.

Qur'an – Sûrat 9 At – Taubah, ayah 31: “They take their priests and their anchorites to be their lords in derogation of Allah, and (they take as their Lord) Christ the son of Mary; yet they were commanded to worship but One Allah: there is no god but He. Praise and glory to Him: (Far is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him).”

There were religious leaders who perverted the true message of God and started teaching about idolatry, plurality of gods such as the Trinity and other false teaching. These teachings perverted pure religion.

The Torah tells us to observe God's law and not to change it. (Deuteronomy 12:32) What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

The Gospels tell us that if any man changes the Words of God then he will receive the curses of the Book. (Revelation 22:18-19) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: (19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

The Cursed or Blessed

The Qur'an says that those who went astray from Allâh 's commands were cursed.

Qur'an – Sûrat 5 Al-Mâ'idah, ayah 78: "Curses were pronounced on those among the Children of Israel who rejected Faith ,by the tongue of David and of Jesus the son of Mary: because they disobeyed and persisted in excesses."

In the Torah and in the Gospel we see that if we observe the laws of God we will be blessed and all the blessings of the Book are for us. However, if we forsake God's laws then we become a cursed people.

There are blessings in the Torah for those who follow God's law. (Deuteronomy 28:1-2) And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (2) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

The Torah tells us that if a man makes an idol he is cursed. (Deuteronomy 27:15) Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth *it* in a secret *place*. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

The Torah tells us that we will be cursed if we do not follow God's commandments. (Deuteronomy 28:15) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

There are blessing in the Gospel for those who seek righteousness. (Matthew 5:6) Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

The Gospel tells us that a man is cursed if he does not know the law. This is why we must study the Word of God so that we understand how to live.(John 7:49) But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

Open Our Understanding

The Qur'an writes that Allâh inspired Jesus' Disciples to believe in Jesus and his message

Qur'an – Sûrat 5 Al-Mâ'idah, ayah 110: "Then will Allah say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to thee and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee with the holy spirit, so that thou didst speak to the people in childhood and in

maturity. Behold! I taught thee the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel and behold! thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by My leave, and thou breathest into it and it becometh a bird by My leave, and thou healest those born blind, and the lepers, by My leave. And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) thee when thou didst show them the clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic.'

In the Torah it reveals that God's Word is light to our soul. (Psalm 119:130) The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

In the Gospel we read that Jesus opened the understanding of the disciples to know the Scriptures. Today we need to pray that Jesus will open up our understanding to understand the Word of God. (Luke 24:44-45) *And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. (45) Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.*

Believe in the Word and Prosper

The Qur'an tells us to believe in all that was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received (2: 136*).

Qur'an – Sûrat 2 Al-Baqarah, ayah 136: "Say ye: "We believe in Allah, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Isma'il, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord: We make no difference between one and another of them: And we bow to Allah"

The Torah tells us to believe in the words of the prophets and we will prosper. (2 Chronicles 20:20) *And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.*

The Gospel tells us that we are to believe in Jesus for everlasting life. (John 20:31) *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

Allâh in the Three Books

The word Allâh is made up of three Arabic words. First is the word "The". The second word is "EL". EL is the God that Abraham worshipped. EL means the strong the mighty, and the last word is "He". When you put the meaning of Allâh together it means "He, EL is the strong the mighty one". The word Allah is used in the Arabic Injil and Torah and translated into English it is "God."

The Qur'an tells us that Allâh is one.

Qur'an - Sûrat 20 Tâ-Hâ, ayah 14: "Indeed, I am Allâh. There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer (As-Salât) for My Remembrance."

Qur'an - Sûrat 2 Al-Baqarah, ayah 163: "And your god is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful."

