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Appendix:

The Good News According to the Tradition of Thomas

Prologue

These are the hidden sayings that the living Jesus spoke and Didymos Judas Thomas wrote down.

Saying One

And he said, "Whoever discovers the meaning of these sayings won't taste death."

Saying Two

Jesus said, "Whoever seeks shouldn't stop until they find. When they find, they'll be disturbed. When they're disturbed, they'll be amazed, and reign over everything. When they've reigned, then they'll rest."

Saying Three

Jesus said, "If your leaders tell you, 'Look, Godde's reign is in heaven,' then the birds of heaven will precede you. If they tell you, 'It's in the sea,' then the fish will precede you. Rather, the reign is within you and outside of you.

"When you know yourselves, then you'll be known, and you'll realize that you're the daughters and sons of the living Mother. But if you don't know yourselves, then you live in poverty, and you are the poverty."

Saying Four

Jesus said, "The older woman or man won't hesitate to ask a little seven-day-old child about the place of life, and they'll live, because many who are first will be last, and they'll become One."

Saying Five

Jesus said, "Know what's in front of your face, and what's hidden from you will be revealed to you, because there's nothing hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing buried that won't be raised."

Saying Six

His disciples asked him, "Do you want us to fast? And how should we pray? Should we make donations? And what food should we avoid?"

Jesus said, "Don't lie, and don't do what you hate, because everything is revealed in the sight of heaven; for there's nothing hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing covered up that will stay secret."

Saying Seven

Jesus said, "Blessed is the lion that's eaten by a human and then becomes human, but how awful for the human who's eaten by a lion, and the lion becomes human."

Saying Eight

He said, "The human being is like a wise fisherman who cast a net into the sea and drew it up from the sea full of little fish. Among them the wise fisherman found a fine large fish and cast all the little fish back down into the sea, easily choosing the large fish. If anyone has ears, listen up!"

Saying Nine

Jesus said, "Look, a farmer went out, took a handful of seeds, and scattered them. Some fell on the roadside; the birds came and gathered them. Others fell on the rock; they didn't take root in the soil and ears of grain didn't rise toward heaven. Yet others fell on thorns; they choked the seeds and worms ate them. Finally, others fell on good soil; it produced fruit up toward heaven, some sixty times as much and some a hundred and twenty."

Saying Ten

Jesus said, "I've cast fire on the world, and look, I'm watching over it until it blazes."

Saying Eleven

Jesus said, "This heaven will disappear, and the one above it will disappear too. Those who are dead aren't alive, and those who are living won't die. In the days when you ate what was dead, you made it alive. When you're in the light, what will you do? On the day when you were One, you became divided. But when you become divided, what will you do?"

Saying Twelve

The disciples asked Jesus, "We know you're going to leave us. Who will lead us then?" Jesus told them, "Wherever you are, you'll go to James the Just, for whom heaven and earth came into being."

Saying Thirteen

Jesus told his disciples, "If you were to compare me to someone, who would you say I'm like?"

Simon Peter told him, "You're like a just angel."

Matthew told him, "You're like a wise philosopher."

Thomas told him, "Teacher, I'm completely unable to say whom you're like."

"I'm not your teacher," Jesus said. "Because you've drunk, you've become intoxicated by the bubbling spring I've measured out."

He took him aside and told him three things. When Thomas returned to his companions, they asked, "What did Jesus say to you?"

"If I tell you one of the things he said to me," Thomas told them, "you'll pick up stones and cast them at me, and fire will come out of the stones and burn you up."

Saying Fourteen

Jesus told them, "If you fast, you'll bring guilt upon yourselves; and if you pray, you'll be condemned; and if you make donations, you'll harm your spirits.

"If they welcome you when you enter any land and go around in the countryside, heal those who are sick among them and eat whatever they give you, because it's not what goes into your mouth that will defile you. What comes out of your mouth is what will defile you."

Saying Fifteen

Jesus said, "When you see the one who wasn't born of a woman, bow down before that person. That's your Mother."

Saying Sixteen

Jesus said, "Maybe people think that I've come to cast peace on the world, and they don't know that I've come to cast divisions on the earth: fire, sword, and war. Where there are five in a house, there'll be three against two and two against three, mother and father against daughter and son. They'll stand up and be One."

