



Maryam  
(Peace be upon her)

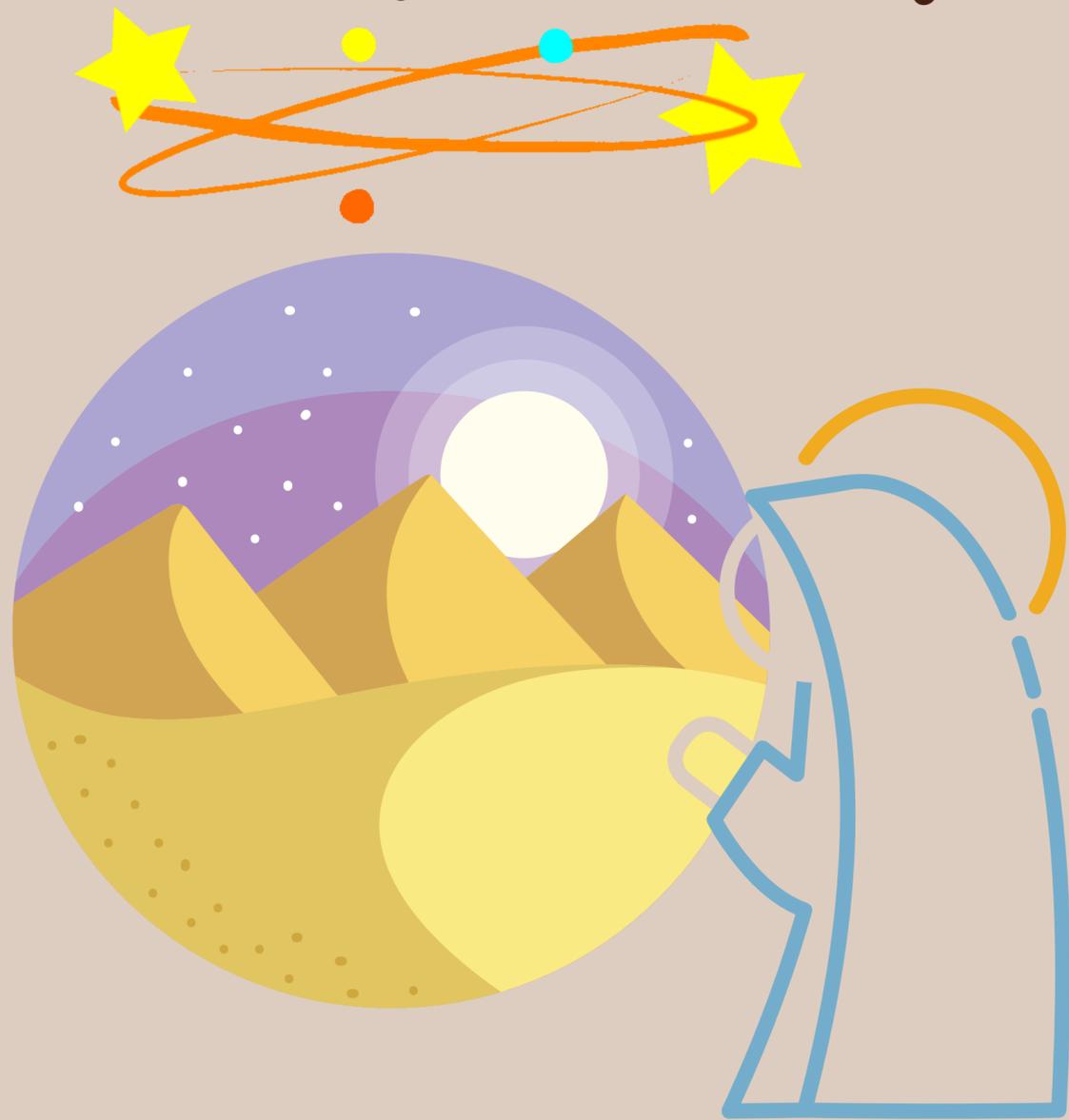


*The Blessed* **DATE PALM TREE THAT  
SHOOK THE WORLD**



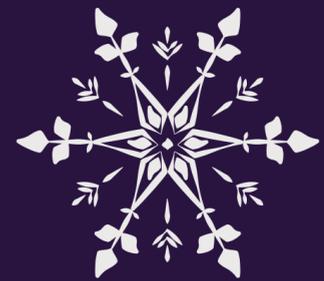
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# A beautiful example



