

Print Version of 'The Message of Nabi Isa'

DO NOT READ ALOUD THE BIBLICAL AND QUR'ANIC REFERENCER LIKE (John 3:16)

1. Do you know the Message of Nabi Isa?
2. Before one could pick up a telephone, send an e-mail, or even use a Smart Phone, people also used to send messages.-
They wanted to share news, express their love to someone, warn of dangers, or whatever was on their minds.-
Their messages were sent as 'normal' letters with a stamp on it, and before that they were transported in a horse-drawn coach and - perhaps, on a sailing ship, which could take many days, weeks or even months to reach its destination.
3. Messages were not only sent from one person to another; - God also sent messages to us. - He did it by 'speaking' to his chosen Messengers, whom he told to share it with mankind. After all, would we not expect the Designer and Creator of the world to reveal who he is, and to send instructions to His people on how to live in harmony with their everlasting God and among themselves?
4. A man who received Messages from God is called a 'Prophet'.
The original Hebrew and Arabic word is 'Nabi', and that means 'Messenger'.
5. Nabi Isa, the Messenger Jesus, was born in Bethlehem, a town in Israel, around the time which we now call the year Zero (0) on the Western Calendar.-
He lived for only 33 years.
The Qur'an, mentions Him highly honourably 35 times by his name Isa, or His titles, al-Masih or Nabi.
6. His Message is called 'Good News', or Gospel.
In the Qur'an it is called *Injil*.
In this little essay you can only read the most fundamental parts of the Message of Nabi Isa.
They are the actual words of Jesus, as He is called in the English language.
He spoke the Word of God.

7. And what is the Message of the Messenger Nabi Isa?

You must have a look yourself!

In a way Nabi Isa, Jesus, was like you and me – and yet He was altogether different.

He spoke as nobody ever did,

and yet in a manner that everyone was able to understand.

8. To 'get the Message', it is indispensable to be truly honest, and without prejudice.

That means we do not judge the Message before we have a fair understanding of what it really 'says'.

In addition, it is necessary to have an open mind.

9. All the words of Nabi Isa in this presentation are taken straight from the lips of Nabi Isa, or Jesus, as He is named in the Gospel.

These can easily be distinguished from explanatory notes by their golden ornaments, as on these slides

10. Nabi Isa is out of this World as he indicated himself:

11. "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the One Who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."

(John 7:16-17)

12. "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me.

The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness..."

(John 12:44-46)

13. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life".

(John 8:12)

14. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away "

(Matthew 24:35)

15. Jesus brought us Good News and bad news.

Let us first look at the Bad News

16. The bad News that Jesus brought

17. The Messages that God sent to mankind are meant to serve for their own good.

But we do not always like what God tells us.

18. Because words often change their meaning over the Centuries, Jesus often used Parables, Metaphors, or figures of speech to make His Message clear:

19. To illustrate just what the consequence of sin truly is, Jesus tells us:

20-21. "If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

(Matthew 5:29-30)

22. Then he speaks of trees or vines and the fruit thereof. You will understand what he implies.

23. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars.

(Luke 6:43)

24. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

(John 15:5-6)

25. Do we get the message?

26-28. Figs, grapes or apples do not grow on humans. So, what kind of 'fruit is Jesus speaking about? The

***Injil*, the Gospel, tells us what it is: - -**

"LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL."

Do these words reflect the way we are, act, think and speak?

29. And here is where OUR PROBLEM BEGINS.

We all know what is good and right, and what is bad and evil.

We know this from our early childhood days.

In addition our conscience makes us aware of it.

The revealed Law of God confirms and defines it.

30. In the New Testament (*Injil*), one of the Apostles of Jesus shares with us an experience that you and I, and all other people, have to daily live with:

31-32. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do... For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

(Romans 7:15-23)

**33. We keep on doing wrong against our own intention and will.
And as a result we face unimaginable consequences!
Are we mad ?
Are we compulsive sinners?
Or don't we care for God's will?
Just think of what God spoke through the Prophets Isaiah and David to us:**

**34. Your iniquities have separated you from your God;
and your sins have hidden *His* face from you,
so that He will not hear**
(Isaiah 59:2)

**35. Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done *this* evil in Your sight—**
(Psalm 51:4)

**36. God is absolutely pure, and righteous, and holy.
He created us to be like that.
But we are not righteous, we are unholy, and not pure.
And now we face His judgment.**

37. We are tempted, and all too often act against our God-given conscience, and, more specifically, against the Law of God.

