

THE GOSPEL OF
THOMAS



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The 114 Sayings of the Living Yeshua

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and Didymos Judas Thomas recorded.”

A living seed of Light hidden in plain sight...
Read not with the eyes, but with the silence behind them.

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These are the secret sayings which the living Yeshua spoke and which Didymos Judas Thomas recorded.

1. And he said, "Whoever finds the interpretation of these sayings will not experience death."

2. Yeshua said, "Let him who seeks continue seeking until he finds. When he finds, he will become troubled. When he becomes troubled, he will be astonished, and he will rule over the All."

3. Yeshua said, "If those who lead you say to you, 'See, the kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky will precede you.

If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you.

Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you.

When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living Father.

But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty."

4. Yeshua said, "The man old in days will not hesitate to ask a small child seven days old about the place of life, and he will live.

For many who are first will become last, and they will become one and the same."

5. Yeshua said, "Recognize what is in your sight, and that which is hidden from you will become plain to you.

For there is nothing hidden which will not become manifest."

6. His disciples questioned him and said to him, "Do you want us to fast? How shall we

pray? Shall we give alms? What diet shall we observe?"

Yeshua said, "Do not tell lies, and do not do what you hate, for all things are plain in the sight of heaven.

For nothing hidden will not become manifest, and nothing covered will remain without

7. Yeshua said, "Blessed is the lion which becomes man when consumed by man; and cursed is the man whom the lion consumes, and the lion becomes man."

8. And he said, "The man is like a wise fisherman who cast his net into the sea and drew it up from the sea full of small fish.

Among them the wise fisherman found a fine large fish.

He threw all the small fish back into the sea and chose the large fish without difficulty.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9. Yeshua said, "Now the sower went out, took a handful of seeds, and scattered them.

Some fell on the road; the birds came and gathered them.

Others fell on rock, did not take root in the soil, and did not produce ears.

And others fell on thorns; they choked the seed and worms ate them.

And others fell on the good soil and produced good fruit: it bore sixty per measure and one hundred twenty per measure."

10. Yeshua said, "I have cast fire upon the world, and see, I am guarding it until it blazes."

11. Yeshua 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.

In the days when you consumed what is dead, you made it alive.

When you come to dwell 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?"

12. The disciples said to Yeshua, "We know that you will depart from us. Who is to be our

leader?"

Yeshua said to them, "Wherever you are, you are to go to James the righteous, for whose sake heaven and earth came into being."

13. Yeshua said to his disciples, "Compare me to someone and tell me whom I am like."

Simon Peter said to him, "You are like a righteous angel."

Matthew said to him, "You are like a wise philosopher."

Thomas said to him, "Master, my mouth is wholly incapable of saying whom you are like."

Yeshua said, "I am not your master. Because you have drunk, you have become intoxicated from the bubbling spring which I have measured out."

And he took him and withdrew and told him three things.

When Thomas returned to his companions, they asked him, "What did Yeshua say to you?"

Thomas said to them, "If I tell you one of the things he told me, you will pick up stones and throw them at me;

a fire will come out of the stones and burn you up."

14. Yeshua said to them, "If you fast, you will give rise to sin for yourselves;

and if you pray, you will be condemned;

and if you give alms, you will do harm to your spirits.

When you go into any land and walk about in the districts, if they receive you, eat what they will set before you, and heal the sick among them.

For what goes into your mouth will not defile you, but that which issues from your mouth — it is that which will defile you."

15. Yeshua said, "When you see one who was not born of woman, fall on your faces and worship him.

That one is your Father."

16. Yeshua said, "Men think, perhaps, that it is peace which I have come to cast upon the world.

They do not know that it is dissension which I have come to cast upon the earth: fire, sword, and war.

For there will be five in a house: three will be against two, and two against three, the father against the son, and the son against the father.
And they will stand solitary.”

17. Yeshua said, “I shall give you what no eye has seen, and what no ear has heard, and what no hand has touched, and what has never occurred to the human mind.”

18. The disciples said to Yeshua, “Tell us how our end will be.”

Yeshua said, “Have you discovered, then, the beginning, that you look for the end?

For where the beginning is, there will the end be.

Blessed is he who will take his place in the beginning; he will know the end and will not experience death.”

19. Yeshua said, “Blessed is he who came into being before he came into being.

If you become my disciples and listen to my words, these stones will minister to you.

For you have five trees in Paradise which remain undisturbed summer and winter and whose leaves do not fall.

Whoever becomes acquainted with them will not experience death.”

