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His name

He is the great and illustrious Imam, protector of the Sunnah and suppressor of bid’ah. The Scholar and Doctor Muhammad bin Khaleel Hasan Harraas [may Allah (ﷻ) have mercy on him]

His Birth and Upbringing

He was born in 1915 CE, in the village of Sheen within the province of Qutoor in the region of Garbeeyah [Egypt]. He began his studies at the
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University of Al-Azhar Ash-Shareef in the year of 1926 CE. He graduated from the College of Fundamentals of Islaam in 1940 CE. The subject of his thesis was "Ibn Taymiyyah As-Salafi." Subsequently, he was employed as a teacher in the same college from which he graduated. Then, he was employed to teach Islamic Creed at the request of the eminent scholar ‘Abdul ‘Azeez bin ‘Abdullah bin Baaz in the noble City of Makkah. He held this position as President of the branch of Islamic Creed in the College of Islamic Law in the University of Umm Al-Qura. This position was created specifically in order for him to direct it. (May Allah (ﷺ) have Mercy on him.)

His Belief

His belief was in accordance with the Creed of the Salaf, and he clung to it fervently and championed it. Likewise, he was a thorn in the throats of innovators. The virtuous Shaykh Muhammad Rashaad Ash-Shafi’i said, regarding him, "Due to the fact that he spent the length of his life defending the noble, authentic narrations (ahadeeth) from the transgression of deniers of the Sunnah, he encountered a great deal of adversity from oppressors, numerous plots of innovators and atheistic practices of heretics, to an extent which [would be] unbearable, except for those who possess patience and forbearance. He was foremost in refuting their plots. Consequently, numerous attempts to assassinate him were carried out by extreme Sufis and rejecters of the Sunnah; however, Allah (ﷻ) was Ever-Aware of their conspiracies. So He (ﷻ) saved Shaykh Harraas in order that he would be a thorn in their throats.
Shaykh Harraas placed a great deal of emphasis on writing books about [Islamic] Creed like As-Sifaatul-Ilahiyah Inda Ibn Taymiyyah and The Explanation of Al-Aqeedah-Al-Waasitiyyah, and Ibn Taymiyyah As-Salafi.

Recently, the researcher, Musa bin Waasil As-Sulamee, attained a Master’s Degree in Aqeedah from the College of Da’wah and Usool Ad-Deen in the University of Umm Al-Qura in the noble City of Makkah. The subject of his thesis was “Shaykh Khaleel Harraas and His Diligence Regarding the Conformation of the Aqeedah of the Salaf.”

As Sulamee states, [the reason] he chose Harraas was because “Harraas’ books contain a wealth of knowledge, are clearly written, and comprise an acute perception of the methodologies of those who oppose the Creed of the Salaf, as previously stated. Therefore, an illumination of such exhaustive works would assure tremendous good and blanketing benefit.”

The researcher [As-Sulamee] concluded that Shaykh Harraas was distinguished in his command of deducing proofs from the texts of the Qur’an and the Sunnah, which attests to his capability and firm establishment upon knowledge. In addition to having passionate adherence to the Qur’an and Sunnah and his constant reference back to them, he used them as a judge in all affairs. Shaykh Harraas concerned [himself] with the fundamentals upon which the rhetoricians built their methodology regarding Creed. This [awareness of the rhetoricians’ falsehood] is a beneficial way to know the Truth.
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His Level of Knowledge

He was greatly distinguished in the study of the Salafi Creed. Also, Shaykh Harraas had precise cognizance, and was well versed in the concepts of the different deviant groups. He had the capability to speak about subjects, which one would initially think, were from the most complicated matters of belief; however, the Shaykh had the ability to make obscure matters clear. A number of the senior Scholars who knew him, were his friends, respected him, and acknowledged his scholarly merit—such as the eminent Shaykh ‘Abdul ‘Azeez bin Baaz, who insisted that [Shaykh Harraas] teach in the noble city of Makkah after [the University of] Al-Azhar tried to put a stop to it. However, King Faisal requested and insisted that [Shaykh Harraas] teach in Makkah. Shaykh Harraas remained in that position [in Makkah] until Allah ( ﷻ) took his soul. Also from those whose knew him were – the eminent Shaykh ‘Abdur Razzaaq Afeefi, the noble Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Al-Wakeel (the President of the Aqeedah Division in Umm Al-Qura University), the noble Shaykh, the Imam, Muhammad Haamid Al-Faqee, and many others.

The Scholars’ Praise of Him

Numerous scholars, past and present, praised the Shaykh because he aided the Sunnah and its people, and crushed innovation and its people. The Scholars advised the people to read his books due to the tremendous benefit they contain. Among those scholars were, the likes of, the eminent Shaykh ‘Abdul ‘Azeez bin ‘Abdullah bin Baaz, the illustrious Shaykh Abdur
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Razzaaq Afeefi, the noble Shaykh Muhammad Naasirudeen Al-Albaanee, the virtuous Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih Al-'Uthaymeen, the noble Shaykh Muhammad Haamid Al-Faqee, the illustrious Shaykh Muqbil bin Hadee Al-Waadi'ee, the noble Shaykh Muhammad Amaan bin 'Alee Al-Jaamee, the virtuous Shaykh ‘Alee bin Naasir Al-Faqeehi and the noble Shaykh Abul Wafaa Darweesh.

His Students

A prominent group of scholars sought knowledge from him, among them were:

1. Shaykh ‘Alee bin Naasir Al-Faqeehi, former teacher at the Islamic University in Al-Madinah.

2. Shaykh Muhammad bin Salih Al-'Uthaymeen.

3. Shaykh Ahmad bin Atiyyah Al-Ghaamiddee, teacher of Aqeedah in the Islamic University.

4. Shaykh ‘Abdul Fattaah Salaamah, President of the Division of Tafseer in the Section of Higher Studies in Al-Madinah University.

5. Shaykh Dr. Muhammad Amaan bin ‘Alee Al-Jaamee, former President of the Section of Aqeedah in the Islamic University.

6. Shaykh Dr. Mahmood Muhammad Mazroo‘ah, Professor of Aqeedah at the University of Umm Al-Qura.
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His Death

The Shaykh died in September of 1975 after a ceremonious life of giving [da'wah]; he was noticeably active until the year he died wherein he gave a number of lectures in Tanta, Muhallah Al-Kubaraa, and the General Center of Ansaar As-Sunnah (Egypt). The last khutbah that he gave was entitled “Tawheed and the Importance of Returning Back to It.” He passed away immediately following the khutbah, after rendering service to the Book of Allah (악) and the Sunnah of His Messenger (ﷺ).

And, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was truthful when he said:

ان الله لا يقبض العلم انتزاعاً يرزعه من قلوب الرجال إنما يقبض العلم بموت العلماء

“Indeed, Allah (ﷺ) will not seize the knowledge by removing it from the hearts of men. Rather, He will seize the knowledge by the death of the Scholars.”

1Meaning of the hadeeth from Muslim (2673) and Al-Bukhari (100) with a different wording.
All praise is due to Allah (ﷻ), the Lord of all the worlds; the [favorable] ending is for the fearful; there is no enmity except upon the transgressors. I bear witness that there is no deity, truly worthy of being worshipped, except Allah (ﷻ) alone, without any partners—[this] is a testimony with which I [hope to] be liberated from the punishment on the Day of Judgment—a day in which neither money nor children will be of any benefit, a friend will not be useful to a friend whatsoever, and they will not be aided. On that day, the oppressor will bite down on his hands and say: Only if I had taken the path of the Messenger (ﷺ). “Woe to me! Had I not taken so-and-so as a companion, indeed he has diverted me from the remembrance [of Allah (ﷻ)] after it came to me. And the devil is a betrayer of mankind.”

I bear witness that Muhammad (ﷺ) is Allah’s Slave, Servant and Messenger who conveyed the clearest message and clarified the revelation to the people so that they may contemplate. He left his nation upon a clear way, its night is like its day; no one deviates from it except that he is destroyed. May Allah (ﷻ) bestow
prayer, peace, and blessings upon him, his family, and his rightly-guided companions.

To Proceed:

Since the beginning of this century [20th] or before it, there was a group calling to intellectual liberty. The group led a movement of [what they perceived to be] religious rectification and reviving correct religious understanding amid the Muslims. On the contrary, while doing so, this group resorted to denying a great deal of matters of the unseen, mentioned in irrefutable and authentic texts from the Qur’an and Sunnah. This is a matter that necessitates the affirmation [of those undeniable texts] and that which is indisputably-known in the Religion.

There was no source to support these people regarding this denial, except intellectual unruliness and deception. This philosophical Mu’tazalee trend, which is based upon empowering the intellect over the information from the Qur’an and Sunnah, became quite popular and influential to them. Their trouble spread until a number of misled people, who were enthralled by eloquence, brilliant surnames and nicknames, were influenced. In light of this [fact], I resolved that clarification was mandatory—[a clarification] with which I will be removed from the sin of concealment, for I am restoring justice. I am clarifying to those who have digressed from the methodology of guidance, that these affairs over which they dispute, are in fact conclusively and irrefutably established with evidences that do not allow argumentation or contention. Whoever tries to reject the evidences or permits their defamation is at great risk in his religion. At the same time, this wrongdoer has opened the door to criticism of issues
without substantial support from the religion. With this [in mind], we are now in front of a limitless tidal wave of denial. Consequently, all matters of Aqeedah are [now] subject to the manipulation of desires and conflicting opinions.

I will try, Allah (ﷻ) willing, in this small treatise to convey the evidences from the Qur'an, the Sunnah, and the narrations of the Righteous Predecessors that pertain to the ascension of 'Eesa (Jesus (ﷺ)), peace and blessings be upon him, while alive and his descent to Earth close to the establishment of the Hour, and his killing of the Antichrist. This shall be enlightenment for our brothers and an excuse [for me] to Allah, the Almighty and Sublime.

الأنفال: 42

“that those who died might die after a clear Sign (had been given), and those who lived might live after a Clear Sign (had been given).”

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2 Al-Anfaal (8): 42
I ask Allah, the Almighty, to benefit the Party of Truth and Eemaan with this treatise—and [I ask Him to] disgrace the People of Deviation and Disbelief with it. Verily He is All-Noble and All-Giving.

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Verses Regarding the Raising of Jesus ( avaliações)

The First Verse

And (remember) when Allah said: "O 'Iesa (Jesus)! I will take you and raise you to Myself and clear you [of the forged statement that 'Iesa (Jesus) is Allah's son] of those who disbelieve, and I will make those who follow you (Monotheists, who worship none but Allah) superior to those who disbelieve [in the Oneness of Allah, or disbelieve in some of His Messengers, e.g. Muhammad ( avaliações), 'Iesa (Jesus),
Musa (Moses), etc., or in His Holy Books, e.g. the Taurat (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel), the Qur’an] till the Day of Resurrection. Then you will return to Me and I will judge between you in the matters in which you used to dispute.”\(^3\)

Al-Haafidh bin Katheer said during the explanation of this verse—which is the summary of [his statement]: “explainers [of the Qur’an] disagree regarding the statement of Allah (⁠א⁠ל⁠⁠ה⁠⁠⁠ו⁠⁠⁠⁠⁠):

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\text{Al ‘Imraan: 55}
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...I will take you and raise you to Myself...

Qataadah and others said that this is from [a linguistic structure called] post-positive and pre-positive, which means: Verily, I am raising you to Me and taking you, which means, after that.”\(^4\)

‘Alee bin Abee Talhah said, on the authority of Ibn Abbaas (⁠א⁠ל⁠⁠ה⁠⁠⁠⁠⁠): “I will take you...” means “I will cause you to die”.

Muhammad bin Ishaaq reported on the authority of someone without accusations, [who reported on] Wahab

\(^3\) Aali-‘Imraan (3):55
\(^4\) Translators Note: In the Arabic language, usually the subject comes before the predicate. However, in this instance, it is opposite.
bin Munabbih who said, “Allah (ﷺ) took his [Jesus (ﷺ)] life for three hours from the beginning of the day in which he raised him up to Himself.” Ibn Ishaq said: “Christians claim that Allah (ﷻ) took Jesus’ (ﷺ) life for seven hours then brought him back to life.”

Ishaq bin Bishr reported on the authority of Idris, on Wahab, “Allah (ﷺ) gave him [Jesus] death for three days, then resurrected him, then raised him up”.

Matar Al-Warraaq said: “I will take you” means [to remove] from the worldly life and does not mean [actual] death. Ibn Jareer made a similar [statement], “to take Jesus (ﷺ) is to raise him up”. Most scholars said that take here [in this verse] means ‘sleep’.

Allah (ﷻ) says:

\[\text{And Allah (ﷻ) says:}\]

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\text{النَّارِ: ۶۰}
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\text{It is He who takes your souls by night...}^{5}

And Allah (ﷻ) says:

\[\text{النَّارِ: ۶۰}
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^{5} Al-An’aam (6): 60
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It is Allah that takes the souls (of men) at death; and those that have not died, (He takes) during their sleep.⁶

الرسول الله صلی الله علیه و سلم إذا قام من النوم قال: (الحمد لله الذي أحيانا بعد ما أماتنا)

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) would say when he would rise from sleep: “All praise is for Allah (ﷻ) who has given us life after he caused us to die...”⁷

Ibn Abee Haatim said: “My father told us, Ahmad bin Abdur Rahman told us, Abdullah bin Abee Ja’far told us on the authority of his father, Ar-Rabee’ bin Anas told us, on the authority of Al-Hasan who said, regarding the statement of Allah (ﷻ):

إِنِّي مُتْوَفِي́اَكُّ

آل عمران: 55

... I will take you...⁸

“This means a demise (taking) of sleep. Allah (ﷻ) raised Jesus (ﷺ) while he was asleep.”

⁶ Az-Zumar (39): 42
⁷ Al-Bukhari, (6312, 6314), Muslim (2711)
⁸ Aali-‘Imraan (3):55
Al-Hasan said, "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said to the Jews, "Verily Jesus (ﷺ) did not die, and verily he will return to you before the Day of Judgment".9

Allah's (ﷻ) saying:

وَمَّثَّلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ مِنْ لَدَىِّ الْأَلْدَيْنِ سَكَفَّوْا

آل عمران: 50

...and clear you (of the falsehood) of those who disbelieve.

This ["...clear you..."] means by raising you (Jesus (ﷺ)) to the heavens. Similarly, Ibn Katheer presented to us a host of explanations for the verse. Finally, he chose the opinion of the majority, which defines take with sleep. Ibn Katheer supported this opinion with two verses from the Qur'an, both of which mention take with the meaning of sleep. Likewise, he also used the hadeeth that names sleep as death and consciousness as revival. He supported this opinion with the statement of Allah (ﷻ) in Surah An-Nisaa':

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9 Ibn Katheer mentioned it in his Tafseer (Vol. 1/367)
And there is none of the People of the Book except [they] must believe in him before his death.¹⁰

Ibn Katheer said regarding the pronoun in Allah’s statement:

before his death...

[The pronoun] refers to Jesus (ﷻ), which means that everyone from the People of the Book will believe in Jesus (ﷺ)—and that will be at the time he descends to the Earth before the Day of Judgment, this [point] will be clarified later. At that time, all the People of the Book will believe in him, because Jesus (ﷺ) will discontinue the Jizyah (taxation that is taken from non-Muslims) and only Islam will be accepted.

Then Ibn Katheer reported on the authority of Ibn Abee Haatim as it relates to this opinion of Al-Hasan. Al-Hasan reported a hadeeth that is Marfoo’. We agree with Ibn Katheer that this opinion must be taken in order to understand the verse, because it coincides with the command of the Qur’an when referring ambiguous verses to clear ones, so they [the ambiguous

¹⁰ An-Nisaa’ (4): 159
verses] can be understood. Here, the phrase *take* is ambiguous because it could mean *take* as in death, *take* as in sleep or *take* meaning to seize and to collect. But, the wording "raise to Allah" is clearly understood and explicit in its meaning. Interpreting this [wording] with "raise the soul" or with "raise the status" is apostasy in regards to the verse and a distortion of [Allah’s] speech from its [proper] context.

Since this [point] is clear, what is suitable regarding "raise to Allah" from the meanings of *take* is the *take* which has the meaning of sleep not death.

Therefore, Jesus’ (ﷺ) raising to Allah (ﷻ) does not mean death. [This goes] along with the fact that raise means to purify Jesus (ﷺ) from the Jews and rescue him from their plot when they wanted to kill him with the estimated meaning that *take* is death. The glad tidings of purification and rescue will not be actualized based on *take* meaning death. Instead, [the meaning would be] Allah (ﷻ) helped the Jews in carrying out their objective, getting rid of Jesus (ﷺ) by way of [his] death or [his] murder.