**38. Our world is the battle ground of an epic conflict between good and evil,
that is between God and Satan.
And how does God see this?**

39-40. The LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

(Genesis 6:5-6)

41. These are the facts. But there are also 'The Good News of Nabi Isa':

42. In another parable Jesus helps us to understand and comprehend who we really are, and what we should do, to be reconciled to God:

43-51. "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

'Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

'For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

(Luke 15:11-24)

52. And he went!

And his father accepted him – as he was.

In this parable Jesus explains what God's grace really is, and how sinners can gratefully receive it.

**53. We also need to come to OUR senses,
just as the rebellious son did to his.
He did not offer his father a compensation for his wrongdoing...**

**54. ...which he was unable to pay anyway. Neither did his father expect it.
The son simply wanted to go home, to be with his Father.**

**55. There is a false perception, that doing good can compensate
for having done bad.
But forgiveness cannot be earned or merited**

**56. Nobody deserves forgiveness and nobody deserves to be loved by God and to enter
into his eternal glory! All this is always based on the mercy and grace of God:**

**57. "...you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should
say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"
(Luke 17:10)**

**58. In another parable, Jesus intends us to identify with one of the two men in the story.
Think carefully! Which one represents you?**

**59-62. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax
collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like
other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.**

**"I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He
would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'**

**"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all
those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be
exalted."**

(Luke 18:10-14)

63. A tax collector at that time was a Jew who collaborated with the enemies, the Romans, by collecting taxes for them, and a goodly share for himself.

64. A Pharisee was respected as a kind of holy man, a Shaikh. He dressed in religious robes to demonstrate his 'piety' in public.
But Pharisees also had a reputation of being hypocrites – and Jesus called them that.

65. What Jesus tells us about the Will of God

66. Asked about the most important Commandment of God, Jesus said:

67-68. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

(Matthew 22:37-40)

69. What Jesus tells us about the Love of God.

70. The Key Word in the Gospel is LOVE. It can also be named GRACE or PARDON:

71. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

(John 3:16-17)

72. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I

have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.”

(John 15:9-10)

73. “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

(John 14:21)

74. Jesus adds:

75. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

(John 13:34)

76. GOD IS LOVE! His desire is that we also love him, and practice love toward the people around us:

77. “Love the Lord Your God With all your heart and with all your souls, and with all your mind”

(Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 22:37, Luke 10:27)

78-80. "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven...

If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

(Matthew 5:43-48)

81. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”.

(Matthew 5:8)

82. How we should practice Love and Charity

83-84. "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

(Matthew 6:1-2)

85. Many religious practices concern themselves with eating regulations.

86. Jesus helps us to understand the difference between inner and outer religion:

87-90. "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defile him.

"Are you so dull? Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of the body....

"What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

"All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

(Mark 7:14-15, 18-23)

91. Jesus also warns us of religious hypocrisy

92. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence."

(Matthew 23:25)

93. "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight."

(Luke 16:15)

94. Most people pray. Many regulations tell us how we should pray. Jesus tells us:

95-99. “When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

“Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This, then, is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

(Matthew 6:5-15)

100. There is a relationship between Forgiveness and Prayer. Jesus tells us about it:

101. “When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

(Mark 11:25)

102. We all need forgiveness. But we also need to forgive.

103. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

(Luke 17:3-4)

104. Fasting is more than abstaining from eating and drinking

105-106. "When you fast... wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

(Matthew 6:16-18)

107. Materialism and greed harm our Souls

108. "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

(Luke 12:15)

109. A great killer of marriage is UNFAITHFULNESS. You are not guilty?

**110. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully
has already committed adultery with her in his heart."**

(Matthew 5:27-28)

111. What Jesus thinks about DIVORCE:

112-113. "Have you not read, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

(Matthew 19:4-6)

114. "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard.

But it was not this way from the beginning.

I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

(Matthew 19:8-9)

115. How Jesus deals with sinners.

116-121. "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

"When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.'

"Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

"At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

"Jesus straightened up and asked her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'

"'No one, sir,' she said. 'Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin.'"

(John 8:3-11)

122. This woman had committed adultery. She knew of the punishment once she was found out: THE DEATH PENALTY Why did Jesus set her free? The Gospel (*Injil*) explains:

123-124. "Now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... "

(Romans 3:21-24)

125. This is the Gospel. Jesus revealed it to us. It offers forgiveness and Pardon from condemnation to all who believe and trust him.

That is Salvation through Faith

It cost him his life, as the Prophet Isaiah predicted 750 years before Jesus came:

**126. “We all like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

(Isaiah 53:6)

127. Jesus also tells us how to deal with anxiety and worry

128-135. "... I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

“Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

“If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

“So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

(Matthew 6:25-34)

136. To live means to have choices, and to make decisions.

Jesus makes us aware of the most important choice of our life:

137. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

(Matthew 7:13-14)

138. Jesus explains: The Supernatural Element of Faith

139. In the Bible the word Faith means the same as Trust

140. "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

(John 3:3)

141. "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life."

(John 6:63)

142. Just as natural life begins with a natural birth, so spiritual life begins with a spiritual 'birth'.

The 'new life' that follows, begins once we are forgiven, and live in a true relationship with God.

143. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

(John 8:31-32)

144. "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:18)

145. “The Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God”.

(John 16:27)

146. “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

(John 14:23)

147. Are then all those, whose birth certificate classified them as Christians, true followers of Jesus? Hear what Jesus said:

148-151. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

(Matthew 7:21-27)

152. What Jesus said about Himself

153. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

(John 14:6)

**154. "I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

(John 6:35)

**155. "I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"**

(John 10:11)

**156. "I am the good shepherd.
I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the
Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep."**

(John 10:14-15)

**157. "...I lay down my life only to take it up again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.
I have authority to lay it down, and authority to take it up again."**

(John 10:17-18)

**158. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are
my friends if you do what I command."**

(John 15:13-14)

**159. "My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal
life, and they shall never perish, no one will snatch them out of my hand."**

(John 10:27-28)

**160. As unbelievable as it is, there are always those who disbelieve, reject, and even hate
Jesus for who he is.**

Could we think of just ONE justified reason ?

161. Be aware!

162. "... Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

(Luke 10:16)

163. "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came here from God.

I have not come on my own; God sent me."

(John 8:42)

164. "You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins."

(John 8:23,24)

165. But did Jesus make Himself God?

166. His Jewish opponents challenged Jesus by asking him:

"Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

(Luke 22:70)

167-168. "...his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him. Jesus said to them:

"I have shown you many good works from the Father.

For which of these do you stone me?"

'We are not stoning you for any good work', they replied. 'but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God'.

(John 10:31-32)

169. The claim of Jesus to be divine, was as upsetting to people then, as it is to many people today

170. Because Jesus had a human mother, He was as human as we are.

171. He, like we, became hungry and tired. He felt sad and angry. He experienced grief and pain, and also had the need to pray to his Father in Heaven.

**172. At the same time, He was the only person ever to be born of a virgin!
His supernatural Father is God!**

**173. Jesus healed countless people. He raised the dead.
He walked on water, calmed a storm, and performed many other recorded miracles.**

**174. Even more! He forgave and forgives sins!
Who, besides God, can do that?**

175. Let us also have a look at what the **Qur'an says about this:**

**176. “She [Mary] said (to the angel): ‘How shall I have a son,
seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?’
He [the angel] said: ‘So (it will be): Thy Lord saith, ‘That is easy for Me:
And (We wish) to appoint him [Isa] as a Sign unto men and a Mercy from Us:
It is a matter (so) decreed.’”
(Surah 19:20-21)**

177. Unlike us, Jesus could say:

**178. “Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you
believe me?”
(John 8:46)**

179. What Jesus did for me and for you

180. Speaking of Himself, Jesus explained once more what He came for on this earth:

181. “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many”.

(Matthew 20:28)

182. Elsewhere, the Gospel explains:

183. “God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...”

(1. Tim. 2:5-6)

184. A ‘ransom’ was the price to pay for setting a slave or a captive free.

185. Jesus offered His sinless life as the ransom, also for YOU!

When the time for this had come, Jesus said to His followers:

186-187. “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death...

