

Jesus' Resurrection: Christian and Muslim Views

*In the pattern of biblical heroes,
God's messenger is first rejected by the people – because of their resistance –
and then vindicated by God and believed.*

Who?	The Christian Story	The Muslim Story
Noah	<p>Was chosen to warn against human violence <i>Rejection:</i> People refused to stop. <i>Vindication:</i> The Flood came.</p>	
Joseph	<p>Was chosen to save his family from famine <i>Rejection:</i> His brothers disowned him; he became a slave in Egypt. <i>Vindication:</i> Joseph rose to power in Egypt and instituted a grain-saving plan to outlast the famine.</p>	
Moses	<p>Was chosen to deliver Israel from Egypt <i>Rejection:</i> The Israelites initially rejected him. <i>Vindication:</i> Moses returned to Egypt and led Israel out.</p>	
David	<p>Was chosen to be King of Israel <i>Rejection:</i> He was driven into the wilderness by Saul and hunted for 40 years. <i>Vindication:</i> David later became King.</p>	
Jesus	<p>Was the ultimate King of Israel and the World <i>Rejection:</i> He was turned over to the Romans and crucified. <i>Vindication:</i> Jesus was resurrected from the dead.</p>	<p>Was another messenger from God. <i>Rejection:</i> He was turned over to the Romans. <i>Vindication:</i> Someone else was crucified in his place by mistake, while Jesus was transported alive into heaven. (Qur'an 4:157 – 158)</p>
Mohammed	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Was God's final messenger. <i>Rejection:</i> He was rejected at Mecca. <i>Vindication:</i> He returned and defeated them militarily. (Qur'an 110:1 – 3).</p>

What resurrection is to Jesus, military victory is to Mohammed.

How does this shape ethics? What other factors in these traditions steer us from violence?

What really happened?