

Why is Jesus unique from all other prophets?

The Quran and the Bible agree on the prophetic status of Jesus. In Sura 60:6 we read: “And remember Jesus, son of Mary, who said: ‘O Children of Israel, I am a messenger...’” The Bible instructs in Luke 24:19: “...Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, he was a prophet, a prophet of deeds and words...” Not only do both books agree on the prophethood of Jesus, but both books go on to describe Jesus as unique from all other prophets.

For example, the Bible speaks a lot about Jesus' virgin birth, and this historical fact is confirmed in the Quran in Surah 3:45-47. No other prophet throughout history was born of a virgin, only Jesus. This brings us to the question: why was Jesus different, unique from all the other prophets?

The Holy Bible speaks of Jesus as holy. The Quran also speaks of Jesus as holy in verse 19:19. This attribute is not attributed to any prophet in the Bible or the Quran, not even to Muhammad; it is attributed only to Jesus. So what made Jesus so unique and why was he different from the others?

The Bible records that Jesus performed great miracles unlike other prophets. For example, Jesus gave sight to people who were blind from birth. He also cleansed lepers and raised the dead. All of these miracles are confirmed in the Quran by the existence of Jesus. For example, read Sura 3:49. When Sura 17:91-95 and Sura 29:47-51 are read, it is clear that no signs or miracles other than the recitation of the Quran are attributed to Muhammad. Why was Jesus so unique?

Many Muslims, like true Christians, believe that Jesus will come again. Why Jesus? What makes Jesus so special? In Surah 5:46, it is stated: "And We sent in their footsteps, Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the Torah... We sent him the Gospel..." My dear friend, this is the answer to your question. Why was Jesus so distinguished among all the prophets? He was the one who brought us the Gospel.

The Bible goes much further than the Quran in distinguishing Jesus from all other prophets. The Bible explains that Jesus is called the one through whom God created all things. He is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sinless, eternal, and unchangeable. He forgave sins, accepted worship, and claimed divinity. The Bible calls Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath, the Lord of the heavens, and even the Lord of all things. He is called the image of God, God with us, God in the flesh, I Am, the First and the Last, and even the Almighty.

Now, even if you don't yet believe everything the Bible says about Jesus, just taking in what the Quran says about Jesus sets him apart. The Quran commands Muslims to tell Christians what to say in Surah 5:68: “Say: ‘People of the Book! You will not be able to stand on any foundation unless you hold fast to the Torah and the Gospel and the revelation from your Lord.’...” What made Jesus unique was the Gospel he brought, but most Muslims never had the opportunity to hear the gospel for themselves.

The good news is that Jesus was more than a prophet. He was also the sacrificial lamb of God who came to save us from our sins. We are all sinners and in need of salvation. Jesus did not come to start a new religion. He came to die for our sins, to be buried, and to rise again on the third day.

All people who come to God and accept this exceptional Jesus as their savior (regardless of their religious background) have eternal life as a free gift from God.

The gospel is not about conversion, it is about eternal forgiveness of sins. The only prophet who could offer this was a virgin-born, holy, miracle-working, God-sent savior. Trust in him today.

Thank God for sending Jesus to die in your place and trust in Him for salvation!