20. The disciples said to Yeshua, “Tell us what the kingdom of heaven is like.”

He said to them, “It is like a mustard seed, smaller than all seeds.

But when it falls on tilled soil, it produces a great plant and becomes a shelter for birds of the sky.”

21. Mary said to Yeshua, “Whom are your disciples like?”

He said, “They are like children who have settled in a field which is not theirs.

When the owners of the field come, they will say, ‘Let us have back our field.’

They will undress in their presence in order to let them have back their field and give it back to them.

Therefore I say, if the owner of a house knows that the thief is coming, he will begin his vigil before he comes and will not let him dig through into his house of his domain to carry away his goods.

You, then, be on your guard against the world.

Arm yourselves with great strength, lest the robbers find a way to come to you, for the trouble you expect will come.

Let there be among you a man of understanding.

When the grain ripened, he came quickly with his sickle in his hand and reaped it.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

22. Yeshua saw infants being suckled.

He said to his disciples, “These infants being suckled are like those who enter the kingdom.”

They said to him, “Shall we then, as children, enter the kingdom?”

Yeshua said to them, “When you make the two one,

and when you make the inner as the outer and the outer as the inner,

and the above as the below,

and when you make the male and the female one and the same,

so that the male not be male nor the female female;

and when you fashion eyes in the place of an eye,

and a hand in place of a hand,

and a foot in place of a foot,

and a likeness in place of a likeness;

then will you enter the kingdom.”

23. Yeshua said, “I shall choose you, one out of a thousand, and two out of ten thousand,

and they shall stand as a single one.”

24. His disciples said, “Show us the place where you are, since it is necessary for us to seek it.”

He said to them, “Whoever has ears, let him hear.

There is light within a man of light, and he lights up the whole world.

If he does not shine, he is darkness.”

25. Yeshua said, "Love your brother like your soul, guard him like the pupil of your eye."

26. Yeshua said, "You see the mote in your brother's eye, but you do not see the beam in your own eye.

When you cast the beam out of your own eye, then you will see clearly to cast the mote from your brother's eye."

27. Yeshua said, "If you do not fast as regards the world, you will not find the kingdom.

If you do not observe the sabbath as a sabbath, you will not see the Father."

28. Yeshua said, "I stood in the midst of the world, and in flesh I appeared to them.

I found all of them drunk; I found none of them thirsty.

And my soul was afflicted for the sons of men, because they are blind in their hearts and do not see that they have come empty into the world, and they seek also to depart empty from the world.

But now they are drunk.

When they sober up, they will repent."

29. Yeshua said, "If the flesh came into being because of spirit, it is a wonder.

But if spirit came into being because of the body, it is a wonder of wonders.

Indeed, I am amazed at how this great wealth has made its home in this poverty."

30. Yeshua said, "Where there are three gods, they are gods.

Where there are two or one, I am with him."

31. Yeshua said,

"No prophet is accepted in his own village.

No physician heals those who know him."

32. Yeshua said,

"A city that is built on a high hill and fortified cannot fall, nor can it be hidden."

33. Yeshua said,

“What you will hear in your ear, in the other ear proclaim from your rooftops.

For no one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel, nor does he put it in a hidden place, but rather he sets it on a lampstand so that everyone who enters and leaves will see its light.”

34. Yeshua said,

“If a blind man leads a blind man, they will both fall into a pit.”

35. Yeshua said,

“It is not possible for anyone to enter the house of a strong man and take it by force unless he binds his hands.

Then he will be able to ransack his house.”

36. Yeshua said,

“Do not be concerned from morning until evening and from evening until morning about what you will wear.”

37. His disciples said,

“When will you become revealed to us and when shall we see you?”

Yeshua said,

“When you strip without being ashamed, and you take your garments and put them under your feet like little children and tread on them,

then will you see the Son of the Living One, and you will not be afraid.”

38. Yeshua said,

“Many times have you desired to hear these words which I am saying to you, and you have no one else to hear them from.

There will be days when you will seek me and will not find me.”

39. Yeshua said,

“The Pharisees and the scribes have taken the keys of knowledge and hidden them. They themselves have not entered, nor have they allowed to enter those who wish to. You, however, be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

40. Yeshua said,

“A grapevine has been planted apart from the Father. And since it is not strong, it will be pulled up by its roots and destroyed.”

41. Yeshua said,

“Whoever has something in hand will be given more, and whoever has nothing will be deprived of even the little he has.”

42. Yeshua said,

“Become passersby.”

43. His disciples said to him,

“Who are you, that you should say these things to us?”

