SURAH AAL-IMRAN 3:59 · 29 OCT 2026

Adam and Isa: *six parallels*, and both named 25 times.

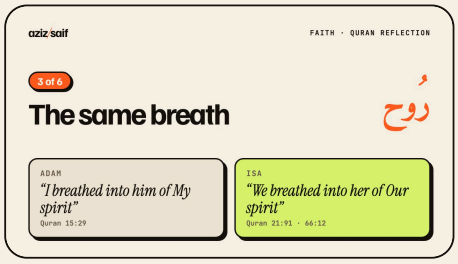
إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِندَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ آدَمَ ۖ خَلَقَهُ مِن تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُونُ

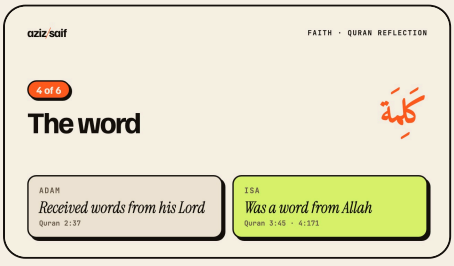
"Indeed, the example of Isa with Allah is like the example of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him 'Be', and he was."

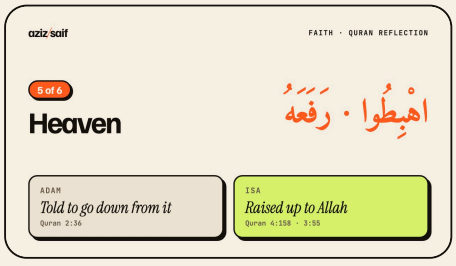














The six parallels, *verse by verse*

#	ADAM	ISA	VERSES
1	خَلَقَهُ مِن تُرَابٍ Created from dust, no father or mother	وَلَمْ يَمْسَسْنِي بَشَرٌ Born to Maryam, no father	3:59 3:47
2	كُن فَيَكُونُ "Be", and he was	كُن فَيَكُونُ "Be", and he was	3:59 19:35
3	وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِن رُّوحِي "I breathed into him of My spirit"	فَنَفَخْنَا فِيهَا مِن رُّوحِنَا "We breathed into her of Our spirit"	15:29 21:91
4	فَتَلَقَّىٰ آدَمُ مِن رَّبِّهِ كَلِمَاتٍ Received words from his Lord	بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهُ A word from Allah	2:37 3:45
5	وَقُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا Told to go down from the Garden	بَل رَّفَعَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ Raised up to Allah	2:36 4:158
6	إِنِّي خَالِقٌ بَشَرًا مِّن طِينٍ Shaped from clay, then breathed into	فَأَنفُخُ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًا Shaped a clay bird, breathed into it, by Allah's permission	38:71 3:49

Even the count matches

Adam is named 25 times in the Quran. Isa is named 25 times. The only verse where the two names stand together is 3:59, the verse that compares them.

Why the verse came down

The tafsir scholars say 3:59 answered a Christian delegation from Najran. Their argument: Isa had no father, so he must be the son of God.

The reply is one name, Adam. He had no father and no mother, and no one calls him God. Isa's miraculous birth shows the power of the One who said "Kun", Be. It says nothing of divinity. Both were created. Both were servants and prophets of Allah, peace be upon them.

Read further

Surah Aal-Imran 3:33 to 3:63: the family of Imran, the birth of Maryam, the news given to her, Isa's miracles, and the Najran exchange ending in the mubahala.