The Torah teaches us that God is one. (Isaiah 45:22) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

The Gospel tells us that God is one. (1 Timothy 2:5) For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

The Gospel reveals that there is one throne in heaven and one sits on that throne. (Revelation 4:2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

Allâh is the Creator

The Qur'an,

Qur'an - Sûrat 41 Fussilat, ayah 10-11: "He set on the (earth), mountains standing firm, high above it, and bestowed blessings on the earth, and measure therein all things to give them nourishment in due proportion, in four Days, in accordance with (the needs of) those who seek (Sustenance). 11. Then He directed Himself to the heaven while it was smoke and said to it and to the earth, "Come [into being], willingly or by compulsion." They said, "We have come willingly."

The Torah, (Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Gospel, (John 1:1-3) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the Gospel it tells us the all things were made by God and for Him. Therefore, we were created to worship and serve God. (Revelation 4:11) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Righteousness and Allâh

Allâh is holy and He requires His people to be holy.

Qur'an – Sûrat 59 Al – Hashr, ayah 23 : "Allah is He, than Whom there is no other god;- the Sovereign, the Holy One, the Source of Peace (and Perfection), the Guardian of Faith, the Preserver of Safety, the Exalted in Might, the Irresistible, the Supreme: Glory to Allah !(High is He) above the partners they attribute to Him."

Qur'an – Sûrat 62 Al-Jum'ah, ayah 1: "All that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth proclaim the purity of Allah, the Sovereign, the Supreme in Holiness, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise."

In the Torah God tells us to be like Him, holy. (Leviticus 11:45) For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

The Torah tells us that when we observe God's word than we are righteous before Him. (Deuteronomy 6:25) And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

David wrote in the Psalms that the law of God is perfect and righteous. God wants His people to live by His holy and righteous law. When we do then God blesses us. (Psalm 19:7-11) The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. (8) The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. (9) The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. (10) More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. (11) Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

The Gospel tells us that we are to be holy because our God is holy. (1 Peter 1:15-16) But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (16) Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

The Gospel tells us that God wants us to surrender ourselves to Him and His righteousness. (Romans 6:11-13) Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (12) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. (13) Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

Abraham and Allâh

In the Qur'an we read that Abraham served and worshipped Allâh.

Qur'an – Sûrat 14 Ibrahim, ayah 37: “O our Lord! I have made some of my offspring to dwell in a valley without cultivation, by Thy Sacred House; in order, O our Lord, that they may establish regular Prayer: so fill the hearts of some among men with love towards them, and feed them with fruits: so that they may give thanks.”

Qur'an – Sûrat 11 Hûd, ayah 75: “For Abraham was, without doubt, forbearing (of faults), compassionate, and given to look to Allah.”

Qur'an – Sûrat 4 An-Nisâ', ayah 125: “Who can be better in religion than one who submits his whole self to Allah, does good, and follows the way of Abraham the true in Faith? For Allah did take Abraham for a friend (As a *Khalîl*=an intimate friend).”

Qur'an – Sûrat 19 Maryam, ayah 49: “When he had turned away from them and from those whom they worshipped besides Allah, We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and each one of them We made a prophet.”

In the Torah we read that God appeared before Abraham. (Genesis 17:1) And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

In the Gospel we read that Abraham was God's friend. (James 2:23) And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

In the Gospel we read that Abraham is the Father of the Faithful. (Romans 4:16) Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.

The Gospel tells us that the promises that God gave to Abraham are given to his seed, which is the Messiah. Therefore, those who believe in the Messiah receive the promises of Abraham. (Galatians 3:16, 29) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (29) And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Allah is Love

Qur'an – Sûrat 11 Hûd, ayah 90: “But ask forgiveness of your Lord, and turn unto Him (in repentance): For my Lord is indeed full of mercy and loving-kindness”.

Qur'an – Sûrat 85 Al- Burûj, ayah 14: “And He is the Oft-Forgiving, Full of Loving-Kindness”

In the Torah we see that the love of God will rest upon His people. (Zephaniah 3:17) The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

The Gospel speaks about the love of God. (Romans 5:5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

(Romans 8:39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Ephesians 2:4) But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

(1 John 4:7-8) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

(1 John 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

(1John 4:16) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

The Messiah in the Three Books

John the Forerunner of the Messiah

In the Qur'an it is recorded that Allâh caused the miracle birth of John the Baptist (*Yahya ibn Zakariyya*) to the aged Zechariah and his barren wife so that John could be the messenger to announce Jesus as the Messiah.

