



Dear Friend in Jesus! The phrase “He is risen, He is risen indeed” will permeate through many churches this Easter Sunday. This simple statement is a reminder of the powerful truth that “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).



As I think about this passage, I am reminded of my childhood and the statement of faith we memorized in Arabic: *Amantubillah, wa malaikatihi, wa Kutubihi, wa rusulih, wa al-yum al-akhir.* (I believe in Allah, in his angels, and his books and prophets and the last day). I diligently memorized it and repeated it almost every day.



Then at age 20 I learned more. You see – Satan cannot come up with anything new. What he does is take part truth and then twists it with falsehoods and repackages it as

“Whoever does not honor the **Son** does not honor the **Father**, who sent him” (John 5:23).

“truth.” Today as I recall the words I recited as a child, I see how the devil manipulated the truths of God’s Word, the only source of real truth. I found by reading the Bible that not only was this Allah I believed in not the real God, but also just believing in the existence of God was not enough either. The Bible states: “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder” (James 2:19). Then I also found Jesus saying, ‘You believe in God; believe also in me’ (John 14:1) and certainly this, “all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him” (John 5:23).

The second aspect of the creed is proclaiming belief in angels. The Qur’an frequently references angels and even mentions the story of the angel coming to Mary giving the glad tidings of a son (Sura 19:16-37). While the Qur’an omits the rest of the story, I learned in the Bible that this Son is twice mentioned as the Son of God, the most High (Luke 1: 32,35). The Qur’an elsewhere asks, ‘How can God have a son when he has no wife or consort’ (Sura 6:102). I learned in the Bible that since God is, His Word is. The Word was manifested in flesh – the essence eternal in the incarnate Jesus. Then I learned that as angels brought glad tidings of Jesus birth, now angels gave the good news of His resurrection: “He is not here, He is risen” (Matthew 28:6).

As a Muslim, I had learned to believe in God’s books and the prophets, but during my quest I learned that the Torah and the books of the Prophets and the Psalms mention the most important person whom I came to know as Jesus.

The last article of Islamic faith is to believe in the last Day, the day of resurrection. While the Prophet of Islam’s body lay buried in Madina awaiting the resurrection Day, this Jesus that I believe in is resurrected. Wow! Here is Jesus who rose from the dead and is now serving as a mediator between God and humanity. He is my intercessor and the redeemer God appointed. By believing in Jesus, I have assurance of eternal

fellowship in the paradise of God. I do not have to join Jihad so to receive paradise as a martyr. God already has sent his only Son to die for you and me and even for those who do not yet believe in Him, including many Muslims who would receive Him and thus receive eternal life. The only condition is to believe and obey. I am thankful to God for all those in my life who gave me the Scriptures and helped me to know Jesus more intimately through the Scriptures and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus told the previously demon possessed, now free, "Go back home and tell people what God did for you" (Luke 8:38-39). Now, I am reaching many Muslims with God's help and yours. This task continues, and I am thankful to the Lord for your continuous support in prayer and finance to let Muslims know Jesus, the only HOPE. Many blessings to you as you celebrate the resurrection. He is risen, He is risen indeed.

Prayer and Praise points

- ❖ From our broadcast, YouTube channels, and websites, we get an average of more than 100 e-mails a day. Please pray with us that we will continue to be able to respond graciously and that those few who desire further guidance will be put in contact with Christians. Also, we pray for willing Christians boldly help them.
- ❖ Pray for Steven as he is writing a new program to help new believers. It will be titled '*Iman-u- Amal, agla qadam* (Faith and Action – Next Step). Later this year, the scripts will be prepared for broadcast and recording will begin in January 2020. The 30 programs will each be approximately 30 minutes.
- ❖ The recording of an English version of *Iman-u-Amal* (faith to Action) is due by September. We have translated the first 10 programs from Urdu to English. Please pray for us as Steven's time is spread thin responding to queries, writing, speaking, teaching and equipping believers through personal contact and seminars. Please pray with us that the Lord will bring us partners gifted in administration, day to day office and on line technology, and digital video recording and editing.
- ❖ Please pray with us for the protection of those whom we have trained and equipped who are now in the field. May the Lord protect them and use them to share the gospel with Muslims.
- ❖ Please pray for our protection. We are also finding that occasionally some try to get from us details

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 February 2019: \$6,360
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about new believers to harm them. Please pray with us that we will continue to be vigilant and not let such info leak out.

- ❖ Please pray for provision in the ministry as you can see that giving is down. We pray that God will stir the hearts of those who will commit to supporting the ministry on a monthly basis. With the rising cost of daily operation, we have had to stop or postpone some projects such as billboard advertisements and limiting the number of free Bibles. Our hearts want to grow the ministry, but please pray with us that the Lord will call new partners to come forward.

