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## Introduction

Reflect upon the story of Mary, the great mother of Jesus Christ. The narration in Surat Maryam (one chapter from the Noble Qur'an named after her name) that discussed her affair is indeed mesmerizing. No book in the history of the world provides a more beautiful feeling about the greatness of the Virgin Mary than the Noble Qur'an, the Last Revelation of the One True God that He entrusted to His last messenger and prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Who else can provide a more beautiful narration than the only God who is most Powerful of all! He is all Aware with Complete Knowledge. Any reader, whether Muslim or Christian, with all certainty will not doubt the honor bestowed by the Almighty Creator (Allaah) to Mary - the woman that came from the descendants of prophets.

## The family (lineage) of Mary

Mary came from the family of the prophets. Her parents were Imran and Hannah Bint Faqudh. Allaah, the Almighty, said: **"Indeed, Allaah chose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of Imran over the worlds. Descendants, some of them from others. And Allaah is Hearing and Knowing."** (Qur'an 3:33-34)

Hannah could not have children for a long time. In her ardent prayers, she supplicated to Almighty Allaah to bless her by giving her a child and a matter of devotion or promise; she will offer the child to the service of Almighty Allaah. The Noble Qur'an testifies to this: **"(Mention, O Muhammad), when the wife of Imran said, "My Lord, indeed I have pledged to You what is in my womb, consecrated [for Your service], so accept this from me. Indeed, You are the Hearing, the Knowing."** (Qur'an 3:35)

Allaah accepted her prayers. Mary grew up with apparent goodness, righteousness and cleanliness of faith. According to the Noble Qur'an: **"So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner."** (Qur'an 3:37)

Mary's food came directly from Almighty Allaah. Therefore, one day, her guardian and uncle, prophet Zakariyah (may peace be upon him) was amazed as mentioned in the Qu'ran: **"Every time Zakariyah entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found with her provision. He said, "O Mary, from where is this (coming) to you?" She said, "It is from Allaah. Indeed, Allaah provides for whom He wills without account."** (Qur'an 3:37)

## **The First Part: The beautiful news to Mary**

Mary was chosen by Allaah: Allaah states that the angels spoke to Maryam by the command of Allaah and told her that He chose her because of her service to Him, because of her modesty, honor, innocence, and conviction. Allaah also chose her because of her virtue over the women of the world.

Allaah said in the Qur'an: **"And (mention) when the angels said, 'O Mary, indeed Allaah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the worlds.'" (Qur'an 3:42)**

**"O Mary, be devoutly obedient to your Lord and prostrate and bow with those who bow (in prayer)" (Qur'an 3:43)**

As the first command to Mary, she was commanded by Allaah through the angels to increase acts of worship, humbleness, submission, prostration, bowing, so that she would acquire what Allaah had decreed for her.

## **The Second Part: The Good News of Angel Gabriel to Mary about her son Jesus**

The angels came and brought the glad tidings to Mary that she would give birth to a son who will have a great purpose. Almighty Allaah said: **"(And mention) when the angels said, "O Mary, indeed Allaah gives you good tidings of a word from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary – distinguished in this world and the Hereafter and among those brought near (to Allaah). He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity and will be of the righteous. She said, "My Lord, how will I have a child when no man has touched me?" (The angel) said, "Such is Allaah, He creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, 'Be', and it is." (Qur'an 3:45-47)**

In the above verses, Mary is a true picture of a pure woman with clean heart. She is a symbol of innocence; therefore, she was amazed when the angel told her that she would give birth while she is a total virgin. Anyhow, her trust in her faith to Almighty God gave her the light to accept the miracles and the responsibilities put on her shoulder as a believer. It was instilled in her mind the full greatness of God, that whatever He created or wished to do, it will come to pass.

## **The Third Part: The conception of Mary**

Allaah said in The Noble Qur'an: **"And mention, (O Muhammad), in the Book (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place toward the east. And she took, in seclusion from them, a screen.**

Then We sent to her Our Angel (i.e., Gabriel), and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man.” (Qur’an 19:16-17)

Because of the call of duty from Allaah, Mary complied and followed the command. In her solitude, the angel Gabriel suddenly appeared in the form of a man and she was amazed and: “She said: “Indeed, I seek refuge in the Most Merciful from you, (so leave me), if you should be fearing of Allaah.” (Qur’an 19:18)

But Angel Gabriel (peace be upon him) gladly said to her in response: “He said: ‘I am only the messenger of your Lord to give you (news of) a pure boy (i.e., son).’” (Qur’an 19:19)

In the above mentioned verse, Mary was reminded that she will be blessed with a son (Jesus) as a reward for her purity and strong faith.