Saying Seventeen

Jesus said, "I'll give you what no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, no hand has ever touched, and no human mind has ever thought."

Saying Eighteen

The disciples asked Jesus, "Tell us about our end. How will it come?"

Jesus asked, "Have you discovered the beginning so that you can look for the end? Because the end will be where the beginning is. Blessed is the one who will stand up in the beginning. They'll know the end, and won't taste death."

Saying Nineteen

Jesus said, "Blessed is the one who came into being before coming into being. If you become my disciples and listen to my message, these stones will become your servants; because there are five trees in paradise which don't change in summer or winter, and their leaves don't fall. Whoever knows them won't taste death."

Saying Twenty

The disciples asked Jesus, "Tell us, what can the reign of heaven be compared to?"

He told them, "It can be compared to a mustard seed. Though it's the smallest of all the seeds, when it falls on tilled soil it makes a plant so large that it shelters the birds of the sky."

Saying Twenty-One

Mary said to Jesus, "Whom are your disciples like?"

"They're like little children living in a field which isn't theirs," he said. "When the owners of the field come, they'll say, 'Give our field back to us.' They'll strip naked in front of them to let them have it and give them their field.

"So I say that if the owner of the house realizes the bandit is coming, they'll watch out beforehand and won't let the bandit break into the house of their domain and steal their possessions. You, then, watch out for the world! Prepare to defend yourself so that the bandits don't attack you, because what you're expecting will come. May there be a wise person among you!"

"When the fruit ripened, the reaper came quickly, sickle in hand, and harvested it. If anyone has ears, listen up!"

Saying Twenty-Two

Jesus saw some little children nursing. "These nursing children," he told his disciples, "can be compared to those who enter Godde's reign."

They asked him, "Then we'll enter Godde's reign as little children?"

"When you make the two into One," Jesus said, "and make the inner like the outer and the outer like the inner, and the upper like the lower, and so make the male and the female a single One so that the male won't be male nor the female female; when you make eyes in the place of an eye, a hand in the place of a hand, a foot in the place of a foot, and an image in the place of an image; then you'll enter Godde's reign."

Saying Twenty-Three

Jesus said, "I'll choose you, one out of a thousand and two out of ten thousand, and they'll stand as a single One."

Saying Twenty-Four

"Show us the place where you are," his disciples said, "because we need to look for it."

"If anyone has ears, listen up!" he said. "Light exists within a woman or man of light, and they light up the whole world. If they don't shine, there's darkness."

Saying Twenty-Five

Jesus said, "Love your sister or brother as your own soul. Protect them like the pupil of your eye."

Saying Twenty-Six

Jesus said, "You see the speck that's in your sister's or brother's eye, but you don't see the beam in your own eye. When you get the beam out of your own eye, then you'll be able to see clearly to get the speck out of your sister's or brother's eye."

Saying Twenty-Seven

“If you don’t fast from the world, you won’t find Godde’s reign. If you don’t make the Sabbath into a Sabbath, you won’t see the Mother.”

Saying Twenty-Eight

Jesus said, “I stood in the middle of the world and appeared to them in the flesh. I found them all drunk; I didn’t find any of them thirsty. My soul ached for the children of humanity, because they were blind in their hearts and couldn’t see. They came into the world empty and plan on leaving the world empty. Meanwhile, they’re drunk. When they shake off their wine, then they’ll change.”

Saying Twenty-Nine

Jesus said, “If the flesh came into existence because of spirit, that’s amazing. If spirit came into existence because of the body, that’s really amazing! But I’m amazed at how such great wealth has been placed in this poverty.”

Saying Thirty

Jesus said, “Where there are three deities, they’re divine. Where there are two or one, I’m with them.”

Saying Thirty-One

Jesus said, “No prophet is welcome in their own village. No doctor heals those who know them.”

Saying Thirty-Two

Jesus said, “A city built and fortified on a high mountain can’t fall, nor can it be hidden.”