How [then] would the [following] saying of Allah (ﷻ) be understood, if it were explained with *take* meaning death:

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Verses Regarding the Raising of Jesus ($i$)

And (the disbelievers) plotted and planned, and Allah also planned...\(^{11}\)

By explaining *take* to mean death, would it be suitable that Allah (الله) counters the plot of the Jews by killing Jesus (عليه السلام) before they would kill him (عليه السلام)? Or, is it more suitable that He (الله) would raise him alive then send him down so he seeks revenge from those people who plotted against him and harmed him? Thus, he will fight them upon Islam—whosoever refuses, he will irrigate the earth with their blood, and whosoever submits, will be saved by that individual’s Islam?

None of the narrations that were brought by Ibn Katheer—in which *take* is defined by death—are authentic or worthy of adherence.

The narration of ‘Alee bin Abee Talhah is Munqati’ah. For Ibn Abee Talhah did not hear from Ibn Abbaas. [With that in mind], the narration of ‘Alee bin Abee Talhah does not have the strength to oppose the plentiful narrations on Ibn Abbaas that depict Jesus (عليه السلام) being raised up alive, and that he will descend from the heavens. Under the premise that these narrations are authentic, Ibn Abbaas must have meant by [narrating] them that Allah (الله) would cause Jesus (عليه السلام) to die during the end of time—after Jesus (عليه السلام) descends to Earth, just as Qataadah mentioned.

It is known that the letter ‘و’ here [in the verse] is being used as a conjunction. It does not mean order nor does it signify something being the end result or that He (الله) killed him then brought him back to life similar to what was reported by Ibn Ishaaq, on the

\(^{11}\) Aali-‘Imraan (3): 54
authority of Wahab bin Al-Munabbih. As for the narration of Ibn Ishaaq, on the authority of Wahab bin Al-Munabbih, it is so that the other narrations from him will be in agreement.

As for the narration of Ibn Ishaaq on Wahab, this also does not amount to anything. Ibn Ishaaq specializes in biographies; he is not a specialist of Hadeeth. And Wahab bin Munabbih used to be a Jew and then embraced Islam. It is known that those [people], who accepted Islam from the People of the Book, entered a lot of Israa’aiyaat [narrations] which they had with them regarded as the explanation of the Qur’an.

The fact that Wahab said: “Verily, Jesus (ﷺ) died for three hours, during those three hours he was raised to the heavens. Then his (ﷺ) life was returned to him after that.”

Indeed, it was reported that Ibn Hazm, in connection with the death and the raising of Jesus (ﷺ), said regarding the [following] verse:

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\text{إني مَسْتَوْيِيكَ وَرَافعِيكَ إِلَى}
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\text{أَلِ عمران: ۵۵}
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...I will take you and raise you to Myself...\(^{12}\)

He did not disagree with the raising of Jesus (ﷺ); rather, he only opposed [Jesus’ (ﷺ)] living due to his

\(^{12}\) Aali-’Imraan (3):55
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[Ibn Hazm's] stern adherence to the apparent meanings of the [previous] phrase, which is the affair of Ath-Thaahiriyyah [the methodology of Ibn Hazm]. Therefore, only three [authentic] explanations remain regarding this verse:

1. The Majority's Opinion: Ibn Katheer chose this opinion and narrated it on the authority of Al-Hasan. This opinion defines take ("At-tawaffee") as sleep.

2. Qataadah's Opinion: This [opinion] means that there is a pre-positive and post-positive [function] in speech. The estimated meaning is: "Indeed, I will raise you to Me and take you," meaning after the descent.

3. Ibn Jareer's Opinion: This [opinion] defines At-tawaffee as raising and means "I will seize you from the Earth and take you with your body and soul." This explanation is attributed to Ibn Zayd and is the narration Ibn Katheer mentioned on the authority of Matr Al-Warraaq.

These three opinions all agree Jesus (ﷺ) was raised alive—although some are more authentic and more acceptable than others. The first opinion is the most authentic. It is the opinion of the majority, in succession, the opinion of Qataadah and then Ibn Jareer. And Allah knows best.
But they killed him not, nor crucified him, but the resemblance of 'Iesa (Jesus) was put over another man (and they killed that man), and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely; they killed him not [i.e. 'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)]¹³

Rather, Allah raised him up to Himself; and Allah is All Powerful, All Wise.¹⁴

Allah (üşr) makes the Jews liars regarding their claim of Jesus' (üşr) murder and crucifixion. Likewise, Allah

¹³ An-Nisaa' (4): 157
¹⁴ An-Nisaa' (4): 158
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(ﷺ) informs—He is the most truthful informer—that an individual resembling Jesus (ﷺ) was presented to the Jews. In other words, Jesus’ (ﷺ) likeness was placed on a man from [either] his followers or his enemies. At that point, the Jews took that man, killed him, and crucified him assuming he was Jesus (ﷺ). Allah (ﷻ) then tells of the Jew’s uncertainty and confusion and they were not sure if that man was in fact Jesus (ﷺ). [Allah informs that] the Jews only assumed [all of] this—[and that] assumption [was] far from any certainty. Allah (ﷻ) then counters their claim of Jesus’ (ﷺ) murder and crucifixion by mentioning that He raised Jesus (ﷺ) to Himself. Finally, Allah (ﷻ) ends the verse with two of His noble names, Al-‘Azeez [All Powerful] and Al-Hakeem [All Wise], in order to exhibit dominance over His enemies by destroying their plot, to [demonstrate] wisdom behind His (ﷻ) plan to purify and rescue Jesus (ﷺ) by raising him to the heavens. The verse is explicit in the fact that Allah (ﷻ) raised Jesus (ﷺ) alive because Allah (ﷻ) mentions and affirms raising [Jesus (ﷺ)] in the same place He (ﷻ) negates [Jesus’ (ﷺ)] murder and crucifixion. If Jesus (ﷺ) died on Earth and was buried, and if raising means raising Jesus’ (ﷺ) soul or status (as deniers purport), mentioning the raising [of Jesus (ﷺ)] would not be appropriate in a context that negates the murder and crucifixion. That is because the [only] suitable [way] to negate Jesus (ﷺ) from being killed or crucified is to raise him alive not raising him dead. Otherwise, Allah (ﷻ) would have said, “...and they killed him not, nor did they crucify him. Rather, Allah (ﷻ) gave him death.”

And how did delusional individuals misconstrue the meaning of:
Rather, Allah raised him up unto Himself.\textsuperscript{15}

Does it mean raising Jesus' (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) soul only? Allah (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) only mentioned [this] to falsify that which they claim of his death and crucifixion. [The notion] of a "raised soul" does not invalidate killing or crucifixion and [actually] joins the two [in plausibility] instead. Hypothetically speaking, if they had killed Jesus (\\textit{\\textcopyright}), his soul would have been raised to Allah (\\textit{\\textcopyright}). Realistically [and contrary to the previously mentioned erroneous thought], Allah's (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) news of raising Jesus (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) does not produce a feeling that Jesus (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) was specified with being raised. The [only] possible [way] Jesus (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) could be specified regarding being raised is that he would be raised alive, body and soul, because all of the Prophets' souls and all of the believers' souls are raised to Allah (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) after death. [In this regard], there is no difference between Jesus (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) and someone else. In that case, Jesus' (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) specification would not be evident. Then, Allah (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) finished the verse with His (\\textit{\\textcopyright}) saying,

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\textit{\\textcopyright} An-Nisaa' (4): 158
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And Allah is All Powerful, All Wise.¹⁶

The saying (i.e. verse) proves that this raising is a circumstance in which Allah’s (ﷺ) majesty and wisdom are manifested. This manifestation would not be complete except that this circumstance (i.e. raising) be extraordinary and awe-inspiring. What spectacle or awe would Jesus’ (ﷺ) death and soul-raising be—since this is, as we’ve stated, a general [rule] for all believers?

We will now analyze the statements of the Righteous Predecessors who explained the Qur'an in this regard.

Ibn Abee Hatim said:

“We were informed by Ahmad bin Sinaan, we were informed by Abu Mu’awiyyah, on the authority of Al-‘Amash, on the authority of Al-Minhaal bin ‘Amr, on the authority of Sa’eed bin Jubair, on the authority of Ibn Abbaas who said, “At the time that Allah (ﷺ) wanted to raise Jesus (ﷺ) to the heavens, Jesus (ﷺ) came out to his companions and in the house there were twelve men from the disciples. Jesus (ﷺ) entered upon them from a well in the house while water dripped from his head. Then, he said [to them], “Indeed, from you are those who will disbelieve in me twelve times after believing in me.” Then he said, “Which one of you will my likeness be placed upon, be killed in my place, and be on my level with me?” One of the youngest boys from them stood up. Jesus (ﷺ) said to him, “Sit down”. After that, Jesus (ﷺ) repeated [the same request] to them, and the same boy stood up. Jesus (ﷺ) said to him, “Sit down.” Jesus (ﷺ) repeated [the same request] to them

¹⁶ An-Nisaa’ (4): 158
and the same boy stood up and said, “I will.” Jesus (ﷺ) said, “You will be the one.” Therefore, the young man was given Jesus’ (ﷺ) likeness, and Jesus (ﷺ) was raised from a small window in the house to the heavens.”

Ibn Abbaas said, “Then the demand [for Jesus (ﷺ)] from the Jews came. So the Jews seized the one resembling Jesus (ﷺ), killed him, [and] then crucified him. Consequently, some of disciples disbelieved in Jesus (ﷺ) twelve times after believing in him”.

After narrating this Hadeeth, Ibn Katheer said:

“This chain is authentic back to Ibn Abaas. An-Nasaai reported on the authority of Abee Kuraib, on authority of Abee Mu’awiyyah. Likewise, more than one of the Salaf mentioned the Hadeeth—[and mentioned] that Jesus (ﷺ) said to the disciples, “Which one of you will my likeness be placed upon, be killed in my place, and be my companion in paradise?”

Ibn Ishaaq said:

I was informed by a man, who was Christian, then accepted Islam, when [the statement] from Allah (ﷺ) “...I will raise you to Myself...” came to Jesus (ﷺ), he said, “O disciples, which of you would love to be my companion in Paradise by resembling my person [to these people] and thus be killed instead of me?” Sirjus said, “I will, O Ruh of Allah!” Jesus (ﷺ) said, “Then, sit in my place.” Sirjus sat down [in Jesus spot], and Jesus (ﷺ) was raised. Soon after, the Jews entered, they took Sirjus into custody and crucified him. Hence, Sirjus was the person they crucified and also the person whose appearance was made to look like Jesus’ (ﷺ) to the Jews.
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Ibn Jareer said, on the authority of Mujaahid:

“The Jews crucified a man who was made to look like Jesus, and Allah (ﷺ) raised Jesus (ﷺ) to the heavens alive.”

The Third Verse

Allah (ﷺ) says:

وَإِنَّمِنْ أُهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلاَّ لَيْوَمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ فَبِئْلِ يَوْمَ وَقِیَامَةٍ

الْقِيَامَةِ يُؤْمِنُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا

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And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them.\(^{17}\)

Ibn Jareer said, “The people who explain the Qur’an differ concerning the meaning of that [i.e. the aforementioned verse]. Some of them say that [Allah’s] statement

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\(^{17}\) An-Nisaa’ (4): 159
And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...

means before Jesus (ﷺ) death. He directs that to the fact that all of them [People of the Book] will believe in him when he descends to kill the Antichrist. At that point, all religions will become one, and that [one] will be the upright religion of Islam, the monotheistic religion of Abraham (ﷺ).

A mentioning of those who supported this [position]:

We were informed by Ibn Bashshaar, we were told by Abdur Rahman, on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Abee Husain, on the authority of Saeed bin Jubair, on the authority of Ibn Abbaas:

وَإِنْ أَنْبَأْنَاهُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمِنَنَّ بِهِ قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...

[That] he said “This means before the death of Jesus, the son of Mary (ﷺ).”

Al-‘Aufee mentioned nearly the same [narration] on the authority of Ibn Abbaas. Abu Malik said regarding Allah’s saying:

...but must believe in him before his death...
“That is when Jesus, the son of Mary (ﷺ) descends (before his death (ﷺ). [At that point], no one will remain from the People of the Book except that they believe in Jesus (ﷺ).”

Adh-Dhahhaaq said, on the authority of Ibn Abbaas:

وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيَوْمَ يَوْمَ الْيَوْمِ قُلْ مُؤْمِنُونَ

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...

“This [verse] specifically means the Jews, and Al-Hasan Al-Basree said that the verse meant An-Najaasheeq and his companions. Ibn Abee Hatim narrated both statements.”

Ibn Jareer said: Ya’qoob informed me, Abu Rajaa told us, on the authority of Al-Hasan:

وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيَوْمَ يَوْمَ الْيَوْمِ قُلْ مُؤْمِنُونَ

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...

“This will be before Jesus’ (ﷺ) death. [I swear] by Allah (ﷻ), Jesus (ﷺ) is alive right now with Allah (ﷻ). However, when Jesus (ﷺ) descends, they will all believe in him.”

After narrating the speech of Ibn Jareer, Ibn Katheer said: “Qataadah, Abdur Rahman bin Zaid bin Aslam, and others gave similar [sayings]. This saying is the
truth—as we will clarify using decisive evidence, by the will of Allah. In Him is the Trust, and upon Him is the reliance.”

After Ibn Katheer narrated, on the authority of Ibn Jareer, the saying of those who said, “Indeed, the pronoun in Allah’s saying:

\[\text{قُلُّ مَوْلَىَّةُ}
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...before his death...

refers to People of the Book and not Jesus (مسيح).” This means that there is not an individual from the People of the Book, whether Jew or Christian, except that he will believe in Jesus (مسيح) before the death of that Jew or Christian. The following explanation resembles the previous [one]—[it is] the opinion of those who say the verse means every individual from the People of the Book will believe in Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) before the demise of that individual Jew or Christian. Ibn Katheer said, “Afterwards, Ibn Jareer said, ‘the most authentic of these explanations is the first one, and that is [the meaning which states] there will not remain an individual from the People of the Book, after Jesus’ (مسيح) descent, except that he will believe in Jesus—before Jesus’ (مسيح) death.” No doubt, this explanation Ibn Jareer mentioned is correct. [It is correct] because the objective of the context, in these verses, is to falsify the claims [of the Jews] about Jesus’ (مسيح) murder and crucifixion—and [also rebut] ignorant Christians who accepted the Jews’ claim. Thus, Allah (الله) informed [in these verses] that the affair was not that way [as the Jews claimed]. On the contrary, Jesus’ (مسيح) likeness
was placed upon [an individual]. Therefore, the Jews killed the look-alike without realizing it. Allah then raised Jesus to Himself, and Jesus is still alive. And Jesus (ﷺ) will descend before Judgment Day. An abundantly narrated hadeeth was used to prove [all of] this—which we will mention soon, Allah willing. Jesus (ﷺ) will kill the Antichrist, break the cross, kill the swine, and leave off the Jizyah—meaning Jesus (ﷺ) will not accept it from the different religions. Rather, Jesus (ﷺ) will only accept Islam; [it is either that] or the sword. This noble verse informs that all the People of the Book will believe in Jesus (ﷺ) at that time, and all of them will see him as being truthful. In light of this [fact], Allah says (ﷻ):

وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةِكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهَا إِلَّآ لَيْسَ مُحْيِهِمْ وَلَا مُمَوتِهِم

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...

This means before Jesus’ (ﷺ) death; the Jews along with those who agree with them from the Christians claim that Jesus (ﷺ) was killed and crucified.

[Allah (ﷻ), then says:]

وَتَوَيَّمَ الْقُسْمَةُ لَكُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا

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...and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them.\textsuperscript{18}

This means [Jesus (ınız) will be a witness against them] by their deeds that he observed before being raised to the heavens—and [the deeds he will observe them doing] after he descends to Earth... Ibn Katheer said, “This verse means exactly what we've stated: that the context affirms Jesus’ (ınız) presence, his ongoing life in the heavens, and [confirms] that he will descend to Earth before Judgment Day to make liars out of both Jews and Christians—whose positions regarding Jesus (ınız) differ, clash, contradict, and oppose each other and are devoid of truth. Thus, the Jews were negligent, and the Christians were extreme [regarding Jesus (ınız)]. The Jews slighted Jesus (ınız) and his mother by accusing them of terrible things. The Christians lavished him with praise by making claims regarding him that are not befitting for him. In contrast to the Jews, the Christians raised his (ınız) status from prophecy to lordship. Allah is exalted, completely free, and sanctified from the sayings of both the Jews and the Christians. There is no deity worthy of worship except Him.” [This concludes Ibn Katheer’s statement.]