Yeshua said to them,

“You do not realize who I am from what I say to you.

But you have become like the Jews, for they (either) love the tree and hate its fruit or love the fruit and hate the tree.”

44. Yeshua said,

“Whoever blasphemes against the Father, it will be forgiven him.

And whoever blasphemes against the Son, it will be forgiven him.

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either on earth or in heaven.”

45. Yeshua said,

“Grapes are not harvested from thorn trees, nor are figs gathered from thistles,
for they yield no fruit.

A good man brings forth good from his storehouse;

a bad man brings forth evil things from his wicked storehouse, which is in his heart,
and he speaks evil.

For out of the abundance of the heart he brings forth evil.”

46. Yeshua said,

“From Adam to John the Baptist, among those born of women,
there is no one so superior to John the Baptist that his eyes should not be lowered before
him.

Yet I have said, whichever one of you comes to be a child will be acquainted with the
Kingdom and will become greater than John.”

47. Yeshua said,

“It is impossible for a man to mount two horses or to stretch two bows.

And it is impossible for a servant to serve two masters.

He will honor the one and treat the other contemptuously.

No man drinks old wine and immediately desires to drink new wine.

And new wine is not put into old wineskins, lest they burst.

Nor is old wine put into a new wineskin, lest it spoil it.

An old patch is not sewn onto a new garment, because a tear would result.”

48. Yeshua said,

“If two make peace with each other in this one house,
they will say to the mountain, ‘Move away,’ and it will move.”

49. Yeshua said,

“Blessed are the solitary and elect, for you will find the Kingdom.

For you are from it, and to it you will return.”

50. Yeshua said,

“If they say to you, ‘Where did you come from?’ say to them,

‘We came from the light, from the place where the light came into being on its own accord and established itself and became manifest through their image.’

If they say to you, ‘Is it you?’ say, ‘We are its children, and we are the elect of the Living Father.’

If they ask you, ‘What is the sign of your Father in you?’ say to them,

‘It is movement and repose.’”

51. His disciples said to him,

“When will the repose of the dead come about, and when will the new world come?”

He said to them,

“What you look forward to has already come, but you do not recognize it.”

52. His disciples said to him,

“Twenty-four prophets spoke in Israel, and all of them spoke in you.”

He said to them,

“You have omitted the one living in your presence and have spoken (only) of the dead.”

53. His disciples said to him,

“Is circumcision beneficial or not?”

He said to them,

“If it were beneficial, their father would beget them already circumcised from their mother.

But the true circumcision in spirit has become profitable in every respect.”

54. Yeshua said,

“Blessed are the poor, for yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

55. Yeshua said,

“Whoever does not hate his father and his mother cannot become a disciple to me.

And whoever does not hate his brothers and sisters and take up his cross in my way will not be worthy of me.”

56. Yeshua said,

“Whoever has come to understand the world has found (only) a corpse,
and whoever has found a corpse is superior to the world.”

57. Yeshua said,

“The Kingdom of the Father is like a man who had [good] seed.

His enemy came by night and sowed weeds among the good seed.

The man did not allow them to pull up the weeds; he said to them,

‘I am afraid that you will go intending to pull up the weeds and pull up the wheat along with them.’

For on the day of the harvest the weeds will be plainly visible, and they will be pulled up and burned.”

58. Yeshua said,

“Blessed is the man who has suffered and found life.”

59. Yeshua said,

“Take heed of the Living One while you are alive,

lest you die and seek to see Him and be unable to do so.”

60. They saw a Samaritan carrying a lamb on his way to Judea.

He said to his disciples,

“Why does that man carry the lamb around with him?”

They said to him,

“So that he may kill it and eat it.”

He said to them,

“As long as it is alive he will not eat it, but only when he has killed it and it has become a

corpse.”

They said to him,

“He cannot do so otherwise.”

He said to them,

“You too, look for a place for yourself within repose,

lest you become a corpse and be eaten.”

61. Yeshua said:

Two will rest on a couch: one will die, one will live.

Salome said,

“Who are you, man, that you have come up on my couch and eaten from my table as though you were from someone?”

Yeshua said to her,

“I am he who exists from the undivided. I was given some of the things of my Father.”

Salome said,

“I am your disciple.”

Yeshua said to her,

“Therefore I say, if one is whole, one will be filled with light, but if one is divided, one will be filled with darkness.”

62. Yeshua said,

“It is to those who are worthy of my mysteries that I tell my mysteries.

Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.”

63. Yeshua said,

“There was a rich man who had much money.

