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# Death of Hazrat Isa (A.S)

Part I

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# Who are we?

- We are Muslims who believe that the long awaited **Promised Messiah/Mahdi has come.**
- We believe **Isa(A.S) has died** a natural death.
- He is **not 2000 years** old in heavens.
- He is **not the Messiah** Muslims are waiting for.
- This is the **fundamental** difference between us and other Muslims.



# What do the Islamic sources say?

20+

## Quranic verses

Shows that he died a natural death.

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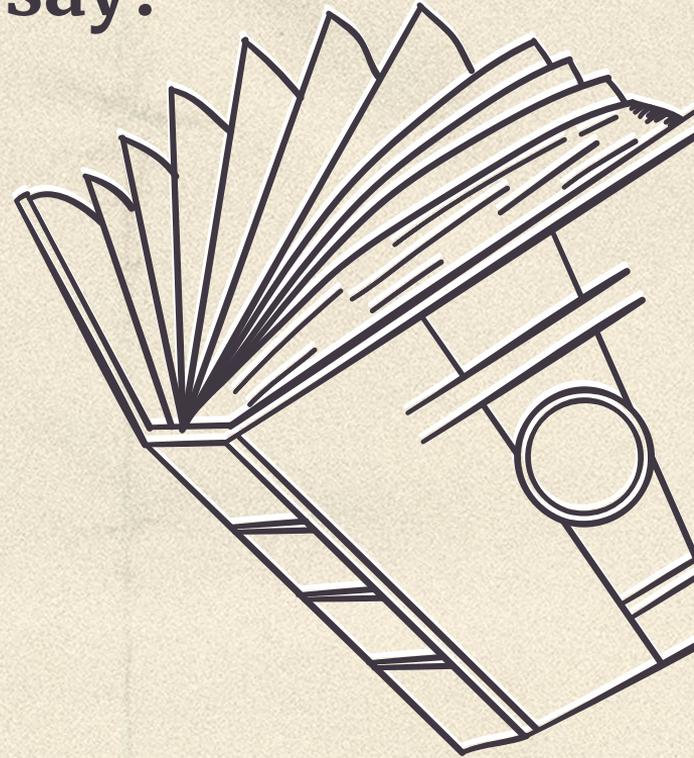
## Ahadith

Tell us he died at the age of **120** years.

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## Ijmah (consensus)

Of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) prove ALL prophets before Muhammad (S.A.W) have died.



# Verse #1

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ عَلَىٰ  
أَعْقَابِكُمْ وَمَنْ يَنْقَلِبْ عَلَىٰ عَقْبَيْهِ فَلَنْ يَضُرَّ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّاكِرِينَ

And Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, all Messengers have passed away before him. If then he die or be slain, will you turn back on your heels? And he who turns back on his heels shall not harm Allah at all. And Allah will certainly reward the grateful.

Surah Al-Imran  
(3:145)



# Clear proof, isn't it?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO!

Some Muslims mistranslate the verse.

They say that the Arabic word "**Al-Rusul**" does not mean "**All Messengers**"

AND...

Isa (A.S) is the exception.



# Refutation – Verse #1

- The verse does not give **ANY** exception.
- “**Al-Rusul**” = “**All Messengers**” because of the LAM ISTIGRAQ grammar rule in Arabic.
- Example: “*Alhamdulillah*” = “**All** *praise belongs to Allah*” in Surah Fatihah.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds,



# Ijm'ah (Consensus) of the Companions (R.A)

This verse is recited by Abu Bakr (R.A) at the death of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W).

Many companions were so sad that they were unable to accept his death. **Umar (R.A) even threatened** that he will kill anyone who says the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has died due to emotions.

Abu Bakr (R.A) recited this verse to show **ALL prophets** before the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) **have died** and that dying is normal.

## Narrated 'Aisha:

(the wife of the Prophet Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) died while Abu Bakr was at a place called As-Sunah (Al-'Aliya) 'Umar stood up and said, "By Allah! Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) is not dead!" 'Umar (later on) said, "By Allah! Nothing occurred to my mind except that." He said, "Verily! Allah will resurrect him and he will cut the hands and legs of some men." Then Abu Bakr came and uncovered the face of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ), kissed him and said, "Let my mother and father be sacrificed for you, (O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)), you are good in life and in death. By Allah in Whose Hands my life is, Allah will never make you taste death twice." Then he went out and said, "O oath-taker! Don't be hasty." **When Abu Bakr spoke**, 'Umar sat down. Abu Bakr praised and glorified Allah and said, No doubt! Whoever worshipped Muhammad, then Muhammad is dead, but whoever worshipped Allah, then Allah is Alive and shall never die." Then he recited Allah's Statement:-- "(O Muhammad) Verily you will die, and they also will die." (39.30) He also recited:--