Saying Thirty-Three

Jesus said, “What you hear with one ear, listen to with both, then proclaim from your rooftops. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket or in a hidden place. Rather, they put it on the stand so that everyone who comes and goes can see its light.”

Saying Thirty-Four

Jesus said, “If someone who’s blind leads someone else who’s blind, both of them fall into a pit.”

Saying Thirty-Five

Jesus said, “No one can break into the house of the strong and take it by force without tying their hands. Then they can loot the house.”

Saying Thirty-Six

Jesus said, “Don’t be anxious from morning to evening or from evening to morning about what you’ll

wear. You're much better than the lilies, which don't work or spin. When you have no clothes, what will you put on? Who can add one moment to your life? That's who will give you your clothes."

Saying Thirty-Seven

"When will you appear to us?" his disciples asked. "When will we see you?"

"When you strip naked without being ashamed," Jesus said, "and throw your clothes on the ground and stomp on them like little children, then you'll see the Son of the Living One and won't be afraid."

Saying Thirty-Eight

Jesus said, "Often you've wanted to hear this message that I'm telling you, and you don't have anyone else from whom to hear them. There will be days when you'll look for me, but you won't be able to find me."

Saying Thirty-Nine

Jesus said, "The Pharisees and the scholars have taken the keys of knowledge and hidden them. They haven't entered, and haven't let others enter who wanted to. So be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

Saying Forty

Jesus said, "A grapevine has been planted outside of the Mother. Since it's malnourished, it'll be pulled up by its root and destroyed."

Saying Forty-One

Jesus said, "Whoever has something in hand will be given more, but whoever doesn't have anything will lose even what little they do have."

Saying Forty-Two

Jesus said, "Become passersby."

Saying Forty-Three

"Who are you to say these things to us?" his disciples asked.

"You don't realize who I am from what I say to you, but you've become like the temple authorities! They either love the tree but hate its fruit or love the fruit but hate the tree."

Saying Forty-Four

Jesus said, "Whoever slanders the Mother will be forgiven, and whoever slanders the Son will be forgiven, but whoever slanders the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, neither on earth nor in heaven."

Saying Forty-Five

Jesus said, "Grapes aren't harvested from thorns, nor are figs gathered from thistles, because they don't

produce fruit. A person who's good brings good things out of their treasure, and the person who's evil brings evil things out of their evil treasure. They say evil things because their heart is full of evil."

Saying Forty-Six

Jesus said, "From Adam to John the Baptizer, no one's been born who's so much greater than John the Baptizer that they shouldn't avert their eyes. But I say that whoever among you will become a little child will know Godde's reign and become greater than John."

Saying Forty-Seven

Jesus said, "It's not possible for anyone to mount two horses or stretch two bows, and it's not possible for a bondservant to follow two leaders, because they'll respect one and despise the other.

"No one drinks old wine and immediately wants to drink new wine. And new wine isn't put in old wineskins, because they'd burst. Nor is old wine put in new wineskins, because it'd spoil.

"A new patch of cloth isn't sewn onto an old coat, because it'd tear apart."

Saying Forty-Eight

Jesus said, "If two make peace with each other in a single house, they'll say to the mountain, 'Go away,' and it will."

Saying Forty-Nine

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are One – those who are chosen, because you'll find Godde's reign. You've come from there and will return there."

Saying Fifty

Jesus said, "If they ask you, 'Where do you come from?' tell them, 'We've come from the light, the place where light came into being by itself, established itself, and appeared in their image.'

"If they ask you, 'Is it you?' then say, 'We are its children, and we're chosen by our living Mother.'

"If they ask you, 'What's the sign of your Mother in you?' then say, 'It's movement and rest.'"

Saying Fifty-One

"When will the dead have rest," his disciples asked him, "and when will the new world come?"

"What you're looking for has already come; but you," he told them, "you don't know it."

Saying Fifty-Two

"Twenty-four prophets have spoken in Israel," his disciples told him, "and they all spoke of you."

"You've ignored the Living One right in front of you," he told them, "and you've talked about those who are dead."

Saying Fifty-Three

His disciples asked him, "Is circumcision useful, or not?"

"If it were useful," he told them, "mothers and fathers would have children who are born circumcised. But the true circumcision in spirit has become profitable in every way."