Qur'an – Surât 3 Âl – ‘Imrân, ayah 39-41: “While he was standing in prayer in the chamber, the angels called unto him” :Allah doth give thee glad tidings of Yahya, witnessing the truth of a Word from Allah, and (be besides) noble, chaste, and a prophet,- of the (goodly) company of the righteous”. 40. He said: "O my Lord! How shall I have son, seeing I am very old, and my wife is barren?" "Thus," was the answer, "Doth Allah accomplish what He willeth". 41. He said: "O my Lord! Give me a Sign!" "Thy Sign," was the answer, "Shall be that thou shalt speak to no man for three days but with signals. Then celebrate the praises of thy Lord again and again, and glorify Him in the evening and in the morning".”

In the Torah it was prophesized that one would come and be the forerunner of the Christ. (Isaiah 40:3) *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

The Gospel tells us that the angel Gabriel went to Zechariah to tell him that his barren wife will have a son. His name will be Yahya/John and he will prepare to way before the Lord, the Messiah, Luke 1:5-20. (Luke 1:13) *But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*

A Virgin will give birth to the Messiah

In the Qur'an we read that Allâh appointed a virgin to be the mother of the Christ child.

Qur'an - Surât 3 Âl – ‘Imrân, ayah 42-45 : “Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah hath chosen thee and (purified thee -chosen thee above the women of all nations. 43. "O Mary! worship Thy Lord devoutly: Prostrate thyself, and bow down (in prayer (with those who bow down". 44. This is part of the tidings of the things unseen, which We reveal unto thee (O Messenger!) by inspiration: Thou wast not with them when they cast lots with arrows, as to which of them should be charged with the care of Mary: Nor wast thou with them when they disputed (the point). 45. Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah”

Qur'an - Surât 19 Maryam, Ayah 19-21 : “He said: "Nay, I am only a messenger from thy Lord, (to announce) to thee the gift of a holy son. 20. She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste"? 21. He said: "So (it will be): Thy Lord saith, 'that is easy for Me: and (We wish (to appoint him as a Sign unto men and a Mercy from Us':It is a matter (so) decreed".”

Qur'an – Sûrat 21 Al-Anbyâh', ayah 91: “And (remember) her who guarded her chastity: We breathed into her of Our spirit ,and We made her and her son a sign for all peoples.”

In the Torah we read that a virgin will give birth to the Messiah. (Isaiah 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

We read in the Gospel that the Messiah was born from a virgin. (Matthew 1:21-23) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, (23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The Messiah and the Spirit

The Qur'an tells us that Jesus was sent by Allâh, who supported him with the Holy Spirit to tell the world Allâh 's will

Qur'an – Sûrat 2 Al-Baqarah, ayah 87: “We gave Moses the Book and followed him up with a succession of messengers; We gave Jesus the son of Mary Clear (Signs) and strengthened him with the holy spirit. Is it that whenever there comes to you a messenger with what ye yourselves desire not, ye are puffed up with pride?- Some ye called impostors ,and others ye slay!”

Qur'an – Sûrat 5 Al- Mâ'idah, ayah 110-111: “Then will Allah say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to thee and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee with the holy spirit, so that thou didst speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught thee the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel and behold! thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by My leave, and thou breathest into it and it becometh a bird by My leave, and thou healest those born blind, and the lepers ,by My leave. And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) thee when thou didst show them the clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic.' .111When I enjoined upon the disciples (of Isa,), :Believe in Me and in My Messenger, they said, :We believed. Bear witness that we are the submitting ones.”

The Torah prophesies that the Spirit of God will be upon the Messiah to proclaim God's word to the world.(Isaiah 61:1-2) The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to

bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.

