## **Christmas Greetings with Quranic Commonalities**

Thinks of the same	Bible	Quran
1	Many Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.	Many Muslims celebrate the birth of their prophet.
2	Mary is "blessed above all women" (Injeel, Luke 1:42).	Mary is "chosen above the women of all nations" (Al-Imran 3:42).
3	Mary was a virgin (Luke 1:34).	Mary was a virgin whom "no man has touched" (Al-Imran 3:47).
4	Mary belonged to a blessed nation, chosen by God "beyond all	Mary belonged to a blessed nation, chosen by God "preferred
	others" (Torah, Deuteronomy 7:6, 14).	over the worlds" (Al-Baqarah, 2:47).
5	The birth of Jesus is good news announced by angels "that will	The birth of Jesus is good news announced by angels and a "sign
	cause great joy for all people" (Luke 2:10-14).	for the worlds" (Al-Imran 3:45, Al-Anbya, 21:91).
6	The special name, "Jesus", was chosen by God (Matthew 1:21).	The special name, "Jesus", was chosen by God (Al-Imran 3:45).

Mary is the only woman mentioned in the Quran in that way and by name. She alone has a Surah named after her. Do you therefore agree with those hadith that say she is the greatest woman of all time?

Since in Mary's Middle Eastern culture a woman's greatness is mainly measured by the importance of her children, is Jesus the most influential person in history according to the Bible and the Quran?



Why did Mary experience pregnancy as a virgin?

Could it be that, like Adam, Jesus was born without sin, but, unlike Adam and his descendants, he stayed without sin?

Why was Mary's nation (Israel) chosen by God above all other nations in history?

Is it because God kept His promise to one day bless the whole world through them?

Why is the birth of Jesus good news for the whole world?

Is it because the sacrifice made by Jesus confirms God's way of forgiveness, foreshadowed in previous scriptures?

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