**"Muhammad is no more than an Apostle; and indeed many Apostles have passed away, before him, If he dies Or is killed, will you then Turn back on your heels? And he who turns back On his heels, not the least Harm will he do to Allah And Allah will give reward to those Who are grateful." (3.144)**

The people wept loudly, and the Ansar were assembled with Sad bin 'Ubadah in the shed of Bani Saida. They said (to the emigrants). "There should be one 'Amir from us and one from you." Then Abu Bakr, Umar bin Al-Khattab and Abu 'baida bin Al-Jarrah went to them. 'Umar wanted to speak but Abu Bakr stopped him. 'Umar later on used to say, "By Allah, I intended only to say something that appealed to me and I was afraid that Abu Bakr would not speak so well. Then Abu Bakr spoke and his speech was very eloquent. He said in his statement, "We are the rulers and you (Ansars) are the ministers (i.e. advisers)," Hubab bin Al-Mundhir said, "No, by Allah we won't accept this. But there must be a ruler from us and a ruler from you." Abu Bakr said, "No, we will be the rulers and you will be the ministers, for they (i.e. Quarish) are the best family amongst the 'Arabs and of best origin. So you should elect either 'Umar or Abu 'Ubadah bin Al-Jarrah as your ruler." 'Umar said (to Abu Bakr), "No but we elect you, for you are our chief and the best amongst us and the most beloved of all of us to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)." So 'Umar took Abu Bakr's hand and gave the pledge of allegiance and the people too gave the pledge of allegiance to Abu Bakr. Someone said, "You have killed Sad bin Ubada." 'Umar said, "Allah has killed him."

**Reference** : Sahih al-Bukhari 3667, 3668  
**In-book reference** : Book 62, Hadith 19  
USC-MSA web (English) reference : Vol. 5, Book 57, Hadith 19  
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# Few more verses

The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a Messenger; surely, Messengers *like unto him* had indeed passed away before him. And his mother was a truthful woman.  
**They both used to eat food.**

(5:76)

And We **did not** give them (prophets) bodies that **ate no food.**

(21:9)

This shows **ALL** prophets **need** to **eat food**.  
Isa (A.S) **does not eat** food anymore.  
**Meaning he has died!**



# Verse #2

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ بَرَأْتِكَ إِلَىٰ وَمَطَهَّرَكُم مِّنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ  
اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأَحْكُم بَيْنَكُمْ فِي مَا كُنْتُمْ  
فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

**When Allah said, 'O Jesus, I will cause thee to die a natural death and will exalt thee to Myself,** and will clear thee from *the charges* of those who disbelieve, and will place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve, until the Day of Resurrection; then to Me shall be your return, and I will judge between you concerning that wherein you differ.

Surah Al-Imran  
(3:56)



# Wrong Translation



Word in the verse  
“*Mutawafeeka*”

Some Muslims translate it to  
“*I will take you*”  
(with body to heaven)



Root word  
“*Tawaffa*”

Means taking of the soul **i.e** in  
**death** or **sleep** if Allah does  
the Tawaffa of a human

Another clear verse where Allah is directly addressing Isa (A.S) and saying he will cause him to die.

But some Muslims again mistranslate and say  
**Allah took Isa a.s to heaven. Bodily.**

This word is used many times in Quran and Hadith and  
**NEVER** means taking someone body to heaven!



# Example usage (Hadith) – “Tawaffa”

Mishkat al-Masabih 3334



She reported the Prophet as saying, "One whose husband has died must not wear garments dyed with saffron or red clay, or jewels, and she must not apply henna or collyrium.

Abu Dawud and Nasa'i transmitted it.

وَعَنْهَا عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: «الْمُتَوَفَّى عَنْهَا زَوْجُهَا لَا تَلْبَسُ الْمُعْصَفَرَ مِنَ الْغِيَابِ وَلَا الْمُمَشَّقَةَ وَلَا الْحُلِيَّ وَلَا تَحْتَضِبُ وَلَا تَكْتَجِلُ». رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ وَالنَّسَائِيُّ

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Reference : Mishkat al-Masabih 3334

In-book reference : Book 13, Hadith 248

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Yahya related to me from Malik from Nafi that Abdullan ibn Umar said, "The only place a woman whose husband has died and a woman who is absolutely divorced can spend the night is in their houses."

وَحَدَّثَنِي عَنْ مَالِكٍ، عَنْ نَافِعٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ، أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَقُولُ لَا تَبِيتُ الْمُتَوَفَّى عَنْهَا زَوْجُهَا وَلَا الْمُبْتَوَّتَةَ إِلَّا فِي بَيْتِهَا.

