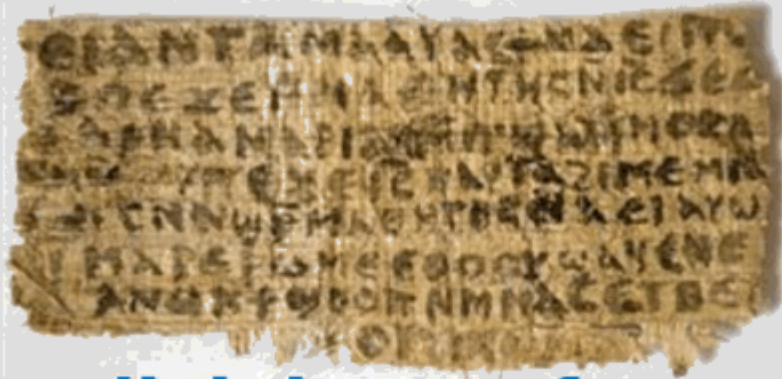


Was Jesus *Married*?



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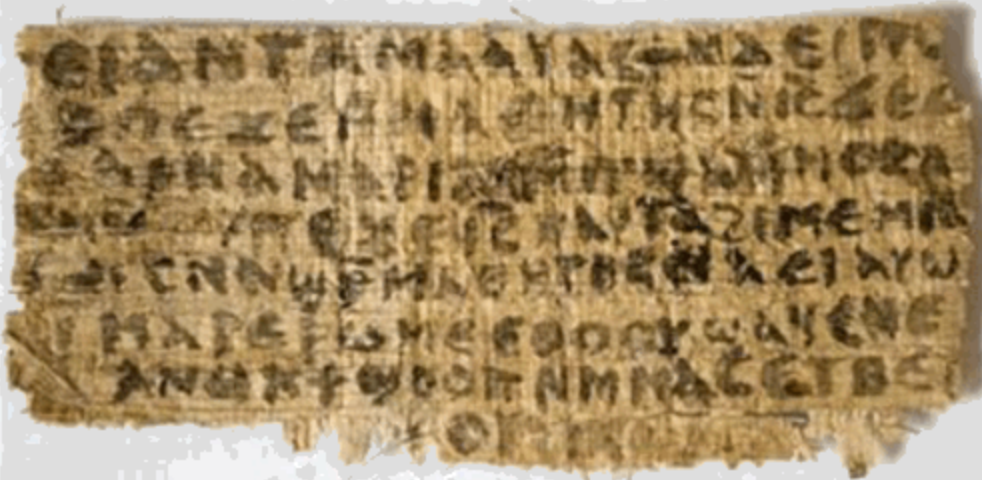
fourth century

fragment of papyrus that

divinity professor Karen L. King says is **the only existing** ancient text that **quotes Jesus explicitly referring to having a wife**. King, an expert in the history of Christianity, says the text contains **a dialogue in which Jesus refers to "my wife," whom he identified as Mary**. King says the fragment of **Coptic script** is a copy of a gospel, **probably written in Greek in the second century.** /
Karen L. King/Harvard University

Translated legible text

1. not [to] me. My mother gave to me li[fe]
2. The disciples said to Jesus
3. deny. Mary is worthy of it
4. Jesus said to them, “My wife”
5. she will be able to be my disciple
6. Let wicked people swell up
7. As for me, I dwell with her in order to
8. an image





Jesus' Example Is Complete Without This Fragment!

*To say the least, this fragment is **Incomplete, Disconnected, Alone, and 3 Centuries too late** to accurately represent any conversation of Jesus Christ on Earth!*

“For to this you were called, because **Christ** also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that **you should follow His steps**” **1 Peter 2:21**

“For **if these things are yours and abound**, you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**”

2 Peter 1:8

 *The discovery could reignite the debate over:*

1. Whether Jesus was married

On Earth: “NO”

Of all the many references to “wife” in Matthew- John, NOT ONCE did it refer to a wife of Jesus Christ!

When Paul argued his “right” to have a wife, though he was unmarried himself, HE NEVER USED Jesus Christ for his example of having a wife!

NO Manuscript representing 1st Century Scripture made any mention of Jesus having a “wife.”



1. *Whether Jesus was married*

From Heaven: “YES”

“For **I have betrothed you to one husband**, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ” **2 Corinthians 11:2**

“Therefore, my brethren, you also have become **dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another**--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God”
Romans 7:4

The parallel between the husband and his wife and Christ and the church should not be ignored! **Ephesians 5:22-32**



The discovery could reignite the debate over:

2. Whether Mary Magdalene was His wife.

If she had been Jesus' wife, why did the Apostles NOT believe her report that He had, indeed, been raised from the dead?

Mark 16:9-11

If she had been Jesus' wife, why did she not recognize Him at the tomb, and why did she call Him "Rabboni" and not "Husband?"

John 20:14-16

3. Whether he had a female disciple.

"Certain women who had been healed" **Luke 8:1-3**

"Many women who followed Jesus from Galilee"

Matthew 27:55-56



Heed This Warning:

1 John 4:1-3:

“Beloved, **do not** believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because **many false prophets have gone out into the world.**”



What Is Bible?

The Women Who Saw?

Mark 16:11: “And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe.**”

The Two Disciples Who Saw Him?

Mark 16:13: “And they went and told it to the rest, but **they did not believe them either.**”

Jesus Who Said This?

Mark 16:15-16: “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved;** but he who does not believe will be condemned.’”