‘Abdullah Al-Ghamaaree said in his book Establishing the Proofs Regarding the Descending of Jesus at the End of Time:

“Attention: It has become clear from the evidences we have brought that the possibility of the pronoun in [Allah’s saying]:

\textsuperscript{18} An-Nisaa’ (4): 159
...his death...

returning back to the People of the Book is weak.

Also, the possibility of the pronoun in [Allah’s saying]:

\[ \text{In him} \]

meaning someone other than Jesus (Isa) is erroneous. Weak and erroneous possibilities cannot be [used as] evidence and cannot be implemented. There is no strength in holding on to something that isn’t strong. Therefore, the noble verse serves as evidence and aid to what has already been mentioned, that Jesus (Isa) is alive and that he will descend. A phrase is sometimes a proof in itself. Other times, a phrase is a proof when supportive material is added to it. Moreover, all likelihoods [or scenarios] [extracted] from a phrase cannot make something a proof, contrary to the misgivings of many of those who do not consult the Science of Fundamental Principles.”
Verses Regarding the Descent of Jesus (الله)

The First Verse

Allah (ﷻ) says in Surah Aali-Imraan giving glad tidings to Maryam [regarding] Jesus:

وَيُبِينُ لَالْمُتَّقِينَ أَنَّهُ الْمَجِيدُ الْعَظِيمُ

Al ‘Imran: 46

"He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity, and he will be one of the righteous."¹⁹

Allah (ﷻ) says in Surah Al-Maidah, speaking to Jesus (ﷺ):

إِذْ قَالَ لِلَّهِ يَعْبُدُونِ أَنَّ مَرْيَمَ أَذْكَرْتُكَ عَلَيْهِ

وَعَلِيَّ وَلَدِيَكَ إِذْ أَيْدَنَاكَ يُصْرِخُ الْقَدْسُ تَكُلُّمُ الْنَّاسَ

Al Maidah: 110

¹⁹ Aali-Imraan (3): 46
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(Remember) when Allah will say (on the Day of Resurrection). "O 'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)! Remember My Favour to you and to your mother when I supported you with Ruh Al-Qudus [Jibrael (Gabriel)] so that you spoke to the people in the cradle and in maturity;"^{20}

Ibn Jareer narrated the [following] during the explanation of this verse:

[Ibn Jareer said,] "I was informed by Yunus, we were informed by Ibn Wahab, he said, "I heard him (i.e. Ibn Zayd) say—regarding the Allah's (Jesus) saying:

وَإِنَّهُ مُنْصِرًا إِلَّآ إِلَيْكَ وَرَافِعًا إِلَيْكَ

"He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity...

"Indeed Jesus(Jesus) spoke to them from the cradle, and he will speak to them when he kills the Antichrist—at that time he will be a man of mature age."

Ibn Jareer also said, "I was informed by Yunus, we were informed by Ibn Wahab, who said Ibn Zayd said—regarding Allah's (Jesus) saying:

اللّٰهُ مَبْتَغِيُّ الْمَكْرَ مِنَ الْمَكْرِينَ

^{20} Al-Maidah (5): 110
...I will take you and raise you to Myself...21

Ibn Zayd said:

"I will take you..." (means [I] will) remove you. Ibn Zayd then said:

"I will take you and raise you..." are synonymous.

Jesus (الله) will not die until he kills the Antichrist. Thereafter, Jesus (الله) will die. Ibn Zayd then read Allah’s (الله) saying:

"He will speak to the people in the cradle and in maturity..."

(Ibn Zayd said,) “Allah (الله) raised Jesus (الله) before he reached complete maturity. And Jesus (الله) will descend as a man of mature age.”

Al-Husain bin Al-Fadl Al-Bajalee said: “Allah’s (الله) saying,
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means that Jesus (ﷺ) will be a man of mature age after descending from the heavens, at the end of time. Jesus (ﷺ) will speak to the people and kill the Antichrist.”

Husain bin Al-Fadl said: “In this verse is a proof that Jesus (ﷺ), will descend to Earth.”

Tha'lab said, regarding Allah’s (ﷻ) saying:

“Jesus will descend to Earth as a mature man.”

The argument we have cited from Ibn Jareer is the widely accepted position of those who explain the Qur’an. All of them [commentators of the Qur’an] explain the verse with Ibn Jareer’s [argument] and use it as a proof of Jesus’ (ﷺ) decent. This is the indisputable truth for the saying of Allah (ﷻ):

“...and in maturity”

[The Arabic word كَهَا (which is conjoined with the connected point of time [e.g. childhood] before it and they are both entering into the same ruling and its estimated meaning is: Jesus (ﷺ) spoke to people from the cradle as a child and will also speak to them as a mature man. If Jesus’ (ﷺ) speech immediately after
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birth, during infancy, was a sign, then it is a must that, that which is conjoined with it, his speech in maturity is also a sign. Otherwise, there would not be a need to use this speech as evidence because adult speech is a common and customary matter. Thus, informing that a man will use “adult speech” [by itself] is not special, especially [informing of this] as a way of giving glad tidings. Therefore, it is a must that what is meant by this news is that his speech is in the period of maturity.

The majority of both hadeeth specialists and historians believe that Jesus (ﷺ) was raised at the age of 33 and will remain on Earth for 40 years after his descent—just as this [fact] comes in an authentic hadeeth. It is also said that Jesus’ (ﷺ) stay on Earth is going to be 24 years. Ibn Jareer reported on the authority of Ka’b Al-Ahbaar with an authentic chain. It was also said that the term of Jesus’ (ﷺ) stay on Earth will be 7 years, which will complete his age of 40. The first choice is correct.

The Second Verse

Allah (ﷻ) says:

وَإِنَّ نَزَّلَتْ لَنَزْلَةً إِلَّا لِيُؤْمَنَ بِهَا قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ "ثَمَّ يَوَمُّ الْقِيَامَةِ يُبْلِغُهَا عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا"

النساء: 159

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of
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Judgment he will be a witness against them.  

We have stated—citing Ibn Jareer—that the most correct explanation of this verse refers to Jesus (ﷺ) as being the pronoun in Allah’s (ﷻ) saying:

\[ \text{乏力 طيأ} \]

...before his death...

Likewise, [we have stated that] when Jesus (ﷺ) descends, no living individual from the People of the Book will remain during that time except that he will believe in Jesus (ﷺ) and give him credence. That is because Jesus (ﷺ) will discontinue the Jizyah, and he will only accept Islam—otherwise, the sword. So, whoever refuses Islam, Jesus (ﷺ) will hasten towards them with the sword. Based on the premise that the pronoun refers to Jesus (ﷺ) [this is the correct position,] then his descent is a self-evident matter that rejects any doubt. [This matter is so] because the People of the Book are not going to ascend to the heavens in order to believe in Jesus (ﷺ). However, he (ﷺ) is going to descend to Earth, just as indisputably-authentic narrations explicitly state, which we will mention soon, Allah Willing.

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22 An-Nisaa’ (4): 159
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The Third Verse

Allah (ﷻ) says:

وَأَنْتَ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ وَأَنْتِ لَسَاعَةٌ فَلَا تَسْتَرِكُنَّ يَا وَاتَّبِعُونِ هَذَا صُرُطً مُّسْتَقِيمًٰ

الخريف: 11

And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment): therefore have no doubt about the (Hour), but follow Me: this is a Straight Way.23

‘Abdullah Al-Ghamaaree said in his book, Establishing the Proofs for the Descent of Jesus (ﷺ) at the End of Time, at the discussion of this verse: “This means that Jesus (ﷺ) is a sign of the Last Hour. The Last Hour will be known by Jesus’ descent (ﷺ). So, have no doubt about it. The Prophet (ﷺ) explained the verse with the [same] meaning.

قال ابن حبان في صحيحه: ذكر البيان بأن نزول عيسى ابن مريم من أعلام الساعة: أخبرنا محمد بن الحسن بن الخليل، قال: حدثنا هشام بن عمار، قال: حدثنا الوليد بن مسلم، قال: حدثنا شيبان بن عبد

23 Az-Zukhruf (43): 61
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Ibn Hibbaan said in his Saheeh, “In Mentioning the Proofs that the decent of Jesus (ﷺ), the Son of Mary, is from the Signs of the Last Hour”:

We were told by Muhammad bin Hasan bin Khalil, we were informed by Hishaam bin ‘Ammaar, we were informed by Al-Waleed bin Muslim, we were informed by Shaybaan bin Abdur Rahman on the authority of ‘Aasim on the authority of Abee Razeen, on the authority of Abee Yahya, the freed slave of Ibn ‘Afraa, on the authority of Ibn Abbaas, on the authority of the Prophet (ﷺ) regarding Allah’s saying (ﷺ):

وَإِنَّهُ لَسِيْلَسَةُ

And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment)

He said, “The descending of Jesus (ﷺ), the son of Mary, will occur before the Day of Judgment.” This chain is authentic.
The narrators are all trustworthy. ‘Aasim is from the well-known Scholars of Recitation.

Narrations similar to this hadeeth of the Prophet (ﷺ) also come on the authority of Ibn Abbaas, Abee Maalik, Al-Hasan, Mujaahid, Qataadah, As-Suddee, Adh-Dhahhaak, Ibn Zayd, and others. The narrations of these men are transmitted in the Tafseer of Ibn Jareer with different chains. All of the narrations candidly state that the verse means that Jesus’ (ﷺ) descending will be before the Hour.

This is the only explanation to be applied. Any other explanation for the verse is impermissible.

There are proofs for this [argument]:

**Firstly:** As previously stated, this explanation is authentically reported on the Prophet (ﷺ).

**Secondly:** Surely, the context [of the verse] is regarding Jesus (ﷺ). Read Allah’s (ﷻ) saying:

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\text{لا يَشْرَبُ قَلْبُ أَنَّى مَزَيْجٌ مَثَلًا إِذَا قُوَّمَ كَيْنَا \text{\footnotesize(9)}
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\text{يَصِدُّونَ} \text{\footnotesize(9)} \text{وَقَالُوا} \text{\footnotesize(9)} \text{أَلَيْهِمَا خَيْرٌ أَنْ هُوَ مَا} \newline
\text{صَفِيُّ نَفْسَهُ أَلَّا جَدَلَّ بِهِمْ حَصُصُونَ} \text{\footnotesize(8)} \text{إِنَّ هُوَ} \newline
\text{إِلَّا عَبْدٌ أَنْفَعَآ أَنَّى وَحْمَتُهُ مَثَلًا لِيْبَيِّنِي إِنَّكَ بَلَّ} \newline
\text{وَلَوْ نَشَأَنا لَحَجْلَتُنا يَسْتَنْكَرُ مَلِيَّةَةَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَخْفُونَ} \text{\footnotesize(9)}
\]
And when the son of Maryam is quoted as an example [Jesus] is worshipped like their idols, behold! Your people cry aloud (laugh out at the example). And say: "Are our aaliha (gods) better or is he [Jesus]?" They quoted not the above example except for argument. Nay! But they are a quarrelsome people. He [Jesus] was not more than a slave. We granted Our Favour to him, and We made him an example to the Children of Israel (i.e. his creation without a father). And if it were Our Will, We would have [destroyed you (mankind) all, and] made angels to replace you on the earth. And he ['Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)] shall be a known sign for (the coming of) the Hour (Day of Resurrection) [i.e. 'Iesa’s (Jesus) descent on the earth]. Therefore have no doubt concerning it (i.e. the Day of Resurrection). And
follow Me (Allah) (i.e. be obedient to Allah and do what He orders you to do, O mankind)! This is the Straight Path.\textsuperscript{24}

Hence, it is not permissible to change the meaning of the speech from its context, to another meaning, except with proof that makes it mandatory to accept it from evidences that are clearly sent down or a statement from the Messenger (ﷺ) in which proof can be established—just as Ibn Jareer mentioned previously.

Thirdly: If the pronoun was to return to other than Jesus (ﷺ), the way it was said then, that would necessitate weakness or feebleness in the phrase. The eloquence of the wise Book is far removed from that.

The eminent scholar, Ibn Katheer, said: “And Allah (ﷻ) said:

\[وَأَنَّهُ وَلَيْسَ لِسَاعَةٍ\]

And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour. Ibn Ishaaq’s explanation [of the verse] has already preceded. [Ibn Ishaaq’s explanation states that] the verse identifies the things that Jesus (ﷺ) was sent with—reviving the dead, curing the blind and the leper, and other sicknesses—as the intended meaning of the pronoun. This is highly questionable. More inaccurate than this, is what Qataadah narrated on Al-Hasan Al-Basaree, Saeed bin Jubair states that the pronoun in:

\textsuperscript{24} Az-Zukhruf (43):57-61
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And verily he...

refers to the Qur’an. On the contrary, the pronoun refers to Jesus (ﷺ), for he is the subject that the context mentions—this is correct. Furthermore, Jesus’ (ﷺ) descent before the Last Day is the intended meaning by [all of] this. As Allah (ﷻ) mentions:

وَإِنِّيْ لَيَكْنِيُّ الْأَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمِنُوا مَنْ كَانَ فِي ظُلُّ مَآءِهِ

النساء: ۱۵۹

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...²⁵

This means before Jesus’ death (ﷺ). Then on the Day of Judgment, Jesus will be a witness against them. The reading of the [following] verse supports this point:

وَأَنَّهُ لَيَعْلَمُ لِلسَّاعَةَ

And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment):

This means that Jesus’ (ﷺ) exiting is a sign of the Last Hour before Judgment Day. The example of this was reported on the authority of Abee Hurairah, Ibn

²⁵ An-Nisaa’ (4): 159

An indisputably-authentic number of narrations, narrated on the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), report that he (ﷺ) informed of Jesus’ (ﷺ) descent before Judgment Day—[and that Jesus (ﷺ)] will be a just leader and a fair judge.

Now we will cite the authentic narrations regarding Jesus’ (ﷺ) descent. Even though all of the narrations are Aahaad, the collective relationship between them makes them indisputably authentic whereas the absolute soundness of the content is guaranteed. So, we say (and success is with Allah (ﷻ)).
Ahadeeth Regarding the Descent of Jesus (النبي ﷺ)

The First Hadeeth

Al-Bukhari and Muslim transmitted [the following]. Narrated Abu Hurairah (ר) the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, surely Jesus (مسيح), the son of Mary, will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler); he will break the cross and kill the pigs and there will be no Jizya (i.e. taxation taken from non-Muslims). Money will be in
abundance so that nobody will accept it, and a single prostration to Allah (الله) (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it.” This is Al-Bukhari’s wording.26

As for Muslim, his wording of the Hadeeth is more complete:

وأما مسلم: فلفظه في أتم رواياته: والذي نفسي بيده
ليوشك أن ينزل فبكم ابن مريم صلى الله عليه
وسلم حكمًا فقسًا فكسر الصليب وينقل الخنزير
ويعض الجرية وينقص المال حتى لا يقبله أحد

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: “By Him who my soul is in His hand, the son of Mary (peace upon him) will soon descend among you as a just judge. He will break the cross, kill the swine, and abolish the Jizya (taxation taken from the non-Muslims) and the wealth will pour forth to such an extent that no one will accept it.27

و في رواية له بزيادة: حتى تكون السجدة الواحدة
ختيرًا من الذبيحة وما عليها

26 Sahih Al-Bukhari (3448)
27 Al-Bukhari (2222/2476), Muslim (155)
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And there is another narration of Muslim with the addition:

“...to the point where one prostration is better than the world and everything in it...”

Also, in the collections of Al-Bukhari and Muslim—after the Hadeeth was traced back to Abu Hurairah (ﷺ)—the [additional] wording [is] “Then Abu Hurairah (ﷺ) said, ‘If you wish, you can recite (this verse of the Holy Book):

وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا يُؤْمِنُواْ بِهِ قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا

النساء: 159

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them.28

The meaning of this sentence (i.e. the aforementioned verse): the narration of Abu Hurairah in the previous chain is a proof regarding Jesus (ﷺ) descending at the end of time, which gives credence to this narration and other than it. Similar to that which we will bring [as evidence], Inshaa Allah:

28 An-Nisaa’ (4): 159
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And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe...

