

Session 4

The Camel Step by Step

1. John Explains: Isa Holy

Once your Muslim friend has gotten his Koran, ask him to first read Ayyat-42to47, in this first section, you are going to focus on 3 consecutive verses and Ayyat-45, 46and47.

SURAH AL-IMRAN/ Ayyat-45, 46, 47 .

In Ayyat-45, ask him, what does that mean that Isa is a word from Allah? Isa didn't just speak the words of Allah. He himself was a word from Allah!

Word FROM ALLOH/ ISA DIDN'T JUST SPEAK THE WORDS OF ALLAH-HE WAS A WORD FROM ALLOH!

Then I ask him he has never heard the words Ruh8llah, this is common name for Isa among Muslims, it means "the spirit of Allah."

RUHULLAH

MUSLIMS OFTEN CALL JESUS RUHULLAH.WHICH MEANS"SPIRIT OF ALLAH." SHOW THEM SURAN21:91

As he begins to read them Surah21:91, he will say why, he will see that Allah breathes his spirit into Mary, and she conceived Isa. Finally, ask him if he knows what Messiah means, it's a very special word. It means the chosen one of God.

MESSIAH / MESSIAH-MEANS THE CHOSEN ONE OF GOD

Allah promised to send savior to his people, he would be the Messiah. Isa is that Messiah. Now go on to the verse 46, there says that Isa is righteous. Ask if Isa ever sinned.

SURAH AL-IMRAN/AYYAH46- SAYS ISA IS RIGHTEOUS

If He simply says "no," then move on the next verse, if he claimed that none of the prophets ever sin, he is opening the door for you contrast Isa with Mohamed, you won't say Mohamed's name, o f course, but you will talk about how righteous Isa was.

Particularly focusing on the things that compare Isa to Mohamed, For instance, Isa never sinned, Isa was poor and never married, so he could go about serving others and teaching the way of Allah. When Isa fasted, he fasted 40days and 40nights, Isa taught us to love our enemies, you can think of other things to plug in here. Then in

Ayyah47-draw his attention to the virgin birth,

SURAH AL-IMRAN/AYYAH47-THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Ask him why only Isa out of all people every born was born in the special way. He probably won't have ready answer, so taking back to Adam, we want to contrast Isa was only the prophet that have no early Father which is of course Adam. In Muslims thinking, the garden was heaven, so Adam was in the garden, or in heaven with Allah, but he disobeyed Allah, he was send out of the garden. Adam was changed inside, his disobedience affected all of his descendants, the legacy of Adam blood line is the way we all have nature that is bent away from God, a nature that is bent to disobedience to him. You will really connect with your Muslim friend at this point, he may be able to argue religion with you, but he can't argue with what he knows is true in his heart, he knows all too well, the pull of our sinful nature way from God. But Isa was not of Adam's blood line. In Isa the line was cut, Allah spoke, Allah breathes, and Isa was conceived, Isa came from Allah. Then ask your Muslim friend if there is any prophet as holy as Isa, and all the time I've used the camel method, I've never heard anyone say that Mohammed or any other prophet was as holy as Isa.

"Read and Review" pages56-58 in the Camel Rider's Journal

2. Drama: Isa Is Holy

JOHN: Nice to see you.

MOHAMED: Nice to see you, too

JOHN: My name is John

MOHAMED: I'm Mohamed, Is there something I can help you?

JOHN: Yes, you can. Um, I've been read Koran, and I have found some amazing things in *SURAH AL-IMRAN AYYAT 42to55*, Could you get copy of Koran, and read it to me, so I can ask you some question about it?

MOHAMED: What do these Ayyahs speak about?

JOHN: They speak about Isa.

MOHAMED: Oh, yes. Isa is the prophet, and what's your question?

JOHN: Well, um, I have several questions, could you read passage? It would help me to remember my questions.

MOHAMED: Okay.j

(Mohamed take a Koran, both of them sit on the ground.)dj

MOHAMED: Now, which passage was that?

JOHN: SURAH AL-IMRAN

MOHAMED: Which Ayyat?

JOHN: 42to 55. But could you please read Ayyat42to 47 first?

MOHAMED: *SURAH AL IMRAN42-47: "And when the angel said: O Maryam! Truly Allah has chosen you, and made you pure, and preferred you above the women of creation. O Maryam! Be obedient to your Lord, prostrate yourself and bow with those who bow. This is the tidings of things hidden. We reveal it unto you (Muhammad). You were not present with them when they cast lots to know which of them should be the guardian of Maryam, nor were you present with them when they quarreled. (And remember) when the angels said: O Maryam! Truly Allah gives you glad tidings of a word from Him, whose name shall be Masih (Messiah) Isa, son of Maryam, illustrious in this world and Hereafter, and he will be one of those brought near to Allah. He will speak unto mankind in his cradle and in manhood, and he is of the righteous. She said: My Lord! How shall I have a child when no man has touched me? He said: So it will be. Allah creates what He will. If He decrees a thing, He says unto it only: Be and it is."* So, what's your question?

