- ♠ According to Matthew, Jesus taught his hearers to call God "Father". He said to them "This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (Matthew 6:9 NIV).
- Sesus made it clear that he was not God: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."
 (Mark 10:18).
- Jesus depends on God for authority: "I can do nothing of my own authority." (John 5:30).
- 10 "I do as the Father has commanded me."

(John 14:31 RSV).

God does not receive commands from anyone.

Jesus also said:

- "The words that I say to you I do not speak of my own authority." (John 14:10 RSV).
- If do nothing of my own authority but speak as the Father has taught me." (John 8:28 RSV).
- Some people forget this and they say that Jesus is equal to the Father. Whom should we believe Jesus or the people? Did Jesus raise himself up? "God raised him up." (Acts 2:24).
- Jesus did not have the power to raise himself up. God had to raise him up. Jesus did not know the tree had not fruit: "He (Jesus) was hungry. And on seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs."

(Mark 11:12-13).

• Jesus (peace be upon him) was referred to as a Servant of God: "Behold my servant whom I have

chosen." (Matthew 12:18).

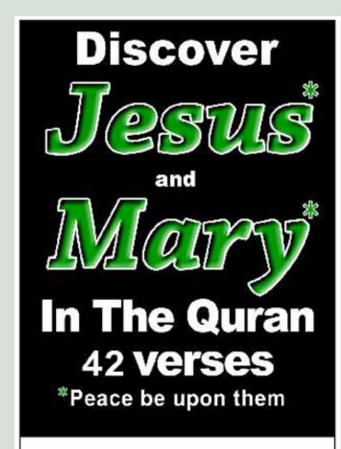
- (In this passage God calls Jesus his servant). "The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus." (Acts 3:13).
- ⊕ Jesus cannot guarantee positions: "To sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

(Matthew 20:23).

Therefore if we want to secure our position with God in the life hereafter, we must turn to God and ask Him for everything.

God reveals the truth about Jesus:

- "O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at a command] from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs." (Quran 4:171).
- "Never would the Messiah disdain to be a servant of Allah, nor would the angels near [to Him]. And whoever disdains His worship and is arrogant He will gather them to Himself all together." (Quran 4:172).
- "And as for those who believed and did righteous deeds, He will give them in full their rewards and grant them extra from His bounty. But as for those who disdained and were arrogant, He will punish them with a painful punishment, and they will not find for themselves besides Allah any protector or helper." (Quran 4:173).
- "O mankind, there has come to you a conclusive proof from your Lord, and We have sent down to you a



Who was the God of Jesus according to the Bible and the Quran?

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Jesus by name in the Quran

- "And We did certainly give Moses the Scripture [i.e., the Torah] and followed up after him with messengers. And We gave Jesus, the son of Mary, clear proofs and supported him with the Pure Spirit [i.e., the angel Gabriel]. But is it [not] that every time a messenger came to you, [O Children of Israel], with what your souls did not desire, you were arrogant? And a party [of messengers] you denied and another party you killed."
- ❷ Say, [O believers], "We have believed in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Descendants [the twelve tribes of Israel descended from Jacob] and what was given to Moses and Jesus and what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."

(Ouran 2:136).

(Quran 2:87).

(Quran 3:55).

• "Indeed, the example of Jesus to Allah [i.e., regarding His creation of him] is like that of Adam. He created him from dust; then He said to him, "Be," and he was."

(Quran 3:59).

Mand [for] their saying, Indeed, we have killed the
 Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, the messenger of
 Allah. And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify
 him; but [another] was made to resemble him to them.

And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain."

(Quran 4:157).

- Pand We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming that which came before him in the Torah; and We gave him the Gospel, in which was guidance and light and confirming that which preceded it of the Torah as guidance and instruction for the righteous." (Quran 5:46).
- They have certainly disbelieved who say, Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary while the Messiah has said, O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Indeed, he who associates others with Allah Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers." (Quran 5:72).

Please read more Quran: (2:253) (3:52,84) (4:163,172) (5:17,75,78,110,112,114,116) (6:85) (9:30,31) (19:30,34) (23:50) (42:13) (43:63) (57:27) (61:6,14).

Mary by name in the Quran

• "But when she (Mother of Mary) delivered her, she said, My Lord, I have delivered a female. And Allah was most knowing of what she delivered, and the male

is not like the female. And I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allah]."

(Quran 3:36).

- "And [mention] when the angels said, O Mary, indeed Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the worlds. " (Quran 3:42).
- "And [We cursed them] for their disbelief and their saying against Mary a great slander [i.e., when they accused her of fornication]." (Quran 4:156).
- "Then she brought him to her people, carrying him. They said, O Mary, you have certainly done a thing unprecedented." (Quran 19:27).
- "And [mention, O Muhammad], when We took from the prophets their covenant and from you and from Noah and Abraham and Moses and Jesus, the son of Mary; and We took from them a solemn covenant."

(Quran 33:7).

Please read more Quran: (3:37,43-45) (19:16) (66:12).

Who was the God of Jesus according to the Bible?

Jesus said;

- "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one..." (Mark 12:28).
- "I am ascending to my father and your father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17 RSV 1952).
- ❸ Jesus, at the end of his mission, made it clear that God is not only his father, but father of all and God of all and even his own God whom he worshipped throughout his earthly career. Any believer can address God as 'Father'. Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "Do not call anyone on earth father, for you have one father, and He is in heaven."

(Matthew 23:19 NIV 1984).