“This is pertaining to Jesus before his death, and the people being referred to are the People of the book who will be present at the time of his descent. And all religions will be one.” That religion will be Islam, as mentioned. Ibn ‘Abbaas was firmly convinced by this meaning as Ibn Jareer narrated by way of Sa’eed bin Jubair, on his authority in an authentic chain. A discussion of this has proceeded in the explanation of the verse.

The Second Hadeeth

It was also reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim from the Hadeeth of Abu Hurairah
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(ﷺ): "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, 'What will be your state when the son of Mary (i.e. Jesus (ﷺ)) descends amongst you and there will be an Imaam from amongst you all?'"29

Al-Bukhari compiled this Hadeeth in "The book: Narrations of the Prophets Regarding Jesus' (ﷺ) Descent." Likewise, Muslim quoted the Hadeeth at the end of "The Book of Eemaan—Chapter: The Descent of Jesus (ﷺ), the Son of Mary, Ruling with our Prophet's (i.e. Muhammad (ﷺ)) Legislature." Ahmad narrated a similar version.

As you can see, both Al-Bukhari and Muslim agreed upon the wording of these two narrations with different chains on the authority of Abu Hurairah (ﷺ). Every Muslim knows the narrations that Al-Bukhari and Muslim agree upon are the most authentic and trusted speech after the Book of Allah (ﷻ), mighty and sublime.

Shaykh Ash-Shanqeeti, the author of the book, Zaad Al-Muslim regarding that which Al-Bukhari and Muslim agreed upon, said after narrating this Hadeeth:

"Note: believing that Jesus (ﷺ) is still alive at this very moment is a legislated obligation. And it is a must [to believe] that he will descend at the end of time and judge with the legislation of our Prophet (ﷺ). Likewise, Jesus (ﷺ) will fight in the path of Allah as this [information] has been reported with indisputable authenticity on the Truthful and Believed (i.e. the Messenger, peace and blessings upon him). Indeed it is

29 Al-Bukhari (3449), Muslim (155)
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mandatory to believe that, because Allah (ﷻ) informs in His noble Book, which cannot be approached by falsehood in any way, that the Jews did not kill Jesus (ﷺ) and that Allah (ﷻ) raised him. As Allah (ﷻ) says:

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\text{Verse 157:}
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...for surely; they killed him not.\textsuperscript{30}

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\text{Verse 158:}
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Indeed, indisputably authentic narrations have been reported on the fact that has preceded, Jesus (ﷺ) will descend at the end of time as a just ruler. He will break the Cross, kill the swine, discontinue the Jizyah, and wealth will spread to a point, which no one will accept it. [There are other] explicit narrations regarding his decent and his time period alive on Earth after his decent. Furthermore, there is no authentic hadeeth of Jesus’ (ﷺ) death that can possibly contend with the indisputably authentic narrations that affirm Jesus’ (ﷺ) descent at the end of time.

\textsuperscript{30} An-Nisaa’ (4): 157
\textsuperscript{31} An-Nisaa’ (4): 158
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Since the Qur'an informs that Jesus (ﷺ) was raised and not killed, the Prophet (ﷺ) clarified to us that Jesus (ﷺ) will descend at the end of time, and described Jesus' (ﷺ) condition after he descends with a detailed explanation that removes all other scenarios, it is obligatory that a Muslim believe in this manner. Whoever doubts in it is a disbeliever according to the consensus of the Muslim body. [He is deemed so] because this issue is one known by every Muslim out of bare religious necessity devoid of any dispute. And everything reported in it from the atheists and the ignorant is false and it is not befitting for anyone who has knowledge to turn to it.

The Third Hadeeth

Muslim reported in his Sahih: On the authority of Abee Az-Zubair, that he heard Jabir bin 'Abdillaah say "I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) say: There will always be a group from amongst my nation who will not cease fighting for the Truth and will be victorious
till the Day of Resurrection. He said: Jesus (ﷺ), son of Mary, would then descend and their (the Muslims') leader would invite him to come and lead them in prayer, but he will say: "No, some amongst you are leaders over others. This is an honor from Allah for this Ummah." Reported by Muslim.32

The Fourth Hadeeth

روى مسلم عن نافع قال قال عبد الله بن عمر ذكر رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يومًا بين ظهرة الناس المسيح الدجال فقال إن الله تبارك وتعالى ليس يговор آله إن المسيح الدجال أُعُوِّر عين اليميني كان عينه عين طافية قال وقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أراني الليلة في المنام عند الكعبة فإذا رجل آدم يا حسن ما ترى من أدم الرجال تصرص بين من يكون رجل الشعر يقطر رأسه ماء واضعا يديه على منكب رجلين وهو بينهما يطوف بالتيت فقالت من هذا فقالوا المسيح ابن مريم ورأيت وراءه رجلًا جعندًا فطنًا أُعِوِّر عين اليميني كأسبه من رأيت

32 Muslim (156)
Muslim reported on the authority of Naafi', he said 'Abdullah bin 'Umar (r.a.) said, "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) mentioned the antichrist in the presence of the people one day. Thus, the Messenger said, 'Verily, Allah is not blind in one eye. Most certainly, the antichrist is blind in his right eye, as if his eye is a swollen grape.' He said, "and the Messenger (ﷺ) said: 'I was shown in a dream this night that I was near the Ka'bah. There was a man with a complexion between black and white, one of the finest men that you ever saw. His locks of hair were falling on his shoulders. His hair was combed, and water trickled down from his head. He was placing his hands on the shoulders of two men as he circumambulated the House (i.e. Ka'bah). I said, "Who is he?" They replied, "Jesus, the son of Mary." And I saw behind him a man of sturdy build with intensely curly hair, blind in his right eye. He resembled Ibn Qatan more than anyone I've seen from the people. He was placing his hands on the shoulders of two men as he circumambulated the House. I said, "Who is
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_This?_ They said, _"This is the Antichrist."_ Reported by Muslim³³

The meaning of this hadeeth—which was reported by Muslim, with different chains, on authority of Ibn 'Umar who saw the Prophet (ﷺ) in a dream and it’s known:

رُؤِيَ الْأَلِيِّبَاءِ وَحُمِيّ

_"The dreams of the prophets are revelation."³⁴_

what will the conditions be at the end of time as it relates to Jesus, the son of Mary—his descent, his circumambulation of the House, the Antichrist’s appearance and his circumambulation of the House. The Messenger’s (ﷺ) observation of them both in the same dream supports this meaning. After all, it is well known that Jesus (ﷺ) is going to kill the Antichrist—as this [fact] has already been mentioned [in the narrations] of hadeeth.

**The Fifth Hadeeth**

روى مسلم في كتاب الحج في باب إهلال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وحديثه: عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أنه قال:

³³ Muslim (169)
³⁴ Al-Bukhari (137/259)
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Muslim reported in the Book of Hajj, in the chapter, The Prophet’s Declaration and His Guidance. On the authority of Abu Hurairah, on the authority of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), he said: “By the One, whom my soul is in his hand, the son of Mary will certainly make a declaration for Hajj, ‘Umrah, or a combination between the two in the valley of Rauhaa.” Similarly, Ahmad narrated this Hadeeth.35

Ash-Shanqeeti says in his commentary of this hadeeth: “Is there evidence more explicit, regarding Jesus’ (ﷺ) descent and that he’s still alive, [more] than the Prophet (ﷺ) swearing that Jesus is going to declare intentions for Hajj or Umrah once or twice?”

The Sixth Hadeeth

 рядим айам أحمد عن أبي مُرَيَّمٍ قال: قال رسول الله ﷺ صل الله عليه وسلم: "يَنْزِلُ عِيسَى أبُن مَرْيَمَ فَيَقُلُّ الْخَلْقِ وَيْمَحُو الصَّلِيبَ وَيَجْمَعُ لَهُ الصَّلَاةَ وَيَعْطَى"

35 Muslim (1252) & Ahmad (7231)
Imaam Ahmad reported on the authority of Abu Hurairah, he said: “The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: ‘Jesus, son of Mary will descend, kill the pigs, destroy the Cross, and a congregational prayer will be gathered for. So much wealth shall be disseminated that people will refuse to accept it. And Jesus will not accept the Jizyah. And Jesus will descend upon Rauhaa [valley]. Jesus, from there, will go to perform Hajj, Umrah, or combine between the two.’”

36 Ahmad in his Musnad (7843). The eminent scholar Al-Albaani, in the story of the Messiah (pg.99), “As I said, its chain is authentic on the
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Abu Hurairah (ﷺ) recited:

وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكُتُبِ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمَنُ بِهِ فَبَلْ مَوْضِعُ وَيْمَ

الْقِيَامةِ يُكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا

And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...

Hanthalah presumed that Abu Hurairah said, "They will believe in Jesus before his death." [Hanthalah said]: "And, I do not know if all of this is the Hadeeth of the Prophet (ﷺ) or something Abu Hurairah said."

This was also reported by Ibn Abee Haatim, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abee Musa Muhammad bin Al-Muthannaa, on the authority of Yazeed bin Haaroon, on the authority Sufyaan bin Husain, on the authority of Az-Zuh’ree.

The Seventh Hadeeth

قال الإمام أحمد: حدَّثنا عفان قال حدَّثنا همَّام قال

أخبرنا قتادة عن عبيد الرحمان بن آدم عن أبي هريرة

أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال الألباء إِخْوَةَ

conditions of Muslim and he extracted from it the descent of Jesus at Rauhaa."
Imaam Ahmad said: We were told by Affaan, we were told by Hammaam, we were informed by Qataadah, on the authority of Abdir Rahman, on the authority of Abee Hurairah, that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: “The Prophets are brothers [to each other]; ‘Allaat: their mothers are different and their religion is one. And indeed I am most worthy of Jesus, the son of Mary, because there was not a prophet between him and me. And indeed Jesus will descend. So know him. He is neither tall nor is he short and
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has between a red and white complexion. Upon him are two light yellowish garments. It is as if his head has water dripping from it, even if water was not poured [on his head]. He will destroy the cross, kill the pigs, will not accept the Jizyah, and call the people to Islam. During his time, Allah will destroy all other religions except Islam. Also, Allah will destroy the Antichrist during Jesus’ time. Then safety will come down on Earth to the point where lions will be cared for along with camels, tigers with cows, wolves with sheep. Also, boys will play with snakes that will not hurt them. Thus, Jesus will stay forty years, pass away, and the Muslims will pray over him.37

Similarly, Abu Dawood reported the hadeeth on the authority of Hudbah bin Khalid, on the authority of Hammaam bin Yahya. Also, Ibn Jareer reported the hadeeth on the authority of Bishr bin Mu’aad, on the authority of Yazeed bin Haaroon, and on the authority of Sa’eed bin Abee ‘Arwoobah. Both chains are on the authority Qataadah, on the authority of Abdir Rahmaan bin Aadam, on the authority of Abu Hurairah.

The Eighth Hadeeth

قال مسلم في صحيحه: حدَّثني زهير بن حرب حدَّثنا
معلَى بن منصور حدَّثنا سليمان بن بلال حدَّثنا سهيل

37 Ahmad in his Musnad (9017). The eminent scholar Al-Albaani authenticated it in his Silsilah As-Saheehah (2182).
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عنّ أبيه عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال لا تقوم الساعة حتى ينزل الروم بالأخلاقي أو بدياق فيخرج إليهم جيش من المدينة من خيار أهل الأرض يوجد إذا تصفوا قالت الروم خلوا بيتنا وبين الذين سعوا من تقاطبهم فقول المسلمون لا والله لا تخلى بيتكم وبين إخوانا فيقاتلونهم فتهزهم ثلاث لا يتربع الله عليهم أبدا ويفتئ كلهم أفضله

الشهداء عند الله ويفتئ الثلث لا يفتئون أبدا فيخشون قسططنطية فينما هم يقسمون الفئات قد علقو سبوفهم بالزيتون إذ صاح فيهم السلطان إن المسيح قد خلفكم في أهليكم فيخرجون وذلك باطل إذا جاءوا الشام خرج فينما هم يعدون للقتل يسلون الصوف إذ أقسمت الصلاة فينزل عيسى ابن مرتم صلى الله عليه وسلم فأفهم فإذا رآه عدو الله ذاب كما يذوب الصليح في الدماء فلو تركه لأذاب حتى يهلك ولكن يقتل الله بهده قبيرةهم دمه في حربته
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Muslim reported in his Sahih: ‘I was told by Zuhair bin Harb, we were told by Ya’laa bin Mansoor, we were told by Sulaiman bin Bilaal, we were told by Suhail, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abu Hurairah: “Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said: The last hour will not be established until the Romans land at Al-‘Amaaq or in Daabiq. On that day, an army consisting of the best people on Earth will come from Medina to counter them. When they arrange themselves in ranks, the Romans will say, ‘Give us access to those of us whom were taken as captives so that we fight them.’ The Muslims will say, ‘Nay, by Allah, we would never grant you access to our brothers for you to fight them.’ They [the armies] will then fight. A third of the army [of Muslims] will run away, whom Allah will never forgive. A third [of the believers], which consists of the most excellent martyrs to Allah, [will be killed]. And a third that will never be put to trial [will win]. And they will conquer Constantinople. While they divide the spoils they would have already hung their swords on the olive trees Satan will yell out to them, “The Antichrist has assumed your places among your families!” They will then come out, but that [i.e. Satan’s claim] is not true. And when they come to [the area of] Ash-Shaam, the Antichrist will come out, while they’re preparing themselves for battle, drawing up the ranks. When the prayer is established
then Jesus, son of Mary, will descend and lead them in prayer. When the enemy of Allah sees Jesus, he will melt, just as salt dissolves in water. If he is left like that then he will dissolve until he is destroyed. However, Allah will kill the Antichrist by his hand. Hence, Allah will make the Antichrist’s blood visible to them on Jesus’ spear.”

The Ninth Hadeeth

قال أحمد حدثنا هشيم عن العوام بن حوض عن جبلة بن سميح عن مؤثرب بن غفارة عن ابن مسعود عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال ليقت ليلة أسري بي إبراهيم وموسى وعيسى قال فنذاكرنا أمر الساعية قردو أشرهم إلى إبراهيم فقال لا علم لي بها فردو الأشر إلى موسى فقال لا علم لي بها فردو الأشر إلى عيسى فقال أما وجبتها فلا تعلمها أحد إلا الله ذلك وفهمه عهد إلي ربي غز وجل أن الدجال خرج قال وعطي قضبيان فإذا رأني ذاب كما يذوب الرصاص قال في نجله الله حتى إن الحجر والشجر

38 Muslim (2897)
Ahmad said: 'We were told by Hushaim, on the authority of Al-'Awwaam bin Howshab, on the authority of Jabalah bin Suhaim, on the authority of Mu’thir bin ‘Afzaazah, on the authority of Ibn Masood, on the authority of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), he said: “I met Ibrahim, Moses, and Jesus during the night in which I was taken. They discussed the issue of the Last Hour. Thus, they referred their affair to Ibrahim. Ibrahim said, “I have no knowledge about it [i.e. the Last Hour].” So they referred their
affair to Moses. He said, “I have no knowledge about it.” At that point, they referred their issue to Jesus. He said, “As for the Last Hour’s [actual] time, no one knows that except Allah. From what my Lord revealed to me, the Antichrist will come out and I will have two rods. When the Antichrist sees me, he will melt just as lead melts.” Jesus [then] said, “Thus, Allah will destroy him when he sees me to the point that the stone and tree will say, ‘O Muslim, there is a disbeliever under me. So come kill him!’” Jesus said, “Thus, Allah will destroy them. Then the people will return to their lands and regions. At that point, Gog and Magog will quickly exit from every high point. Gog and Magog will flatten the lands of the people. They will not come upon anything except that they obliterate it. And they will not pass water except that they will drink it.” Jesus said, “Then the people will return and complain about Gog and Magog. So, I will supplicate to Allah against them. Thus, Allah will destroy them and cause them to die until Earth will reek of their rotten odor. Allah will then send down rain and their bodies will be swept away until they are thrown in the ocean. From that which has been revealed to me from my Lord, when [the situation] becomes like that, the last hour will be the example of a completely pregnant woman whose family does not know when she will surprise them.
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by giving birth, whether it will be night or
day.”

It was reported like this by Ibn Majah on the
authority of Muhammad bin Bishshaar, on the
authority of Yazeed bin Haaroon, on the authority of Al-
’Awwaam bin Howshab.

