



Friday Sermon Slides APRIL 30th 2010



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SUMMARY

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Hudhur delivered his Friday Sermon from Baitul Futuh today, giving an account of his trips to France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland.

Hudhur's visits were a source of enhancing the faith of people of the Jama'ats he visited, as well as for Hudhur (aba) had a heightened perception of wisdom in all that God wills.

Bai'ats took place in these countries in most faith-inspiring circumstances and Hudhur experienced deep sincerity in all the new Ahmadis, in particular Arab Ahmadis who spoke of MTA playing a pivotal role in their bai'ats.

Hudhur (aba) visited the historic city of Turin in Italy to see the current exhibition of the renowned Turin Shroud. Hudhur (aba) said what is termed as the burial cloth of Jesus (on whom be peace) is in fact a testimony to the fact that Jesus (on whom be peace) survived death on the Cross.

Hudhur (aba) went on to explain the scholarly writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which authenticate this belief and also spoke of the research work currently going on in Rabwah regarding the 'ointment of Jesus'.

Hudhur (aba) explained that his original plan to visit West African countries had to be cancelled because of political situation in these countries

Hudhur (aba) wished to attend the Jalsa Salana of Spain and visit Italy

When the Swiss Jama'at came to know of this, they requested a visit from Hudhur (aba) as well.

European Tour

Back from his European tour, Hudhur delivered his Friday Sermon from Baitul Futuh today.

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Hudhur (aba) said the first stay of the tour was in France

- With the Grace of Allah, converts from Moroccan, Algerian and old French colonies are committed and well integrated members of the Jama'at

Hudhur (aba) said that it is difficult to express the sincerity of the new converts in words

- Hudhur (aba) said their eyes and their gestures conveyed their deep sincerity and connection with Khilafat

Hudhur (aba) also said that in whichever country he went Arab-speaking Ahmadis told him that they had heard the message of Ahmadiyyat via MTA Al Arabia.

Hudhur (aba) prayed that may God reward those who spend night and day in broadcasting the message of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and may He enhance their faith

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Hudhur (aba) arrived in Pedro Abad, Spain after travelling for two days

Hudhur (aba) attended the Jalsa Salana in Spain and met members of Jama'at and office holders from Morocco and Portugal

Many Arab-speaking people took their *bai'at* and guests in general had a very good impression of the Jalsa in Spain

Hudhur (aba) laid the foundation stone for a mosque in Valencia putting his faith is Allah that administrative impediments will be removed.

Hudhur (aba) said Valencia is a beautiful region and here Muslims adhered to their faith three to four hundred years after Islamic rule in Europe. May God bring it in the embrace of Islam once again.

1937

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) sent a missionary, Malik Sharif sahib, to Rome in Italy in 1937 who did some successful Tabligh there.

After 1945

When WWII broke out Malik sahib spent time in a POW camp. Later, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) sent Ibrahim Khalil sahib and Maulwi Muhammad Usman sahib to Italy

1955

Malik Sharif sahib continued his work in Italy till 1955 by arranging his own means of livelihood but Ahmadiyyat did not remain established

2010

Now some Pakistani, Ghanaian as well as extremely devoted Arab Ahmadiis have settled here.

From Spain, Hudhur (aba) reached his next stop, Italy, after travelling for three days

Hudhur said as he had explained in his Friday Sermon, the Jama'at here is being enabled to build a mosque. The local mayor and councillors are very supportive, may God reward them for this. Here too a few *bai'ats* took place

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- God facilitated Hudhur (aba) to view the exhibition of the Turin cloth believed to be the shroud

Turin

Cloth

- The Director of the exhibition greeted Hudhur(aba) and allowed to take some photographs without the use of flash.

- The history and the details of the cloth were explained to Hudhur (aba).

History

Hudhur's cavalcade stopped at Turin, Italy

The exhibition brochure read that the pollens found on the shroud indicate that the cloth originates from Palestine and the Middle East and that it is the burial cloth of Jesus (on whom be peace)

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Up till that time perhaps nothing was available about the burial cloth in English language therefore the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has not mentioned it. However it was during his lifetime that God had facilitated further evidence about Jesus (on whom be peace) escaping death on the Cross to come forth.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote his book 'Jesus in India' in 1899 in which he cites Jesus escaping death on the Cross and gives a detailed account.

Turin, Italy

The first ever photograph taken of the shroud was by Seconda Pia in 1898 in which a positive image could be seen through the negative.

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Huzur (aba) visited Turin

Hudhur (aba) met dignitaries and explained to them the Ahmadiyya point of view about Jesus (on whom be peace)



Hudhur (aba) explained that we believe there is no compulsion in religion, it is our task to take the message of God to others and we respect people of all religions and communicate.



Hudhur (aba) offered if they would accept five volume translation and commentary of the Qur'an in English as well as a detailed Arabic translation done by Momin Tahir sahib for the library and they replied in the affirmative.



Hudhur (aba) said in Rabwah research is being carried out under the supervision of Mir Mahmood sahib on the ointment used by Jesus (on whom be peace) at the time of crucifixion.



Hudhur (aba) said a Christian scholar Norma Weller had written most favourably about the research of Mir Mahmood sahib's team.

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1835-1908

He first proves the natural death of Jesus (on whom be peace) by Biblical proofs

Then with reference to Qur'an and Hadith

Then he gave medical testimonies regarding the properties of the ointment

Finally he provided historical testimonies

About his book 'Jesus in India' the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that he would prove in the book that neither Jesus (on whom be peace) died on the Cross, nor was he raised bodily to the heavens. In fact, he reached the old age of 120 years and passed away in Sri Nagar, India.

He said that it is not possible that any person, regardless of his belief, who read the book from cover to cover, would not be inclined that the concept of Jesus (on whom be peace) being raised to the heavens as idle and false.

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After Jummah Hudhur left Switzerland for France, here he stayed at Strasbourg.

This is the centre of European parliament and we have about two hundred Ahmadis residing here. Hudhur said the delightful aspect of this is that 70% of them are non-Pakistani Ahmadis and are most sincere.

Hudhur (aba) said majority of the Ahmadis in Strasburg are Arabic-speakers and many had been informed through dreams that Hudhur was passing by the area.

Two *bai'ats* took place here, Hudhur (aba) met with some local personalities including the representative of the Archbishop

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا
وَبَيْنَكُمْ إِلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا
يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا
فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ

Chapter 3, Verse 55

Say, 'O People of the Book! come to a word equal between us and you — that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partner with Him, and that some of us take not others for Lords beside Allah.' But if they turn away, then say, 'Bear witness that we have submitted *to God*.'

Hudhur (aba) said that the representative of the Archbishop was a most decent person. He said to Hudhur that the three religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam share one common belief that there is One God. Hudhur (aba) told him if that is what he believes it is very good. Hudhur (aba) said he was amazed that he mentioned One God. He also told Hudhur (aba) that he often listens to Hudhur's sermons on MTA.

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May God
enhance the
faith of new
Ahmadis

May we
always
experience
progress of
our Jama'at

May God
always
bestow His
grace on us.

Ameen

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