“...and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life.”

(Matthew 20:18-19)

188. And how did this happen?

The Gospel records:

189. “When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left...

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”

(Luke 23:33,34)

190. The following picture of a rock formation just above a bus terminal in Jerusalem reveals the distinct image of a skull. Very likely it was here that Jesus was crucified on the top of this rock, called ‘Golgotha’, meaning ‘the Rock’.

191. is only a picture of the 'Rock'.

192. While they were nailing him to the cross, Jesus prayed:

193. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

(Luke 23:34)

**194-195. "It was now about the sixth hour,
and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour ...**

**"Jesus called out with a loud voice,
'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!'.
When he had said this he breathed his last."**

(Luke 23:46)

196. "The earth shook, the rocks split..."

(Matthew 27:51)

**197-198. "When the [Roman] centurion
and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake
and that had happened, they were terrified... "...and exclaimed,
'Surely, he was the Son of God!'"**

(Matthew 27:54)

**199. Unlike all other humans, Jesus, the Son of God, rose from the dead. It was on the
third day after His execution.**

**200. After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus scolded some of His bewildered followers,
saying:**

**201-202. "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have
spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"
"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in
all the Scriptures concerning himself."**

(Luke 24:25-27)

203. "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

(Luke 24:44)

204-205. "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day... and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations."

(Luke 24:46,47)

206-207. A couple of weeks later Jesus appeared to the Apostle John, and said to him: 'I am the Living One';

"I am the First and the Last.

I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades [that is Hell]."

(Revelation 1:17,18)

208. 39 days after his resurrection from the dead, before the very eyes of his followers, Jesus was taken up to heaven, and said:

209-211. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20)

212. Jesus will return to this Earth, to take all his followers to be with him in heaven:

213-214. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

(John 14:1-3)

215. Now, THIS is of the utmost importance:

216. Why we can trust Nabi Isa and his Message

217. For one, there are still thousands of Bible manuscripts in museums and libraries all over the world, that were written hundreds of years before Muhammad lived. Yet they do not differ in content from our Bibles today.

218. Why don't those that claim that the Bible has been changed or corrupted tell us WHY, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, and BY WHOM the Bible was supposedly changed?

219. Another undeniable fact is that the most striking incidents in the Life of Jesus had been revealed by God to several Prophets, and were written down 400 - 1000 years BEFORE they happened.

220. To avoid misunderstanding: the Law that God gave to Moses, clearly identifies what and who a Nabi is, and what and who is not:

221-223. “... you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’— When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

(Deut. 18:21-22)

224. What does that tell us? - Only a Prophet of God can truly prophesy. When these prophecies are fulfilled, we know that the Message came from God.

225. To predict foreseeable future is not prophecy. Neither is fortune-telling divine prophecy

226. Although there are many more, let us look at just two or three of the prophecies, which God gave to His Messengers, foretelling the absolutely unique incidents in the life of Jesus: his coming, his crucifixion and death, and his resurrection from the dead:

227. "... the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." ('Immanuel', when translated means 'God with us') (Isaiah 7:14)

228-229. "...to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder.
And his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".
(Isaiah 9:6)

230. How on earth can anyone foretell a death like that of Jesus, except God?

231-238. "He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

"Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

"But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

"All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth...

"He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

**“... He poured out His soul unto death...and He bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.**

(Isaiah 53: 3–12)

**239. It must have been God, who inspired King David to foretell the crucifixion of the
Messiah Jesus 1000 years before it happened:**

**240-241. “My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue clings to my jaws;
You have brought me to the dust of death.
For dogs have surrounded me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed me.
They pierced my hands and my feet”.**

(Psalm 22:15-16)

242. King David also prophesied the resurrection of the Messiah Jesus:

**243. “...you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay”.**

(Psalm 16:10)

**244. Maybe you have never read the Gospel narrative in the New Testament. In that case
you might not even know how these Prophecies were fulfilled.**

To remedy that, we strongly recommend you read at least some extracts of it.