The Gospel tells us that God sent the Messiah to speak God's words, and the Messiah will have the Spirit of God without measure.

(John 3:34) For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

The Gospel tells us that the Spirit of God was in the Messiah. **(2 Corinthians 5:19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

The Messiah Above All Others

The Qur'an tells us that Allâh gave to the world Jesus, exalted him above all others, and supported him with the Holy Spirit as proof of his sovereignty.

Qur'an – Sûrat 2 Al-Baqarah, ayah 253: "Those messengers We endowed with gifts, some above others: To one of them Allah spoke; others He raised to degrees (of honour); to Jesus the son of Mary We gave clear (Signs), and strengthened him with the holy spirit. If Allah had so willed, succeeding generations would not have fought among each other, after clear (Signs) had come to them, but they (chose) to wrangle, some believing and others rejecting. If Allah had so willed, they would not have fought each other ;but Allah Fulfilleth His plan."

The Torah speaks that the Messiah will be a ruler. **(Micah 5:2) And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

The Gospel tells us that Jesus is far above all others. **(Ephesians 1:20-21) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, (21) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.**

The Messiah is Sinless

The Qur'an states that Jesus would be righteous, sinless, all his life.

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al- Imrân, ayah 46: ""He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And he shall be (of the company) of the righteous".

Qur'an – Sûrat 19, Maryam, ayah 19: "He said: "Nay, I am only a messenger from thy Lord, (to announce) to thee the gift of a holy son."

The Torah prophesied that the Messiah will do no wrong and there will be no lies in His mouth. **(Isaiah 53:9) And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.**

The Gospel tells us that Jesus was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Believe in the Messiah

The Qur'an tells us that Jesus was a messenger of Allâh, who is to be believed.

Qur'an – Sûrat 4 An-Nisâ', ayah 171: “ O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His messengers. Say not "Trinity" : desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He (above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs.”

The Torah asks the question, who will believe the report of the Messiah? To those who receive the report will see God's power. (Isaiah 53:1) *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

The Gospel tells us that we are to believe in Jesus for everlasting life. (John 20:31) *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

The Messiah Came on a Mission

The Qur'an teaches that Jesus was sent on a mission to establish truth to the world.

Qur'an – Sûrat 42 Ash-Shûra, ayah 13: “The same religion has He established for you as that which He enjoined on Noah - the which We have sent by inspiration to thee - and that which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: Namely, that ye should remain steadfast in religion ,and make no divisions therein: to those who worship other things than Allah ,hard is the (way) to which thou callest them. Allah chooses to Himself those whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him).”

Qur'an – Sûrat 43 Az-Zukhruf, ayah 63: “When Jesus came with Clear Signs, he said: "Now have I come to you with Wisdom ,and in order to make clear to you some of the (points) on which ye dispute :therefore fear Allah and obey me.”

The Gospel tells us that Jesus came on a mission. (John 17:1-8) *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: (2) As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. (3) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. (5) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. (6) I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them*

me; and they have kept thy word. (7) Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. (8) For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

The Prophets, the Messiah, and The Mercies

In the Qur'an it states that Allâh caused Jesus to follow the prophets, gave him the Gospel, and placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him.

Qur'an – Sûrat 57 Al-Hadid, ayah 27: "Then, in their wake, We followed them up with (others of) Our messengers: We sent after them Jesus the son of Mary, and bestowed on him the Gospel; and We ordained in the hearts of those who followed him Compassion and Mercy. But the Monasticism which they invented for themselves, We did not prescribe for them) : We commanded) only the seeking for the Good Pleasure of Allah; but that they did not foster as they should have done. Yet We bestowed, on those among them who believed, their (due) reward, but many of them are rebellious transgressors."