Shaikh Ahmad Shaakir said in his remarks
regarding this hadeeth: Its chain is authentic. Jabalah
bin Suhaim is a Taabi’ee, and he was seen to be
trustworthy. Ahmad, Athawree, Shubah, Ibn Ma’een
and others declared him to be trustworthy. Mu’thir bin
Afaazah, Abul Muthannaa Al-Koofee, is also
trustworthy. Ibn Hibbaan mentioned him in [his book]
Ath-Thiqaat. Al-Haakim said, “A group from the
Tabi’een narrated on him.” Al-Bukhari wrote a
also reported the hadeeth in [his book] Al-Mustadarak,
by way of Yazeed bin Haaroon, and he said: “the chain
is authentic and they both [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]
did not report it”—and Adh-Dhahabee agreed with him.

Tenth Hadeeth

قال الإمام أحمد حدثنا يزيد بن هارون حدثنا حماد
بن سلمة عن علي بن زياد عن أبي نصرة قالا نينا
عن عثمان بن أبي العاص في يوم جمعة لتغرص علينا
مصنفًا لنا على مصنفه فلم يحضرنا الجمعة أمرنا

39 Ahmad in his Musnad (3546) & Ibn Majah (4081)
فاغَسَّلْنَا ثُمَّ أُنبِيَ بَطِيبٍ فَطَّرْنا ثُمَّ جَنَّةَ الْمُسْجِدَ
فَجِلَّسْنا إِلَى رَجُلٍ فَحَدَّثَنَا عَنَ الْجَالَّانِ ثُمَّ جَاءَ عَمْرَانُ
بَنِ أَبِي الْخَاصِ قَالَ إِلَيْهِ فَجِلَّسْنا فَقَالَ سَبَعَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُ يُقُولُ يَكُونُ لِلمُسْلِمِينَ ثلَاثَةٌ
أَفْصَلُ مُصْرِى بِمُلْتَقِى الْبَحْرِينَ وَمُصْرِى بِالْجَهَرَةِ وَمُصْرِى
بِالْشَّامِ فِيْتَرَعَّ النَّاسُ ثُلَاثَ فَرَعَاتٍ فِيْكَرْجُ الْجَالَّانِ فِي
أَعْرَاضِ النَّاسِ فِيْهِمُ مِنْ قِبْلَ المُشْرِقِ فَأَوْلُ مُصْرِى
يَرَّدُهُ الْمُصْرِى الَّذِي بِمُلْتَقِى الْبَحْرِينَ قَيْسَ أَهْلِهِ ثُلَاثَ
فَرَعٍ فِيْتَرَعَّ نَشَاةُ نَظَرُّ مَا هُوَ وَفِيْتَرَعَّ تَلْحَقُ
بِالْأَعْرَابِ وَفِيْتَرَعَّ تَلْحَقُ بِالْمُصْرِى الَّذِي يَلْهَبُهُ وَمَعَ
الْجَالَّانِ سَبَعَنَ أَلْفًا عَلَيْهِمُ السَّيْحَانَ وَأَكْثَرُ تَبَعْهُ
الْيَهُودُ وَالْنَّاسُ وَيَتَحَازُ الْمُسْلِمُونَ إِلَى عَقْبَتِ أَفْقِ
قَيْسَنَ سَرْحَا لَهُمُ قَيْسَانُ سَرَحُهمُ قَيْسَنَ ثُلَاثَ ذَلِكَ
عَلَيْهِمُ وَتَصِيبُهُمُ مِجَاعَةً شَدِيدَةً وَجَهَدٍ شَدِيدٍ حَتَّى إِنَّ
أَحَدَهُمُ لَيْتَرَعَّ وَتَرَ فَوْسِهَ فِيْتَرَعَّهُ فَيَكْلُهُ قَيْسَنَا هُمُ كَذَٰلِكَ إِذَا
نَادَىٰ مَنِادٍ مِنِ الشَّجْرِ بَيْنِاهَا النَّاسُ أَنَّهُمُ الْقُوُرُتُ
ثُلَاثَ قَيْسَانَ بِغَضِبهِمْ لِيُغِيِّنَ إِنَّهَا لَصَوْتٌ رَجُلٌ شَبَّانَ
Imaam Ahmad said: We were told by Yazeed bin Haaroon, we were told by Hammaad bin Salamah, on the authority of ‘Alee bin Zayd, on the authority of Abee Nadhrah. He said: We went to ‘Uthmaan bin Abee Al-’Aas on the day of Jumu’ah in order to show him a copy of the Qur’an that we had. When the Jumu’ah [Prayer] came, he ordered us [to bathe]. So we bathed. He brought perfumes; so we applied the perfumes to ourselves. Then, we went to the Masjid and sat with a man. The man talked to us about the Antichrist. Then, ‘Uthmaan bin Abee Al-’Aas came. We stood [and went] in his direction, and then we sat. He said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying, “The Muslims will have three cities: a city that will border Al- Bahrain, a city that will
border Al-Heerah, and a city that will border Ash-Shaam. The people will be frightened three times. Then, the Antichrist will exit amid a contingent of people. He will destroy whoever is in the direction of the East. The first city that will repel him is the city that borders Al-Bahrain. Its people will divide into three groups. A group will say, "We will wait and test him. We will see what he is." [One] group will join the Bedouins. [The other] group will join with the city that is near them. And the Antichrist will have seventy thousand people with him wearing armor. And most of those with him will be Jews and women. The Muslims will isolate themselves in Aqabah 'Afeeq. Thus, the Muslims will release their animals to graze, and the animals will be afflicted. Consequently, this will be hard on them and cause them great hunger and exhaustion—to the point where an individual from them will cook the string from his bow [i.e. archer's bow] and eat it. While this will be their state, a caller will call from the trees three times, 'O people! Help has come to you.' Some of them will say to the rest, 'verily this is the voice of a man whose stomach is full.' And Jesus, the son of Mary, will descend at the time of the Fajr Prayer. Their leader will say to him, 'Oh Ruh of Allah, go forward and lead in prayer.' Jesus will say, 'The leaders in this nation are mutual [leaders] over each other.' Hence their leader will go forward and lead the prayer. When he finishes the
prayer, Jesus will then get his spear and go towards the Antichrist. When the Antichrist sees Jesus, he will melt just as lead melts. Jesus will place his spear in the middle of the Antichrist’s chest and kill him. Likewise, the Antichrist’s companions will flee. On that day, no one will be able to hide from the Muslims to the point that the tree will say, ‘O believer here is a disbeliever.’ And the rock will say, ‘O believer here is a disbeliever.’”

Ahmad alone reported the hadith with this phrasing.

The Eleventh Hadith

قال مسلم في صحيحه أيضا: خذتني عبد الله بن معاذ:
العنبري خذتني أبي خذتني شعبة عن الثمامة بن سالم:
قال سمغت يعقوب بن عاصم بن عروة بن مستعود
التقفي يقول سمغت عبد الله بن عمرو وجماعة رجل
قال ما هذا الحديث الذي تحدث به تقول إن
الساعة تقول إلي كذا وكذا فقال سميحان الله أو لا إله

40 Ahmad in his Musnad (17,443). The eminent scholar Shaykh Al-Albaani, in his book The Story of the Antichrist, mentioned this hadith (pg. 95). The Shaykh said that all narrators from the chain are from the ‘trustworthy’ men of Muslim except ‘Alee bin Zaid; he is Ibn Jad’aan and he is da’eef (weak).
The Decisive Word Regarding Jesus (ﷺ)

إِلَّا اللَّهُ أَوْ كُلِّمَةٌ تَحْوَلْهَا لَقَدْ هَمِّمَتْ أَنْ لَا أَحْدَثْ
أَحَدًا ضَيْنَا أَبَدًا إِلَّا قَالُوا إِنَّكُمْ سَتُّرُونَ بِعَدْدٍ قَلِيلٍ أَمْرًا
عَظِيمًا يُحْرَقُ الْقَبْلَةَ وَيَكُونُ وَيَكُونُ نَمَّ قَالَ
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُخْرِجَ الْدَّجَالُ
فِي أَمْيَةٍ فَيَمْكَثُ أَرْبَعِينَ نَهَارًا أَوْ أَرْبَعِينَ
شَهْرًا أَوْ أَرْبَعِينَ أَيَّامًا فَيَمْكَثُ اللَّهُ عِيسَى بْنَ مَرْيَمَ كَانَتُ
غَرْوَةُ بَنَ مِسْعَودٍ فِي طَرْقِهِ فِي هِلَاءِهِ فَيَمْكَثُ النَّاسُ سِنَينَ
سِنَينَ لَيْسَ بَيْنَ الْمَلَائِمِ عَدَاوَةً ثُمَّ يُرْسِلُ اللَّهُ رَحْمَةً بَارَدَةً
مِنْ قَبْلِ النَّاسِ فَلَا يَقْبِلُ عَلَى وَجْهِ الدُّرُّ أَحْدَثُ فِي قُلُوبِهِ
مِثْقَالُ ذِرَّةٍ مِنْ خَرْيٍ أَوْ يَمْنَانٍ إِلَّا قُبْضَتِهُ حَتَّى لَوْ أَنَّ
أَحْدَثُ كُنْ دَخَلْ فِي كَبِيدَ جَبِيلٍ لَدْخَلَهُ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّى
تُقْبِضُهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ فَيَقْبِلُ شَرَّ النَّاسِ فِي خَفَاءِ الطَّيْرِ وَأَخْلاَمِ
السِّبْعَةِ لَا يُقْرُفُونَ مَغْرُوفًا وَلَا يُنْكُرُونَ مَنْكَرًا فَيَتَمَلَّلُ
للهِ السَّيِّطَانُ فَيَقُولُ أَنَا تَسْتَجِيبُونَ فَيَقُولُونَ فَمَا تَأْمُرُنَا
فِي أَمْرِهِمْ بِعَبَادَةِ اللَّهِ وَهُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ دَارُ رِزْقِهِمْ

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Muslim also said in his Sahih: We were told by 'Ubaidullah bin Mu’aadh Al-Anbaree, we were told by my father, we were told by Shu’bah, on the authority of Nu’maan bin Saalim, he said: “I heard Yaqoob bin ‘Aasim bin ‘Urwah, Ibn Mas’ood ‘Ath-Thaqafee, saying: I heard ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr say: “A man came to him and said, “What is this hadeeth that you narrate in which you say the Last Hour will be established at such and such [time]?” ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr then
said, “Glorified is Allah” or “there is no deity truly worthy of being worshipped except Allah (ﷻ)” or a similar phrase. ['Abdullah bin 'Amr then said] “I had decided that I would not narrate anything to anyone ever. I only said that you will soon see a formidable event: the House (i.e. the Ka'ba) will be burned and this definitely will happen. He then said that Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said: “the Antichrist will appear in my nation. He will stay for forty. I do not know if he meant forty days, forty months or forty years. Then Allah (ﷻ), exalted is He, will send Jesus son of Mary, who will resemble 'Urwah bin Mas’ood. Jesus (ﷺ) will seek him out and kill him. Then the people will remain for seven years, [in which] rancor will not exist between two individuals. Then, Allah will send a cold wind from the direction of Ash-Sham. No individual with an atom’s weight of good or Faith will remain on Earth. Even if some from amongst you were to enter into the middle of a mountain, the wind will reach him and cause his death.” 'Abdullah bin ‘Amr then said, “I heard this from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: ‘Only the wicked people will survive and they will be as reckless as birds and as savagely oppressive as beasts. They will never know goodness nor condemn evil. Then, Satan will come to them in human form and will say: “Won’t you respond?” And they will say: “What do you order us?”
Hence, Satan will command them to worship the idols and they will do so. While they are in this state their sustenance will be abundant and their living conditions will be good. Then, the trumpet will be blown, and no one will hear it except that he will bend his neck to one side and raise it from the other side.” The Messenger of Allah said: “and the first one to hear the trumpet will be a man who is fixing the tank meant for providing water for his camels. He will swoon and the other people will also swoon. Then Allah will send, or [the Messenger (ﷺ) said ‘send down’, rain which resembles dew [or maybe he (ﷺ) said it would be like shade (Nu’maan, one of the narrators, was uncertain)]. Consequently, the bodies of mankind will sprout up:

Then the second trumpet would be blown and they would stand up and begin to look (around).\(^{41}\)

Then it will be said: O people, go to your Lord

\(^{41}\) Az-Zumar (39): 68
But stop them, for they must be asked\textsuperscript{42}

Then it will be said: ‘Bring out a group [of them] for the Hell-Fire.’ And then it will be said: ‘How many?’ It will be said: ‘Nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand.’ The Messenger (ﷺ) said, ‘That will be the day that turns the adolescent grey, and that is the day in which the shin will be exposed.’\textsuperscript{43}

It was reported by Muslim and Nasaa’ee in his Tafseer. Both chains are on the authority of Muhammad bin Bashshaar, on the authority of Ghundar, on the authority of Shu’bah, on the authority of Nu’maan bin Saalim.

The point of focus in this important hadeeth is his (ﷺ) saying, “Allah (ﷻ) will send Jesus (ﷺ), the son of Mary.” “Send” does not mean resurrect from the dead. It means, however, that Allah (ﷻ) will send him down to Earth. So, this agrees with the rest of the narrations.

The Twelfth Hadeeth

قال الإمام أحمد: أخبرنا عبَّد الرَّزَاق أخبرنا مَعْمَر عَنْ الزهري عن عبد الله بن عبيط الله بن نعمة الأنصاري عَنْ عبيط الله بن زيد الأنصاري عَنْ مَجْمَع ابن جارية

\textsuperscript{42} As-Saffaat (37):24
\textsuperscript{43} Muslim (2940)
Imaam Ahmad said: We were informed by Abdur Razzaaq, we were informed by Ma’mar, on the authority of Az-Zuhree, on the authority of ‘Abdillah bin ‘Ubaidillah bin Tha’labah Al-Ansaaree, on the authority of ‘Abdullah bin Zayd Al-Ansaaree, on the authority MujammV bin Jaariyah, he said I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say, “The son of Mary will kill the Antichrist at the Gate of Ludd or beside [the Gate of] Ludd.”


Ibn Katheer said: “He [Imam Ahmad] intended, by [citing] their narration, to discuss Jesus (علیه السلام) the son of Mary killing the Antichrist. As for the narrations that mention the Antichrist alone, they are plentiful. Those narrations are too abundant to be counted because of their dissemination and copious citation in hadeeth.

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44 Musnad (15,041)/Tirmidhi (2244)/ The eminent scholar Al-Albaani made it authentic in Sahih Al-Jami’ (5462) & Tirmidhi Vol. 4 (515)
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books of the Sihaah, the Hisaan, the Masaaneed, and elsewhere.”

The Thirteenth Hadeeth

قال الإمام أحمد: حدثنا سفيان عن فرات عن أبي
الطفل عن حديثة بن أسيد الفخاري قال أشرف علينا
رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من غزوة ونحن نتذاكر الساعة فقال لا تقوم الساعة حتى تروّن عشر
آيات طلوع الشمس من مغربها والدخان والداية وخروج ياجوج وmajuj ونزول عيسى ابن مريم والدجال وثلاث خسوف خسوف بالشرق وخمسة بالغرب وخمسة بجزيرة العرب ونار تخمر من فقر عندن تسخيف أو تخسر الناس بسبب معهم حيث باشوا وتقيل معهم حيث قالوا

Imaam Ahmad said: We were informed by Sufyan, on the authority of Furaat, on the authority of Abee Tufail, on the authority Hudhaifah bin Aseed Al-Ghifaaree said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) approached us from a room while we were remembering the Last Hour. He said, “The Last Hour will not be established until you see ten signs: the rising of the sun from the West, the smoke,
the beast, the exiting of Gog and Magog, the descent of Jesus the son of Mary, the Antichrist, and three eclipses—an eclipse in the East, an eclipse in the West, and an eclipse in the Arabian peninsula—and a fire that will emit from the depths of Adan. [That fire] will herd and gather the people, staying overnight with them wherever they sleep, and also remaining with them wherever they nap in the midday.\textsuperscript{45}

Likewise, Muslim reported this [narration], and the People of the Sunan reported it like this, from the Hadeeth of Firaat Al-Qazzaaz. He also narrated the hadeeth from the narration of ‘Abdul ‘Azeez bin Rafie’, on the authority of Abee At-Tufail, on the authority of Abee Sareehah, on the authority of Hudhaifah bin Aseed Al-Ghiffaaree as a Mawqoof narration.

