

Jesus (pbuh) Man Myth or God

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Course objectives:

1. To expose the deceptive techniques of the Christian missionaries
2. To be aware of Islaam's balanced view on different controversial issues
3. To train the learner in the efficient techniques of Da'wah among the Christians

QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

TRANSCRIPTS

ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video	–	1 hours 56 min
Study Guide	–	30 min
Assessment	–	15 min
Total Duration	–	2 hours 41 mins

Lesson 1: Jesus, Man, Myth or God

1. Reflections on the debate with Anees Shorosh

Anees Shorosh is a Christian Arab, boasting that his people have been Christians before Islaam. and claims that the Muslims came later and took their lands. He is one of those who remained Christian after people accepted Islaam.

Now he is a Christian evangelist in America. In his book, he says he is liberated. His people are in Hell. But he is in heaven. And the irony of his book is that on the cover, he puts the Israeli Star of David, and the Israeli warplanes and tanks. This is how he is liberated. The Muslims hadn't seen this because this is circulated mostly in America, to get sympathy of the American Jews and Christians to finance him in his work.

In the debate, that for one hour and 15 minutes I've been throwing things at him. I said common! Answer this; answer this answer this; the Bible is not the word of God; the Quran is. And when his turn came, as if he never heard anything. I asked him:

i. The Bible says that one Jewish boy killed 600 Palestinians with a stick. you believe that? And he said yes.

ii. Then another Jew with the jawbone of a donkey killed 1000 Palestinians. I asked him, since he is killing 1,2,3, 4,50, 100, thousand, why are you waiting for the man? And I said you 1000 Palestinians if you only spat on that guy, he would have suffocated with the spit. You could not do. I asked him, do you believe in that? And the guy said, he believes in that.

iii. David or Dawood, Alaihis Salaam, wanted to marry Saul's (Taloot's) daughter, the king. He wanted to marry his daughter called Michal. So, Saul said that the dowry for my daughter is 100 foreskins of the Palestinians. He wanted 100. David is too generous. So, he goes and kills 200 Palestinians and he takes off the foreskins of 200 Palestinians and he comes and he counts them out in full. The Bible says he counted out in full 200. I asked him, do you believe that? The guy believes in it.

iv. God Almighty, the author of the Bible as Shorosh believes, says, kill the Palestinians. Men, women and children, even the little one's, boys and girls, male and female kill them all. But save for yourselves only the young women, grown up women of marriageable age. But you must verify that there are virgins that they had known no man. If you find that they are not virgin, kill them.

While killing women, men and children, if they come across a young girl of 12, they need to verify. So how do they verify? The only manner in which they can verify is to rape and ravish these women. And so, they went through and they discovered that 2000 of these Palestinian girls were virgins. God also wants a share out of those raped and ravished Palestinian girls. and the Bible says that thirty-two 32 was the Lord's share. I'm asking you believe that? He says, he believes it.

Do you believe this is God's word? He said yes, it is God's word.

So, what he does is he writes a book. Once you have that mentality with that mentality, you write a book. And he have given away the whole of Palestine to the Jews in this book. He's advising the Palestinians to stop fighting since the whole land is promised to the Jews.

2. Shorosh's Deliberate lies

Then he started speaking lies, about the Qur'aan trying to prove that it supports their allegations. Here are some of such lies:

i. To prove that the Qur'aan testifies to the death of Jesus, he quotes the Qur'aan "Wassalaamu alayya yawma wulidtu wa yawma amootu wa yawma ub'athu hayya". He translates that into "Peace is on me, the day that I was born, the day that I died, and the day I shall be raised back to life again".