USC-MSA web (English) reference

: Book 29, Hadith 90

Arabic reference

: Book 29, Hadith 1254

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# Example usage (Quran) - “Tawaffa”

This word is used in Quran multiple times and means death.

**But some Muslims mistranslate only for Isa (A.S)!**

Quranic verse No.	Arabic word	Root word	Translated by Dr. Mohamamd Asad PhD	Translated by Maududi	By: Sahih International	By: Yusuf Ali	Clear Quran by: Mustafa Khatatb	By: Abdul Haleem
2:240	يُتَوَفَّوْنَ	وفات	<b>you die</b>	shall die	taken in death	who die	who die	you die
3:193	وَتَوَفَّنَا	وفات	<b>let us die</b>	make us die	cause us to die	take our souls	to die as	when we die
7:37	يَتَوَفَّوْنَهُمْ	وفات	<b>to die</b>	Angles came to take Soul	take them in death	take their soul	take their souls	to take them back
7:126	وَتَوَفَّنَا	وفات	<b>make us die</b>	cause us to die	let us die as	take our souls	let us die	let us die
10:46	تَتَوَفَّيْكَ	وفات	<b>cause thee to die</b>	we call you onto us	take you in death	take thy soul	cause you to die	cause you to die
10:104	يَتَوَفَّاكُمْ	وفات	<b>cause you to die</b>	cause you to die	causes your death	at death	your death	cause you to die
12:101	تَوَفِّي	وفات	<b>let me die</b>	cause me to die	Cause me to die	at death	Allow me to die	Let me die
13:40	تَتَوَفَّيْكَ	وفات	<b>cause thee to die</b>	We take you away	take you in death	take thy soul	cause you to die	cause you to die
16:70	يَتَوَفَّاكُمْ	وفات	<b>cause you to die</b>	causes you to die	take you in death	at death	causes you to die	cause you to die
22:5	يُتَوَفَّى	وفات	<b>caused to die</b>	he that dies	taken in death	called to die	may die	Some die
47:27	تَوَفَّنَهُمْ	وفات	<b>them in death</b>	take their souls at death	take them in death	at death	take their souls	take them in death
40:67	يُتَوَفَّى	وفات	<b>causes to die</b>	some of you He recalls	taken in death	who die	may die sooner	you die sooner
40:77	نَتَوَفَّيْكَ	وفات	<b>cause thee to die</b>	We recall you (from this world)	take you in death	We take thy soul	cause you to die	We take your soul
16:28	تَتَوَفَّاهُمْ	وفات	<b>gathered in death</b>	cause them to die	take in death	whose lives the angels take	whose souls the angels seize	whose lives the angels take
16:32	تَتَوَفَّاهُمْ	وفات	<b>gather in death</b>	whose souls the angels seize	take in death	whose lives the angels take	whose souls the angels take	whose lives the angels take
4:97	تَوَفَّاهُمْ	وفات	<b>gather in death</b>	taking the souls	take in death	who die	angels seize the souls	take the souls of
2:234	يُتَوَفَّوْنَ	وفات	<b>you die</b>	who die	taken in death	you die	who die	who pass away
3:55	مَتَوَفَّيْكَ	وفات	<b>cause thee to die</b>	I will recall you	I will take you	I will take thee	I will take you	I will take you back
5:117	تَوَفَّيْتَنِي	وفات	<b>caused me to die</b>	You did recall me	When you took me up	take me up	when You took me	since You took my soul



## Conclusion - Verse #2

- As we saw, some Muslims have again made an **exception for Isa (A.S)**.
- They have **mistranslated the word**, which is otherwise very commonly used in Quran.
- Their translation of the word **cannot** be found in the Quran or authentic Ahadith.



# Promised Messiah's (A.S) Challenge!

If anyone can find a single usage of the word "**Tawaffa**" in any:

- Quranic verse
- Hadith
- Modern/Classical Arabic poetry/prose

And it means **ANYTHING** but Death or Taking of the Soul,

Then such person will be considered a great scholar or Holy Quran and Hadith.

(Izala-e-Auham, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 3, p. 603)



# Verse #3

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُعِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتُ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمَّيَ الْهَيْئِينَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۗ قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقِّ ۖ إِن كُنْتُ  
قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ ۖ تَعَلَّمْ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِكَ ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿١١٧﴾  
مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ ۗ وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مِمَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ ۗ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتُ أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۗ وَأَنْتَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ  
شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿١١٨﴾

And when Allah will say, “O Jesus, son of Mary, didst thou say to men, ‘Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?’”, he will answer, “Holy art Thou. I could never say that to which I had no right. If I had said it, Thou wouldst have surely known it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Thy mind. It is only Thou Who art the Knower of hidden things.

