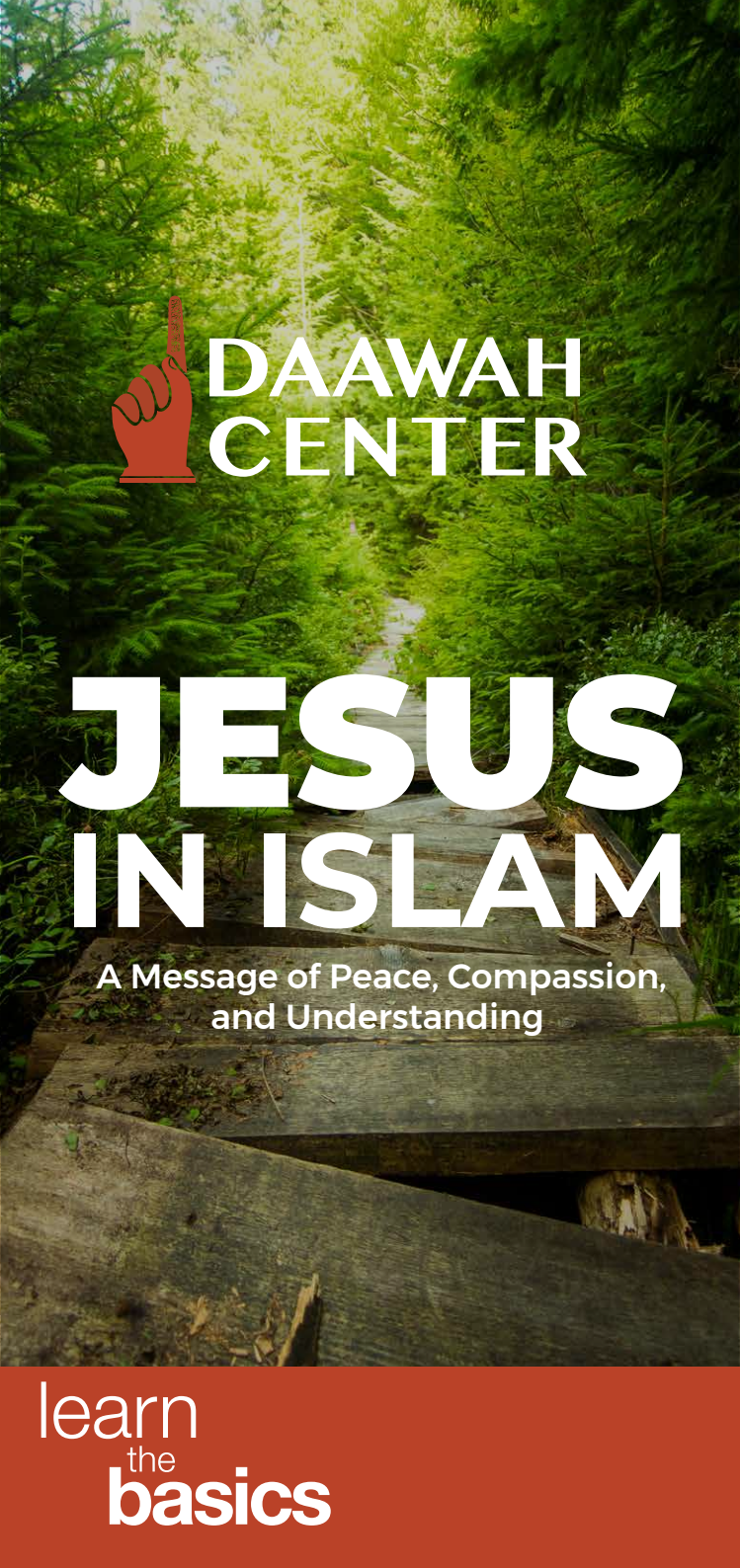

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A Message of Peace, Compassion, and Understanding
We greet you with peace and compassion. As Muslims, we share a deep respect for Jesus (peace be upon him), whom we call Isa in Arabic. This pamphlet invites you to learn about the Islamic perspective on Jesus.

MARYAM (MARY): A WOMAN OF GREAT HONOR

In Islam, Jesus' story begins with his mother, Maryam (Mary), a woman of immense faith and devotion. The Quran praises her as one of the most honored women, chosen by God for a unique role.

"And [mention] when the angels said, 'O Mary, indeed Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the worlds.'" (Quran 3:42)
"And We made her and her son a sign for the worlds." (Quran 21:91)

THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF JESUS

Muslims believe that Jesus was born through a miracle, without a father, as a sign of God's power. The Angel Gabriel announced to Maryam:

"O Mary, indeed Allah gives you good news of a word from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary—honoured in this world and the Hereafter and among those brought near [to Allah]. He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity and will be of the righteous."
She said, "My Lord, how will I have a child when no man has touched me?"
[The angel] said, "Such is Allah; He creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is."
The angel said: Even so shall it be! Your Lord has said: It is easy for Me. For We shall make him a miraculous sign for all people, and a mercy from Us. Thus it is a matter decreed.

So she conceived him, and withdrew heavy with him to a remote place. And the birth pangs drove her to the trunk of a date-palm. She said: Oh, alas for me! Would that I had died before this and become a thing utterly forgotten! ... Thereafter, she came with him to her people, carrying him. (Quran 3:45-47 and Quran 19: 21-27)

HIS MIRACLES: SIGNS OF HIS PROPHETHOOD

By God's permission, Jesus performed many miracles:

- He healed the blind and the lepers.
- He gave life to the dead.
- He spoke as an infant to defend his mother's honor.
- He created a bird from clay and brought it to life.

