

## **Cousin Context**

I was raised in a caring home. Although my parents divorced while I was young, I was able to spend time with both my father and mother. I would consider myself to be a good person at the time, but still something was missing in my life. I knew that there was sin in my life that was shameful in the eyes of God. I had to get rid of the sin in my life in order to be made right with Him. I heard about Isa Al-Masih and how He was the ultimate sacrifice that He died to take away the shame of my sin. I read about the miracles that He performed while on earth and that He rose 3 days after he was crucified just like He promised. He lived a perfect life. It made me realize that my good works would not get me into heaven, because I was still sinful no matter how hard I tried and could not come before the presence of a holy God. It made me happy to hear about the good news of following Christ and having a peace in my heart that even after I die – I will live in heaven forever. I started reading the Bible and studying Isa Al-Masih's teaching while He was on earth. As I studied more, I grew in my faith. I knew that I didn't have to be afraid anymore of death or other struggles of life. I came to understand the precious gift that God sent in Isa Al-Masih. God made a way for us as sinful humans to enter His kingdom. I am so grateful for His sacrifice! I am now living a life of joy because of the change in my heart thanks to Isa Al-Masih!