

The Gospel of Thomas, as recorded by John

As I made mention in the Gospel of Paul, this is not a “Gnostic Gospel.” The “Gnostic gospels” were written by authors, usually unknown, in the name of a historical character often many years after their deaths. This “extra information” was thought to somehow be an advantage. Holy Spirit is showing us what is written in our texts that we don’t easily see.

There isn’t much written about Thomas, also called, “didymis” which is Greek for “twin.” Some extra-biblical sources suggest his name was “Judas Thomas.” These sources also note that Thomas was the first and maybe only apostle from the original twelve to leave the area. His journeys took him to Syria and India in 52 A.D. He was martyred in the year 72 A.D.

Jhn 20:19 NKJV - Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Jhn 20:20 NKJV - When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jhn 20:21 NKJV - So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Jhn 20:22 NKJV - And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Jhn 20:23 NKJV - "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jhn 20:24 NKJV - Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

Jhn 20:25 NKJV - The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Jhn 20:26 NKJV - And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Jhn 20:27 NKJV - Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

Jhn 20:28 NKJV - And Thomas answered and said to Him, **"My Lord and my God!"**

Jhn 20:29 NKJV - Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jhn 20:30 NKJV - And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

Jhn 20:31 NKJV - but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

I have copied these verses directly from www.blueletterbible.org and have added the bold font to "my Lord and my God" in verse 20:28.

The word "Lord" in Greek is Strong's #G2962, "kurios." The word "LORD" in Hebrew is Strong's #H3068, meaning "Jehovah or Yahweh." In Exodus 20:2, it is written, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." The word "God" is Strong's #H430 translated, "elohiym." The word "God" in Greek is Strong's #G2316 "theos."

Again, if we look at the Septuagint, or LXX, we can see that the Rabbi's translated "kurios" for "Jehovah or Yahweh" and "theos" for "elohiym." I am reading from the Septuagint as found in www.blueletterbible.org. Again, they have done all the work for us.

Roughly translated Exodus 20:2 becomes, "I am 'Yahweh or Jehovah' your 'elohiym.' Or in Greek, "I am 'kurios' your 'theos.' So, when Thomas says, roughly, "My Lord and My God, he is saying, "My 'kurios' and my 'theos.'" Or, Thomas is saying, "My 'Yahweh or Jehovah' and my 'elohiym.'"

The "Gospel" of Thomas as recorded in John 20 declares that Jesus is Yahweh Elohiym. Jesus is the LORD God of the "Old Testament." This would have been Thomas' message to the Syrians and the inhabitants of India.

A careful study of the "Old Testament" would show us that Jacob's wives, Rachael, Leah, Bilhah and Zilpah were all "Arameans" or "Syrians," depending upon your translation. I find it interesting that the first location that the gospel spread to was the land from which the matriarchs of Israel

came. Sources suggest that Thomas arrived in India in 52 A.D. but traveled through Syria to get there. He went to the Jews who were scattered there during the diaspora, probably on the eastern coast south of present day Mumbai (Bombay).

John also tells us very succinctly why we have the Bible. Verses 30 and 31, “Jesus is the Christ” or from what we have learned in the “Gospel of Paul”, “Jehovah is salvation . . . Yahweh is salvation . . . the Christ.” John and Thomas are saying that Jehovah or Yahweh has come to be Messiah or Christ and that Jehovah or Yahweh is the Son of God. Just ask Holy Spirit.