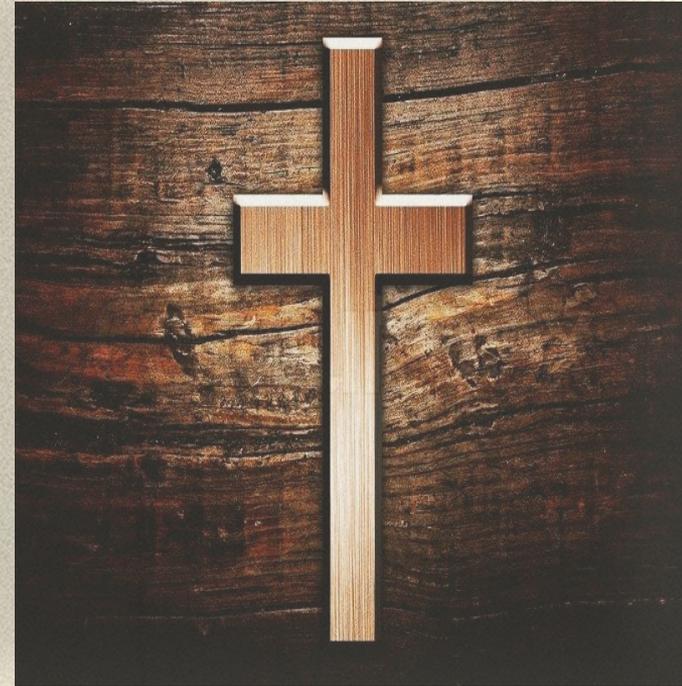
“I said nothing to them except that which Thou didst command me — ‘Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.’ And I was a witness over them as long as I remained among them, but since Thou didst cause me to die, Thou hast been the Watcher over them; and Thou art Witness over all things.

Surah Ma'idah  
(5:117-118)



## Explanation - Verse #3

- Conversation between Isa (A.S) and Allah on the Day of Judgement.
- Allah is asking him whether **he told** his followers to **worship him**.
- **Isa (A.S) denies** this and says he only told them what Allah said.
- And he is unaware of what they did after **he died**.
- Some Muslims again say it does **not mean die** but means to take Isa (A.S) up to heaven, alive with body.



## Verse #3 – Explanation by our Prophet (S.A.W) ?

- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) uses these 2 verses on himself, in the **same time, context and place.**
- Just as it means death for him, it means death for Isa (A.S) also.
- This hadith is under the chapter called, “*Prophetic Commentary*” in **Sahih Bukhari.**

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### Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) delivered a sermon and said, "O people! You will be gathered before Allah barefooted, naked and not circumcised." Then (quoting Qur'an) he said:- "As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it. A promise We have undertaken: Truly we shall do it.." (21.104) The Prophet (ﷺ) then said, "The first of the human beings to be dressed on the Day of Resurrection, will be Abraham. Lo! Some men from my followers will be brought and then (the angels) will drive them to the left side (Hell-Fire). I will say, 'O my Lord! (They are) my companions!' Then a reply will come (from Almighty), 'You do not know what they did after you.' **I will say as the pious slave (the Prophet (ﷺ) Jesus) said: And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them. When You took me up. You were the Watcher over them and You are a Witness to all things!**" (5.117) Then it will be said, "These people have continued to be apostates since you left them."

**Reference** : Sahih al-Bukhari 4625  
In-book reference : Book 65, Hadith 147  
USC-MSA web (English) reference : Vol. 6, Book 60, Hadith 149  
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# Summary

- Prophets are humans. **All humans die.**
- Isa (A.S) is a human and he died too.
- No human can fly nor live for 2000 years.
- **20+** Quranic verses prove he died too.
- **No one** can live **forever**. Our bodies are subject to aging.



# Discussion time!

- Which verse convinced you the most?
- Who already knew the story from the “Ijm’ah of the Companions”?
- Who knows more verses/ahadith proving death of Isa (A.S)?
- Why do you think non Ahmadi Muslims still say Isa (A.S) is alive like Christians?



# Still curious?

Some awesome resources!



## Articles:

<https://www.alislam.org/articles/30-verses-of-holy-quran-which-prove-natural-death-of-jesus-christ/>

<https://ahmadianswers.com/jesus/>

## Videos:

Verse #1 explanation (3 minute)

<https://youtu.be/XMYjTatgHm8>

Verse #3 explanation (3 minute)

[https://youtu.be/Boz5\\_nyPhHo](https://youtu.be/Boz5_nyPhHo)