The verse actually means "peace is on me, the day that I was born, the day that I die [in the future tense, not the day that I died], and the day I shall be raised to life again. He is lying deliberately in the translation, despite being a native Arab.

ii. He tried to prove his trinity through claiming a similarity between "Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem", and "In the name of the father, the son and the Holy Spirit". He claims that this trinity appears in the Qur'aan 113 times. Allah has many names including Al Quddoos, As Salaam, Ar Rahman Ar Raheem, all are names of the one God, whereas in the case of the Trinity, the conjunction AND is repeated between names, indicating that they are not the same but more than one person.

iii. He claimed that even the Qur'aan testifies that Jesus is the only person who knows the Hour of Judgment. Actually, the Qur'aan (89:61) says that Jesus will be a sign of the coming of the Hour of Judgment not that he knows the time of its occurrence.

iv. He claimed that 75% of the Qur'aan is from the Bible. So, I exposed him by asking him to bring only one. Just produce one verse.

Lesson 2: Jesus, Man, Myth or God

3. Absurd Accounts in the Bible about Jesus

i. Gospel of St. Matthews chapter 21 Verse seven, reads, "They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them". So, Jesus sat on both donkeys.

ii. In Matthew 27:52-53, "Then many of the holy ones who had died were brought back to life and came out of their graves. And after Jesus' resurrection, they were seen by many people walking in Jerusalem".

Based on these absurdities, some people believe that Jesus was a myth. This is a fairy tale. There is no such thing as Jesus. We, Muslims, believe that he was a reality. He was a historical person. He was born miraculously. He is one of the mightiest prophets of God. But he is not God. Allah said, "The example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like that of Adam. Allah created him from dust, and then he said, 'Be' and it is." So, in other words, like Adam was a man, he is a man. Also, eighty-three times, in the so-called New Testament, Jesus was designated "Son of man".

4. The Qur'aan Defends Jesus and His Mother

One may ask, why Jesus and his mother are mentioned in the Qur'aan more than Muhammad (pbuh) is. This is because there are many charges and many allegations against Jesus and his mother. There is no dispute about the parentage of Muhammad but there is a dispute about the parentage of Jesus. So, the Qur'aan clarifies the doubts that beset him, and defends him against all false charges. Allah says in Surah Nisa, chapter four verse 171, "O people of the Book, [Jews and Christians] do not go to extremes in your religion, and do not say anything about Allah except the truth. Most certainly the Messiah, [Jesus, son of Mary], the messenger of God and a word proceeding from Him, which He bestowed upon Mary and a spirit proceeding from Him. So, believe in Allah and His messengers".

They are going to extremes. The Jews say that he is an illegitimate child of Mary, Astaghfiullah! The Christians say, his father is God. Both go to extremes. So, Allah says that he is a true messenger of God. He is the word which Allah bestowed upon me. So, believe in Allah and His Messenger, Jesus, that he is the messenger of God. And because there are insinuations, allegations made against Mariam, the Quran comes to absolve her of all those dirty charges.

I just said illegitimate. I would not use the other word, but I have with me now an authority and I'm glad also we are not in the masjid. Here is a book written by a leading Christian called Josh McDowell. He is the head of the Campus Crusade universities and delivers lectures to them.

To prove that Jesus is a historical person, not a myth, Josh McDowell in his book produces the Jewish Talmud, Jewish religious book. For this purpose, he quotes the Jewish Talmud, where Jesus is referred

to as Ben Pandera. In the Jewish Talmud, he's described as Ben Pandera. "Ben" means "son of". Pandera was a Roman soldier who is alleged to have raped Mary, and he produced this child. This is a Christian missionary writing. The Jewish Talmud says that Jesus was a bastard. He was a son of this Pandera, Roman soldier who raped Mariam. This is what the Christians stooped down to.

So, Allah tells us that he is neither this nor that. He is a true messenger of God, He is the Maseeh, the Messiah, love him, respect him, revere Him, follow Him, but worship is due to God alone.

Lesson 3: Jesus, Man, Myth or God

5. New techniques the Christians adopt to introduce their faith

- i. They have published a deluxe multicolor book entitled No Greater Love, which introduces Jesus' interactions with people as seen in the New Testament.
- ii. They approach the Muslims capitalizing on their hospitality to their homes with psychologically appealing method, wherewith they seek to attract the Muslim to Christianity through finding common grounds with Islaam.