**The Fourteenth Hadeeth**

\textsuperscript{45} Muslim (2901)
The Decisive Word Regarding Jesus (Jesus)

The decisiveness regarding Jesus (Jesus)

And you see, if you are truthful, You to you say, And if you say, if you see, if you would have

In you is no one, And if you are truthful, And if you would have

You see, if you are truthful, You to you say, And if you say, if you see, if you would have

In you is no one, And if you are truthful, And if you would have

You see, if you are truthful, You to you say, And if you say, if you see, if you would have

In you is no one, And if you are truthful, And if you would have

You see, if you are truthful, You to you say, And if you say, if you see, if you would have

In you is no one, And if you are truthful, And if you would have
وَيَعْبُدُ الْخَيْرَةً فَيَقُولُ لَهَا أَخْرِجِي كُنْزُكَ فَتَنْبَعُهُ
كُنْزُهَا كِبَاسِبُ النَّحْلِ ثُمَّ يَدْعُو رَجُلًا مُتَلَكَّى شَبَابًا
فَيَضْرِبُهُ بَالسَّيْفِ فَيَقَطَعُهُ جُرْنِينَ رَؤْيَةَ الفَرَضِ ثُمَّ
يَدْعُو قَيْسٍ وَيَتْهَلُّ وَجَهًا يَضْحَكُ فِي نَبِيّهَا هُوَ كَذَلِكَ
إِذْ بَعِثَ اللَّهُ الْمُسِّحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ فِي نَبِيٍّ عَنْ الدُّنْيَا
الْبَيْضَاءِ شَرْقِيًّا دَمَشِقْ بِينَ مُهُرُودَتِينَ وَاضِعًا كَفْيٍّ عَلَى
أَجْنَاحَةِ مَلَكِيْنِ إِذًا طَلَّآ رَأَيْسُ قَطْرٍ وَإِذَا رَفَّعَهُ تَحَدَّدَ
مَنْهُ جُمُانَ كَالْلُوْلُوْلُ فَلَا يَحْلُ لِكَافِرٍ يَجِدُ رِيحَ نَفْسِهِ إِلَى
مَاتَ وَنَفْسُهُ يَنْتِهِ حِيْثُ يَنْتِهِ طَرَفُهُ قَطْرُهُ حَتَّى
يَدْرِكَهُ بِيَابِلَ لَدْ فَيَقُلْهُ ثُمَّ يَأْتِي عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ قَوْمِهِ
قَدْ عَصِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْهُ فِي مَسِحٍ عَن وَجُوُرُهُمْ وَبَحِتْنِهِمْ
بَدِرِيَّاتِهِمْ فِي الْجَنَّةِ فِي نَبِيّهَا هُوَ كَذَلِكَ إِذَا أَوْحَى اللَّهُ
إِلَى عِيسَى إِبْنِ مَرْيَمَ قَدْ أَخْرَجَ حَتِّى عَيْبَادَ لِي لَا يَدُونَ لَأَحَدٌ
بَقِيَالِهِمْ فَخَرَّ عَيْبَادَي إِلَى الْطُّورِ وَيَبْعَثُ اللَّهُ يَأْخُرَجُ
وَمَا أَخْرُجَ وَهُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ حَذَبٍ يَنْسَلُونَ قَوْمًا أَوْلَاهُمْ
عَلَى بَحِيْرَةٍ طَبِيرَةٍ فِي نَبِيّهَا مَا فِيهَا وَيَمُرُّ آخِرَهُمْ
قَيْفُوْلُونَ لَقَدْ كَانَ بِهِذَهِ مَرَّةٌ مَّاءٌ وَيَحْصُرُ تَبَعُ اللَّهِ
عيسى وأصحابه حتى يكون رأس النور لأحدهم خيرًا
من مائة دينار لأحدكماليوم فيرغب كني الله عيسى
وأصحابه فيرسل الله عليهم التغف في رقابهم
فيصغيرون خاتم الناس فا يجدون في الأرض
عيسى وأصحابه إلى الأرض فا يجدون في الأرض
موضع شر إنا ملأه زهمهم ونشهم فيرغب نبي الله
عيسى وأصحابه إلى الله فيرسل الله طيرا كاغتفاء
البحث لتخملهم وتطرحهم حيث شاء الله ثم يرسل
الله مطرًا لا يكين منه بيت مذر ولا يم فيسفيل الأرض
حتي يتركها كالزلفية ثم يقال للارض أليبي نمرتكم
ورددي بركتك فيومين تأكل العصابة من الرمانة
ويستطبون بقيقها وتبالك في الرسلي حتى إن اللقحة
من الإبل لتكفي الفدام من الناس واللقحة من الغنم
لتكيك الفخج من الناس فلما هم كذثلك إذ بعث الله
ربنا طيبة فتأخذهم تحت آبائهم فقيض روح كل
مؤمن وكل مسلم وتبلي شوار الناس يتنهارون فيها
تنهار الجحيم فعليهم تقوم الساعة
Muslim reported in his Sahih on the authority An-Nawwaas bin Sam’aan Al-Kilaabee. He said that Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) mentioned the Antichrist one day in the morning. He described both the lowliness and magnitude of the Antichrist, so much so, that we assumed the Antichrist was within a cluster of date trees. When we went to the Messenger, he could see that [fear] in us. He said, “What is the matter with you?” We said, “O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), you mentioned the Antichrist in the morning. You mentioned his lowliness and magnitude until we thought he was in a cluster of date trees.” So he said, “Other things, besides the Antichrist, frighten me regarding you. If he exits, and I’m amongst you, I will be the victorious debater against him for you. And if he exits, and I’m not amongst you, [every] man will fend for himself. And Allah will care for every Muslim after I’m gone. The Antichrist is a young man with twisted, contracted hair, and a blind eye. I compare him to ‘Abdul ‘Uzzaa bin Qatan. Whoever reaches him must recite the opening verses of Surah Al-Kahf. He will appear on the way between Syria and Iraq and will spread mischief right and left. So remain steady, O’ slaves of Allah!” We said, “O Messenger of Allah, how long will he stay on Earth?” He said, “Forty days: One day like a year, one day like a month, and one day like a week. And the rest of the days will be like your days.” We said, “O Messenger of Allah, will
one day’s prayer suffice the prayers of the
day that equals one year?” He said, “No.
Estimate the time.” We said, “O Messenger of
Allah, how quickly will he travel through
Earth?” He said, “Like a cloud driven by the
wind. Thus, he will come to the people,
invite them, and they will believe in him and
answer to him. He will then command the
sky, and rain will fall. And [he will
command] the earth and crops will grow.
Then, at the end of the day, their grazing
animals will return to them with their
humps very high, their udders full of milk,
and their flanks meaty. The Antichrist will
then come to another people and invite
them, but they will reject him. Thus he will
go away from them. At that point, those
people will be afflicted by destitution and
drought. Not a trace of their wealth will
remain in their hands. So, he will walk
through the wasteland and say to it, “Bring
forth your treasures.” The wasteland will
submit its treasures before him as a queen
bee would. He will then call a person
brimming with youth, strike him with the
sword, cut him into two pieces, separate
them the length of the archer and his target.
He will then call that young man, and he
will approach with his face gleaming and
laughing, this will be his situation. Allah
will send the Messiah, son of Mary. He will
descend at the white minaret in the eastern
side of Damascus wearing two garments
lightly dyed with saffron and placing his
Ahadeeth Regarding the Descent of Jesus (setLayout)

hands on the wings of two Angels. When he lowers his head, droplets will drip [from his head]. And when he lifts his head, beads will scatter like pearls. It will not be possible for the disbelievers to smell their own odor except that they will die. And the disbeliever’s breath will reach where his vision stops. Jesus will then search for the Antichrist until he catches hold of him at the Gate of Ludd and will kill him. Then a people whom Allah had protected will come to Jesus, son of Mary. Thus, he will wipe their faces and inform them of their ranks in Paradise. And while this will be his situation, Allah will reveal to Jesus: “I have brought forth some of My slaves that no one will be able to defeat. So take my servants to At-Toor.” And then Allah will send Gog and Magog. And they will swarm down from every slope. The first section of them will pass the lake of Tiberias and drink its entire content. And when the last section of them passes, they will say, “There was once water here.” Jesus and his companions will be trapped to the point that a bull’s head to one of them will be better than one hundred dinars to one of you today. At that point, Allah’s Apostle Jesus and his companions will supplicate to Allah. Thus, Allah will send worms (that infest the noses of camels and sheep) in the necks of Gog and Magog. Hence, they will all die simultaneously like one individual soul. Allah’s Apostle Jesus and his companions will then come down to
the land, and they will not find in the earth as much as an arm’s length of space that is not filled with their putrefaction and stench [of Gog and Magog]. Allah’s Apostle Jesus and his companions will, again, beseech Allah. Thus, Allah will send birds whose necks would be like those of long-necked camels. Hence, the birds will carry them away and throw them wherever Allah wills. Then Allah will send down rain. No house of clay or tent of skin will keep it out. Thus, it will wash away the earth until it would appear to be like a mirror. Then the earth will be told to bring forth its fruits and restore its blessing. As a result, on that day, a group of people will eat a (colossal) pomegranate and use its peal as a shade. Milk will be so abundantly blessed that one she-camel—either on the verge of giving birth or with milk—will suffice a group of people. And the sheep—on the verge of giving birth or with milk—will suffice a group of relatives. While this will be their situation, Allah will send a pleasant wind. Thus, it will take them by their armpits and thus take the soul of every Mu’min and Muslim. And the evilest people will remain. They will have sexual intercourse publicly in the sexual manner of donkeys. Thus, the Hour will be established upon them.”

46 Muslim (2937)
The Fifteenth Hadeeth

" قال أبو عبد الله بن ماجه في سنة: حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْرَّحْمَنِ المُحَارِبِيَّ عنْ إِسْمَعِيلٍ بْنِ أَبِي رَافِعٍ عَنْ أَبِي زُرَعَةِ الْمُسْتَبَارِيِّ يَحْيِى بْنِ أَبِي عَنْ أَبِي أَمَامَةَ الْبَالِيَّ فَأَخَطَبَ بِالأَعْلَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيهُ وَسَلَّمَ فَكَايَنَّ أَكْثَرُ خَطَّبِهِ حَدِيثًا حَدَّثَنَا عَنْ الدِّجَالِ وَحَدَّرَنَا فَكَايَنَّ مِنْ قَوْلِهِ أَنَّ قَالَ لَمْ نَتَكُنْ فِي الأَرْضِ مِنْذَ ذَرَا اللَّهُ دُرِيْةٌ آدَمُ أَعْظَمُ مِنْ فِيْنَةِ اللَّدِجَالَلِّ وَأَنَا أَخْرُ الْلَّدِجَالِ وَأَخْرُ الْآمِمَ وَهُوَ خَارِجُ فِيْنَةَ لَا مَحَاَلَةً إِنَّ يَخْرُجُ وَأَنَا بِنَيْنِ ضَرَّ وَايْنُكُمْ فَاَيْنُ حَجْجُ لِكُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ إِنَّ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بُعْدِي فَكِلُّ حَجْجُ تَفْسِهِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ خَلِيفٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَخْرُجُ مِنِّ خَلِيْلِ بِنِنَ النَّافِئَةِ وَالْعَرَاقِ فَيَقِيمُ بِنِنَ وَيَعِيدُ شَيْمَاً. أَلاَّ بِعَبْدَ اللَّهِ إِبْنِهِ النَّاسَ فَأَقْبَلْتُوا وَعَيْشُ سَأَلَهُ لَكَلِمَةً لَّمْ يَصِفَهَا إِبْنَاهُ وَيَقُولُ إِنَّ بَيْدًا قُلْتُ أَنَّي نَبِيَّ فَلَا نَبِيَّ بْعَدَى وَلَا يَقُولُ أَنَّ رَحْمَةً حَتَّى نَمُؤْنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعْرَى وَإِنَّ رَحْمَةً عَزُ وَجَلُّ يَأَعُورُ وَإِنَّ
The Decisive Word Regarding Jesus (الكلمة الكاشفة)
Ahadeeth Regarding the Descent of Jesus
سُبْحَانَ أَلِفٍ يَهُودِيٍّ كُلُّهُمْ دُوْسِيَّ مُحْلِّي وَسَاحٍ
إِذَا نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ الْدِّجَالُ ذَابٌ كَمَا يُذُوبُ الْمِلْحُ فِي
الْمَاءِ وَيُبْتَلِقُ هَارِبًا. فَيَقُولُ لِلَّهِ عِيسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلاَمُ إِنَّ
لَا يَفْتَرِي ضَرْبَةً لَّنْ يُتَسْمِقَ بِهَا فِيْدَرُ كَهْيَ عَنْ بَابِ اللَّدَةِ
الشَّرْقِيَّةِ فِي قُرْنِ النِّيرِمِ اللَّهُ الْيَهُودُ فَلَا يَقْبَلُ ضِيَٰءُ مَمَا
خَلَقَ اللَّهُ يَتَوَارَى بِهِ يَهُودِيٍّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ ذَلِكَ السَّيِّئٌ
لَا حَجْرُ وَا لَا شَجْرٌ وَا لَا حَائْطٌ وَا لَا ذَابَّةٌ إِلَّا الأَفْرَقَةُ إِنَّلَا
مِنْ شَجْرَهُمْ لَا يَتَنَطُّقُ إِلَّا قَالَ يَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ الْمُسْلِمُ هذَا
يَهُودُيٌّ فَقَالَ قَالَ اللَّهُ صَلِّي اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ وَإِنْ أَيَامَ أَرْبَعُونَ سَنَةٌ السَّنَةُ كُنْصَفُ السَّنَةِ
وَالسَّنَةُ كَالْشَّهْرُ وَالْشَّهْرُ كَالْيَوْمِ وَأَخْرَ أَيَامَهَا كَالْشَّرْقَةِ
يُصِبْحُ أَحَدُكُمْ عَلَى بَابِ الْمَدِينةِ فَلَا يَبْلُغُ بَابَهَا الْأَخْرَ
حَتَّى يُسْمَى فَقِيلُ لِلَّهِ كَيْفَ أَصْلَيْتُ يَا نَبِيُّ اللَّهِ فِي تَلْكَ
الْأَيَامِ الْعَلَمُ. قَالَ تَقْدُرُونَ الْصَّلَاةَ كَمَا تُقْدِرُونَ فِي
هَذِهِ الْأَيَامِ الْعَلَمُ. قَالَ مَنْ صَلَّى قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِيْكُمُ عِيسَى بْنُ مَرْيَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلاَمُ فِي
أَمْيَةِ حَكَمًا عَنْهَا وَإِمَامًا مُفْقَهًا بِذَقَٰ الْصَلِيبِ وَيَذِّبْحُ
الخنجر وَيَضْعُفُ الْجَرِيَّةُ وَيَنْزِلُ الصُّدْقَةُ فَلَا يُسَمَّى عَلَى
شَاهِدَةٍ وَلَا بَعْيِ. وَنَرْتَفِعُ النَّسْخَانَةُ وَالْبَحْثُ وَالْبِكْرَضُ وَتَنْزِعُ
حُمْرَةُ كُلِّ ذَاتِ حُمْرَةٍ حَتَّى يَدْخُلَ الْوَلَيدُ بِيَدَهُ في الْجَنَّةِ
فَلَا نَصْرَةٌ وَبِنْفْسِ الْوَلَيدَةُ الْأَسْدُ فَلَا يَضْرُّهَا وَيَكُونُ
الذَّبْحُ فِي الْقُرْآنِ كَلاًً كُلَّهَا وَلَمْ يَأْتُ الْأَرْضُ مِنَ السَّلَمِ
كَمَا يَلُوْلُوْلُ إِنْ أَنَّ أَمْرَ يُبُرَّرُ وَيَكُونُ الْكَلِمَةُ وَاحِدَةٌ فَلَا
يُعْقِبْ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَتَصْلِيحُ الْحَرَّبِ أَوْزَارُهَا وَيَسْلُبُ قَرْيَنَّ
مُلُكَهَا وَيَكُونُ الْأَرْضُ لَهَا كَفَانَتُ الْفِضْلِ ثُبِّتَ
نِبّيَاتُهَا كُفُّهَدُ أَدْمُ حَتَّى يَجْعَلَ الْنَّفْرُ عَلَى الْقَطْفِ مِنْ
الْمِنْعِ يَشْبَعُهُمْ وَيَجْعَلَ الْنَّفْرُ عَلَى الرَّوْمَةِ فَيَشْبَعُهُمْ
وَيَكُونُ الْمُهَرُّ بِكَانَاءٍ كَأَنْ مَنِ الْمَالِ وَيَكُونُ الْفُرُضُ
بِالْمُذْهَبِاتِ قَبْلَ يَا رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَمَا يَرْجَحُ الْفُرُضُ قَالَ
لَا تَرْكُمْ لِحَرِّبِ أَبَا قِبْلَةَ لَنَفِّيْنَ أَوْلَى الْدَّوَرَ قَالَ
مُهَرُّ الْأَرْضِ وَدَّلَّهَا وَإِنَّ قَبْلَ خُروْجِ الدِّيْنِ ثَلَاثَ
سِنَاتٍ شَدَادٍ يَصِيبُ النَّاسِ فِيهَا جُوْهُ شَدَيدٍ يَأْمُرُ اللَّهُ
الْسَّمَاءَ فِي الْسَنَةِ الْأَوْلىٍ أَنْ يَحْسِنَ ثَلَاثَ مُطرَّةٍ وَيَأْمُرُ
الْأَرْضِ فَتَحْسِنُ ثُلُّثَ نَبَاتِهَا ثُمَّ يَأْمُرُ السَّمَاءَ فِي الْثَّانِيَةِ
Abu Abdillah Muhammad bin Majah, said in his Sunan: We were told by ‘Alee bin Muhammad, we were told by Abdur Rahmaan Al-Muhaaribee, on the authority of Ismaa’eeel bin Abee Raafi’, on the authority of Abee Zur’ah Ash-Shaybaani, Yahya bin Abee ‘Amr, on the authority of Abee Umaamah Al-Baahilee, [who] said: the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) gave us a sermon. The majority of his sermons which he addressed us with, discussed the Antichrist and he warned us from him. From his statement he said: “There has not been a tribulation on Earth—from the time that
Allah created the progeny of Adam—greater than the tribulation of the Antichrist. And I am the last of the Prophets. And you are the last of the nations. And he will exit from amongst you, undoubtedly. If he comes forth while I am amongst you, I shall contend on behalf of every Muslim. But if he comes forth while I am not amongst you, a man must contend on his own behalf. Indeed, Allah will take care of every Muslim on my behalf. The Antichrist will appear on the way between Ash-Sham and ‘Iraq and will spread mischief right and left. O' slaves of Allah, O' people, remain firm. And indeed I will describe him for you with a description with which no prophet has depicted him before me: the Antichrist will start by saying, “I am a prophet.” And there is no prophet after me. Next, the Antichrist will say, “I am your lord.” And you will not see your Lord until you die. And indeed the Antichrist has a blind eye. And surely your Lord, Mighty and Sublime, does not have a blind eye. Verily ‘disbeliever’ is written between his two eyes, and every believer will read it whether he is literate or not. Indeed from his tribulations, he will have a paradise and a hellfire. His paradise will be hell, and his hell will be paradise. Whoever is tested with his hellfire must seek Allah’s help and read the opening verses of Surah Al-Kahf. The fire will be cool and tranquil to that individual just as the fire was cool and tranquil to Ibrahim. And from his tribulations, he will say to a
Bedouin, “If I resurrected your mother and father, would you testify that I’m your lord?” The Bedouin will then say, “Yes”.