JOHN: Well, in Ayyat45, the Qur'an says that Isa is a word from Him, Isa was called from Allah. What is that mean?

MOHAMED: Isa was an exactly prophet from Allah, he was sent from Allah, to bring the words Allah to the Israel.

JOHN: So, Isa was a prophet from Allah.

MOHAMED: Yes. We believe in Isa also, we believe in all the prophets. But Mohammad is a finally prophet, now we must listen to him.

JOHN: But there seem to be something very different about Isa here, was all there prophets Allah told them to say, and they said it, they spoke the words of Allah, but here it says that Isa did not speak words of Allah. But he himself is a word from Allah. This word from Allah had a body, he had a name Isa. Have you ever the word "Ruhullah"?

MOHAMED: Yes, Isa is called "Ruhullah."

JOHN: I've heard that Muslims called Isa "Ruhullah". I read the Ayyat that help me understand why they called Ruhullah. Could you read surah21:91? I think that Surah Nabhi.

MOHAMED: *SURAN NABHI21:91 "And she who was chaste, therefore We breathed into her of Our spirit and made her and her son a token*

for all peoples”.

JOHN: Isa is called Ruhullah, which means the “spirit of Allah” because Isa was conceived when Allah’s spirit into Maryam. So, according to the Qur’an, Allah spoke, and Isa was conceived, Allah breathed to spirit into Maryam, and she can conceive Isa.

MOHAMED: Yes, that is true.

JOHN: The Qur’an also tells Isa, the messiah which means Messiah, its name shall be Messiah Isa. Do you know what Messiah means?

MOHAMED: I’m not sure exactly what it means.

JOHN: Well, you know before the scriptures. The Taurat, Zabur and Injil.

MOHAMED: Yes, I do.

JOHN: In the Taurat and Zabur, Allah promised to the people that he will send them Messiah. This Messiah would be a savior or a deliverer. It is very specially word means God appointed one. Now we according to the Qur’an and Injil. The Messiah that Allah promised was Isa.

MOHAMED: Yes, that Qur’an says Isa is Messiah.

JOHN: In Ayyat46, it’s said Isa was righteous, did Isa ever sin? Did he ever disobey Allah or do the wrong thing?

MOHAMED: Oh, no! Isa never sin.

JOHN: The Injil says the same thing; it is that Isa never sin. He always completely obeyed Allah.

MOHAMED: But none all of the prophets ever sin.

JOHN: But Isa was very righteous; the Injil says that Isa was tempted at all points as we are. Yet he did not sin, when he was fasted, he fast 40 days and 40 nights, eating nothing, he so was ever married, and he was very poor, he chose to spend his life going about and doing good, helping people and teaching people about Allah. Isa never killed anyone. In fact, he taught us to love others, even the enemies, he taught us to do good to others and even to those who hate us.

MOHAMED: Yes, Isa was very righteous.

JOHN: In Ayyat49, what is the Qur’an say about birth of Isa?

MOHAMED: Mary was a virgin. Isa was born of a virgin.

JOHN: So, Isa has no earthly father?

MOHAMED: That’s true!

JOHN: Why was Isa born without an earthly father?

MOHAMED: I'm not sure. I've never really taught about it.

JOHN: There have been billions of people born into this world; some of them even holy prophet Allah. Yet all of them have earthly mother and earthly father. Why out of these billions of people was only Isa born without an earthly father?

MOHAMED: As the holy Qur'an says, Allah does whatever he wills, I know that Allah give this specially sigh to confirm each of holy prophets, this must have been the special sigh of Allah who conform that Isa was His holy prophet.

JOHN: That's interesting. But we know that there was another prophet who had no earthly father. He was Adam.

MOHAMED: Oh, yes, that is true! Adam had no earthly father.

JOHN: Allah created Adam, give him life, and put him in the garden. Adam could to talk to the God, and be with him. Because Adam was righteous, he had never disobeyed Allah. And then, both Qur'an and the Taurat tell us that Adam disobeyed Allah, he ate the fruit that Allah had forbidden him to eat. Allah sent Adam out of the garden, for one act of disobedience Adam was sent out of present of Allay, in the garden, and he could never go back. None of descendants could ever go back to the garden either. Something happened in Adam when he disobeyed Allay. He was changed inside, before it has been easy for Adam to obey Allah, easy to do the right thing. But after he disobeyed, his heart was changed, his nature was changed; now it was hard to obey Allah, and do what is the right. We are all his descendants; we are all of his blood line. So we are all like Adam, because we came from Adam. Let me prove that: do you have children?

