

A Muslim and a Christian in court.

Case: Eye-witness testimonies of the Crucifixion.

Judge: Mr Abdullah, do you believe that Christ was crucified?

Abdullah: Absolutely not!

Judge: Mr. Peter, what about you?

Peter: Absolutely yes! He was indeed crucified.

Judge: What evidence do the both of you have to substantiate your claims?

Abdullah: In Qur'an Chapter 4 verse 157, Allah said that Jews did not kill him, nor crucified him, but someone else was made to appear as if Jesus was crucified in his place. That's all.

Peter: We have prophecies about the Messiah who would be crucified in the Old Testament, and many other instances in the New Testament explain that in detail. Jesus Himself told us of this, and then His disciples taught the same thing.

Judge: Abdullah, will you explain to us that if it wasn't Jesus who was crucified, then who was it? His name? His crime? Did his family file any missing report? Did his friends or relatives try to look for him?

Abdullah: No, I have no details; only this verse.

Judge: Peter, I would like to see all the details, please

Peter: Of course.

Judge: Since this was a well-known historical event, do you have any eye-witness testimonies/accounts for this historical event?

Abdullah: I don't have any testimonies of eye-witnesses; only this verse from the Qur'an chapter 4 verse 157.

Peter: Well, I am pleased to inform you that I have many eye-witnesses. For example, Jesus' Mother, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, James, Nicodemus, Salome, Mary of Clopas, Simon of Cyrene, the centurion, the High Priest, Caiaphas, Annas, the High Priest, the thousands of Jews who demanded Jesus' crucifixion, and many others who always followed Jesus for healing and miracles. All their testimonies can be found in Matthew 27:38-54. Mark 15:27 -39. Luke 23:35-49 and John 19:23-34.

Judge: Both of you were given the same task. You both were asked to give evidence. Since this a matter of a historical event, eye-witness testimonies are vital. I have plenty of eye-witness testimonies from the Christian's side, but Abdullah did not provide any details, besides the one verse of the Quran. Also the verse says that someone else was crucified in Jesus' place, but could not provide any proof for this Qur'anic claim.

Unless Abdullah presents authentic, historical evidence, together with fine details and eye-witness testimonies on hand, I hereby declare that Jesus Christ was indeed crucified.