

Islamic Youth Quiz # 2

Topics:

1. The story of Prophet Yusuf (as)
2. The story of Prophet Ibrahim (as)
3. The story of Prophet Isa (as)

Reference material:

Surah Yusuf, Surah Maryam, Surah Al-Baqarah: 124-123, 258-260, Surah Al-An'am: 74-84, Surah Anbiya: 52-72
Surah Aal Imran: 45-59, Surah Al-Nisa: 157-172, Surah Maidah: 110-116

Q. What was the dream that Yusuf (a) mentioned to his father

A. He saw in the dream eleven stars and the sun and moon prostrating to him.

Q. What did Yusuf brothers plot against him?

A. They decided to throw him in the well so travelers could pick him up.

Q. Why was Yaqub (a) reluctant to let Yusuf go with him brothers?

A. He feared they would be careless and a wolf might devour Yusuf (a).

Q. When they brought it to his father, what did his brothers do to Yusuf's (a) shirt?

A. They put false blood on the shirt and brought it to Yaqub (a)

Q. What did Yaqub (a) say on hearing the news of Yusuf's (a) death?

A. "Patience is most fitting, and Allah is the one sought for help" [Yusuf: 18]

وَجَاءُوا عَلَى قَمِيصِهِ بِدَمٍ كَذِبٍ قَالَ بَلْ سَوَّلَتْ لَكُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ أَمْراً

فَصَبِرْ جَمِيلاً وَاللَّهُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ عَلَى مَا تَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

And they brought upon his shirt false blood. [Jacob] said, "Rather, your souls have enticed you to something, so patience is most fitting. And Allah is the one sought for help against that which you describe."

Q. Who bought Yusuf (a)?

A. A person from Egypt bought him.

Q. What gift was Yusuf (a) given by Allah?

A. Knowing the interpretations of dreams, judgment, and knowledge.

Q. What did the wife of Al-Aziz do when she invited the women of the city to the banquet?

A. She invited them and gave them all a knife; then she told Yusuf (a) to come in front of them. The women admired Prophet Yusuf (a) and cut their hands. They said "Perfect is Allah; this is not a man; this is none but an Angel"

Q. What dreams did the two prison inmates of Yusuf (a) see?

A. One saw himself making wine. The other saw himself carrying upon his head some bread, from which the birds were eating.

Q. What was the interpretation of these dreams as explained by Yusuf (a)?

A. As for the first person, he will give drink to his master. The other will be crucified so that birds will eat from his head.

Q. What favor did Yusuf (a) ask of the one he knew would go free, and what did that person do?

A. He asked him to mention Yusuf (a) before his master. Satan made him forget the favor asked by Yusuf (a).

Q. What dream did the king see?

A. He saw seven fat cows being eaten by seven lean cows, and seven green spikes of grains and seven dry ones.

Q. What was Yusuf's (a) explanation for the king's dream?

A. You will plant for seven consecutive years; and store that while you eat little of that. Then will come seven years of difficulty (famine) in which you will consume the stored food. Then will come an year in which people will be given rain and they will press grapes and olives.

Q. What duty did Yusuf (a) ask the king to be assigned to him?

A. He said, "Appoint me over the storehouses. Indeed I will be a knowing guardian". [Yusuf: 55]

قَالَ أَجْعَلْنِي عَلَى خَزَائِنِ الْأَرْضِ إِنِّي حَفِيظٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٥﴾

[Joseph] said, "Appoint me over the storehouses of the land. Indeed, I will be a knowing guardian."