Saying Fifty-Four

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are poor, for yours is the reign of heaven."

Saying Fifty-Five

Jesus said, "Whoever doesn't disregard their father and mother can't become my disciple, and whoever doesn't disregard their brothers and sisters and take up their cross and join me can't follow me."

Saying Fifty-Six

Jesus said, "Whoever has known the world has found a corpse. Whoever has found a corpse, of them the world isn't worthy."

Saying Fifty-Seven

Jesus said, "My Mother's reign can be compared to someone who had good seed. His enemy came by night and sowed weeds among the good seed. The person didn't let anyone pull out the weeds, 'so that you don't pull out the wheat along with the weeds,' he told them. 'On the day of the harvest, the weeds will be obvious. Then they'll be pulled out and burned.'"

Saying Fifty-Eight

Jesus said, "Blessed is the person who's gone to a lot of trouble. They've found life."

Saying Fifty-Nine

Jesus said, "Look for the Living One while you're still alive. If you die and then try to look for him, you won't be able to."

Saying Sixty

They saw a Samaritan carrying a lamb to Judea. He asked his disciples, "What do you think he's going to do with that lamb?"

"He's going to kill it and eat it," they told him.

"While it's living," he told them, "he won't eat it, but only after he kills it and it becomes a corpse."

"He can't do it any other way," they said.

"You, too, look for a resting place," he told them, "so that you won't become a corpse and be eaten."

Saying Sixty-One

Jesus said, "Two will rest on a couch. One will die, the other will live."

"Who do you think you are," Salome asked, "to climb onto my couch and eat off my table as if you're from someone?"

"I'm the one who exists in equality," Jesus told her. "Some of what belongs to my Mother was given to me."

"I'm your disciple."

"So I'm telling you, if someone is equal, they'll be full of light; but if they're divided, they'll be full of darkness."

Saying Sixty-Two

Jesus said, "I tell my mysteries to those who are worthy of my mysteries. Don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

Saying Sixty-Three

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who had much money. He said, 'I'll use my money to sow, reap, plant, and fill my barns with fruit, so that I won't need anything.' That's what he was thinking to himself, but he died that very night. If anyone has ears, listen up!"

Saying Sixty-Four

Jesus said, "Someone was planning on having guests. When dinner was ready, they sent their bondservant to call the visitors.

"The bondservant went to the first and said, 'My master invites you.'

"They replied, 'Some merchants owe me money. They're coming tonight. I need to go and give them instructions. Excuse me from the dinner.'

"The bondservant went to another one and said, 'My master invites you.'

"They replied, 'I've just bought a house and am needed for the day. I won't have time.'

"The bondservant went to another one and said, 'My master invites you.'

"They replied, 'My friend is getting married I'm going to make dinner. I can't come. Excuse me from the dinner.'

"The bondservant went to another one and said, 'My master invites you.'

"They replied, 'I've just bought a farm and am going to collect the rent. I can't come. Excuse me.'

"The bondservant went back and told the master, 'The ones you've invited to the dinner have excused themselves.'

"The master said to their bondservant, 'Go out to the roads and bring whomever you find so that they can have dinner.'

"Businesspeople and merchants won't enter the places of my Mother."

Saying Sixty-Five

He said, "A creditor owned a vineyard. They leased it out to some sharecroppers to work it so the creditor could collect its fruit.

"They sent their bondservant so that the sharecroppers could give him the fruit of the vineyard. They seized his bondservant, beat him, and nearly killed him.

“The bondservant went back and told his master. His master said, ‘Maybe he just didn’t know them.’ They sent another bondservant, but the tenants beat that one too.

“Then the master sent their son, thinking, ‘Maybe they’ll show some respect to my son.’

“Because they knew that he was the heir of the vineyard, the sharecroppers seized and killed him. If anyone has ears, listen up!”

Saying Sixty-Six

Jesus said, “Show me the stone the builders rejected; that’s the cornerstone.”

Saying Sixty-Seven

Jesus said, “Whoever knows everything, but is personally lacking, lacks everything.”