In the Gospel we read that Jesus told His disciples that all the words of the prophets concerning Him must be fulfilled. (Luke 24:44) *And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

In the Gospel it tells us that we are comforted in our hearts by Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5) *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; (4) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. (5) For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.*

Strength to Those Who Believe in the Messiah

The Qur'an says that Allâh would strengthen those who believed Jesus and his message, so they overcame those who disbelieved.

Qur'an – Sûrat 61 As-Saff, ayah 14: "O ye who believe! Be ye helpers of Allah: As said Jesus the son of Mary to the Disciples, "Who will be my helpers to (the work of) Allah?" Said the disciples" ,We are Allah's helpers!" then a portion of the Children of Israel believed, and a portion disbelieved: But We gave power to those who believed, against their enemies, and they became the ones that prevailed."

In the Gospel Paul writes about complete devotion to Jesus to overcome those who persecute us. (Romans 8:35-39) *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor*

depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel records great miracles happening when the apostles prayed in Jesus' name. (Acts 3:1-8) Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. (2) And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; (3) Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. (4) And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. (5) And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. (6) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. (8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel to believe in Him. (John 14:12-15) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (13) And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. (15) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

The Messiah and Miracles

In the Qur'an, it reads that Allâh taught Jesus the Scripture and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel. Allah would do miracles through Jesus and make him a messenger.

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al-Imrân, ayah 48-49: "And Allah will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel, 49. "And (appoint him) a messenger to the Children of Israel, (with this message" : (I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah's leave: And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allah's leave; and I declare to you what ye eat, and what ye store in your houses. Surely therein is a Sign for you if ye did believe;"

In the Torah it was prophesied that the Messiah would come with the power to heal. (Isaiah 35:4-6) Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. (5) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. (6) Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

In the Gospel we read that Jesus healed. The hand of Jesus did many miracles. (Luke 7:19-22) And John calling *unto him* two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? (20) When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? (21) And in that same hour he cured many of *their*

infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many *that were* blind he gave sight. (22) Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

In the Gospel we see that many came to Jesus and He healed them all. (Luke 6:17-19) And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; (18) And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. (19) And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

We see in the Gospel that Jesus even brought the dead back to life. (John 11:43-44) And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. (44) And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

The Messiah is the Light

The Qur'an says that Allâh bestowed the Gospel on Jesus to be a light.

Qur'an – Sûrat 5 Al-Mâ'idah, ayah 46: "And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him: a guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah."

The Torah said that the coming of the Messiah would bring light to the land. (Isaiah 9:2) The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus is that Light. (John 8:12) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Built on the Prophets, Apostles, and the Messiah

Jesus and his Disciples were Allâh 's helpers.

Qur'an – Sûrat 61 As-Saff, ayah 14: O ye who believe! Be ye helpers of Allah: As said Jesus the son of Mary to the Disciples, "Who will be my helpers to (the work of) Allah?" Said the disciples, "We are Allah's helpers!" then a portion of the Children of Israel believed, and a portion disbelieved: But We gave power to those who believed, against their enemies, and they became the ones that prevailed."

We are built on the teachings of the Torah and Gospel. All of these teaching bring us to the Messiah. (Ephesians 2:20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*.

The Gospel tells us that God puts leaders in the church for the building of the church. They are God's helpers. (Ephesians 4:11-12) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the

perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

The Messiah was Crucified

The Qur'an said that Jesus the Messiah was crucified and was taken up by Allâh himself.

Qur'an – Sûrat 4 An-Nisâ', ayah 157-158: “ That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah";- but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not:- 158. Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise”.

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al-Imrân, ayah 55: “Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.”

The Torah prophesied that the Messiah would have His hands and feet pierced. (Psalm 22:16) For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

The Torah prophesied that the Messiah would be an offering for our sins. (Isaiah 53:5) But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

The Gospel tells us that the Messiah was crucified. (Luke 23:44-47) And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. (45) And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. (46) And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. (47) Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

The Gospel said that the Messiah was an offering for our sins. (1 Peter 2:24) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

The Gospel tells us that we receive eternal redemption through the blood of the Messiah. (Hebrews 9:12-15) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. (13) For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: (14) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (15) And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The Messiah Raised from the Dead

The Qur'an said that Jesus would be raised from the dead.

