

## The Gospel of Jesus and Mary

### 1.

When the Master Jesus appeared on Earth, he performed miracles and great wonders for the enlightenment of all Mankind. He spoke to us of the Meaning of Life and the great Mystery of God in man. His preaching was a call to freedom, not piety, his sermons a summons to enlightenment instead of judgment. To all who would listen, he proclaimed that *joy of life*, not penitent pain and sorrow, was the surest, quickest and easiest path to God. Above all, he lived his life as a Light for those who dwelled in darkness, and a Mirror to those who sought their own true face. He was an open Door for those who knocked, and a well-worn Way beneath the feet of those who wandered. —Indeed, he showed us the Way, and we followed him; and the Way is the Truth which he taught us.

Jesus was a man unique for his time, a mystic who belonged to the true race of prophets, a living Master who saw with open eyes that all men and women are God incarnate, and the whole of Creation a living theophany of the Divine. —But Jesus himself was not God. Instead, through his words and deeds, he showed us God. He taught us to see God in ourselves, as easily as we might see our own likeness reflected in water or a mirror; and, once having discovered God within ourselves, we thereafter found God in all things.

### 2.

Many were those who scoffed and mocked the Master Jesus, their minds closed and their hearts unfeeling; but just as numerous were we, his followers, who remained close by him everywhere he would go. To us, his teachings were like the light of the rising sun, rousing us to new life and awakening the adoring child within us all. Drunken with the Divine, inspired with holy joy, he spoke directly to our hearts and minds, almost as if he was speaking with our very own voice.

His words were hypnotic, magnetic, mesmerizing, filling us with the bliss of a spiritual enchantment few before us had ever known. We saw, in his eyes, the Kingdom of Heaven itself; and he beheld the very same in all of us. Eager for enlightenment, we prostrated ourselves at his feet. —And in us he sowed the seeds of the true Life; and from his mouth he gave us to drink from the living waters. For us he pulled back the shadowy veil of the world, and revealed the hidden face of God shining radiantly within.

### 3.

Some say that the Master was born of a wind in the heavens, and that he was nursed among the stars. Others maintain that he was the child of a great prophet, raised on a high and holy mountain. Still others claim that he was born of a virgin womb, and that he was later cast out of his home to wander in the desert.

Some say that the Master fell as a drop of rain from the heavens, and that the sea itself gave birth to him, laying the boy-child to rest on the sands of the shore. Others maintain that he was born as a droplet of dew on a sun-kissed flower; and that his earthly mother plucked this flower and held it close to her heart, whence he became a living child in her arms. Still others claim that he shone as a beam of sun on a low-hanging cloud, which a maiden caught in her hands and hid under her dress, that she might keep it with her all her days; and that this shaft of light became a boy-child while safely tucked away in the folds of her gown.

But the truth is that no one knows for certain how the Master came to be born into this World. Sometimes the Master did not appear to us as himself, but was often found among us as a little child. Some of us saw him and believed we were seeing ourselves! Indeed, all manner of miracles were possible when Jesus was near. For no one, in his presence, could deny the Master's divinity; nor could we, spellbound by the mystic Truth he revealed to us, wholly deny our own.

4.

Now along with the Master was born a woman companion, a holy consort who is as much like to him as the moon is to the sun, or the heat of fire to the glow of light.

All her life long she was at the Master's side, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence wherever in the world he would go, pleased to be with him always. Indeed, of all the Master's many followers, none were as close to him as Mary, called Magdalene, whom the Master loved more than any one else.

More blessed than all women on earth, she alone understood the Master completely— for she alone was of one mind with him. No other man did she ever love; all her life long, she had her heart set on the Master alone — and she alone was of one body with him. No mean sinner or penitent whore was she, but rather a lost treasure found by the Master, a pearl of great price that he prized and cherished all his days —for she alone was of one soul with him.

5.

A rose among thorns was Mary, a lily among thistles.— More beautiful than any woman of her day, she turned those who loved her into lovers of themselves. Those who drew near her learned the truth about whatever their hearts desired; and those who gazed wistfully at her beheld, in her mortal beauty, the immortal likeness of their own true face.

In contemplation of God she drank draughts of Light so deep that she, in turn, always poured out Light in abundance. Indeed, so radiant was she, body and soul, that one would look more easily into the fire of the sun than gaze directly upon her face.—And no wonder, that the very body that the Master had so often kissed should shed light more brightly than any other. Thus, to many she was known as 'the Light-bearer' or, simply, 'the Enlightened One.'

6.

The Master Jesus and Mary Magdalene loved one another all their lives with a pure and holy love— a love without which the world could not continue to exist. And, in death the same as in life, their love endures forever— lighting the Way for us lest we stumble and fall, revealing to us the Truth lest we be led astray.

Thus, wherever the Master is found, you will always find his Holy Bride also— body forever touching body, and soul forever touching soul — just as the sun shines in the moonlight, even as fire and light are one.

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