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STORY OF MARY & JESUS IN THE HOLY QURAN ¹

THE BIRTH OF MARY

“Indeed, God chose Adam, Noah, the family of Abraham, and the family of Imran above all the people of the world. Offspring like one another (in righteousness). And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (And mention) when the wife of Imran said, ‘O my Lord, I have vowed to You what is in my womb, to be dedicated (to Your service), so

¹ Dear Reader, only the original Arabic text of the Quran, the final Word of God, is divine. Any translation of its meaning is but a human endeavor.

accept this from me. Indeed, You are All-Hearing, All-Knowing.’ Then when she delivered her (child Mary), she said, ‘O my Lord, I have delivered a female,’ and God knew best what she delivered. ‘And the male is not like the female, and I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge with You for her and for her children from Satan, the expelled (from the Mercy of God).’” (Quran 3:33-36)

THE CHILDHOOD OF MARY

“So her Lord graciously accepted her, provided her with a good upbringing, and placed her under the care of Zechariah. Every time Zechariah entered the prayer room to (visit) her, he found her supplied with sustenance. He said,

‘O Mary, from where do you get this?’ She said, ‘This is from God. Indeed, God provides for whom He wills, without limit.’” (Quran 3:37)

MARY, THE DEVOUT

“And (mention) when the angels said, ‘O Mary, indeed God has chosen you, purified you, and chosen you above all the women of the world.’ ‘O Mary, be devoutly obedient to your Lord and prostrate and bow down with those who bow down (in prayer).’ This is a part of the news of the Unseen which We reveal to you (O Muhammad). You were not with them when they cast lots with their pens to (decide) which of them should be charged with the care of Mary, nor were you with them when they disputed (over who

would be the guardian of Mary).”
(Quran 3:42-44)

THE GIFT OF A RIGHTEOUS SON

“(And mention) when the angels said, ‘O Mary, indeed God gives you the glad tidings of a word from Him, whose name will be the Messiah Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honor in this world and in the Hereafter, and will be among those who are near to God.’ ‘He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity, and he will be of the righteous.’ She asked, ‘My Lord, how can I have a son when no man has touched me?’ He (the angel) said, ‘Such is God; He creates what He wills. When He decrees something,

He only says to it, 'Be!' and it is. And He will teach him the Book and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel. And (will make him) a Messenger to the Children of Israel, (saying), 'Indeed I have come to you with a sign from your Lord. I make for you out of clay the figure of a bird, then breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by the Permission of God. And I heal those born blind and the lepers, and I bring the dead to life with the Permission of God. And I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses. Surely, there is a sign for you in that, if you are believers. And (I have come) confirming the Torah that was (revealed) before me, and to allow you some of what was

forbidden to you. And I have come to you with proof from your Lord, so fear God and obey me. Indeed, God is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. This is the straight path.” (Quran 3:45-51), “And mention (O Muhammad) in the Book (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to an eastern place. And she placed a screen to seclude herself from them. Then We sent to her Our angel (Gabriel), and he appeared before her in the form of a perfectly created man. She said, ‘Indeed, I seek refuge with the Most Merciful of you, if you fear God.’² The angel

² The Most Merciful is one of the Names of

said, 'I am only a Messenger of your Lord, Who sent me to give you the gift of a pure boy.' She asked, 'How can I have a son, when no man has touched me (in marriage), nor am I unchaste?' The angel said, 'This is true (you have never been touched), but your Lord said, 'It is easy for Me (to create a child without a father; God previously created Adam without a male or a female, and Eve from a male without a female). And We will make him a sign to mankind and a mercy from Us. And it is a

God in the Quran.

matter already decreed.”³ (Quran 19:16-21)

THE CONCEPTION OF JESUS

“And (mention) she who guarded her chastity, so We breathed (a spirit) into her through Our angel

³ Jesus (peace be upon him) is a sign of God’s Power, wherein God showed people that He could create Jesus without a father, just as He created Adam (peace be upon him) without any parents. Jesus is also a sign that God is perfectly able to resurrect all people after their death, since the one who creates something from nothing is similarly able to bring it back to life. Jesus will also be a sign of the Day of Judgment, when he will return to the earth and slay the Anti-Christ in the End Times.

