

Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. is Alive

Q: Imaan-30 : What is the belief of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah concerning the belief of some people that Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. has passed away please furnish a detailed and substantiated reply to the question.

Answer: It is the unanimous belief of all Muslims that Allaah raised Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. to the heavens, where he remains alive. He will return to this World shortly before Qiyaamah, he will kill Dajjaal and will later pass away. This belief is substantiated by the Qur'aan and the Ahadeeth and is unanimously accepted by the entire Ummah (Ijma). The person who refutes this belief and believes that Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. was killed is therefore refuting the Qur'aan, the Ahadeeth and Ijma. He is therefore out of the fold of Islaam because the matter is one of Ijma and not based on personal opinion.

The Qur'aan states: "And (they are also cursed) because they said, without doubt we have killed Maseeh Isa the son of Maryam, the Rasool of Allaah." They never killed him, nor did they crucify him, But they were cast into doubt (when Allaah made the people think that Another person Isa Alayhissalaam. whom they killed instead). Indeed those Who dispute about him (who say that Isa Alayhissalaam. was crucified) are definitely in doubt, The only knowledge they possess (about Isa Alayhissalaam. is guesswork (they have no accurate knowledge about his whereabouts). It with certainty, they never killed him. On the contrary, Allaah raised him towards Himself (in the heavens). Allaah is Mighty (powerful to do whatever He wants), the Wise.

This verse makes it evidently clear that Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. was never Crucified as the Jews claim, but was rather raised to the heavens, committing on this verse, Ruhul Ma'aani states: "He is alive in the second heaven as established by the Hadith of Mi'raaj and he will remain there until he return to earth to kill Dajjaal and to fill the earth with justice as it would be filled with tyranny at the time" (Vol.6 Pg.12) Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah RADI. reports that Rasulullaah SAW. said, "By Allaah! The son of Maryam (Isa) Alayhissalaam. Will remain there until? Qiyaamah) as a just ruler and will destroy the cross?"

Mazaahire Haqq (Vol.4 P5.327) states: "NOTE: It has been established beyond doubt from authentic Ahadeeth that Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. will descend from the heavens to earth, will follow the Deen of Rasulullaah SAW. and pass judgement according to the Shari'ah of

Rasulullaah SAW.

Hakeemul Ummah Hadhrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi RAH. has delved into an academic discussion on the subject, which is well worth studying says: "IMPORTANT NOTE: In their commentaries of the Qur'aan, the error becomes manifest from many people who without substantiation, claim that Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. passed away, was buried and will not return to the world before Qiyaamah. They misinterpret the Ahadeeth discussing the return of Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. and say that these Ahadeeth refer to someone Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. They then proceed to claim that they are the once being referred to ... There are other proofs to substantiate the fact that Hadhrat Isa alayhissalaam. had been raised to the heavens and is still alive. It is therefor compulsory to hold this belief. His being raised to the heaaven is proven by the verse "Allash raised him towurds Himself", which is an undeniable proof indicating physical raising. When such a literal meaning is possible, it will not be permissible to assume a figurative meaning without the presence of a pressing factor to justify it. In this case, such a factor is non-existent. The fact that Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. Is proven by Ijma. Rasulullaah SAW. said, "Verily Isa Alayhissalaam. never died and shall return to you before the Day of Qiyaamah" ... The consensus on the issue is evident and any belief to the contrary has never been reported from any of the earlier or latter day scholars ..."

Hadhrat Moulana Mufti Muhammad Shafee RAH. writes the following his famous Tafseer Ma'aariful Qur'aan:

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