After that they start to discuss with the Muslim the degrees Jesus has over Muhammad, peace be upon them both, according to their corrupt ideology. For example, 1) They say that Muhammad is a Rasool, whereas Jesus is a Rasool and Maseeh. 2) Jesus was born miraculously without any male intervention, whereas Muhammad was not so born. 3) Jesus gave life to the dead whereas Muhammad did not. 4) Jesus is now in heaven whereas Muhammad is buried in Madinah.

Based on the aforementioned premises, they pose the question, "Do you think that God does things for nothing?" You just celebrate Eidul Adha, and you slaughter animals that have no blemish. You think that God Almighty when He wants to make a sacrifice, is he going to look for the second best? They have already proved it to you that Muhammad (pbuh) is the second best and Jesus is the best.

To be able to combat such a challenging situation, get a free copy of Ahmad Deedat's book Christ in Islaam. That answers all your questions.

6. Messiah in the Bible

As a matter of fact, in the Bible, Maseeh, Messiah, Christ is used for many persons, not only Jesus. In the book of Isaiah, chapter 45, verse one, God speaks to Cyrus, the Persian king, a Mushrik, or an idol worshiper and he calls him Messiah. You are My Anointed, that though thou do not know me, I have so named thee. I call you my Maseeh. So, the Christians translated that as "Anointed", whereas in Hebrew it is messiah, same as Christ, which is translated in Greek into Christos.

Then pots and pans, the Bible says, were anointed, in other words were made messiah. What does it mean? It means anointed or marked for a special purpose. Even horns, pillars and columns, the Bible says, were anointed, using the same Hebrew word, "messiah".

By the same token, every prophet is a messiah, every prophet is Christ, although the Quran gives this title exclusively to Jesus.

There are certain titles, which we use exclusively for certain people, like for example, if you say Rasulallah, who's Rasulallah? Muslims immediately say Muhammad, Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam. But the Quran says Noah is Rasulallah; Ibrahim is Rasulallah. Eesa is Rasulallah, but how you say Muhammad

Rasulullah? In our mind, this word Rasulallah is associated with Muhammad. Similarly, Khaleelullah applies to Ibraheem, the prophet, although he is not the only one. In the same way, although Allah also spoke to prophet Muhammad, only Musa Alaihis Salaam is known as Kaleemullah, the one who spoke with Allah.

We say Alfred the Great; does it mean that all the other English kings were very tiny ones. When we say Richard the Lionhearted, does it mean that all others are chicken-hearted?

“Christ in Islaam”, “Resurrection or Resuscitation?” and “How Moved the Stone?” are three books authored by Ahmad Deedat and they are very helpful in responding to missionaries. They will do the job of the prophet Dawood’s sling and pebbles.

Lesson 4: Jesus, Man, Myth or God

7. Polygamy in the Bible and the Qur'aan

In Christianity, they were allowed to marry more than one. And the prophets, as we read in the Old Testament, almost each and every one of them had more than one wife. And Jesus Christ did not condemn polygamy, not in the least. Prohibiting polygamy is their own creation, The Christian world until recently practised polygamy. In the Qur'aan, Allah does not tell us to go and have two or three or four. But there are circumstances in life when it is necessary to protect womanhood.

Polygamy is a solution to the problems of humankind, more specially the West. In America at the present moment, there are 7.8 million more women than men. At the present moment America got 20 million women without husbands. But even if every man in America got married, there'll be 7.8 million women left without husbands. What is the solution? We are asking them provide the answer. In England, soon after the war, there was a news item that on the east coast of England, there were 1.6 million more women than men on the East Coast alone. All over Britain, there are 4 million more women than men. In Britain, if every man gets married, there will be 4 million women who cannot get husbands.

And soon after the war, news revealed that 5000 misfits were to be shipped to America, not for treatment, of course. These 5000 misfits were the offsprings of Negro soldiers stationed even during the war, they were the offsprings of Negro soldiers that they were too black to be absorbed in the English society.

So, I'm asking the question that these 5000 misfits, how did they come about? How many Negro soldiers were in England during the course of the war compared to the whites from Australia, America, Poland, France, etc.? A handful compared to the white soldiers. So what amount of adultery and fornication was committed in Christian England to produce 5000 misfits during the course of the war?