(Gabriel), and We made her and her son (Jesus) a sign for the world.”⁴ (Quran 21:91)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

“So she conceived him and then withdrew with him (the baby in her womb) to a remote place. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She said, ‘I wish I had died before this, and had been long forgotten.’⁵

⁴ Similarly, just as God created Adam with no father or mother, Jesus was born from a mother, without a father. For anything to happen, God only says to it, “Be” and it is; for God is Capable of all things.

⁵ Mary (peace be upon her) was worried that people would think badly of her as she was not married.

Then he (baby Jesus) called to her from beneath her, saying, 'Do not be sad. Your Lord has provided a water stream under you. Shake the trunk of the palm tree towards you; it will cause fresh ripe dates to fall upon you. So eat and drink and be contented. And if you see any human, say: Indeed, I have vowed a fast to the Most Merciful so I will not speak to any human today.' Then she came to her people, carrying him (the baby). They said, 'O Mary, indeed you have done a great evil.' 'O sister of Aaron, your father was not an evil man, nor was your mother unchaste.' So she pointed to the baby. They said, 'How can we speak to a child in the cradle?' He (Jesus) said, 'Indeed, I am a servant

of God. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet. ⁶ And He has made me blessed wherever I am, and has enjoined on me prayer and charity as long as I remain alive. And (He has made me) kind and dutiful to my mother, and did not make me arrogant, impious. And peace be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive.” (Quran 19:22-33)

“Indeed, to God, Jesus is like Adam. He created him from dust,

⁶ Prophethood is the highest and most honorable position a human can have. A prophet is one who receives revelations from God through the Angel Gabriel.

then said to him, ‘Be,’ and he was.”⁷ (Quran 3:59), “And We made the son of Mary and his mother a sign, and We sheltered them on high ground with level areas and flowing springs.”⁸ (Quran 23:50)

⁷ God created Adam (peace be upon him) not with a father or a mother, but from dust, to which He gave His Command, “Be”, and it became a human. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) asked, “Do you wonder about Jesus’ birth without a father? If so, Adam (peace be upon him) had no father or mother.” If the unusual birth of Jesus (peace be upon him) makes him divine, then Adam is more deserving of that claim of divinity because Jesus at least had one parent, whereas Adam had none. Just as Adam is not divine, nor is Jesus divine; both are humble servants of God.

⁸ This is where Mary gave birth to Jesus.

THE EXCELLENCE OF MARY

“And as an example for those who believe, God gives the wife of Pharaoh, when she said, ‘My Lord, build for me a home near You in Paradise, and save me from Pharaoh and his deeds, and save me from the wrongdoing people.’ And (the example of) Mary, the daughter of Imran, who guarded her chastity, so We blew (the spirit of Jesus) into her through Our angel (Gabriel). And she believed in the Words of her Lord, and His Scriptures, and she was among the devout ones.”
(Quran 66:11-12)

JESUS THE PROPHET

“Say, ‘We believe in God and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the Descendants (the twelve sons of Jacob), and what has been given to Moses and Jesus, and what has been given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have submitted (in Islam ⁹).’” (Quran 2:136)

“Indeed, We have revealed to you (O Muhammad) as We revealed to Noah and the prophets after him.

⁹ Islam literally means submission and resignation to God alone.

And We revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, the Descendants (the twelve sons of Jacob), Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, Solomon, and David We gave the *Zabur* (Psalms).” (Quran 4:163)

“The Messiah, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger; many were the messengers that passed away before him. And his mother was a *Siddiqah* (strong believer).¹⁰ They both used to eat food.¹¹ Look

¹⁰ The transliterated Arabic word here indicates the highest level of faith possible, where the only one higher is prophethood.

