

## Quran Appreciation - Winter Term (Jan-Mar 2018)

### The Story of Nabi Isa (a)

#### Nabi Isa on the Day of Judgment

##### Verses for the session

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ أَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّي إِلهِينَ مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ قَالِ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقِّ إِنْ كُنْتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ  
عَلِمْتَهُ تَعَلَّمَ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِكَ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

And when Allah will say: O Isa son of Maryam! did you say to the people, Take me and my mother for gods besides Allah? he will say: Glory be to You, if was not for me to say that to which I had 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, surely You are the Knower of the unseen.  
(Sura Maidah, verse 116)

##### Reflections

- Why does Allah ask Nabi Isa about this? He knows already what he has said.
- Note that Allah also mentions taking his mother as a god, not just Nabi Isa himself.
- What are the different things Nabi Isa says in reply?

##### Cross Reference verses

5:109 - All Prophets will be asked about their message.

74:38-47 - Conversation between people of Heaven and people of Hell

14:22 - Conversation of Shaytan with the people

For more conversations in Heaven see:

<https://www.academyofislam.com/quranic-reflection-no-806-ayat-2224-heavenly-conversations/>

##### Tafsir

This is the conversation that will take place between Allah and Nabi Isa on the Day of Judgment. Many such conversations that have not taken place yet are mentioned in the Quran (see cross reference verses) as a reminder and warning for the people.

All Prophets will be asked about the response to their messages. After that they will be the witnesses over their own people.

There is no doubt that Nabi Isa invited his people towards belief in One God and did not teach them any form of polytheism. But the question is meant to make that clear in front of his Ummah and judge between them. It is for the people to hear from their own leader that he did not teach them to believe in him as part of God.

Nabi Isa replies respectfully with the following statements;

- 1) Glorification of Allah - He is above having any partner
- 2) Rejecting the idea of saying that. It was not his right to say such a thing, nor did it befit his status as a Prophet. He does not only deny having said it, he rejects the idea completely.
- 3) Referring to the all encompassing knowledge of Allah which would have known if he had said it.

His statements show humility and reverence of the true God.

The knowledge of Allah covers all things while the Prophets know only that which Allah tells them. Thus they have limited knowledge and are not the actual sources of knowledge. They cannot be worshipped, rather it is the God who sent them who must be worshipped alone.

### Important Lessons

- 1) The Day of Judgement will be a time for judging the truth between Prophets and their people
- 2) Conversations and communication are an important way of establishing the truth. This happens in the world and will happen in the Hereafter.

### Ideas

- 1) Act out the conversation between Allah and Nabi Isa, or any of the other conversations mentioned in the Quran that will take place on the Day of Judgment.
- 2) Discuss etiquette of speech and conversations. Have different scenarios, or case studies, where students have to reply to questions asked of them.

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