Saying Sixty-Eight

Jesus said, “Blessed are you when you’re hated and harassed; and no place will be found where you’ve been harassed.”

Saying Sixty-Nine

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who’ve been harassed in their own hearts. They’ve truly known the Mother. Blessed are those who are hungry, so that their stomachs may be filled.”

Saying Seventy

Jesus said, “If you give birth to what’s within you, what you have within you will save you. If you don’t have that within you, what you don’t have within you will kill you.”

Saying Seventy-One

Jesus said, “I’ll destroy this house, and no one will be able to rebuild it.”

Saying Seventy-Two

Someone told him, “Tell my sisters and brothers to divide our inheritance with me.”

He asked, “Who made me a divider?”

He turned to his disciples and asked, “Am I really a divider?”

Saying Seventy-Three

Jesus said, “The harvest really is plentiful, but the workers are few. So pray that the Lady will send workers to the harvest.”

Saying Seventy-Four

He said, “Lord, many are gathered around the well, but there’s nothing to drink.”

Saying Seventy-Five

Jesus said, "Many are waiting at the door, but those who are One will enter the bridal chamber."

Saying Seventy-Six

Jesus said, "The Mother's reign can be compared to a merchant with merchandise who found a pearl. The merchant was wise; they sold their merchandise and bought that single pearl for themselves.

"You, too, look for the treasure that doesn't perish but endures, where no moths come to eat and no worms destroy."

Saying Seventy-Seven

Jesus said, "I'm the light that's over everything. I am everything; it's come from me and unfolds toward me.

"Split a log; I'm there. Lift the stone, and you'll find me there."

Saying Seventy-Eight

Jesus said, "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? A man wearing fancy clothes, like your rulers and powerful people? They wear fancy clothes, but can't know the truth."

Saying Seventy-Nine

A woman in the crowd told him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nourished you."

He told her, "Blessed are those who have listened to the message of the Mother and kept it, because there will be days when you'll say, 'Blessed is the womb that didn't conceive and the breasts that haven't given milk.'"

Saying Eighty

Jesus said, "Whoever has known the world has found the body; but whoever has found the body, of them the world isn't worthy."

Saying Eighty-One

Jesus said, "Whoever has become rich should become a ruler, and whoever has power should renounce it."

Saying Eighty-Two

Jesus said, "Whoever is near me is near the fire, and whoever is far from me is far from Godde's reign."

Saying Eighty-Three

Jesus said, "Images are revealed to women and men, but the light within them is hidden in the image of the Mother's light. She'll be revealed, but her image will be hidden by her light."

Saying Eighty-Four

Jesus said, "When you see your likeness, you rejoice. But when you see your images that came into being before you did – which don't die, and aren't revealed – how much you'll have to bear!"

Saying Eighty-Five

Jesus said, "Adam and Eve came into being from a great power and great wealth, but they didn't become worthy of you. If they had been worthy, they wouldn't have tasted death."

Saying Eighty-Six

Jesus said, "The foxes have dens and the birds have nests, but the Son of Woman has nowhere to lay his head and rest."

Saying Eighty-Seven

Jesus said, "How miserable is the body that depends on a body, and how miserable is the soul that depends on both."

Saying Eighty-Eight

Jesus said, "The angels and the prophets will come to you and give you what belongs to you. You'll give them what you have and ask yourselves, 'When will they come and take what is theirs?'"

Saying Eighty-Nine

Jesus said, "Why do you wash the outside of the cup? Don't you know that whoever created the inside created the outside too?"

Saying Ninety

Jesus said, "Come to me, because my work is easy and my requirements are light. You'll be refreshed."

Saying Ninety-One

They told him, "Tell us who you are so that we may trust you."

He told them, "You read the face of the sky and the earth, but you don't know the one right in front of you, and you don't know how to read the present moment."

Saying Ninety-Two

Jesus said, "Look and you'll find. I didn't answer your questions before. Now I want to give you answers, but you aren't looking for them."

Saying Ninety-Three

“Don’t give what’s holy to the dogs, or else it might be thrown on the manure pile. Don’t throw pearls to the pigs, or else they might trample them.”

Saying Ninety-Four

Jesus said, “Whoever looks will find, and whoever knocks, it will be opened for them.”