At that point, a devil will appear to him in the image of his mother and father and say, “O son, follow him. For, indeed he is your lord.” And from his tribulations, he will have power over an individual. Thus, he will saw him with a saw until he becomes two pieces. Then he will say, “Look at my slave. For, verily I will resurrect him now. Then he will claim he has a lord other than me [i.e. Antichrist] and Allah will resurrect that individual. And the wicked one (i.e. the Antichrist) will say to the resurrected man, “Who is your lord?” The man will say, “Allah is my Lord. And you are the enemy of Allah. By Allah, I have never been as insightful regarding you as I am today.” And from his tribulations, he will command the sky to rain—and it will rain. And he will command the earth to produce and it will grow [plants]. And from his tribulations, he will pass a neighborhood. They will deem him a liar. Consequently, no single animal from their livestock will remain except that it is destroyed. And from his tribulations, he will pass a neighborhood. They will believe in him. Thus, he will command the sky to rain, and it will rain. He will order the earth to produce, and it will bring forth [plants] until their livestock, from that day forward, will become fatter, larger, and taller than ever in
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their fleshiness—and more stocked with milk than ever before. There will not be any part of Earth that he will not cover except Makkah and Al-Madinah. Verily, he will not approach an entrance of the two cities’ entry ways except that angels will meet him with brandished swords. [This will be so] until he descends at Adh-Dhuriab Al-Ahmar in a section of barren and salty land. At that point, Al-Madinah will quake under its people three tremors. Every male and female hypocrite will exit and head toward the Antichrist. Thus filth will be expelled from Al-Madinah just as billows expel the sediment from iron. And that day will be called the Day of Liberation.”

Umm Shareek, the daughter of Abee Al-‘Akar said, “O Messenger of Allah, where will the Arabs be on that day?” He said, “They will be small in number, and most of them, on that day, will be at Bayt Al-Maqdis [in Jerusalem]. And their leader will be a righteous man. As he will get ready to pray the Morning Prayer with them, Jesus (‘Isa), the son Mary, will descend. The leader will step backwards so that Jesus (‘Isa) may advance. Jesus (‘Isa) will place his hand between his shoulder blades and say, “Advance! For indeed, the prayer was established for you to lead and their Imaam will pray with them when he leaves.” When he finishes the prayer, Jesus (‘Isa) will say, “Open the gate!” The gate will be opened,
and the Antichrist will be standing behind it along with seventy thousand Jews. All of them will have a teak ornamented sword. When the Antichrist looks at Jesus, the Antichrist will melt just as salt dissolves in water and flee in retreat. Jesus will say to him, “I will deliver a blow to you that you will not avoid.” Jesus will catch him at the eastern Gate of Ludd, and he will kill the Antichrist. And Allah will defeat Jews. Nothing will remain from that which Allah, exalted is He, created that the Jews can hide behind except that Allah will make that thing speak—not a rock, a tree, a wall or an animal. Only the Gharqadah tree will not speak because it is their tree. [All of the aforementioned will not allow the Jews to hide] except that they will say, “O slave of Allah, here’s a Jew. So come and kill him!” The Messenger (ﷺ) said, “Verily, his days will be forty years. One year will be like half a year. And a year will be like a month, a month will be like a day, and the rest of his days will be like sparks. One of you will begin the day at the gate of Al-Madinah and will not reach its other gate until nightfall.”

It was then said to him, “How will we pray, O’ Prophet of Allah, during those short days? He said, “Estimate the prayer the way in which you estimate it during the long days, and then pray.” The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, “Therefore, Jesus (ﷺ), the son Mary, will reside amongst my nation as
a just ruler and fair leader. He will destroy the cross, kill the pigs, abolish the Jizyah, abandon the collection of charity—whereas, a sheep or a camel will not be sought. Enmity and hatred will be lifted. All poisons will be stripped from every poisonous creature to the extent that a newborn will touch a snake and the snake will not harm him. A female newborn will chase a lion, and the lion will not harm her. The wolf will be with sheep as if the wolf is a sheepdog. And the Earth will be filled with peace the way a vessel is filled with water. There will only be one word; only Allah will be worshipped. War will lay down its burdens and Quraish’s possessions will be seized. The earth will be like a container made of silver. The plants will grow like during the time of Adam to the extent that a group of people will gather upon pickled grapes and it will satisfy them. There will also be a group of people that will share a pomegranate and it will satisfy them. The price of an ox will fluctuate and the value of a horse will be pennies.

It was said “O Messenger of Allah, what will depreciate the value of horses?” The Messenger said, “They will never be ridden for war.” It was said to him, “What will inflate the price of the ox?” The Messenger said, “It will cultivate all of the Earth. Surely, there will be three extremely difficult years before the coming of the Antichrist. During these years severe hunger will afflict
the people. In the first year, Allah will command the sky to withhold a third of its rain and He will command the earth to withhold a third of its vegetation. Then in the second year, Allah will command the sky, and the sky will withhold two thirds of its rain. And Allah will command the earth, and the earth will withhold two thirds of its vegetation. In the third year, Allah, Mighty and Sublime, will command the sky, and the sky will withhold all of its water. At that point, the sky will not release a drop and Allah will command the earth to withhold all of its vegetation. Thus, not a plant will grow. Consequently, there will not remain an animal with cloven hooves except that it perishes, save that which Allah Wills. It was said, “So what will keep people alive at that time?” He (ﷺ) said, “Saying ‘There is no deity truly worthy of being worshipped except Allah’, ‘Allah is the Greatest’, ‘Glory to Allah’, and ‘All praise is for Allah’. That will flow through them like the path in which food travels.”

Ibn Majah said, “I heard Abul Hasan At-Tanaaifisee saying: “I heard Abdur Rahman Al-Muhaarebee say”: “This Hadeeth should be given to teachers so that they may teach it to young children in schools.”

47 Ibn Majah (4077). It was made da’eef by the eminent scholar Shaykh Al-Abaani in Sunan Ibn Majah (2/1359).
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With that [said], there are several narrations on this topic, besides what we have mentioned. Some scholars have arrived at sixty narrations that vary between Marfoo', Mawqoof, and Mursal. However, we singled out this selection [of narrations] because it is the most authentic and well known. Indeed, Ibn Katheer, (may Allah have mercy on him) after mentioning his narrations regarding the generalities of these narrations, he said, “These narrations are reported on the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) with indisputable authenticity on the authority of Abu Hurairah, Ibn Mas‘ood, ‘Uthmaan ibn Abi Al-Aas, Abee Umaamah, An-Nawwaas bin Sam‘aan, ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin Al-Aas, Mujammi‘ bin Jaariyah, Abee Shareehah, Hudhaifa bin ‘Aseed (RAL). In this is the proof regarding the description of his decent along with the place of his descent being Ash-Shaam, Damascus, more specifically, at the eastern minaret—and that will be during the time of the Morning Prayer.”
1. Ibn Abee Shaibah reported on the authority of ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr that he said, “Jesus, the son of Mary, will descend. When the Antichrist sees him, he will melt just as fat melts. He will kill the Antichrist. The Jews will depart from the Antichrist, and they will be killed—to the point where a rock will say to the Muslim, ‘O slave of Allah, here is a Jew. So come and kill him!’”48

2. Ibn Asaakir reported on the authority of Ibn Mas’ood [who] said: “Verily the Messiah, the son of Mary, is coming before the Day of Judgment.”

3. Al-Haakim reported and deemed authentic on the authority of Abee At-Tufail—and he is a companion—[who] said: “I was in Kufah. And it was said that the Antichrist had indeed exited. Therefore, we went to Hudhaifah bin ‘Aseed. I said, “Indeed, the Antichrist has exited.” He said “sit.” So, I sat. Then, an announcement was made that the

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48 Ibn Abee Shaybah (7/493)
[claim] was a lie. Hudhaifah then said, "If the Antichrist exited amongst you, small children would pelt him with pebbles. He will, instead, exit amongst a deficient number of people who are also irreligious and have discord, enmity and hatred amongst them. He will produce every spring for drinking, and the earth will coil up for him just like the bunching of the ram’s fur. He will then come upon Al-Madinah and subdue those who are outside the city and hinder those who are inside. Then the Antichrist will come to the Mountain of Eeliyaa. Thus he will besiege a group of Muslims and he will say to them, "Are you waiting for this tyrant so that you may fight him to the point that you'll meet Allah or be given victory?" Therefore, they will gather in order to fight him. When they reach morning, Jesus (ﷺ), son of Mary, will be amongst them. Thus, Jesus (ﷺ) will kill the Antichrist and defeat his companions.  

4. Abd Ibn Humaid and Ibn Munthir reported on the authority Shahr bin Hawshab, on the authority of Muhammad bin ‘Alee—he is the son of Ibn Al-Hanafeeyah—regarding Allah’s (ﷻ) saying:

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ورَأَنَّ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لَيْوُمَانِ يِدُوْهُمْ فَخَيْرَ مَوْتُهُمْ
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Al-Haakim in Al-Mustadrak (4/574)
And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death...\textsuperscript{50}

He said, “There is no one from the People of the Book except that angels will come to him and beat his face and back.” Then it will be said to him, “O enemy of Allah, indeed Jesus (esus) did not die. Verily, Jesus (esus) was raised to the heavens, and Jesus (esus) will descend before the last hour is established.” Thus no Jew or Christian will remain except that he will believe in Jesus (esus)."

\textsuperscript{50} An-Nisaa’ (4): 159
A Number of Statements from Scholars and Imaams Who Speak Candidly about the Descent of Jesus (ﷺ)

Imaam Abu Ja'far At-Tahaawee said in his book, *The Creed of the People of the Sunnah*, “We believe in the coming of the blind-eyed Antichrist and the descending of Jesus (ﷺ), the son of Mary, from the heavens.”

Ibn Abee Ya'laah, Al-Khalaal, and Ibn Al-Jawzee reported in *Al-Manaaqib* on the authority of Abdoos bin Malik Abee Muhammad Al-Ataar that he said: “I heard Abaa Abdillaah Ahmad bin Muhammad bin Hanbal saying, The foundations of the Sunnah, as it regards to us, are adherence to whatever the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) were upon, the patterning after them, and abandonment of innovation. And every innovation is a deviation. Likewise, [the foundations] include abandonment of disputing and argumentation about religion. The Sunnah to us is the narrations on the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). Also, the Sunnah explains the Qur'an and it is evidence for the Qur'an. Furthermore, there is no analogical reasoning in the Sunnah and examples or likeness are not made for it. Neither logic nor desires can be used to comprehend the Sunnah. The Sunnah is adherence and abandonment of desires.” [Until Imaam Ahmad says]:

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"...and the belief that the Antichrist is coming and that "disbeliever" is written between his eyes. And [the Foundations comprise] belief in the narrations that cover the Antichrist. The belief [in the fact] that this will happen, that the son of Mary (Mary) will descend, and that he will kill the Antichrist at the Gate of Ludd."

Shaykh Abul Hasan Al-Ash’ari said in his book, *Muqaalaat Al-Islamiyyeen*, "A summary of the belief of the People of Hadeeth and Sunnah comprises the acknowledgement of Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, whatever has come from Allah, and that which trustworthy individuals reported on the Messenger of Allah ( ). They do not reject anything from it. Also, [the Belief comprises] the acknowledgement that Allah is the one and only, Self-Sufficient deity. Allah did not take a wife or a son and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. And that the Paradise is real, the Fire is true, the Last Hour is coming undoubtedly, and Allah will resurrect the inhabitants of the graves. [The People of Hadeeth and Sunnah] affirm that Allah’s Messenger ( ) will intercede and that the intercession will be for those who have major sins from his nation. Likewise, they acknowledge the torment in the grave, the reality of the Prophet’s Pond, the reality of the Bridge [over the Hellfire], the reality of Resurrection after death, the reality of Allah’s ( ) taking account of His slaves and the reality of the Standing in front of Allah [on the Day of Judgment]. The People of Hadeeth and Sunnah believe that Allah will remove a group of monotheists from the Fire—based upon narrations that cover this fact from the Messenger of Allah ( )." (Until Shaykh Al-Ash'aree said): “The People of Hadeeth and Sunnah
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also believe in the Antichrist's exiting and that Jesus (Jesus), the son of Mary, will kill him.”

Imaam Abu Bakr Al-Aajoori said in his book, Ash-Sharee’ah, which is a tremendous book in calling to the Methodology of the People of the Truth and Unity, “Chapter: the Belief in the descent of Jesus (Jesus), the son of Mary, as a just Ruler, he will establish the truth and that he will kill the Antichrist”

“We were told by Al-Firyaaabee, he said we were told by Al-Qutaybah bin Sa’eed, he said we were told by Al-Layth bin Sa’ad, on the authority of Sa’eed bin Abee Sa’eed, on the authority of Ataa’ bin Meenaa, on the authority of Abu Hurairah (Abu Hurairah) who said, “The Messenger of Allah (Allah) said, ‘Indeed the son of Mary will descend and [be] a fair ruler. He will break the cross, kill the pigs,”
and abolish the Jizyah. The young she-camel will be left without a rider. Enmity, hatred, and envy will be obliterated. People will be called to wealth and no one will accept it."