Q. What did Yusuf (a) ask his brothers when they came to get supplies from him?

A. He asked them to bring their other brother from their father, so he could give them full measure.

Q. What advice did Yaqub (a) give to his sons regarding entering the city of Al-Azeez with their brother?

A. He advised them to enter from different gates of the city.

Q. What did Yusuf (a) place in his brother's bags along with their supplies?

A. He put the king's drinking cup of gold in their bags. And stopped the caravans to search for that stolen cup.

Q. What did Yaqub's sons say when their brother was caught as a thief?

A. They offered that the king may take one of them, instead of their younger brother.

Q. What happened to Yaqub's (a) eyes and what did he say when he cried for Yusuf (a)?

A. His eyes became white with grief and he said "I only complain of my suffering and my grief to Allah." [Yusuf: 85-6]

قَالَ إِنَّمَا أَشْكُوا بَثِّي وَحُزْنِي إِلَى اللَّهِ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾

He said, "I only complain of my suffering and my grief to Allah , and I know from Allah that which you do not know.

Q. What did Yusuf (a) announce (what did he say) as punishment for his brothers when they found out who Yusuf (a) was?

A. He forgave them by saying “No blame will there be upon you today. Allah will forgive you ; and He is the most merciful of the merciful” [Yusuf: 92]

قَالَ لَا تَثْرِيبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ
الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾

He said, "No blame will there be upon you today. Allah will forgive you; and He is the most merciful of the merciful."

Q. What did Yusuf (a) send for his father to cure his eyesight?

A. He sent his shirt, and asked them to cast it on his father's face.

Q. What did Yaqub (a) feel when the caravan departed with Yusuf's (a) shirt?

A. He said “Indeed I find the smell of Yusuf”

Q. How was Yusuf's (a) old dream fulfilled?

A. When his brothers entered upon Yusuf (a) with their father, the brothers bowed to him in prostration. And Yusuf (a) said, “O father, this is the explanation of my dream”. [Yusuf: 100]

وَرَفَعَ أَبَوَيْهِ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَخَرُّوا لَهُ سُجَّدًا وَقَالَ يَا أَبَتِ هَذَا تَأْوِيلُ
رُؤْيَايَ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَدْ جَعَلَهُ رَبِّي حَقًّا وَقَدْ أَحْسَنَ بِي إِذْ أَخْرَجَنِي مِنَ
السِّجْنِ وَجَاءَ بِكُمْ مِنَ الْبَدْوِ مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ نَزَغَ الشَّيْطَانُ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ
إِخْوَتِي إِنَّ رَبِّي لَطِيفٌ لِمَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٠٠﴾

And he raised his parents upon the throne, and they bowed to him in prostration. And he said, "O my father, this is the explanation of my vision of before. My Lord has made it

reality. And He was certainly good to me when He took me out of prison and brought you [here] from bedouin life after Satan had induced [estrangement] between me and my brothers. Indeed, my Lord is Subtle in what He wills. Indeed, it is He who is the Knowing, the Wise.

Q. Before the birth of Isa (a), where did Maryam (a) withdraw from her family?

A. To a place in the east. [Maryam: 16]

وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَرْيَمَ إِذِ انْتَبَذَتْ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا مَكَانًا شَرْقِيًّا ﴿١٦﴾

And mention, [O Muhammad], in the Book [the story of] Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place toward the east.

Q. In what form did an angel appear to Maryam (a)?

A. In the form of a well-proportioned man [Maryam: 17]

فَاتَّخَذَتْ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ حِجَابًا فَأَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهَا رُوحَنَا فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا بَشَرًا سَوِيًّا ﴿١٧﴾

And she took, in seclusion from them, a screen. Then We sent to her Our Angel, and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man.

Q. What news did the angel bring?

A. He brought the news of the birth of Isa (a), a pure boy.

Q. What was the miracle of baby Isa (a) in the cradle?

A. He spoke to the people in the cradle.

Q. What did he speak while in the cradle?

A. He said, "I am indeed the servant of Allah, he gave me a scripture and made me a Prophet" [Maryam: 30-33]

قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ ءَاتَنِي الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ۖ
وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا
دُمْتُ حَيًّا ۖ
وَبِرًّا بَوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا ۖ
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ۖ

[Jesus] said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah . 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 as long as I remain alive

And [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant.

And peace is on me the day I was born and the day I will die and the day I am raised alive."

