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[THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN]

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (1:1).

This little light of ... ? [A debate on the primordial light] - John 1:1-18

So here are my thoughts:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.....

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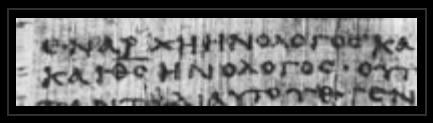

....There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world...

....And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,* full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:1-18)

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This little light of... ? [a reply by Thomas]

Thats nice but, what did Jesus actually say about the light?...

"Jesus said, "This heaven will pass away, and the one above it will pass away.The dead are not alive, and the living will not die. During the days when you ate what is dead, you made it come alive. When you are in the light, what will you do? On the day when you were one, you became two. But when you become two, what will you do?" (Logia 11)

Jesus said, "Congratulations to the one who came into being before coming into being."

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[NEWSREEL] - LOCAL MAN RAISED FROM DEAD - JOHN 11

Bethany, Tuesday--

"Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany." His sister Mary and her sister Martha contacted a local healer, Jesus of Nazareth, saying "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

It is reported that when Jesus recieved this message he commented, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." This local healer from Galilee thus took his time in responding to the call of these women. He stayed two more days by the Jordan river before coming to Lazarus. Jesus had recently caused some unpleasantness in the area of Judea. In fact, when Jesus decided to enter the region his disciples disparged him saying, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

(Logia 19)

His disciples said, "Show us the place where you are, for we must seek it." He said to them, "Anyone here with two ears had better listen! There is light within a person of light, and it shines on the whole world. If it does not shine, it is dark." (Logia 24)

Jesus said, "If they say to you, 'Where have you come from?' say to them, 'We have come from the light, from the place where the light came into being by itself, established [itself], and appeared in their image.' If they say to you, 'Is it you?' say, 'We are its children, and we are the chosen of the living Father.' If they ask you, 'What is the evidence of your Father in you?' say to them, 'It is motion and rest.'" (Logia 50)

Jesus said to her, "I am the one who comes from what is whole. I was granted from the things of my Father."

"I am your disciple."

"For this reason I say, if one is whole, one will be filled with light, but if one is divided, one will be filled with darkness." (Logia 61)

Jesus said, "If you bring forth what is within you, what you have will save you. If you do not have that within you, what you do not have within you [will]

When later interviewed, one of Jesus' disciples commented that Jesus had said, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them... Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

"The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right'...Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'"

By the time Jesus arrived "he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days." Many had gathered from Jerusalem to console Mary and Martha on their loss. Witnesses report yhat when Martha heard Jesus was en route she went and confronted him, saying, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,

kill you." (Logia 70)

Jesus said, "I am the light that is over all things. I am all: from me all came forth, and to me all attained. Split a piece of wood; I am there. Lift up the stone, and you will find me there." (Logia 77)

Jesus said, "Images are visible to people, but the light within them is hidden in the image of the Father's light. He will be disclosed, but his image is hidden by his light. Jesus said, When you see your likeness, you are happy. But when you see your images that came into being before you and that neither die nor become visible, how much you will have to bear!"(Logia 83-84)

[The Gospel of Thomas]

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This little light of... ? [a reply by Nicodemus] - John 3:17-21

But! Jesus said to me...

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

(John 3:17-21)

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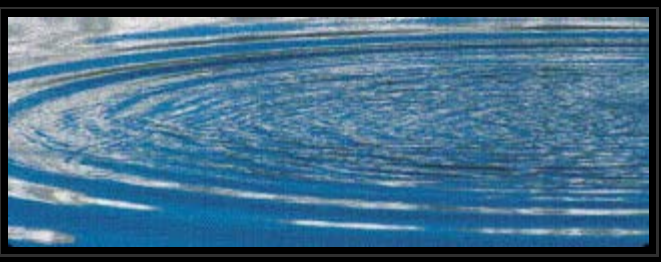
Image is nothing. Obey you thirst. - John 4:7-30 - [Samaritin Woman]

the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'"

Then Mary is report to have went out to see Jesus. "The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'"

"Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him,

I went out "to draw water" one day, "and Jesus said to" me, "Give me a drink".... I said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" Jesus answered me, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." And I said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." I said, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."



Then Jesus changed the subject! He said to me, "Go, call your husband, and come back." But I said "I have no husband." Jesus said "You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" Then I said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to me, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for

and let him go.’"

"Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done." It's likely in coming weeks the Jewish leadership will make a ruling on the actions of this local healer who has roused the people. Indeed, rumors have recently been spreading about comments High Priest Caiaphas has made regarding the actions of Jesus."

--Bethany local news source

salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' Then I said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us. Jesus said to me, "I am he,* the one who is speaking to you."

"Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with," me "but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then" I "left" my "water-jar and went back to the city." I said to the people,"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him."

Cool story huh? After I told everyone in town, they invited him to stay for a few days. Many believed in him after this.