He said, ‘I shall put my money to use so that I may sow, reap, plant, and fill my storehouse with produce,

with the result that I shall lack nothing.’

Such were his intentions, but that same night he died.

Let him who has ears hear.”

64. Yeshua said,

“A man had guests.

When he had prepared the dinner, he sent his servant to invite the guests.

He went to the first one and said to him, ‘My master invites you.’

He said, ‘I have claims against some merchants. They are coming to me this evening. I must go and give them my orders. I ask to be excused from the dinner.’

He went to another and said to him, ‘My master has invited you.’

He said to him, ‘I have just bought a house and am required for the day. I shall not have any spare time.’

He went to another and said to him, ‘My master invites you.’

He said to him, ‘My friend is going to be married, and I am to prepare the banquet. I shall not be able to come. I ask to be excused from the dinner.’

He went to another and said to him, ‘My master invites you.’

He said to him, ‘I have just bought a farm, and I am on my way to collect the rent. I shall not be able to come. I ask to be excused.’

The servant returned and said to his master, ‘Those whom you invited to the dinner have asked to be excused.’

The master said to his servant, ‘Go outside to the streets and bring back those whom you happen to meet, so that they may dine.’

Businessmen and merchants will not enter the Places of My Father.”

65. He said,

“A good man owned a vineyard. He leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When the harvest time came, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect the share of produce due him.

But the tenants seized his servant, beat him, and almost killed him. The servant returned and told his master.

The master said, ‘Perhaps they did not recognize him.’

He sent another servant. The tenants beat that one as well.

Then the owner sent his son, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’

Because the tenants knew he was the heir of the vineyard, they seized him and killed him.

Let him who has ears hear.”

66. Yeshua said,

“Show me the stone that the builders rejected. That one is the cornerstone.”

67. Yeshua said,

“If one who knows the All still feels a personal deficiency, he is completely deficient.”

68. Yeshua said,

“Blessed are you when you are hated and persecuted.

Wherever you have been persecuted, they will find no place.”

69. Yeshua said,

“Blessed are those who have been persecuted in their heart: they are the ones who have truly come to know the Father.

Blessed are the hungry, for the stomach of the man in want will be filled.”

70. Yeshua said,

“If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you.

If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you.”

71. Yeshua said,

“I shall destroy [this] house, and no one will be able to rebuild it.”

72. A man said to him,

“Tell my brothers to divide my father’s possessions with me.”

He said to him,

“O man, who has made me a divider?”

He turned to his disciples and said to them,

“I am not a divider, am I?”

73. Yeshua said,

“The harvest is great but the laborers are few.

Beseech the Lord, therefore, to send out laborers to the harvest.”

74. He said,

“O Lord, there are many around the drinking trough, but there is nothing in the well.”

75. Yeshua said,

“Many are standing at the door, but it is the solitary who will enter the bridal chamber.”

76. Yeshua said,

The kingdom of the Father is like a merchant who had a supply of merchandise and found a pearl.

That merchant was prudent. He sold the merchandise and bought the single pearl for himself.

You too, seek his unfailing and enduring treasure where no moth comes near to devour and no worm destroys.

77. Yeshua 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.

78. Yeshua said,

Why did you go out into the desert? To see a reed shaken by the wind?

And to see a man clothed in fine garments, like your kings and your great men?

They are clothed in fine garments but are unable to discern the truth.

79. A woman from the crowd said to him,

“Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nourished you.”

He said to her,

Blessed are those who have heard the word of the Father and have truly kept it.

For there will be days when you will say, "Blessed is the womb that has not conceived and the breasts that have not given milk."

80. Yeshua said,
He who has recognized the world has found the body.
But he who has found the body, the world is not worthy of him.

81. Yeshua said,
Let him who has become rich be king, and let him who possesses power renounce it.

82. Yeshua said,
He who is near me is near the fire, and he who is far from me is far from the kingdom.

83. Yeshua said,
Images are visible to man, but the light within them is hidden in the image of the Father's light.
He will become manifest, but his image will be hidden by his light.

84. Yeshua said,
When you see your likeness, you rejoice.
But when you see your images which came into being before you, and which neither die nor are made manifest, how much you will have to bear!

85. Yeshua said,
Adam came into being from a great power and a great wealth, but he did not become worthy of you.
For had he been worthy, he would not have tasted death.

86. Yeshua said,
The foxes have their holes and the birds have their nests,
but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head and rest.

87. Yeshua said,

Wretched is the body that depends upon a body,
and wretched is the soul that depends upon these two.