Qur'an – Sûrat 19 Maryam, ayah 33-34: ““So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)”! 34. Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they vainly) dispute. ”

The Torah prophesied that the Messiah would be raised from the dead. (Psalm 16:10) For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Jesus told His disciples that He would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead on the third day. (Matthew 16:21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus rose from the dead like He said He would. (Matthew 28:1-6) In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. (2) And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. (3) His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: (4) And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*. (5) And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. (6) He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

The Messiah Ascended to the Heavens

The Qur'an tells us that Allâh gathered Jesus and caused him to be resurrected and ascended to Allah himself.

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al-Imrân, ayah 55: “Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.”

Qur'an – Sûrat 4 An-Nisâ', ayah 158:“ Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise;”

The Torah said that the Messiah would ascend into the heavens. (Psalm 68:18) Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

The Gospel records the ascension of Jesus to the heavens. (Matthew 16:19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(1 Peter 3:22) Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

The Messiah is Omnipresent

The Qur'an tells us that Jesus is alive both in paradise and in spirit with His followers on earth.

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al-Imrân, ayah 55: “Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.”

Qur'an – Sûrat 4 An-Nisâ', ayah 158-159:“ Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise. 159. And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them;-;”

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that when two or three will pray in His name then He is with them. (Matthew 18:20) **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

Jesus said that He would always be with His people. (Matthew 20:28) **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

The Messiah Will Return to the Earth

Second Coming of Jesus,

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al-Imrân, ayah 55: “Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.”

Qur'an – Sûrat 43 Az-Zukhruff, ayah 57-67 : “When (Jesus) the son of Mary is held up as an example, behold, thy people raise a clamour thereat (in ridicule). 58. And they say, "Are our gods best, or he?" This they set forth to thee, only by way of disputation: yea, they are a contentious people. 59. He was no more than a servant: We granted Our favour to him, and We made him an example to the Children of Israel. 60. And if it were Our Will, We could make angels from amongst you, succeeding each other on the earth. 61. And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment):(therefore have no doubt about the (Hour), but follow ye Me: this is a Straight Way. 62. Let not the Evil One hinder you: for he is to you an enemy avowed. 63. When Jesus came with Clear Signs, he said: "Now have I come to you with Wisdom ,and in order to make clear to you some of the (points) on which ye dispute :therefore fear Allah and obey me. 64. "For Allah, He is my Lord and your Lord: so worship ye Him: this is a Straight Way". 65. But sects from among themselves fell into disagreement: then woe to the wrong-doers, from the Penalty of a Grievous Day! 66. Do they only wait for the Hour - that it should come on them all of a sudden ,while they perceive not? 67. Friends on that day will be foes, one to another,- except the Righteous.”

The Torah prophesied that the Messiah would come to the earth to set up His kingdom. (Daniel 7:13-14) I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. (14) And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

The Gospel records Enoch prophesying that the Messiah would come to the earth. (Jude 14-15) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, (15) To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jesus said that He would return to the earth with power and glory. (Matthew 24:30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Surrender

The Surrender, al-Islam, is Islam and Muslims are to be surrendered to Allâh 's will and guidance as had been revealed to Abraham by God and explained by Jesus.

Qur'an – Sûrat 3 Al-Imrân, ayah 19: “The Religion before Allah is Islam (submission to His Will): Nor did the People of the Book dissent there from except through envy of each other, after knowledge had come to them. But if any deny the Signs of Allâh, Allah is swift in calling to account.”

The idea of SURRENDER came with Abraham and was essential to Jesus' New Covenant, God's changed Covenant for all people. Submission to God's will is an essential part of the Lord's Prayer, (Matthew 6:10) *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

Let us surrender to this One God and to His great love. Then we will be able to understand what Paul said when he wrote, (Romans 8:39) *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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