Saying Ninety-Five

Jesus said, “If you have money, don’t lend it at interest. Instead, give it to someone from whom you won’t get it back.”

Saying Ninety-Six

Jesus said, “The Mother’s reign can be compared to a woman who took a little yeast and hid it in flour. She made it into large loaves of bread. If anyone has ears, listen up!”

Saying Ninety-Seven

Jesus said, “The Mother’s reign can be compared to a woman carrying a jar of flour. While she was walking down a long road, the jar’s handle broke and the flour spilled out behind her on the road. She didn’t know it, and didn’t realize there was a problem until she got home, put down the jar, and found it empty.”

Saying Ninety-Eight

Jesus said, “The Mother’s reign can be compared to a man who wanted to kill someone powerful. He drew his sword in his house and drove it into the wall to figure out whether his hand was strong enough. Then he killed the powerful one.”

Saying Ninety-Nine

The disciples told him, “Your brothers and mother are standing outside.” He told them, “The people here who do the will of my Mother are my sisters, brothers, and mother; they’re the ones who will enter my Mother’s reign.”

Saying One Hundred

They showed Jesus a gold coin and told him, “Those who belong to Caesar demand tribute from us.”

He told them, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, give to Godde what belongs to Godde, and give to me what belongs to me.”

Saying One Hundred and One

“Whoever doesn’t disregard their father and mother as I do can’t become my disciple, and whoever

doesn't love their mother and father as I do can't be my disciple. For my mother gave birth to my body, but my true Mother gave me Life."

Saying One Hundred and Two

Jesus said, "How awful for the Pharisees! They're like a dog sleeping in a feeding trough for cattle, because the dog doesn't eat, and doesn't let the cattle eat either."

Saying One Hundred and Three

Jesus said, "Blessed is the one who knows where the bandits are going to enter. They can get up to assemble their defenses and be prepared to defend themselves before they arrive."

Saying One Hundred and Four

They told Jesus, "Come, let's pray and fast today."

Jesus said, "What have I done wrong? Have I failed?"

"Rather, when the groom leaves the bridal chamber, then people should fast and pray."

Saying One Hundred and Five

Jesus said, "Whoever knows their mother and father will be called 'the child of a sex-worker.'"

Saying One Hundred and Six

Jesus said, "When you make the two into One, you'll become Children of Woman, and if you say 'Mountain, go away!', it'll move."

Saying One Hundred and Seven

Jesus said, "The Mother's reign can be compared to a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. The largest one strayed. He left the ninety-nine and looked for that one until he found it. Having gone through the trouble, he said to the sheep: 'I love you more than the ninety-nine.'"

Saying One Hundred and Eight

Jesus said, "Whoever drinks from my mouth will become like me, and I myself will become like them; then, what's hidden will be revealed to them."

Saying One Hundred and Nine

Jesus said, "The Mother's reign can be compared to someone who had a treasure hidden in his field. They didn't know about it. After they died, they left it to their son. The son didn't know it either. He took the field and sold it.

"The buyer plowed the field, found the treasure, and started to loan money at interest to whomever they wanted."

Saying One Hundred and Ten

Jesus said, "Whoever has found the world and become rich should renounce the world."

Saying One Hundred and Eleven

Jesus said, "The heavens and the earth will roll up in front of you, and whoever lives from the Living One won't see death."

Doesn't Jesus say, "Whoever finds themselves, of them the world isn't worthy"?

Saying One Hundred and Twelve

Jesus said, "How awful for the flesh that depends on the soul. How awful for the soul that depends on the flesh."

Saying One Hundred and Thirteen

His disciples asked him, "When will Godde's reign come?"

"It won't come by looking for it. They won't say, 'Look over here!' or 'Look over there!' Rather, the Mother's reign is already spread out over the earth, and people don't see it."

Saying One Hundred and Fourteen

Simon Peter told them, "Mary should leave us, because women aren't worthy of life."

"Look," Jesus said, "I'll bring her into 'the Good Ol' Boys' Club' along with you guys so that she can become a living spirit too, because every woman who's included will enter the reign of heaven."

The Good News
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