MOHAMED: Yes, I have four children.

JOHN: Did you have taught your children how to disobey?

MOHAMED: No, they come by very naturally.

JOHN: So it was with all of us. In our hearts, we are bent away from Allah, it is hard to obey Allah in seek him. It is internal way to disobey him. We are like Adam because we are from Adam. All of us like Adam because we came from him. We are from his blind line, and we have received his nature, so it was generation after generation until we come to the Isa, in Isa the line we will cut, Isa did not come from Adam blind line, where did he come from? Allah spoke, and Isa was conceived Maryam; Allay breathed of his spirit and Isa was conceived Maryam. According to the Qur'an, Isa came from Allay, Isa was very

different from anyone was ever born. Do you know any prophet as holy as Isa?

MOHAMED: Isa was very holy!

Now, it's time for you to try it out! with your partner ask him to read Ayyat42-47, and each of you try to ask the questions and do this section of the Camel method.

Do "Camel Practice" page 59 in the Camel Rider's Journal

3. John Explains Isa Is Powerful

Next ask your Muslim friend to read Ayyat48-54, in this section you focus in on two consecutive Ayytas 49-50. In ayyat49, you simply ask what Isa did?

SURAH AL- IMRAN/ AYYAH49- WHAT ISA DID?

As he tells you, you can come to know what powerful acts Isa did, especially, raising the dead. Emphasis, that Isa alone had power over death. Your Muslim friend will often say that Isa only did these things by Allah's leave, you agree with him, but appoint out that Isa didn't have to ask Allah to do these things for him. Isa touched the diseased people, then they were healed; Isa spoke, and the dead were raised. He was given of this power. In the Ayyat 50, ask your Muslim friend, what the last part that Allah says.

SURAH AL- IMRAN/ AYYAH50"FEAR ALLAH AND OBEY ME(ISA)

He will see that tells him that his duty to Allah is to obey Isa, some translations may say, "fear Allah and obey me, that is Isa," but either way, in the Qur'an, his command to obey Isa, the **occasionally**, the Muslim will say, this refers to Muhammad, simply ask him to back up a few verses and read, and he will quickly see, this is clearly Isa speaking. This is your golden opportunity to begin moving man of peace toward the Bible. The commands of Isa are not in the Qur'an, so you can encourage your Muslim friend to begin to read Injil, which means the gospel, and find out how to do his duty to Allah, and obey Isa. You finish up your discussion this section by asking if your Muslim friend knows any other prophet as powerful as Isa. Of course, they are none. in the Qur'an or in the Bible, Muhammad claimed no miracle at all, they only miracle Muslims reattributed to him, is that though he was supposedly illiterate, he could read the revelations that were given to him, **expect however at this point to occasionally hear some stories or supposed great miracles, these are usually fairly easy to discount.**

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Part 4:

Drama: Isa is powerful

John: Now, would you please read Ayyat 48 through 54 in surah al-Imran?

Mohammed: *And he (Allah) will teach him the scripture and wisdom, and the torah and the injil. And will make him a messenger to the children of Israel saying: Lo, I come unto you with a sign from your lord. Lo, I fashion for you out of clay the likeness of a bird, and I breathe into it and it is a bird by Allah's leave. I will heal him who was born blind and the leper, and I raise the dead, by Allah's leave. And I announce unto you what you eat and what you store in your houses. Surely herein is a sign for you, if you are to be believers. And I come confirming that which was before me of the Torah to make lawful to you some of that which was forbidden unto you, and I have come unto you with a sign from your lord. So keep your duty to Allah and obey me. Truly, Allah is my lord and your lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path. But, when Isa knew of their disbelief, he said: "who will be Allah's helpers?" "We believe in Allah and bear witness that we have surrendered unto Him." Our lord! We believe in that which You have revealed and follow Him whom you have sent; so write us down among those who witness to the truth. And they (disbelievers) schemed and Allah schemed against them; and Allah is the best of schemers.*

Mohammed: What are your questions here?

John: In Ayyat, 48 what things did Isa do?

Mohammed: He healed the one born blind, and healed the leper, he raised the dead man.