"And I cure the blind and the leper, and I give life to the dead—by permission of Allah."
(Quran 3:49)

HIS MISSION: CALLING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP ONE GOD

Jesus was a prophet sent to guide the people of Israel to worship the One True God. His core message echoed that of all prophets:

"Indeed, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path."
(Quran 19:36)

Jesus, just like other prophets, is fully human; He ate, slept, and experienced life as humans do. This emphasizes that he was a creation of God, sent to guide humanity.
"The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at His command] from Him." (Quran 4:171)
Only God is worthy of worship. Jesus himself prayed to God and called people to do the same. His miracles were signs of God's power, just as other prophets were given miracles in their time.

" And [beware the Day] when Allah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to the people, 'Take me and my mother as deities besides Allah?'" He will say, "Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is within myself, and I do not know what is within Yourself. Indeed, it is You who is Knower of the unseen. I said not to them except what You commanded me - to worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. And I was a witness over them as long as I was among them; but when You took me up, You were the Observer over them, and You are, over all things, Witness."
(Quran 5:116-118)

RAISED TO HEAVEN TO RETURN IN GLORY

Islam teaches that Jesus was not crucified but was raised to heaven by God.

"And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but there was confusion among them... Rather, Allah raised him to Himself."
(Quran 4:157-158)

Muslims believe that Jesus will return before the Day of Judgment to restore justice, defeat the false messiah (Dajjal), and reaffirm the worship of One God. His return will be a sign of the final hour.

"And indeed, Jesus will be [a sign for] knowledge of the Hour, so be not in doubt of it, and follow Me. This is a straight path."
(Quran 43:61)

SALVATION IN ISLAM: GOD'S MERCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Power of Promises

Every day, we depend on promises. A parent promises to care for their child. A teacher promises to guide their students. A leader promises to serve the people. When these promises are kept, they bring trust, safety, and hope. When they are broken, people feel hurt and uncertain.

Allah's Promise: Unchanging and Trustworthy

In Islam, Allah's promises are trusted because they arise from perfect knowledge, perfect wisdom, and perfect consistency. They are not reactions to events, nor subject to change or regret.

Allah's promises are:

- Always fair ,
- Always merciful ,
- Clear and reliable —no contradictions or confusion
- Unchanging truth—what Allah says is final and trustworthy

"Indeed, Allah does not break His promise."
(Quran 3:9)
"There is no change in the words of Allah."
(Quran 10:64)
"And whose word is more truthful than Allah's?"
(Quran 4:122)

The Human Covenant: Our Responsibility

While Allah's promise is constant, the covenant lies with human beings, who are changeable and morally accountable. Humans are required to:

- Acknowledge Allah as Lord - Live by His guidance - Act justly toward all
- Remain accountable for their choices

"Am I not your Lord? They said: Yes, we testify."
(Quran 7:172)

Because humans can change and make mistakes, the covenant can be upheld or violated. This is why Islam teaches believers to live with both hope in Allah's reliable mercy and awareness of their own responsibility.

God's Mercy and Forgiveness

In Islam, God (Allah) is Most Merciful. He forgives those who sincerely repent and turn to Him.

"O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins..."
(Quran 39:53)

Each person is responsible for their own actions. There is no need for another person to bear our sins. Salvation comes through:
- Faith in One God - Doing good deeds - Seeking His forgiveness - Living with hope and humility

Hope exists because Allah's word is firm. Humility exists because human commitment requires constant effort.

Living the Covenant:

"And fulfill the covenant, for the covenant will be questioned about."
(Quran 17:34)

"Our Lord, indeed we have heard a caller calling to faith, [saying], 'Believe in your Lord,' and we have believed. Our Lord, so forgive us our sins and remove from us our misdeeds and cause us to die with the righteous...Our Lord, and grant us what You promised us through Your messengers and do not disgrace us on the Day of Resurrection. Indeed, You do not fail in [Your] promise." And their Lord responded to them, "Never will I allow to be lost the work of [any] worker among you, whether male or female; ... and I will surely admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow as reward from Allah, and Allah has with Him the best reward."
(Quran 3:193-195)

WHAT JESUS MEANS TO MUSLIMS TODAY

- Muslims love and respect Jesus as:
- A Prophet of God who called people to worship the One True God
- A Messenger of Mercy who taught love, kindness, and justice
- A Role Model in Faith whose example inspires millions

MUHAMMAD AND JESUS: CONTINUITY OF GOD'S MESSAGE

In Islam, Muhammad (peace be upon him) is considered the final prophet sent by God to complete His message to humanity. Like Jesus, Muhammad preached the importance of worshipping the One True God, practicing kindness, and striving for justice. Both prophets are part of a long line of messengers (like Noah, Abraham, and Moses) who delivered the same essential message:

"And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], 'Worship Allah and avoid false deities.'" (Quran 16:36)

AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE ISLAM

As neighbors and believers in the One God, we invite you to explore the teachings of Islam further. You may discover a beautiful way of life rooted in submission to God, compassion for humanity, and hope in His infinite mercy.

- Read the Quran – Focus on chapters like Surah Maryam (Chapter 19), which tells the story of Jesus
- Visit a Mosque – You are welcome to observe and talk to the Imam
- Engage in Friendly Conversations – Ask questions and share ideas with Muslims

May peace be upon you always.

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