Maryam was an exemplary woman who has been exclusively mentioned in the Quran. One of the greatest women who ever lived, she left a legacy like no other woman. Her life was devoted to worshipping God and becoming a mother to the great Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him). Yet she endured a number of struggles and challenges that elevated her status.

# A du'a answered



Mention Oh Prophet (Peace be upon him) "My Lord, indeed I have pledged to You what is in my womb, consecrated (For your service), so accept this from me..." (3:35)

Blessed



Maryam (Peace be upon her) was a special woman and the answer to a du'a made by her mother Hannah, who asked God for a child. She made a vow that her child would be dedicated to the service of God in a temple, in the blessed land of Jerusalem.

# A blessed baby girl

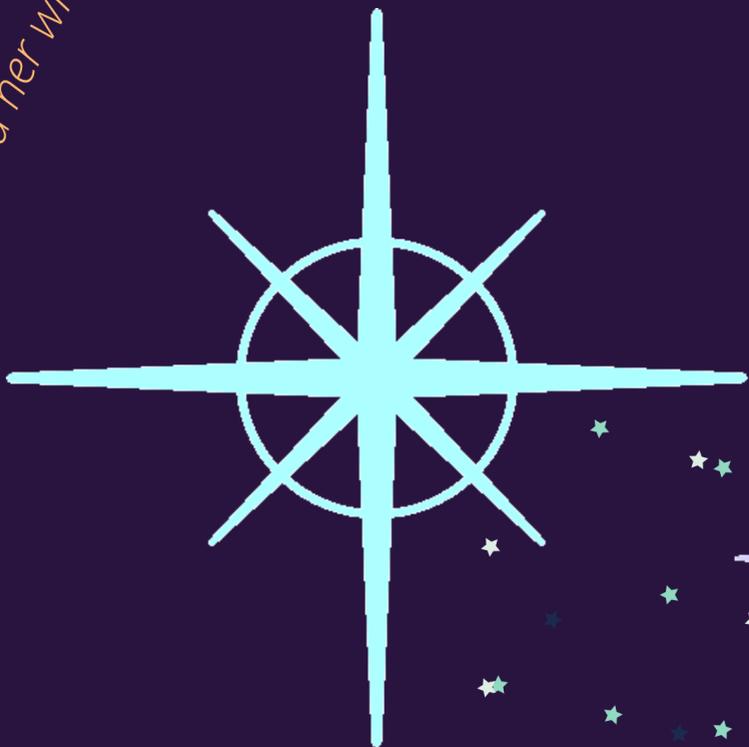


Hannah thought that she would have a baby boy who would be in service at the temple. Little did she know that God had a Greater plan for her in store. She had a special baby girl who had the strength like no other as she faced intense and straining tests. She asked God to protect this exceptional baby girl, Maryam, from shaytaan and as a result she became untouchable.

*Under the best care*



*'So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Prophet Zakariyyah (3:37)*



God made Maryam illuminated with special character, beautiful mannerisms and a delight to be around. She was also under the care of the great Prophet Zakariyyah who was her uncle and also a Prophet.

# Allah provides

*Every time Zakariyyah entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found her with provision... He said, Oh Maryam from where is this (coming) to you? She said, "It is from God, Indeed, God provides from who He Wills without account." (3:370)*



As Maryam (peace be upon her) spent her entire time in service to God and spent a lot of time in seclusion in worship, she was stunned at the non-seasonal fruit food presented to her in her room. Prophet Zakariyyah (peace be upon him) was amazed.