¹¹ Both the Messiah and his pious mother used to eat, and that is not a characteristic of God, Who does not eat or drink. Also, the one who eats defecates, and this cannot be

how We make the proof clear to them, then look how they (disbelievers) turn away.” (Quran 5:75), “He (Jesus) was only a servant on whom We bestowed favor, and We made him an example to the Children of Israel.” (Quran 43:59)

an attribute of God. Jesus here is likened to all the noble messengers that preceded him. Their message was the same, and their status as non-divine creatures of God is similar. The highest honor that can be bestowed on a human is prophethood, and Jesus is one of the five most persevering and resolute from among all the messengers. See verse 33:7 & 42:13.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

“And in their (the prophets’) footsteps, We sent Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the Torah that came before him. And We gave him the Gospel, which contain guidance and light, confirming the Torah that came before it, and guidance and an admonition for the pious.” (Quran 5:46)

“O people of the Scripture, do not exceed the limits of your religion, nor say anything about God except the truth. The Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, was no more than a Messenger of God and His Word (‘Be’ and he was), which He bestowed on Mary, and a soul

created by Him.¹² So, believe in God and His Messengers, and do not say, ‘Three.’ Desist! It is better for you. Indeed, God is one. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And Sufficient is God as a Disposer of affairs. Never would the Messiah disdain to be a servant of God, nor would the angels who are close (to

¹² Jesus is called a word or a soul from God because he was created by God’s Command, “Be,” and he was. He was special in this point, because all humans, except Adam and Eve, are created from two parents. But despite his uniqueness, Jesus, just like any human being, was mortal, not divine.

God).¹³ And whoever disdains the worship of God and is arrogant, He will gather them to Himself all together.” (Quran 4:171-172)

“That is Jesus, son of Mary the word of truth about which they doubt (or dispute). It does not befit (the Majesty of) God that He should beget a son. Far exalted is He above this! When He decrees something,

¹³ Anything and anyone other than God is a worshipper or a servant of God. The verse is asserting that the Messiah would never claim a status above that of a worshipper of God, dismissing any claim of his divinity. And indeed he would never disdain such a position, because this is the highest honor any human can aspire to.

He just says to it, 'Be!' and it is. ¹⁴ (Jesus said), 'And indeed God is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path.' But the (Christian and Jewish) sects disagreed (about the nature of Jesus, whether he was a god, a son of God, or a Messenger of God), so woe to the disbelievers from meeting a horrible Day." (Quran 19:34-37)

¹⁴ If the creation of Jesus without a father makes him the son of God, then by the same logic everything created like Jesus without a predecessor should also be divine, and that includes Adam, Eve, the first animals, and this whole earth with its mountains and waters. But Jesus was created like all things on this earth, when God said, "Be," and he was.

“And when Jesus came with clear proof, he said, ‘I have come to you with prophethood, and to make clear to you some of that (i.e. religious laws) over which you differ, so fear God and obey me. Indeed, God is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him (alone). This is the straight path.’ But the sects disagreed among themselves (about the nature of Jesus, whether he was a god, a son of God, or a Messenger of God), so woe to those who do wrong (by lying about Jesus) from the punishment of a painful Day.” (Quran 43:63-65)

“And (remember) when Jesus, son of Mary, said, ‘O Children of Israel, indeed I am the Messenger of God sent to you to confirm the

Torah that came before me, and bring glad tidings of a messenger who will come after me, whose name shall be Ahmed.¹⁵ But when he came to them with clear proof, they said, “This is clearly magic.”¹⁶ (Quran 61:6)

¹⁵ This is another name of Prophet Muhammad. Ahmed or Ahmad derives from the same root of “*hmd*” meaning praise, and translates as the “most praiseworthy.”

¹⁶ This can refer to both prophets, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them). When they came with the Message from God to their people, they were accused of making magic.

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

“So she pointed to him. They said, ‘How can we speak to a child in the cradle?’¹⁷ He (Jesus) said, ‘Indeed, I am a servant of God. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet.’¹⁸ And He has made

¹⁷ Jesus speaking in the cradle was a sign from God, first to clear his mother from the Jews’ accusation of adultery and second to declare himself a Prophet, without which his people could not be convinced of either.