245. What the Qur’an says about the Message of Nabi Isa

**246. We recall: Even though his Message is not quoted in the Qur’an, Nabi Isa, Jesus, is
mentioned 25 times by name, and another 11 times by his title, al-Masih, meaning the
Messiah. – Let us look at some:**

247 - 249. " 'O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings, 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 those nearest to Allah;

He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And he shall be of the righteous.'

"And (remember) her [Mary] who guarded her chastity: we breathed into her of our spirit, and We made her and her Son a Sign for all peoples."
(Surah 3:45-46; 21:91)

250 - 252. "We believe in Allah - and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ismail, 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."

"O People of the Book! ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye stand fast by the Law, the Gospel and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord." It is the revelation that cometh to thee from thy Lord;

"If you were in doubt as to what We [Allah] have revealed unto thee [Muhammad], then ask those who have been reading the Book [the Bible] from before thee.
(Surah 2:136; 5:68; 10:94; 21:7)

253. Would that mean that Muslim believers are expected to consult Christians and Jews, the People of the Book, about a *corrupted* message?

254. "No man can change the Words of Allah"
(Surah 10:64 and 6:34)

255. We look again at the Message of Nabi Isa:

256. We found that his Message is out of *this* world, incredible, and to you probably unheard of.

This was confirmed by the equally incredible and unique miracles, he performed.

257. We also took a brief look at some of the absolutely amazing prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus, an indisputable proof of the trustworthiness of the Message of Nabi Isa.

258. The Message of Nabi Isa makes us aware of the righteousness of God, the gravity of sin, and the judgment to come.

259. But Nabi Isa also provides God's offer for our dilemma:
In His mercy, compassion, and grace He offers us His pardon.

260. Once you become aware of who God *really* is, and his Magnitude, his Holiness and Righteousness, but also His Compassion and Love for you very personally – in spite of your certainly poor track record in God's Books...

261. ...what else can you do, but to let your heart truly worship Him, and, with a broken heart, cry out to God: LORD SAVE ME!
The SAVIOUR is JESUS who said:

262. "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you really know me, you will know my Father as well."
(John 14:6)

263. "...He that comes to me I will never drive away."
(John 6:37)

264. I stand at the door and knock.
If any of you hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..."
(Revelation 3:20)

265. There is a beautiful thought and prayer recorded in the Bible, which you also could repeat:

266. “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

(1. Cor. 2:9)

267. “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious [eternal] inheritance...”

(Eph. 1:18)

268. Perhaps the eyes of your heart are already being enlightened as you discover who Nabi Isa, Jesus, the Messiah, truly is, and what he is offering to you.

269. Why not pray a Psalm that King David (Dawood) also prayed?

270 - 273. “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight... Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. - Create in me a pure heart, O God...

“You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it... My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

“Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

(from Psalm 51)

274. Ask God right now to forgive you for all that poisons your heart and mind, and dishonours God, who wants to live within you. Then pray that the Holy Spirit of God may fill and direct your thinking, speaking, and all you do.

275. Get to really know God, and keep close to him in your mind. Remember, he revealed himself to us in Jesus so that we can better understand him.

276. Study his Word diligently to get to know Him more and more. Endeavour to live a faithful and true life with and for God. Find a copy of a New Testament (which is part of the Bible) in your home language. You will find it in a book store or on the Internet.

277. And then, find other believers. Share your faith with them. Benefit and learn from their experience with God. You *will* need assistance and encouragement.

278. Last not least, you need to build up a personal relationship with God. That happens by prayer that comes straight from your heart, and by the openhearted and faithful daily study of God's Word.

**279. Remember: You will never be alone!
Never ever forget what Jesus says to you:**

280. "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(John 28:20)

281. After having studied a central part of the Message of Nabi Isa, you want to know more about God and Jesus. You need to seek a personal relationship with him, by prayer that comes straight from your heart, and by the openhearted and faithful study of God's Word.

282. At the very end of this presentation you may download:

- 1. 'The Meesage of Nabi Isa (Text only)**
- 2. 'The New Testament (*Injil*)**
- 3. An Introduction to the Bible: 'For our time – In 100 pages through the Bible'**

And

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4. 'Dear Abdallah' – Arguments against the Bible

5. 'Al-Kitab' – A basic Bible study course

6. 'Your Book and My Book' - A topical comparison of the Bible with the Qur'an