



## Friday Sermon

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*After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on "The death of Jesus (as)":*

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ عَلَى أَعْقَابِكُمْ وَمَنْ يَنْقَلِبْ عَلَى عَقْبَيْهِ فَلَنْ يَضُرَّ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّاكِرِينَ

**Wa maa Muhammadun 'illaa Rasuul: qad khalat min-qablihir-rusul; 'afa 'immaata 'aw qutilan-qalabtum 'alaaa 'a'-qaabikum? Wa mayy-yanqalib 'alaa 'aqibayhi falayy-yadurrallaaha shay-'aa; wa sa-yaj-zillaahush-Shaakiriin.**

*Muhammad is only a messenger; Verily, all the messengers have died before him. So, were he to die, or if he was killed, would you turn back on your heels? And he who turns back on his heels will never harm Allah at all; but Allah will reward the grateful. (Al-Imran 3: 145).*

A false rumour was spread at Uhud, that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had been killed. The verse alludes to this incident and means that even if the rumour was founded, it should not have made the faithful falter in their faith. Muhammad (pbuh) was only a prophet and like other prophets before him were dead, he too would die. Only the God of Islam, the One and Supreme God lives eternally.

## First Proof

When seven years after the incident at Uhud (after the battle of Uhud) the Holy Prophet (pbuh) died, Umar (ra) stood in the mosque of Medina, sword in hand, and said, *“Whoever says that the prophet of God has died, I will slit his throat. He has not die but went to his Lord just as Moses had gone to his Lord and he shall return to punish the hypocrites.”*

At that moment, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), who was not present at the moment when the prophet breathed his last, returned quickly, went straight into the prophet's room and upon realising that he had actually died, kissed his forehead and said, *“You are sweet (sacred) in death as you were when alive, and surely God is not going to give you two deaths.”*

Then he went out, resolved, and asked the assembly in the mosque: *“O people! Whoever worshiped Muhammad, let him know that Muhammad is dead; And he who worships God, let him be assured that God is alive, and that He does not die.”*

And he recited to them this verse: ***“Muhammad is only a messenger; Verily, all the messengers have died before him. So, were he to die, or if he was killed, would you turn back on your heels?”*** (Al-Imran 3: 145).

He meant that it was not surprising under these circumstances that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was also dead. On hearing this very appropriate verse, Umar (ra) and all the others were convinced of the prophet's death and were plunged into great mourning. Thus this verse proves incidentally that the prophets who had preceded our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had all died because if any one of them was still alive, the verse could not have been cited as evidence of the death of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

## Second Proof

***“The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a messenger. Messengers (the like of whom) had passed away before him. And his mother was a truthful woman. And they both used to eat (earthly) food (to survive). See how We make the revelations clear for them, and see how they are turned away!”*** (Al-Maida 5: 76).

This verse means that all the prophets before Jesus are dead and the Muslims also agree on this point. Since identical terms were used about Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), why do they say that a prophet before him is not yet dead? The two verses I have mentioned are similar; they mean the same thing.

Another thing God teaches us in these verses is that: ***“They both used to eat (earthly) food (to survive).”*** (Al-Maida 5: 76).

That is to say, Jesus and his mother were both human beings. They had no particle of divinity in them, nor did they have spiritual bodies to ascend into heaven. God's law concerning humans is that God has fashioned them in earthly bodies endowed with a soul. And as long as this soul remains in this earthly body, it will never be able to make this earthly body, made of earth ascend to heaven and live in heaven with this body. But the soul can travel, but its physical, terrestrial body always remains on earth, and this can happen in three situations: (1) during sleep, (2) during revelation and inspirations, and (3) that which is final, that is, death. And in any case, the earthly body remains on earth, and come what may, it must be buried in this earth here itself, and not be raised physically to the sky/ heavens.

Reflecting on these arguments, is there a single Muslim who can say that Jesus is still alive in heaven? If so, let him decide in his heart whether he is still a Muslim or whether he intends to become a non-Muslim/ Christian.

### **Third Proof**

***“And We did not give them (i.e. the Messengers) a body that could do without food. And they were not eternal.”*** (Al-Anbiya 21: 9).

That is, their body is similar to that of other humans, as well as their age; They do not enjoy immortality but pass through death to reach God, like other human beings.

Listen, my brothers and sisters! God is very angry at the idea (which the people have) that our prophet is dead and that Jesus remains alive. Allah (swt) says: ***“We have not granted eternal life to any man before you. If you die, do they think they will live forever? Every soul will taste death.”*** (Al-Anbiya 21: 35-36).

It is deplorable that the *Bida'tis* theologians (i.e. those who make (wrong) additions to the Islamic *Shariah*) and their ignorant *Murids* claim to love the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) for their belief is that of the Christians. This is the reason why ignorant Muslims have embraced Christianity in great quantity, but this has no effect on these theologians.

Open your eyes, O Muslim brothers and sisters! It is indignant that Jesus (as) is alive in heaven, and that our great prophet (pbuh) is buried here below! May God preserve us from the misdeeds of these *Ulema* that lead Muslims to perdition! *Ameen*.