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The Quran disagrees...

Then will Allah say: “O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to thee and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee with the holy spirit, so that thou didst speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught thee the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel and behold! thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by My leave, and thou breathest into it and it becometh a bird by My leave, and thou healest those born blind, and the lepers, by My leave. And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) thee when thou didst show them the clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: ‘This is nothing but evident magic.’ (Qur’an, Surah 005.110)

Luke 4:22–24 (NKJV)

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” **23** He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’ ” **24** Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

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 - Prevented a social embarrassment

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Another Social Embarrassment

Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

Isaiah 5:11 - Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them!

Ephesians 5:18 - And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

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Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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The Marriage Feast of the Lamb

Matthew 22:2 - “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

Revelation 19:7–9 - Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” **8** And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. **9** Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

Matthew 22:11–14 (NKJV)

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. **12** So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ **14** “For many are called, but few are chosen.”