88. Yeshua said,
The angels and the prophets will come to you and give you what is yours.
You also, give them what you have, and say to yourselves, "When will they come and take what is theirs?"

89. Yeshua said,
Why do you wash the outside of the cup?
Do you not realize that he who made the inside is the same one who made the outside?

90. Yeshua said,
Come unto me, for my yoke is easy and my lordship is mild, and you will find rest for yourselves.

91. They said to him,
"Tell us who you are so that we may believe in you."
He said to them,
You read the face of the sky and of the earth, but you have not recognized the one who is before you, and you do not know how to read this moment.

92. Yeshua said,
Seek and you will find.
Yet the things you asked me about in former times, and I did not tell you then,
now I do desire to tell, but you do not inquire after them.

93. Yeshua said,
Do not give what is holy to dogs, lest they throw it on the dung heap.
Do not cast pearls before swine, lest they grind them to bits.

94. Yeshua said,
He who seeks will find, and he who knocks will be let in.

95. Yeshua said,
If you have money, do not lend it at interest.
But give it to one from whom you will not get it back.

96. Yeshua said,
The kingdom of the Father is like a woman who took a little leaven, hid it in dough, and made it into large loaves.
He who has ears, let him hear.

97. Yeshua said,
The kingdom of the Father is like a woman who was carrying a jar full of meal.
While she was walking along a distant road, the handle of the jar broke, and the meal emptied behind her on the road.
She did not realize it; she had noticed no accident.
When she reached her house, she put the jar down and found it empty.

98. Yeshua said,
The kingdom of the Father is like a man who wanted to kill a powerful man.
In his own house, he drew his sword and thrust it into the wall to test its strength.
Then he slew the powerful man.

99. The disciples said to him,
“Your brothers and your mother are standing outside.”
He said to them,
Those here who do the will of my Father are my brothers and my mother.
It is they who will enter the kingdom of my Father.

100. They showed Yeshua a gold coin and said,
“Caesar’s men demand taxes from us.”
He said to them,
Give Caesar what is Caesar’s.
Give God what is God’s.
And give me what is mine.

101. Yeshua said,
He who does not hate his father and his mother as I do cannot be my disciple,
and he who does not love his father and his mother as I do cannot be my disciple.
For my mother gave me falsehood, but my true mother gave me life.

102. Yeshua said,
Woe to the Pharisees, for they are like a dog lying in the manger of oxen.
He neither eats nor lets the oxen eat.

103. Yeshua said,
Blessed is the man who knows in which part of the night the robbers are coming,
so that he may arise and collect his things and gird his loins before they come.

104. They said to him,
“Come, let us pray today and let us fast.”
Yeshua said,
What is the sin that I have committed, or wherein have I been overcome?
But when the bridegroom leaves the bridal chamber, then let them fast and pray.

105. Yeshua said,
He who knows the father and the mother will be called the son of a harlot.

106. Yeshua said,
When you make the two one, you will become the sons of man.
And when you say, “Mountain, move away,” it will move away.

107. Yeshua said,
The kingdom is like a shepherd who had a hundred sheep.
One of them, the largest, went astray.
He left the ninety-nine and sought the one until he found it.
After he had toiled, he said to the sheep, “I love you more than the ninety-nine.”

108. Yeshua said,
He who drinks from my mouth will become as I am; I myself shall become he,
and the things that are hidden will be revealed to him.

109. Yeshua said,
The kingdom is like a man who had a treasure hidden in his field without knowing it.
And after he died, he left it to his son.
The son did not know about it either.
He took over the field and sold it.
The buyer came, plowed, and found the treasure.
He began to lend money at interest to whomever he wished.

110. Yeshua said,
He who has found the world and become rich, let him renounce the world.

111. Yeshua said,
The heavens and the earth will be rolled up in your presence.
And the one who lives from the Living One will not see death.
Does not Yeshua say, "He who finds himself, of him the world is not worthy"?

112. Yeshua said,
Woe to the flesh that depends on the soul.
Woe to the soul that depends on the flesh.

113. His disciples said to him,
"When will the kingdom come?"
Yeshua said,
It will not come by waiting for it.
It will not be a matter of saying "Here it is" or "There it is."
Rather, the kingdom of the Father is spread out upon the earth, and men do not see it.

114. Simon Peter said to them,
"Let Mary leave us, for women are not worthy of life."
Yeshua said,
I myself shall lead her in order to make her male,

so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males.
For every woman who will make herself male will enter the kingdom of heaven.