Q. What are the miracles mentioned in the Quran that were given to Isa (a)?

A. He spoke while in the cradle. He made a bird of clay and breathed into it and it became alive by the permission of Allah. He cured the blind and lepers with the permission of Allah. He raised the dead back to life by the permission of Allah. [Maidah: 110]

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَٰعِيسَىٰ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ اذْكُرْ نِعْمَتِي عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ وَٰلِدَتِكَ إِذْ
 أَيَّدتُّكَ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ تُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَإِذْ
 عَلَّمتُكَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَإِذْ تَخْلُقُ
 مِنَ الطِّينِ كَهَيْئَةِ الطَّيْرِ بِإِذْنِي فَتَنْفُخُ فِيهَا فَتَكُونُ طَيْرًا بِإِذْنِي
 وَتُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ بِإِذْنِي وَإِذْ تُخْرِجُ الْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِي
 وَإِذْ كَفَفْتُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَنْكَ إِذْ جِئْتَهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ
 فَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ إِنْ هَٰذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١١٠﴾

Q. What did the disciples of Isa (a) say regarding their belief on him?

A. They said, "We have believed, so bear witness that we are indeed Muslims" [Maidah: 111]

وَإِذْ أَوْحَيْتُ إِلَى الْحَوَارِيِّينَ أَنْ ءَامِنُوا بِي وَبِرِسُولِي قَالُوا ءَامَنَّا
 وَأَشْهَدُ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١١١﴾

And [remember] when I inspired to the disciples, "Believe in Me and in My messenger Jesus." They said, "We have believed, so bear witness that indeed we are Muslims [in submission to Allah]."

Q. What favor did the disciples of Isa (a) asked of Allah?

A. They asked Allah to send down food from the heavens.

Q. What prayer did Isa (a) pray after hearing the wish of his disciples?

A. He said, "Oh Allah, send down to us a table spread with food from the heaven to be for us a festival"

قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ تَكُونُ
لَنَا عِيدًا لِأَوَّلِنَا وَآخِرِنَا وَآيَةً مِنْكَ وَأَرْزُقْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ
الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾

Said Jesus, the son of Mary, "O Allah , our Lord, send down to us a table [spread with food] from the heaven to be for us a festival for the first of us and the last of us and a sign from You. And provide for us, and You are the best of providers."

Q. What will Isa (a) say, when Allah will ask him on the day, "did you say to the people to take you and your mother as Gods"?

A. Isa (a) will say, "Exalted are you, it is not for me to say that to which I have no right" [Maidah: 116]

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُعِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّي
إِلَهَيْنِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَال سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي
بِحَقِّ إِنْ كُنْتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ تَعَلَّمَ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي
نَفْسِكَ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿١١٦﴾

And [beware the Day] when Allah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to the people, 'Take me and my mother as deities besides Allah ?'" He will say, "Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is within myself, and I do not know what is within Yourself. Indeed, it is You who is Knower of the unseen.

Q. What books was Isa (a) taught by Allah?

A. The Torah and the Gospel (Torat and Injeel). [Aal-e-Imran: 48]

وَيُعَلِّمُهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿٤٨﴾

And He will teach him writing and wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel

Q. What did Allah say to Isa (a) when the disbelievers (Jews) plotted against him?

A. He said "I will take you and raise you to myself and purify you from those who disbelieve and make those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the day of resurrection"

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يٰعِيسَىٰ إِنِّي مُتَوَفِّيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ
الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ
تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

[Mention] when Allah said, "O Jesus, indeed I will take you and raise you to Myself and purify you from those who disbelieve and make those who follow you [in submission to Allah alone] superior to those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then to Me is your return, and I will judge between you concerning that in which you used to differ.

Q. What is the likeness of Isa (a) in front of Allah?

A. His example is that of Adam (a); he was created from dust, and when Allah said be, he was.

إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ آدَمَ خَلَقَهُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ
كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٥٩﴾

Indeed, the example of Jesus to Allah is like that of Adam. He created Him from dust; then He said to him, "Be," and he was.