John: Those would be amazing miracles even today, without the modern advances and sciences those who are genetic blind, stay blind. Leprosy is a terrible disease that eats away the body, it is the day there was no cure for leprosy. But Isa touch the blind man and the leper and they were healed. And of course, there was still no cure for death, yet

Isa raised the dead, death is our greatest enemy. But Isa was given the power even over death.

Mohammed: But all of these things were only done by Allah's leave.

John: that is true, all things come from Allah. Nothing is done apart from his will. But Isa was given the power to do these things, he touched the sick, and they were healed. He spoke, and the dead were raised. There in the last part of ayyah 50: what is Isa tell us to do?

Mohammed: Let me see Ayyat 50, Isa says, *"Do your duty to Allah and obey me."*

John: So here in the Qur'an, Isa tells us to obey him.

Mohammed: Yes, that was here says.

John: As I said, I have been reading the Qur'an, as far as I know, this is only command of Isa in the Qur'an, he commands us to obey him, but his commands are not in the Qur'an, they are in the injil, let me ask you a question, suppose I ask you to do three things to me tomorrow, but then, I cut open left without telling you what those three things are, would you be able to do those things for me?

Mohammed: No.

John: why not?

Mohammed: Because I don't know what they are.

John: That is true. In the Qur'an, Isa has commanded us to do our duty to Allah and obey him. But his commands, the story of his life in his teachings are in the injil, how can you do your duty to Allah and obey Isa if you don't know what he says. Unless you know what is it in the injill, how can you know what he commands you to do? As I read the Qur'an, I found that we should be obeying Isa; since you've been reading the Injil to find out what he has commanded you to do, so that you can do your duty to Allah? If I gave you a copy of the Taurat and injil, would you like to read it and find out what Isa has commanded you to do?

Mohammed: Yes! I think I would like to read it.

John: Great. I will give you a copy when we done. So, Isa healed the leper, and one born blind, and he raised the dead. Do you know of any other prophet who was powerful as Isa?

Mohammed: Isa did the greatest miracles of the prophet.

Now with your partner again. Each of you try out this portion of the camel.

Part 5:

John Explains: Isa, the way to heaven

Finally ask your Muslim friend to read Ayyat 55, after *he* reads it, point out to him there is promise there for those who follow Isa. They will be lifted up above those who disbelieve until the last day. Then ask him, according to the Qur'an, where is Isa right now? There only two possible answers. Either he says Isa is with Allah or Isa is in heaven. If he says that Isa is with Allah, ask him where Allah is. Then you ask the closing question: *I want to go to heaven; you want to go to heaven. But I am not able to get there. I need help. According to the Qur'an, Isa is in heaven with Allah and He knows the way. So, which prophet is best able to help us get to heaven?*

Part 6

Drama: Isa, the way to heaven

John: There was one more Ayyat that I found interesting. Would you please read Ayyat 55 ?

Mohammed: *And remember when Allah said, "Oh Isa! I am gathering you and causing you to ascend to me and am cleansing you of those who disbelieve and am setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve till the Day of Resurrection. Then you will return to me and I shall judge between you in that in which you used to differ."*

John: Allah give a very special promise to those who obey Isa, didn't he? He said, he will raise those who follow Isa above those who disbelieve all the way to the day of resurrection. The day of resurrection is the Day of Judgment. Isn't it?

Mohammed: Yes ! It is the last day.

John: According to this ayah, here in the Qur'an. Where is Isa right now?

Mohammed: he is in heaven.

John: Allah says, that he is raised Isa to himself. So Isa is in heaven with Allah.

Mohammed: Yes, that's what here says.

John: If you want to get to my house, you would need help, who do you want to help you get there? Would you want someone who ever been to my house? Or would want me to help you get there?

Mohammed: Of course I would rather have you show me the way.

John: I want to go to heaven. And you want to go to heaven. But I am not able to get there. I need help. According to the Qur'an, Isa is in heaven with Allah. And he knows the way, so which prophet is best able to help us to get heaven.

Mohammed: I must think about this.

John: Well, thank you for talking with me about the Qur'an and taking the time to answer my questions. You've been very kind.

Mohammed: I've been very glad to talk to you. I'm back again, and we can talk more about these methods. Thank you.

John: oh! Here is that the copy of the Taurat and the Injil. That I said I would gave you.

Mohammed: thank you, I've heard about this books.

John: let me explain little bit about them. So you've better understand what they are about.

That is how the camel methods works, if this turns out to be the man of peace, you will continue to meet with him, and help him to understand who Jesus is, that he came to give him the hope of eternal life. Now, again with your partner, do the last section of the camel. And that will conclude this session

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"Camel Exercises" pages 62-64 in the Camel Rider's Journal