Mary asked again in order to verify whether the man in front of her is indeed an angel. “She said: How can I have a boy while no man has touched me and I have not been unchaste?” (Qur’an 19:20)

The angel Gabriel replied: “He said: Thus (it will be); your Lord says, ‘It is easy for Me (Allaah), and We will make him a sign to the people and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter (already) decreed.’” (Qur’an 19:21)

“So she conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a remote place.” (Qur’an 19:22)

## Mary giving birth

“And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She said, “Oh, I wish I had died before this and was in oblivion, forgotten.” (Qur’an 19:23)

And after the suffering and sorrow brought by the hardships of childbirth, she gave birth to a son. And along with it is the miracle of childbirth:

“But he called her from below her. ‘Do not grieve; your Lord has provided beneath you a stream’.” (Qur’an 19:24)

“And shake toward you the trunk of the palm tree; it will drop upon you ripe, fresh dates.” (Qur’an 19:25)

“So eat and drink and be contented. And if you see from among humanity anyone, say, ‘Indeed, I have vowed to the Most Merciful abstention, so I will not speak today to (any) man.’” (Qur’an 19:26)

## The return of Mary to her people

“Then she brought him to her people, carrying him. They said, “O Mary, you have certainly done a thing unprecedented.” (Qur’an 19:27)

And some of the people asked her with sarcasm: **“O sister of Aaron, your father was not a man of evil, nor was your mother unchaste.”** (Qur’an 19:28)

And because Mary is fasting and decided not to speak to people, she did not speak but pointed on her son. Indeed, this topic is heart softening and truly this revelation is a sign of a clean and pure heart of this woman of the world.

**“So she pointed to him. They said: ‘How can we speak to one who is in the cradle a child?’** (Qur’an 19:29)

In the above verse, the people were fully surprised, and asked how can they talk to an infant child? But the miracle happened. The infant Jesus started to talk and testify that he is a blessing from the Almighty Allaah. This is a story that gave the great position of Jesus. His childhood is a sign of the Great Creation of Almighty Allaah. And this is also an admirable proof of the greatness bestowed by Allaah to Jesus as a prophet and messenger of Allaah. **“(Jesus) said, ‘Indeed, I am the servant of Allaah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me prayer and zakah (charity) as long as I remain alive. And (made me) dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant.’** (Qur’an 19:30-32)

**“And peace is on me the day I was born and the day I will die and the day I am raised alive (Day of Judgement). That is Jesus, the son of Mary - the word of truth about which they are in dispute.”** (Qur’an 19:33-34)

This is the most important part in the life of Mary and the miracles related to her and her son – Jesus. Throughout the years, this story will serve as proof of the greatness of Mary and Jesus.

## **The qualities of Mary**

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: **“The greatest women (in her time) was Maryam (Mary), the daughter of Imran, and the greatest women (at the time of prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is Khadijah, (his wife), the daughter of Khuwaylid.”**

According to Hadeeth, the messenger of Allaah prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: **Many men achieved full faith but from the women, Maryam (Mary) the daughter of Imran and Aasiya, the wife of Pharaoh, have achieved the fullness of faith.**

## **Mary and the Muslim women**

Many years have already passed. In the modern way of life, only the Muslim women still remain to be similar in clothing to Mary. Islam enjoined the Muslim

women as an honorable believer to maintain the proper dress by means of covering any part of her body that will be the reason for the loss of her honor and respect. For a Muslim woman, Mary is the picture of an honorable woman that should be imitated in action, movement and orderliness. She is an inspiration that cannot disappear from Muslim's life because she is a part of the religion of Islam – the blessed religion of Almighty Allaah. In our narration about the position of Mary, the Great Mother of Jesus, we will find a story that we can never find in the books of other religions. Her story is not found in the Bible in this fashion. But the Noble Qur'an, being the last Testament of Almighty Allaah is the only book that protects the personality of Mary and her son Jesus from the wrong allegations about them, Allaah mentioned Mary 33 times in the Qur'an and her son Jesus is mentioned 16 times. This is the sign and the truth, that the religion of Islam, has more rights to portray to the whole world this great woman of the World – Mary, the mother of Jesus who is a great prophet and messenger of the Powerful God – Almighty Allaah.

Allaah sent prophet Muhammad after prophet Jesus about 570 years later with the Noble Qur'an to continue the message and to remind and guide people to pray and worship the only one Deity and Creator of every thing – Almighty Allaah.

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