[John 4:7-45]

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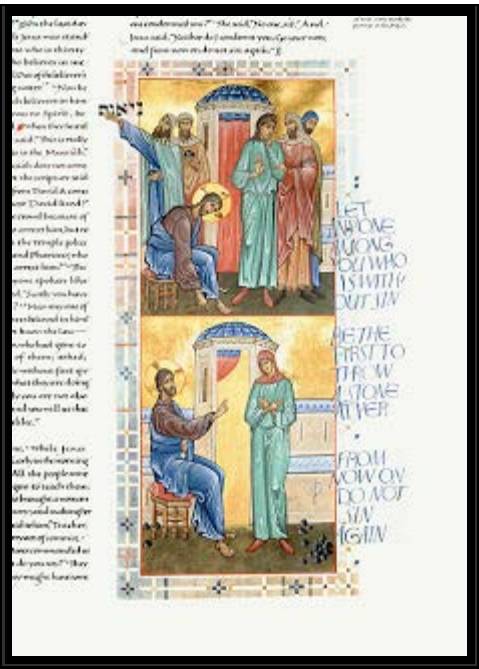
For the record, I'm not a whore! - John 8:1-11

Ok, I want to be clear. There has been a rumor going around about me, probably started by Peter, that I am a prostitute (Gospel of Mary 9:3-5). I wanted to set the record straight. Here is the version of the story I heard:



"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.* 9When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.'* And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.']]

[John 8:1-11]

Notice my name is not in here! It's not me. Let's stop this rumor now before it gets out of hand! Peter is just mad because I challenge his authority; I had a closer relationship with Jesus than he did.

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An odd evening with Jesus - John 13

Mary, I didnt start that rumor. It was probably Thomas.

Anyway...

Since we are all sharing stories of Jesus. Here is mine. Some of you might remember this. We were all eating together and "during supper Jesus... got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him."

When he came to me, I said, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet? Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'" To which I replied, "You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.'" Based on that logic I said, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'" Then Jesus said to me, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean."

If this wans't wierd enough, he gave a rather odd explanation: "After he had washed" our "feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table" he said to us, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are

messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.'"

It was a very interesting night!

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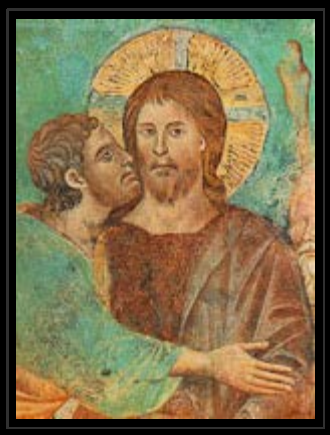
An odd evening with Jesus - John 13 - [a reply by the blogger whom Jesus loved]



I remember that night! Good memory Cepahs.

That is the night Jesus said, "I tell you, one of you will betray me." You all were so confused. In fact, Peter, you leaned over to ask me to ask him who he meant (I was sitting next to him). So I leaned over and asked, '"Lord, who is it? ' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night."

Then he said. "'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I

am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'"

Then Peter said, "'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.'"

You did deny him later, right Peter? Am I getting that right?

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An odd evening with Jesus - John 13 - [a reply by peter.the.rock]

Uh...that was awhile ago. I don't really remember. We were all under a lot of stress after the arrest.

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An odd evening with Jesus - [a reply by didymus.t.doubter]

I REMEMBER!

He did.

"Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.' Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself....

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed."

[John 18]

Not a big moment for you was it Peter?

Tom

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An odd evening with Jesus - [a reply by the blogger whom Jesus loved]

Thomas. You really have no room to talk. You weren't always the paradigm of faith. You were not even with us at the empty tomb. When we found you we said:"We have seen the Lord!" But you said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later we were in the house again, and you were there. "Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among" us "and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your

finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20

So lets not be so critical and competative. Peter had a chance to redeem himself (John 21, "feed my sheep) and so did you.

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Competative!?

Ok. So Ive read Matthew, Mark and Luke's account and Peter plays a pretty important role. But when I read the stuff you have written Disciple (aka John), you are always one up-ing Peter. For example:

At the last meal we had with Jesus, Peter is not brave enough to ask Jesus who will betray him. So he asks you to ask him. "Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"
John 13

Disciple, you are at the crucifixion, and none of us are! You comforted his mother!

In other accounts of the empty tomb Ive heard, Mary Magdalene runs to tell Peter! In your account you say, "So she [Mary] came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there."
John 20

And let us not
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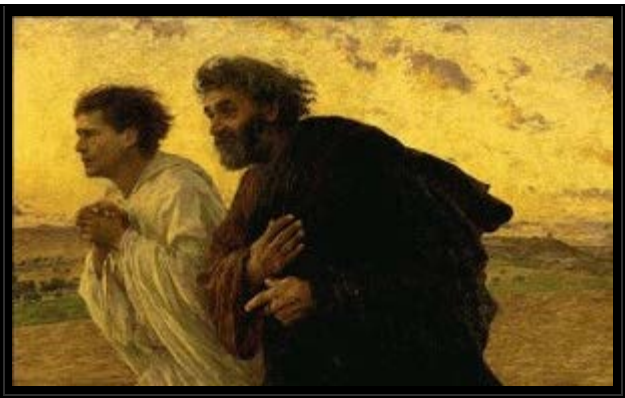

resurrection apperances. "Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.... Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread."
John 21

You are constantly outdoing Peter in your account. Its not only competative, but petty.

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Competative?! [a reply by mary.magdalene

Can I just say, by all accounts I was the first to see the resurrected Lord!

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark" I "came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So" I "ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 1Then the disciples returned to their homes."

However, I didnt leave! I "stood weeping outside the tomb. As I wept, I "bent over to look into the tomb; 12and" I "saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to" me," ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’" I said to them, "‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’" When I had said this, I "turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but" I "did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to" me, "‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are

you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener," I said to him, "'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to" me, "'Mary!'" I "turned and said to him in Hebrew,* 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). "Jesus said to" me, "'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. '

So I "went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and told them that he had said these things to" me.

John 20

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