So, Islaam gives the solution to the problem.

8. The secret of “Qul haatoo burhaanakum”

While discussing with the non-Muslims, Allah, Ta'aala, gives us the secret. The secret is Allah's command, qul haatoo burhaanakum. Whenever anybody makes a claim, Allah commands us to demand a proof. “Produce your prove if you are truthful.”

The Jews are not interested in converting others. You have to be born as a Jew to the Jew. They want you to give Palestine to them. only then there will be peace between us and them. Because ours is not a racial war. It is not a religious war. Our battle with the Jew is for that piece of land which they have stolen from our brethren. That is our battle.

But the Christian have perverted people from Pakistan and Bangladesh into Christianity through 150 years of British rule. They have converted 15 million Indonesians into Christianity.

The answer to this problem is that you have to master their book, the Bible. Allah commands us to ask them to give us their proof. Let's have a look at your certificate that entitles you to heaven and distances us to Hell. And unless you ask for his Burhaan, there is no way you can open a subject with them.

We should study their proof and face then with its reality. This is every Muslim's duty according to your capacity. Just learn these booklets of mine master them and go to town. It is the privilege Allah has given you.

Allah gave this promise that our Deen will overcome all other faiths. That is what Allah says. This is the destiny of his Deen, no matter how the Mushrik might not like it.

Lesson 5: Jesus, Man, Myth or God

9. Muslims at the time of Jesus

Anyone who hearkens to the message of Eesa, Alaihis Salaam was a Muslim. Jesus was a Muslim, and his religion was Islaam. There was no such thing as Christianity. The teachings of the Church that Jesus is God is not his teachings. He never preached any such thing. He is telling his people that they must be better than the Jew. Unless you are better than the Jew, who were just formalistic keeping the letter of the law, and forgetting the spirit, there is no heaven for you. That is his teachings.

He is telling them Come, I will teach you how to pray. He said, O Our Father which art in heaven, God Almighty, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. That is the prayer that he thought. He did not say, the father of Jesus Christ in Heaven, or Jesus, who is in heaven. He is talking about the Father in heaven.

So, in other words, he was preaching nothing but Islaam. Church's teachings are quite a different thing altogether, They are their own creation. But anyone who followed Musa Alayhis Salam was a Muslim. Anyone who followed Eesa Alayhis Salam was a Muslim, but these people have now deviated from the teachings of Hazrat Eesa, Alayhis Salam.

10. How to address an ex-Christian atheist?

Here is the technique: as soon as you ask any of these people, and you come to know that they are atheists believing in no god, congratulate them. this is because this is a sign that they are thinking independent of their parents, unlike those who are Christian because their parents are Christian, or Muslim because their parents are Muslim.

Rejecting the way Christian Bible portrays God is a healthy reasoning. God in Christian scriptures is portrayed to be borne in Mary's womb for nine months and was circumcised later on, that he ignores some of the things happening in the universe that is supposed to be creation, such as in the case when he comes to the garden where Adam and Eve were dwelling after eating from the forbidden tree, calling Adam out, not realizing where he was hiding. Another picture is when he is seen showing his back to Moses, who kept insistently asking God to show Himself to him.

By denying that, this ex-Christian has taken the first step to the truth. That is why he deserves to be congratulated. The first step to Islaam is to deny falsehood, saying la ilaaha (there is not god, meaning the false gods). And then it is your job to introduce the religion to him and to complete the Shahaadah, by proclaiming illallaah (except Allah) affirming that only Allah is the true God.

11. Purpose of Christian's Reading of the Bible

The Muslims read the Quran with the idea and the intention that this is Allah's constitution for us, that we may guide our lives by it. The Christians read the Bible with one idea in their minds, that this Bible just proves that the system of salvation given by God is that this God Almighty who made Adam and Eve, He is going to come into the world, some 6000 years after 4000 years after Adam, and he is going to come and die for people's sins. This is what he is interested in. So, although they are not religious, but at the back of the mind, this is salvation.