Q. What does Allah say in response to the disbelievers who say they killed Isa (a)?

A. He says "And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but [another] was made to resemble him to them." [Nisa: 157]

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا
صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ مَا لَهُمْ
بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا أَنْبَاءُ الظَّنِّ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا ﴿١٥٧﴾

And [for] their saying, "Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah ." And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but [another] was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain.

Q. What did Allah say to the people of the book regarding their going to extreme in religion?

A. Allah said "O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion" [Nisa: 171]

Q. What does Allah say in the Quran regarding the concept of Three God persons?

A. He says "And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God." [Nisa: 171]

يَأْهَلِ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُوا عَلَى
 اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ إِنَّمَا الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
 وَكَلِمَتُهُ أَلْقَاهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحٌ مِنْهُ فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ
 وَرُسُلِهِ وَلَا تَقُولُوا ثَلَاثَةً انْتَهُوا خَيْرًا لَكُمْ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ إِلَهُ
 وَاحِدٌ سُبْحَانَهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ وَلَدٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي
 الْأَرْضِ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا



O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at a command] from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs.

Q. What is the name of Ibrahim's (a) father mentioned in the Quran?

A. Azar [An'am: 74]

Q. What did Ibrahim (a) say to his father?

A. He said, ""Do you take idols as deities? Indeed, I see you and your people to be in manifest error."

Q. Which creations of Allah did Ibrahim (a) consider to be Gods?

A. Star, moon, and the sun [An'am: 76-8]

فَلَمَّا جَنَّ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ رَأَىٰ كَوْكَبًا ۖ قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي فَلَمَّا أَفَلَ قَالَ لَا

أُحِبُّ إِلَّا فَلِينَ ﴿٧٦﴾

فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقَمَرَ بَازِغًا قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي فَلَمَّا أَفَلَ قَالَ لَئِن لَّمْ يَهْدِنِي رَبِّي

لَأَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧٧﴾

فَلَمَّا رَأَى الشَّمْسَ بَازِغَةً قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي هَذَا أَكْبَرُ فَلَمَّا أَفَلَتْ

قَالَ يَقَوْمِ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

So when the night covered him [with darkness], he saw a star. He said, "This is my lord." But when it set, he said, "I like not those that disappear."

And when he saw the moon rising, he said, "This is my lord." But when it set, he said, "Unless my Lord guides me, I will surely be among the people gone astray."

And when he saw the sun rising, he said, "This is my lord; this is greater." But when it set, he said, "O my people, indeed I am free from what you associate with Allah .

Q. What did Ibrahim's (a) father and his reply, when he asked them why do you worship the idols?

A. He said, "we found our forefathers worshipping them" [Anbiya: 52-3]

Q. What did Ibrahim (a) do to the idols once his people were gone away?

A. He broke them into fragments except the largest one. [Anbiya: 57-8]

Q. What did Ibrahim (a) reply, when his people asked him if he is the one who broke their idols?

A. He said that the biggest idol had broken the other idols. [Anbiya: 63]

Q. What did Ibrahim (a) say, when his people said that the idols could not speak?

A. He said, "Then do you worship instead of Allah that which does not benefit you at all or harm you?" [Anbiya: 66-67]

Q. How did his people decide to punish Ibrahim?

A. They said burn Ibrahim (a) if you support your gods.

Q. What happened when Ibrahim (a) was put in the fire?

A. Allah said to the fire, "O fire, be coolness and safety upon Abraham." [Anbiya: 69]

Q. When Ibrahim (a) said, "My Lord is the one who gives life and death", a disbeliever said, "I give life and death". How did Ibrahim (a) challenge him after that?

A. He said "My Lord brings up the sun from the east. Bring it up from the west". So the disbeliever was astonished. [Al-Baqarah: 258]

Q. What did Allah asked Ibrahim (a) to do when he asked for the satisfaction of his heart; how did Allah give life?

A. He said, "Take four birds and commit them to yourself. Then [after slaughtering them] put on each hill a portion of them; then call them - they will come [flying] to you in haste"