

Quranic Perspective on Bibi Maryam

Session Four - Sura Maryam, 19: 16 - `26

Questions for Reflection

- 1) Compare this passage with the passage on Nabi Yahya, 19: 7-10. What similarities/differences do you notice?
- 2) What are the different traumas that Maryam (a) goes through in this passage? How are they solved?

Words to notice

إِنْتَبَذْتُ - withdrew

تَمَثَّلَ – took a form

أَهَبَ – I grant

جَذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ – date palm trunk

Traumas for Bibi Maryam (a)

- Physical : Lack of food, water. Pain of childbirth
- Emotional: no family or friends to support her
- Mental: worry of losing her reputation, accusations of people

Birth of Jesus in the Bible

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.