They are not interested in practising anything, because they say, it is not by works that you get heaven. It is belief. Swagart said, God Almighty gives you salvation, you just accept Jesus, and he will give Paradise to you,

You don't have to do anything. You just believe and salvation is yours. So, they only want to find justification for that belief that Christ died for their sins.

12. Muslims Marrying Christian Girls

Allah, Ta'aala, tells us that you can marry the "Muhsinaat" of the people of the book, Jews and Christians, thus allowing only the virtuous women. Among Muslims, when you are looking for wives, we must look for virtuous women. But in reality, the Muslims commit the following mistakes:

- i. Generally, our brothers go and look at the rejects. They have no criteria.
- ii. Muslim men pick their spouses from the non-Muslims at places where they should not be there, such as dance floors, cinemas, etc.
- iii. Sometimes it is a conversion of convenience. Generally, the woman is converted, and the man goes with this woman to the Shaikh, for marriage contract. He asks the woman, "Do you want to marry him?" She says, yes. So, he says, say the Kalama. She says, la ilaaha illallah Muhammadan Rasulullah.

So, he says, right now from today, your name is Fatima. Do you want to marry this fellow? She says yes. He immediately starts the formalities.

However, conversion is a complete outlook on life. In the case of this woman, at the back of her mind, she is still worshipping Jesus. Then some of them make their homes as centers for Christian activity. In this case, the Muslim man loses.

As soon as the marriage breaks up, where does the woman go with Fatimas, Khadeejas and Muhammads. She goes back again to her people and the kids to their aunties and grannies, who take them to the church, and they become Christianized.

The fools do not know what they are bargaining. They are playing with fire. I am telling you that unless you can make this Christian or Jewess, a better person than your mother at home, do not take a chance.

Question and Answer Bucket

1. Did the Christians try to imitate the Qur'aan?

Ans. While Shorosh was making his presentation, something did sound like the Quran. This is a new production of the Arab Christians. They authored a book entitled, Seeratul Maseeh Bilisaanin Arabiyyin Faseeh (i.e., a book speaking about the biography of the Messiah in eloquent Arabic). It is in Arabic and imitates the qur'anic style in that:

- i. Each part starts with "Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim", like Surahs in the Qur'aan.
- ii. It steals phrases from the Qur'aan. For example, Qul yaa ayyuhal lazeena aamanoo in kuntum tu'minoona billaahi haqqan fa aaminoo bee wa laa takhaafoo inna lakum indallaahi jannatin nuzula.
- iii. As Surahs of the Qur'aan are either Makki or Madani, Surahs in this book are maqidisi (meaning in Jerusalem, or Bait Al Maqdis). The secret instruction attached to this is that it should not fall in the hands of the Muslims.

2. Can we use the Gospel of Barnabas as a proof?

Ans. The Gospel of Barnabas mentions our Nabi Kareem, Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam, by name, that Esau, Alaihis Salaam, Jesus Christ, prophesied about the coming of another messenger whose name will be Muhammad. But now this book is not recognised by the bulk of Christendom. They say it is a forgery. They say this is not authentic. Now, if the Muslim tries to use it, he only wastes his time. Allah commands as to demand proof from the Christians and the Jews. And since nobody will produce Barnabas as their proof, we should not argue with them using it. So, we should talk about what they are claiming to be true. And once you do that, get these booklets of mine; you will not need Barnabas. These booklets will do the job.

3. Which Gospel did Jesus preach?

Ans. The Injeel is the Wahy the revelation which Allah gave Eesa, Alaihis Salaam. Whatever he gave Eesa, Alaihis Salaam, Jesus Christ, that is the Injeel. This is because the so-called gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all affirm that Jesus went to different places preaching the Gospel. Gospel means Injeel. Every book says he went and preached the Gospel, the Injeel. Did he have Matthew, Mark, Luke and John under his arm? Is that what he was preaching? No, where is that Injeel, which he was preaching? That is what Allah gave him. So whatever Allah gave him is the truth. But they have not got it. In the red-letter Bible, out of 27 books, 21 books have no dot or dash supposed to be of Jesus.