

Then, another strong argument in support of the truth of a Prophet is that he should bring about perfect reform on a large scale. So when we examine the life of Jesus and try to determine what reform he initiated and how many hundreds of thousands—or even thousands of men—repented at his hand, we see very little of it [in his lifetime]. True, he had twelve disciples, but when we study their misdeeds, our hearts shudder. One feels sadness, what type of people were these who, after having laid claim to great sincerity, manifested such unholiness the like of which is not found in the world. Taking thirty pieces of silver and delivering a true prophet and beloved guide into the hands of murderers—was this the essence and meaning of being called a disciple? What was it that compelled his principal disciple, Peter, to abuse and curse him to his face for the sake of this transitory life? Was it appropriate for all the disciples to desert him and go their own ways as soon as Jesus was arrested and not to show patience even for a whit? Should those whose beloved Prophet is apprehended on a capital charge show such signs of ‘truthfulness’ and ‘sincerity’ as exemplified by the disciples at the time? Afterwards, creature worshippers invented all sorts of stories and elevated Jesus to heaven, but the record of their own lack of faith is still preserved in the Gospels. Thus, the proof of the truth of a righteous Prophet is not to be found in the case of Jesus.

Had the Holy Qur’an not confirmed his prophethood, we would have no way to count him among the true Prophets. Can one who taught that he was the son of God—even God Himself—and that he did not have to worship anyone and his reason and understanding was so defective as to make him imagine that people would be delivered from sin by his suicide, be considered for

one moment as a wise person who follows the straight path? But praise be to Allah that the teachings of the Holy Qur'an have revealed to us that all these are calumnies against **Ibn Maryam [the Son of Mary]**. There is no trace at all of the **Trinity** in the **Gospel**. The common expression 'Son of God' which had been applied to thousands of people from Adam^{as} downwards in the scriptures was applied to Jesus as well. Later, it was exaggerated and seized upon for the deification of Jesus. Even though he never claimed Divinity nor did he express a desire for suicide. If he had done so, his name would have been erased from the list of the righteous, in accordance with the words of God.

It is also difficult to believe that these shameful lies had their root in the erroneous thinking of the Disciples. Thus about them, even if what the Gospel says is true that they were men of average intelligence and could easily fall into error, we cannot reconcile ourselves to the notion that having kept company with a Prophet they were capable of propagating such nonsense. The truth appears to be—and this can be gathered from a study of the writings that are complementary to the Gospels—that all this was a device of Saint Paul who employed deep cunning like political schemers.

Ibn Maryam [The Son of Mary] who is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an was bound by the eternal guidance that had been prescribed for mankind from the beginning. Therefore, whatever doubts or suspicions the Gospels may raise concerning his prophethood, the testimony of the Holy Qur'an is enough to establish it.

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ الْهُدَىٰ [And peace be upon him who follows the true guidance!]

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