¹⁸ Prophethood is the highest and most honorable position a human can have. A prophet is one who receives revelations from God through the Angel Gabriel. A messenger is a prophet who receives a book from God, as well as laws to convey to his people. Jesus attained the highest honor by being both a prophet and a messenger.

me blessed wherever I am, and has enjoined on me prayer and charity as long as I remain alive. And (He has made me) kind and dutiful to my mother, and did not make me arrogant, impious. And peace be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive.” (Quran 19:29-33)

(More miracles have been mentioned under: The Gift of a Righteous Son)

THE TABLE SPREAD (WITH FOOD) FROM HEAVEN WITH GOD'S PERMISSION

“(Mention) when the disciples said, ‘O Jesus, son of Mary, can your Lord send down to us a table spread (with food) from heaven?’ Jesus said,

‘Fear God, if you are indeed believers.’ They said, ‘We wish to eat from it and have our hearts reassured, to know that you have indeed told us the truth and that we ourselves are witnesses to it.’ Jesus, son of Mary, said, ‘O God, our Lord, send us from heaven a table spread (with food) to be for us a feast for the first of us and the last of us and a sign from You. And provide for us, for You are the Best of providers.’ God said, ‘I am going to send it down to you, but if any of you disbelieves after that, I will punish him with a punishment the like of which I have never inflicted on any other being.’” (Quran 5:112-115)

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

“O you who believe, champion God’s Religion, as when Jesus, son of Mary, said to the disciples, ‘Who will champion God’s Religion with me?’ The disciples said, ‘We are the champions of God’s Religion.’ Then a group of the Children of Israel believed and a group disbelieved. So We supported those who believed against their enemy, and they became victorious.”¹⁹ (Quran 61:14), “And

¹⁹ The victory of the believers came through the Message of Islam, and it was both a physical and a spiritual victory. Islam removed all doubt about Jesus and offered conclusive proof of his prophethood, and that was the spiritual victory. Islam also physically spread, which gave the believers of

(remember) when I inspired the disciples, ‘Believe in Me and in My Messenger (Jesus).’ They said, ‘We believe, and bear witness that we are Muslims (submitting to God alone).’” (Quran 5:111), “Then, following in their footsteps, We sent Our messengers, and We sent Jesus, son of Mary, and gave him the Gospel. And We placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him. But We did not command monasticism; rather, they invented it themselves to please God, yet they did not observe it as it should be observed. So We gave

the Message of Jesus refuge and power against their enemy, and that was the physical victory.

those who believed among them their reward, but many of them are disobedient. O you who believe, fear God and believe in His Messenger, and He will give you a double portion of His Mercy, and give you a light by which you shall walk, and He will forgive you. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. (This We say) so that the people of the Scripture may know that they have no power over God's Grace, and that (His) Grace is (entirely) in His Hands to bestow on whomever He wills. And God is the Owner of great bounty.”²⁰ (Quran 57:27-29)

²⁰ God gives guidance to whomever He wills, regardless of background or race. And when

GOD SAVING JESUS ²¹ AND RAISING HIM UP TO HEAVEN

“Then when Jesus felt their (persistence in) disbelief, he said, ‘Who will champion God’s Cause with me?’ The disciples said, ‘We are the champions of God’s Cause. We

people believe, God honors them and lifts them higher than everyone else. But when they disbelieve, God demotes them, even though they might previously have been honorable.

²¹ God’s constant Law is saving, not forsaking, His Messengers and the believers. “Verily, We will indeed make victorious Our Messengers and those who believe in this world’s life and in the Day when the witnesses will stand forth (the Day of Resurrection).” (Quran 40: 51)

believe in God, and bear witness that we are Muslims (submitting to God alone).²² Our Lord, we have believed in what You have revealed, and we have followed the Messenger (Jesus), so write us down among the witnesses (to the truth—none has the right to be worshipped but God).’ And they (the disbelievers) planned (to kill Jesus), and God also made plans. And God is the best of planners. When God said, ‘O Jesus, I will take you ²³ and raise you up to

²² The name given for the disciples of Jesus in the Quran is *Al-Hawariyyun*, which means the purified ones, like the color white. It is also reported that they used to dress in white.

