

## **Qur'an, Bible, Islam Christianity, Vernon K. Robbins, Teacher**

April 15: Introduction to Muhammad, Islam, and the Qur'an

April 22: Discussion with Abbas Barzegar, Assistant Professor of Islam, Georgia State University

April 29: Discussion with Sarah Muwahidah, Ph.D. student, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University

May 6: Jesus' Qur'an Family [Family of Imran]: Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary

May 13: The Qur'an and the Gospels of Luke and John

May 20: The Opening (Al Fatiha), Lord's Prayer, and John 17

### **Biblical People in New Testament and the Qur'an**

<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Qur'an</b>
<b>Jesus (942)</b>	<b>Jesus (25)</b> <b>Muhammad (4: Q 3:144; 33:40; 47:2; 48:29)</b>
<b>Jesus' Disciples (257)</b>	<b>Jesus' Disciples (4: Q 3:52; 5:111, 112; 61:14)</b>
<b>John the Baptist (91)</b>	<b>John the Baptist [Yahya] (5: Q 3:39; 6:85; 19:7, 12; 21:90)</b>
<b>Mary (19)</b>	<b>Mary (34 [Surah 19])</b>
<b><u>Zechariah, Father of John Baptist (9)</u></b>	<b><u>Zechariah, Father of John Baptist (7)</u></b>
<b><u>Elizabeth (9)</u></b>	<b><u>Elizabeth (3)</u></b>

#### **References to Muhammad in the Gospel of John:**

John 14:16: <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

John 16:7: <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:13-14: <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

#### **References to Muhammad in the Qur'an:**

Q 3:144: **Muhammad** was no more than a messenger like the messengers before him. Should he die or get killed, would you turn back on your heels? Anyone who

turns back on his heels, does not hurt GOD in the least. GOD rewards those who are appreciative.

Q 33:40: **Muhammad** was not the father of any man among you. He was a messenger of GOD and the final prophet. GOD is fully aware of all things.

Q 47:2: Those who believe and work righteousness, and believe in what was sent down to **Muhammad** - which is the truth from their Lord - He remits their sins, and blesses them with contentment.

Q 48:28-29: He is the One who sent His messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, to make it prevail over all other religions. GOD suffices as a witness. **Muhammad** - the messenger of GOD - and those with him are harsh and stern against the disbelievers, but kind and compassionate amongst themselves. You see them bowing and prostrating, as they seek GOD's blessings and approval. Their marks are on their faces, because of prostrating. This is the same example as in the Torah. Their example in the Gospel is like plants that grow taller and stronger, and please the farmers. He thus enrages the disbelievers. GOD promises those among them who believe, and lead a righteous life, forgiveness and a great recompense.

### **Jesus and His Disciples:**

Q 3:49-53: <sup>49</sup>The angel said to **Mary**, "GOD thus creates whatever He wills. To have anything done, He simply says to it, 'Be,' and it is. <sup>48</sup>"He (**Jesus**) will teach him the scripture, wisdom, the Torah, and the Gospel." <sup>49</sup>As a messenger to the Children of Israel: "I come to you with a sign from your Lord - I create for you from clay the shape of a bird, then I blow into it, and it becomes a live bird by GOD's leave. I restore vision to the blind, heal the leprous, and I revive the dead by GOD's leave. I can tell you what you eat, and what you store in your homes. This should be a proof for you, if you are believers. <sup>50</sup>"I confirm previous scripture - the Torah - and I revoke certain prohibitions imposed upon you. I come to you with sufficient proof from your Lord. Therefore, you shall observe GOD, and obey me. <sup>51</sup>"GOD is my Lord and your Lord; you shall worship Him alone. This is the right path." <sup>52</sup>When Jesus sensed their disbelief, he said, "Who are my supporters towards GOD?" **The disciples said**, "We are GOD's supporters; we believe in GOD, and bear witness that we are submitters." <sup>53</sup>"Our Lord, we have believed in what You have sent down, and we have followed the messenger; count us among the witnesses."

Q 61:13-14: <sup>13</sup>Give good news to the believers. <sup>14</sup>O you who believe, be GOD's supporters, **like the disciples of Jesus, son of Mary**. When he said to them, "Who are

my supporters towards GOD," they said, "We are GOD's supporters." Thus, a group from the Children of Israel believed, and another group disbelieved. We helped those who believed against their enemy, until they won.

### **Zachariah and John the Baptist:**

Q 3:39-41: <sup>41</sup>**Zachariah** implored his Lord: "My Lord, grant me a good child; You are the Hearer of the prayers." <sup>39</sup>The angels called him when he was praying in the sanctuary: "GOD gives you good news of **John**; a believer in the word of GOD, honorable, moral, and a righteous prophet." <sup>40</sup>He said, "How can I have a boy, when I am so old, and my wife is sterile?" He said, "GOD does whatever He wills." <sup>41</sup>He said, "My Lord, give me a sign." He said, "Your sign is that you will not speak to the people for three days, except through signals. Commemorate your Lord frequently; and meditate night and day."

Q 19:2-15: <sup>2</sup>A narration about your Lord's mercy towards His servant **Zachariah**. <sup>3</sup>He called his Lord, a secret call. <sup>4</sup>He said, "My Lord, the bones have turned brittle in my body, and my hair is aflame with gray. As I implore You, my Lord, I never despair. <sup>5</sup>"I worry about my dependents after me, and my wife has been sterile. Grant me, from You, an heir. <sup>6</sup>"Let him be my heir and the heir of Jacob's clan, and make him, my Lord, acceptable." <sup>7</sup>"O **Zachariah**, we give you good news; a boy whose name shall be **John (Yahya)**. We never created anyone like him before." <sup>8</sup>He said, "My Lord, will I have a son despite my wife's sterility, and despite my old age?" <sup>9</sup>He said, "Thus said your Lord: `It is easy for Me to do. I created you before that, and you were nothing.' " <sup>10</sup>He said, "My Lord, give me a sign." He said, "Your sign is that you will not speak to the people for three consecutive nights." <sup>11</sup>He came out to his family, from the sanctuary, and signaled to them: "Meditate (on God) day and night." <sup>12</sup>"O **John**, you shall uphold the scripture, strongly." We endowed him with wisdom, even in his youth. <sup>13</sup>And (we endowed him with) kindness from us and purity, for he was righteous. <sup>14</sup>He honored his parents, and was never a disobedient tyrant. <sup>15</sup>Peace be upon him the day he was born, the day he dies, and the day he is resurrected back to life.

Q 6:82-87: <sup>82</sup>Those who believe, and do not pollute their belief with idol worship, have deserved the perfect security, and they are truly guided. <sup>83</sup>Such was our argument, with which we supported Abraham against his people. We exalt whomever we will to higher ranks. Your Lord is Most Wise, Omniscient. <sup>84</sup>And we granted him Isaac and Jacob, and we guided both of them. Similarly, we guided Noah before that, and from his descendants (we guided) David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, and Aaron. We thus reward the righteous. <sup>85</sup>Also, **Zachariah, John, Jesus**, and Elijah; all were righteous. <sup>86</sup>And Ismail, Elisha, Jonah, and Lot; each of these we distinguished over all the people. <sup>87</sup>From among their ancestors, their descendants, and their siblings, we chose many, and we guided them in a straight path.

Q 21:89-90: <sup>89</sup>And **Zachariah** implored his Lord: "My Lord, do not keep me without an heir, though You are the best inheritor." <sup>90</sup>We responded to him and granted him **John**; we fixed his wife for him. That is because they used to hasten to work righteousness, and implored us in situations of joy, as well as fear. To us, they were reverent.