حدّثنا عمر بن أيوب السقطي قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدٌ بْنُ عُلَيّ بْنُ أَبِي طَارِشٍ أَسْمَى عَائِشَةُ بُنتُ بَلالٍ، "قلتُ ابْنَيَّ بَلَالٍ، يُبْعَثُونَ عَنَّى النَّارِ، وَيَوْقَظُونَهُمُ الإِنْسَانُ فِي الْجَاهِرِ، فَيَقْلُنَّ، إِنَّا نَخْلُقُكُمْ لِيُجْعَلَنَّهُمُ الْخَيْرَةَ لِزَوَالٍ وَلِلْحُجْرَةَ وَالْبَيْضَةِ. كَانَ رُسُولُ ٱللَّهِ يُقَطَّرُ إِنَّمَا يُصْبِحُ بُلُطًا وَيُدْخِلُهُ يَدَقَّ الصَّلِيبِ، ويَقِلُّ الْجَاحِرِ وَيُضِعُّ الْبِرْجِيَةَ وَيَفْيِضُ المَالَ وَيَقَاتِلُ النَّاسَ عَلَى ٱلْإِسْلَامِ حَتَّى يَهْلِكَ ٱللَّهُ فِي إِمَارَتِهِ ٱلْمِلْلَةَ كُلَّهَا غَيْرَ ٱلسُّلْطَانِ، وَحَتَّى يَهْلِكَ ٱللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فِي إِمَارَتِهِ فَسَيَسْخِرُ الصَّلَاةَ ٱلْأَعْوَرَ ٱلْكَذَّابِ وَتَقَعُّ ٱلْأُمَتَةُ فِي ٱلْأَرْضِ حَتَّى يَرْعَى ٱلْأَسْدُ مَعَ ٱلْإِبَلَّ وَيَتَمُّ ٱلنَّقْرُ ۛوَذَٰلِكَ ۛوَيَلْبِسُ الصَّيْبَانَ بِالْحَيَاتِ لَا يُضَرُّ".

51 Muslim (155)
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We were told by ‘Umar bin Ayyoob As-Saqatee, he said we were told by Muhammad bin Yazeed, the brother Kadkhawayh, he said we were informed by Wahab bin Jareer, he said we were told by Hishaam, on the authority of Qataadah, on the authority of Abdir Rahman bin Aadam, on the authority of Abee Hurairah ( ), that the Prophet ( ) said, “The mothers of the Prophets are different and their religion is one. And I am most worthy of Jesus, the son of Mary, because there was no prophet between him and I. Indeed, Jesus will descend. So, if you see him, know him. Verily, he is a man of medium size, and reddish-white complexion. It is as if his head has water dripping from it, even if water has not been poured on it. He will destroy the cross, kill the pigs, and discontinue the Jizyah. Money will be in abundance. And the people will fight in the name of Islam until Allah ( ) will destroy all other religions except Islam during Jesus’ reign—and until Allah ( ) will destroy the one-eyed lying Antichrist during Jesus’ reign. Safety will then come down on Earth to the point where a lion will be cared for alongside the camel, the tiger will be cared for alongside cows, and wolves will be cared for alongside sheep. And young boys will play with snakes—neither one of them...
will harm the other. Jesus (ﷺ) will remain forty years then, die and the Muslims will pray over him." 52

 حدثنا سفيان عن الزهرى عن سعيد بن المسيب عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: يوحك أن ينزل ابن مرثيم حكمًا غادرًا وماماً مقطعاً يكسر الصليب وينقل الجنوبي ويدفع الجزية ويفرض المال لا يقبله أحد.

We were told by Sufyaan, on the authority of Az-Zuhree, on the authority of Sa‘eed bin Musayyib, on the authority of Abu Hurairah (ﷺ), that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “The son of Mary is on the verge of descending as a fair judge and a just ruler. He will break the cross, kill the pigs, and will not accept the Jizyah. Money will be in abundance to the point that no one will accept it.”

Muhammad bin Al-Hussain (he is Al-Aajoori) (may Allah have Mercy upon him) said, “Those who will fight alongside Jesus (ﷺ) are the nation of Muhammad (ﷺ). Those who will fight against Jesus, alongside the Antichrist, are the Jews. Thus, Jesus (ﷺ) will kill the Antichrist, and the Muslims will kill the Jews.

52 Ahmad (9017)
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Then Jesus (ﷺ) will die, the Muslims will pray over him, and he will be buried with the Prophet (ﷺ), alongside Abu Bakr (ﷺ) and ‘Umar (ﷺ).”

We were told by Abul ‘Abbaas ‘Abdullah bin As-Saqr As-Sakraa, he said we were told by Ibraheem bin Munthir Al-Hazaamee, he said we were told by ‘Abdullah bin Naafi As-Saa’igh, on the authority of Adh-Dhahhaak bin ‘Uthmaan, on the authority of Yusuf bin ‘Abdillah bin Salaam, on the authority of his father—who said, “The illuminated graves are the Prophet’s (ﷺ) grave, the grave of Abu Bakr (ﷺ), the grave of ‘Umar (ﷺ). Jesus (ﷺ), the son of Mary, will be buried in the fourth grave.”

The eminent Shaikh Muhammad bin Ahmad As-Safaareenee As-Salafee Al-Hanbalee said in his book, The Splendid Radiating Light, “From them” meaning ‘from the greater signs of the hour’ is the third sign that
the master messiah, Jesus (ﷺ), the son of Mary, will descend from the heavens. His descent is firmly established in the Book, the Sunnah, and the consensus of the Ummah.”

After citing some of the same verses and narrations that prove Jesus’ descent—that we’ve already reported—Shaikh As-Safaareenee said, “As for the consensus, the entire (Muslim) nation agreed upon [the actuality of] Jesus’ descent. No one from the People of Legislation has differed regarding this. Only philosophers and atheists, whose objections do not count, deny Jesus’ descent. Verily, the Ummah’s consensus solidified that Jesus will descend and judge with the legislation of Muhammad. Jesus will not descend with a separate legislation when he comes down from the heavens—even though he is a prophet and he is described with prophecy.”

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Three chapters containing refutations (from pages 55 to 80) were not translated from the original Arabic text. The original Arabic text was published by Daar Ash-Shaare’ah, in 2004 (1st Edition).

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The Chapter that Discusses the Wording of the Religious Ruling

[A discussion] was published in the magazine, Ar-Risalaah. Firstly, what is noticed is that the published question in the ruling was asked by someone regarding the view of the Noble Qur'an and the Pure Sunnah as it pertains to Jesus (ﷺ), is he, dead or alive? The questioner, despite being Qaadiyaanee and not believing in the Sunnah, he is asking about the Sunnah in the question as a ploy to hide his belief and complete his trickery. The individual giving the ruling, however, did not consider the Prophetic Sunnah at all and did not mention the Sunnah in the ruling except when rejecting it or denying it. Likewise, the answerer confined the discussion of Jesus (ﷺ) to three verses from three chapters in the Qur'an. The answerer built his ruling on whatever he desired by rejecting Jesus’ descent, his living, and his raising. Therefore, he has erred in many ways.

Firstly: He did not adequately give the question its right. That is because he refused to utilize the Sunnah.

Secondly: He avoided verses from the Qur’an that discuss Jesus’ living and descent. This is because the verses do not agree with his desires.

Thirdly: He attempted to explain the verses he cited without having knowledge of what was narrated on the Prophet (ﷺ) regarding the verses, which oppose what
he said. He did this despite the fact that all scholars agree that the first thing that someone speaking regarding the explanation of the Qur'an must look to is, what has been narrated on the Prophet (ﷺ) or his companions. Thus, if there is something narrated [on the Prophet (ﷺ)], that individual does not bypass the Sunnah for something else.

**Fourthly:** The answerer has shown tremendous audacity in spurning the Sunnah completely—and by mentioning the Sunnah only on the side of the argument he opposes. This method does not grant honor to a Muslim because it blatantly opposes the obligatory obedience to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and adherence to his speech—[a reality] that both textual and intellectual proofs agree upon. This is because Allah (ﷻ) made the obedience to the Messenger of Allah and adherence to his speech compulsory and made His Messenger (ﷺ) a proof over His slaves. However, the individual providing the fatwaa trivializes hadeeth in both his books and discussions. In his books and discussions, he only utilizes proofs from the Qur'an and uses the verses to satisfy his desires. Or he attempts to make the verses agree with his desires even when they do not support [his argument]. As for the Prophetic Sunnah, he does not bring it except as a refutation when they are weak or have an evil interpretation. After this, we will move on to the fatwaa, and we will find that the person who issued the fatwaa claims that the Noble Qur'an presents the affair of Jesus (.makeText) and his last moments amongst his people in three different chapters in the Qur'an.
And Jesus’ (مَسْرِيحُ) affair ending with his people, is the foundation that the one who issued the fatwaa desired and built his ruling upon. With this, his aim is that Jesus (مَسْرِيحُ) has a beginning and an end with his people, the same as the rest of the messengers. Indeed, Allah (مَحْمُودُ) showed Jesus’ (مَسْرِيحُ) end with his people. The same way He showed the end of the messengers with their people. Therefore, there is no life, raising, or descending for him. This is the goal of his speech, which we have uncovered and clarified. However, he missed [the fact that] the one, who the Qur’an was sent down upon, is the one who informed of [Jesus’] life, ascent and descent; the same way he reported those matters in the revelation of the Qur’an. He also missed [the fact that] Jesus’ (مَسْرِيحُ) affair ending with his people does not negate Allah (مَاحْمُودُ) from doing that which is permissible for him. [From the aspect] of raising Jesus alive, along with his descent at the end of time; it is not abnormal for one to expect the birth of a child from two parents. Likewise, [it is not abnormal that] Allah would create Jesus (مَسْرِيحُ) from no father. Your Lord is capable of everything. Indeed, He, the Exalted, said:

وَخَلَقْنَا أَبَنَ مَاءَةٍ وَأَمَّهُ مَيْهَا "We have created the son of Mary and his mother as a sign".

المؤمنون: 50

53 Al-Muminoon (23): 50
Clinging to the laws of the universe and judging the creator of it by these laws is a deficiency of the intellect and a defect in comprehension. We will suffice ourselves with the refutation of al-Ghamaaree. Indeed it is sufficient in actualizing what we meant by breaking down the Madhhab of those who deny the raising of Jesus (ﷺ) alive, and his descent at the end of time. The aim of that which they are clinging to is the apparent meaning of the phrase “التوفي” in His saying:

أنا متوفينك ورافيتك إلى الله

Al-Ma’arif: 55

...I will take you and raise you to Myself...54

Along with the fact that the verse itself negates this apparent meaning, as we have already mentioned, since [Allah] coupled “التوفي” with raising Jesus to Him. It is known that the “ascension,” and “التوفي” with the meaning of death, do not agree. So it must be changed to another meaning that will coincide with it, one that does not contradict or negate. This is one of the meanings that we presented before. After that you only find them with weak doubts which they soil or cover with dust in the face of the clear explicit truth. The example of their saying:

54 Aali’imraan (3):55

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"Every soul shall taste death."\footnote{Al-Anbiyaa (21): 35}

This affair in its entirety is not permissible to make it specific to Jesus or other than him. We say to them: Indeed, those who say Jesus (ﷺ) will be raised alive say, “He will come down and he will undoubtedly die.” Rather, some narrations have specified the place where he will be buried and there is no exception in the verse. Also their statements that Allah the All Mighty says,

\footnote{Al-Anbiyaa (21): 34}

“We granted not to any human beings immortality”\footnote{Al-Anbiyaa (21): 34}

Jesus (ﷺ) is a human being like the rest of mankind and if he remained alive until now, then that would mean immortality. This is negating that clear verse.

The answer: It is possible that the immortality in the verse could mean, initially remaining without death. There is no doubt that immortality, with this meaning, contradicts Jesus (ﷺ) and other than him being
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immortal. It is possible what is meant by it is a lengthy stay. Also, this does not relate to the reality of Jesus (ﷺ) because his life, [from] that time, is not on earth. It [Jesus’ life in the heavens] is not compliant to the path and the code of existence in the affair of the living. Furthermore, it [Jesus’ life] is life with Allah (ﷻ). The dweller in that state of life does not feel any bodily needs from food, drink or similar to that. None the less, immortality in everything is relative to the extent [of that thing].

Khidr was more than 2000 years before Jesus(عليه السلام). The Sufis along with the people of speech and rhetoric say, “He is still alive now.” No one has ever said that his life necessitates immortality. Rather, he will inevitably die. From their doubts is the clever scheme, which their shayaateen attempt to put in the minds of the common people by saying to them, “How can his descent be a sign from the Signs of the Hour and the Qur’an has not mentioned anything about it?” In spite of the fact that the Qur’an mentioned the exiting of the beast, they will say, “Is the beast more virtuous than Jesus (ﷺ)??” Then they are purposefully heedless regarding everything which we presented from the explicit verses and narrations regarding Jesus’ (ﷺ) descent. I see everyone who disputes in this affair after this clarification as an astray innovator, if not a disbeliever and we seek Allah’s protection from that. It is mandatory that he is abandoned and stayed away from. This issue is not an issue in which the one who differs is excused. However, this is an issue upon which the Ummah has consensus and the evidences are numerous. Likewise, it is from the type of information for which there is no room for opinion or deduction. We ask Allah, the Most Glorified, that he makes us firm
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upon the belief of the people of the truth and from amongst the Saved Sect until the establishment of the Hour. We ask that He does not allow our hearts to go astray for indeed he is the Noble Protector.

Muhammad bin Khaleel Harraas
(May Allah (¶) have Mercy upon him)
Glossary

A

Aahaad (Hadeeth Terminology): Linguistically is the report of one person. Legislatively is narration that does not meet the requirements of Mutawaatir.

Adan: A city in Yemen.

F

Fatwaa: A religious ruling given by a scholar of the religion.

H

Hisaan: Plural for hasan which means sound.

I

Israaeeliat: Transmitted reports from the Children of Israel, mostly from the Jews or Christians and these reports are divided into three types. The first type is what Islaam agrees with and bears witness to it being the truth. The second type is considered by Islaam to be untrue and witnessed to it being falsehood. The third type is what Islaam does not disagree with or deny so it is mandatory to refrain regarding it.
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J

**Jizyah:** Taxation taken from the people of the book (the Christians and the Jews) living in the land of the Muslims under Islamic Law.

M

**Madhhab:** The different methodologies of deducing the different issues of fiqh.

**Marfoo’ (Hadeeth Terminology):** Elevated; a narration traced directly to the Prophet (ﷺ). For example, “I heard the prophet (ﷺ) say ...” Note: There may be weak narrators in the chain.

**Masaaneed:** This is plural for musnad e.g the Musnad of Imaam Ahmad.

**Mawqoof (Hadeeth Terminology):** Stopped; this is a hadeeth in which the chain of transmission stops at the Sahaabah and does not reach the Messenger (ﷺ). A narration from a companion only. For example, “We were commanded to...”

**Mu’tazalee (Deviant Sect):** They attribute themselves to the deviant sect called the mu’tazilah who attribute themselves to Waasil bin ‘Ataa, their leader. They believe that anyone who commits major sins is neither a Muslim nor a disbeliever; he is between the level of belief and the level of disbelief. If that person dies and has not make repentance, he is considered a disbeliever – he will be in the hellfire, remaining therein forever. The mu’tazilah also deny Allah’s attributes.
Munqati’ah (Hadeeth Terminology): Broken; a break in the chain of narrators.

Mursal (Hadeeth Terminology):

2. If the link between the successor and the prophet is missing. For example, when a successor says “The prophet said...”
3. Specific: When the tabi’een narrates straight from the prophet (ﷺ).

Mutawaatir (Hadeeth Terminology): A narration that has been reported by so many individuals that it is impossible that they all were to agree upon a lie.

N

Najaashee: The Christian king of Ethiopia (Abysinnia) at the time of the Prophet (ﷺ) who accepted Islam and died upon it.

Q

Qaadiyaanee (Deviant Sect): Those who are the followers of Ghulaam Ahmad. They believe that he is a prophet and he received revelation after the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

S

Salafi: One who has strict adherance to the Qur’an and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) upon the
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understanding of the Righteous Predecessors who are the First Three Generations.

Shaam: The region of the Middle East comprising of the modern day countries – Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Palestine.

Shayaateen: Devils.

Sihaah: Plural for saheeh which means authentic.

Sunnah: Comprises of all that, which the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, that which he did of actions, and that which he remained silent upon, (as a sign of approval).

Thaahiriyyah: This is the methodology of the eminent scholar Ibn Hazm who takes the evidences for their apparent meanings.

Ummah: The general body of Muslims.
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