²³ Jesus was raised up in a state of sleep. The word that is used here is *wafah*, which can

Myself and clear you [of the forged statement that Jesus is God's son] of those who disbelieve, and I will make those who follow you (monotheists, who worship none but God) superior to those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then to Me is your return, and I will judge between you in the matters in which you used to disagree.” (Quran 3:52-55)

mean sleep or death. In Arabic, sleep is called the minor death. Also see verses 6:60 and 39:42, where the word *wafah* refers to sleep and not to death. Since verse 4:157 denies the killing and crucifixion of Jesus, and since every other human dies only once, while Jesus will surely come back to earth, the only remaining interpretation of the verse is sleep.

“And as for their saying, ‘We have killed the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, the Messenger of God,’ they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but the man (on the cross) was made to look like him.²⁴ And indeed, those who disagree about him are in doubt (of killing him). They have no (certain) knowledge of it; they follow nothing but conjecture. And they did not kill him for certain. But God raised him up (with his body and

²⁴ The resemblance of Jesus was put on another, and it is he, not Jesus, who was crucified. According to several commentaries on the Quran, the one who was crucified was one of the disciples, accepting the resemblance of Jesus and martyring himself to save Jesus in return for Paradise.

soul) to Himself. ²⁵ And God is All-Powerful, All-Wise.” (Quran 4:157-158)

THE TRUE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

“Then whoever argues with you about him (Jesus) after the knowledge that has come to you (Jesus being only a prophet and not divine), say, ‘Come and let us call our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves, then we will all pray for the

²⁵ Jesus was taken up to heaven, body and soul, and did not die. He still lives up there, and will return to earth towards the end of time. After fulfilling his assigned role on earth, he will eventually die.

Curse of God to fall on those who lie (among us).’ Indeed, this is the true story. There is no god but God. And indeed, God is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. But if they turn away (from accepting the truth), then indeed, God is All-Aware of the corrupters. Say, ‘O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), come to a just statement²⁶ between us and you, that we worship none but God, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us takes others as lords besides

²⁶ This is what all the prophets of God have called for and agreed upon. And so this statement is not exclusive to one group, but is the common ground for those who want to worship God.

God²⁷.’ But if they turn away, then say, ‘Be witnesses that we are Muslims (submitting to God alone).’” (Quran 3:61-64)

“Surely, they have disbelieved those who say that God is the Christ, son of Mary. Say, ‘Who then has the least power against God if He were to destroy the Christ, son of Mary, his mother, and everyone on earth?’ And God has supreme authority over the heavens and the earth, and whatever is between them. He creates what He wills, and God is Able to do all things. And the Jews

²⁷ When one obeys another human in disobedience to God, he has taken him as a lord instead of God.

and the Christians say, ‘We are the children of God and are His loved ones.’ Say, ‘Why then does He punish you for your sins?’ Rather, you are only human beings from among those He has created. He forgives whom He wills, and He punishes whom He wills. And God has supreme authority over the heavens and the earth, and whatever is between them and to Him is the final return (of all).” (Quran 5:17-18)

“Surely, those who say, ‘God is the Messiah Jesus, son of Mary’ have disbelieved. But the Messiah said, ‘O Children of Israel worship God, my Lord and your Lord. Indeed, whoever sets up partners (in worship or divinity) with God, God has forbidden him Paradise, and the Fire

will be his abode. And the wrongdoers have no saviors.’ Surely, disbelievers are those who say, ‘God is the third of three.’²⁸ But there is no god (that deserves to be worshipped) except One God. And if they do not stop what they are saying, the disbelievers among them will suffer a painful punishment. Will they not repent to God and seek His Forgiveness? For God is Oft-Forgiving, most Merciful.” (Quran 5:72-74)

“And the Jews say, ‘Ezra is the son of God,’²⁹ and the Christians

²⁸ In reference to the Holy Trinity.