# Absolute trust



Maryam made a simple statement '**It is from God**' when she was asked where these provisions came from. She was in God's care and who can provide more care for you, if you have God? This encouraged Prophet Zakariyyah to implore God and ask for His provision of a righteous child. He was very old and his wife was barren. Yet God is the Best of providers and can make the unexpected happen if He Wills. His du'a (supplication) was answered and he was given the good news of a son called 'Yahya.'



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## *A special conversation*



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One day when Maryam was in seclusion, Jibreel appeared in the form of man and she felt hesitant in understanding what intention was behind this visit. Although she had full trust in God, she said to him,

*'I seek refuge in the Most Gracious from you, (so leave me), if you fear God.'*

*Jibril replied, 'I am only the messenger of your Lord to give you news of a pure boy.'*

# It's a boy!



Maryam was astounded at this news as she wasn't married and could not imagine having a baby boy. Yet all this time she spent in the temple in worship was a mental preparation for her to give birth to a remarkable Prophet named Isa. A miracle birth was announced.



Maryam (peace be upon her) vowed to fast and commanded by God not to speak. Her trust in God gave her strength to refrain from reacting when people accused her of misconduct. This was a huge test for a dignified and decent woman.

# The miracle moment

Prophet Isa (peace be upon him ) through God's command proved the innocence of his mother and defended her.

***'So she pointed to him. they said, "How can we speak to one who is a child in the cradle?" He (Isa) said, "Indeed I am the servant of Allah."  
(19:29-30)***



Prophet Isa spoke in the cradle to defend his mother's reputation and restore her dignity. This was a testimony to her true character and her son Prophet Isa, who supported his mother from the beginning of his life. Prophet Isa was commanded to be obedient to his mother and worship God. This shows us the importance of respecting our parents if we truly want to be close to God.

# Miracle birth

God only had to say 'Be!' and a new reality was upon Maryam with the birth of prophet Isa (Peace be upon them both) . He was a special Prophet who had no father, but a mother who was alone, strong, independent and devout. Maryam placed her trust in God when presented with tough challenges by people around her. They mentally tortured her for having a baby, knowing she wasn't married.

# Be!

She had to face her community with so many people hostile towards her. Maryam remained steadfast with firm resolve and fortitude, never giving up. And this is a lesson for us when we face our challenges in life, no matter how difficult, we stay firm and trust God to get us out of any difficulties.

# Shake the date palm with unshakeable resolve



Maryam faced challenges like no other woman when she was carrying Prophet Isa in her womb. She travelled from Jerusalem to Bethlehem and was alone when she gave birth. She was in pain, deeply misunderstood and yet she had the courage and strength to endure this test. She was instructed by God to shake the mighty date palm tree with her weak hands, yet strong determination; she shook the date palm to release some dates. These dates gave her energy to see the birth through. We can learn from this point that Maryam had to exert her own effort in shaking the date palm and then God provided a way out for her.

*A name remembered*

# REMEMBER

Maryam (peace be upon her) is remembered all over the world. She is mentioned in the Quran with a dedicated chapter in her name and the miraculous birth of Prophet Isa. We can see from the life of Maryam that developing strong faith takes time to grow and nurture and once you have an established relationship with God full of trust, He will always be there in your time of need if we face hardship.

TRUST GOD AND YOU WILL FIND PEACE

This is the true message of Maryam and Isa (Peace and blessings be upon them both)

# Date-mas tree

*inspire*



So now we know the story behind both Noble Maryam and Prophet Isa (Peace be upon them). Perhaps mankind can make sense of how we love, cherish value the powerful message and lessons drawn from these remarkable lives. The date-palm tree marks the inspiring character of Maryam (Peace be upon her) and to fill our hearts with love and admiration. A tree which holds true significance and tells the story of strength, patience, resilience and trust.

May God give us the ability to learn from the inspiring lives of Maryam and Prophet Isa (Peace be upon them both)



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