Why did the Promised Messiah (as) come?

The Promised Messiah (as) came as the metaphorical second coming of Jesus (as) to revive faith in the One God, to remove the love for materialism and to unify all mankind towards the true teachings of Islam. His advent was foretold by The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). Why does the title of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, The Promised Messiah (as) mention, "Promised"?

In the title, the word "Promised" is mentioned because The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) had prophesied that a Messiah and Mahdi would come in the latter days. As Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) claimed to be the reformer, he has been given the title of 'The Promised Messiah' by The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa).

What is a Messiah?

A Messiah is a Messenger who revives people towards God. As Ahmadi Muslims, we believe that Jesus (as) is a Messiah and Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) is the second coming of Jesus (as) and is also a Messiah.

What is a Nabi?

The word Nabi means Prophet. Allah the Almighty has sent Prophets to every nation to guide mankind through their examples. The guidance received through each Prophet is according to the time and the locations' needs. Belief in all the Prophets and their message is fundamental to all Muslims.

Which religions believe in a Messiah?

Muslims and Christians accept Jesus (as) as a Messiah. However, only Ahmadi Muslims believe that the second coming of Jesus (as) and the Messiah of the latter days has already come. Christians, Jews and other non-Ahmadi Muslims are still waiting for a Messiah.

What is Khilafat?

This is a spiritual institution which succeeds Prophethood. It provides unity, progress, righteousness and security to the followers. The Khalifa is a successor to the Prophet of Allah who becomes a central authority for the followers of the community. "Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them Successors in the earth as He made Successors from among those who were before them." [The Holy Qur'an 24:56]

What is a Khalifa?

A khalifa is a spiritual heir of a Prophet of Allah. Believers take the authority through the Khalifa and are united under him. There can only be one Khalifa at one time. After the death of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa), the institution of Khulafa-e-Rashideen was established. After the demise of the Promised Messiah (as), the institution of Khilafat was once again established, known as Khilafat ul Ahmadiyya.

What does Khulafa-e-Rashideen mean?

This refers to the "Rightly Guided" Khulafa of The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa)

> Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) Hazrat Umar (ra) Hazrat Usman (ra) Hazrat Ali (ra)

Why were there only four Khulafa e Rashideen?

According to Hadith, The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) had said 'The Khilafat to be established immediately after me shall continue for thirty years.' (Mishkatul Masabi) Thus, after the demise of Hazrat Ali (ra) this period of Khilafat ended. In our present day how many Khulafa will there be in our times?

The Promised Messiah (as) has stated in his book: The Will, that InshAllah Khilafat will last till the end of time. Why did it take so long for the Messiah to come?

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the last age when mankind will have drifted away from God.

According to Hadith, The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) also mentioned the two signs of the Messiah and Mahdi which have not appeared since the creation of the heavens and the earth: Lunar and Solar eclipse.

Who else is waiting for a Messiah?

All religions believe in a special individual who will come in the latter days. All other non-Ahmadi Muslims are still waiting for a Messiah along with Christians and Jews who are awaiting the Messiah.