²⁹ Although not all Jews believed it, they failed to condemn it (see verses 5:78-79). When a sin is allowed to persist and spread

say, 'The Messiah is the son of God.' That is a fabrication from their mouths. They are imitating the claims of the disbelievers before them. May God destroy them; how they are deluded away from the truth. They (the Jews and Christians) have taken their religious scholars and their monks as lords instead of God (by disobeying God and obeying them), and (they also have taken as their Lord) the Messiah, son of Mary. But they were commanded to worship only one God; none has the right to be worshipped except Him. Exalted is He above whatever

unopposed, the whole community becomes liable.

they associate with Him.”³⁰ (Quran 9:30-31), “O you who believe, indeed many religious scholars and monks devour (take) people’s wealth unjustly, and hinder (them) from the Way of God. And those who treasure gold and silver, and do not spend it in the Way of God, give them the news of a painful punishment.” (Quran 9:34)

³⁰ The religious scholars are the ones possessing knowledge, and the monks are the ones immersed in ritual and worship. Both are considered religious leaders and examples for others, and through their influence they can lead people astray.

THE DESCENT OF JESUS AT THE END TIMES

“And not one of the people of the Scripture will fail to believe in him before his death. ³¹ And on the Day

³¹ The pronoun in “his death” can refer to Jesus or to the individuals from the people of the Scripture. If it refers to Jesus, it means that all of the people of the Scripture will come to believe in Jesus on his second return to earth and before his death. Jesus then will confirm that he is a prophet of God, not God or the son of God, and will ask all people to worship God alone and submit to Him in Islam. If the pronoun refers to the individuals from the people of the Scripture, then the verse means that each one of them will see just before his death something that will convince him that Jesus was a true Prophet from God, and not God. But that belief at that time will not benefit him, since

of Resurrection, he will be a witness against them.”³² (Quran 4:159)

“And he (Jesus) shall be a sign of (the coming of) the Hour, so do not doubt it (the Day of Judgment)³³ And follow Me (God). This is the straight path (leading to God and His Paradise).” (Quran 43:61)

JESUS ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

“(Mention) when God will say (on the Day of Resurrection), ‘O Jesus, son of Mary, remember My

it comes not out of free choice, but when he sees the angels of punishment.

³² See verses 5:116-118.

³³ The second coming of Jesus will be a sign that the Day of Judgment is near.

favor upon you and upon your mother when I supported you with the Holy Spirit (the Angel Gabriel) and you spoke to people from the cradle and in maturity; and when I taught you the Book, wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel; and when you made the figure of a bird out of clay, with My Permission, then you breathed into it and it became a bird, with My Permission; and when you healed those born blind and the lepers, with My Permission; and when you brought the dead to life, with My Permission; and when I restrained the Children of Israel from (killing) you when you came to them with clear proof, but the disbelievers among them said: This is

nothing but obvious magic.” (Quran 5:110)

“And God will say (on the Day of Resurrection, as a reprimand to those who deified Jesus or Mary), ‘O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to people: Take me and my mother as gods instead of God? ³⁴ He will say, ‘Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right to (say). If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is (hidden) within me, and I do not know what is

³⁴ Deifying others with God is the same as deifying them instead of God. Both mean that worship is directed and given to someone other than God, when God is the only One who deserves to be deified and worshipped.

within You. Indeed, You are the All-Knower of the Unseen.’³⁵ I did not tell them anything except what You commanded me to tell them: Worship God, my Lord and your Lord. And I was a witness over them while I was among them, but when You took me up, You were the Watcher over them, and You are a Witness to all things. If You punish

³⁵ God, as Jesus said, knows that Jesus did not call people to deify him or his mother. The aim of the question is to point out to those who worship Jesus or Mary that if they were true followers of Jesus, they would stop that practice, because Jesus never called for it. But if they persist, then let them know that Jesus will disown them on the Last Day, and that they have not been following him, but only following their personal preferences.

them, they are Your servants, and if You forgive them, indeed You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.’³⁶ God will say, ‘This is the Day when the truth will benefit those who were truthful. To them belong gardens (in Paradise) beneath which rivers flow, where they will stay forever. God is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. That is the great success.’ To God belongs the dominion of the heavens and the

³⁶ In other words, You know who is worthy of punishment, so You will punish him. And you know who is worthy of forgiveness, so You will forgive him. For indeed, You are the Mighty Who has the power to punish, and You are Wise in dispensing all affairs, so you forgive those who deserve forgiveness.

earth and whatever is within them,
and He has power over all things.”
(Quran 5:116-120)

End