

Romans Series

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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Freed From the LAW Romans 7:1–6



Presuppositions:

Fancy word or critical concept?

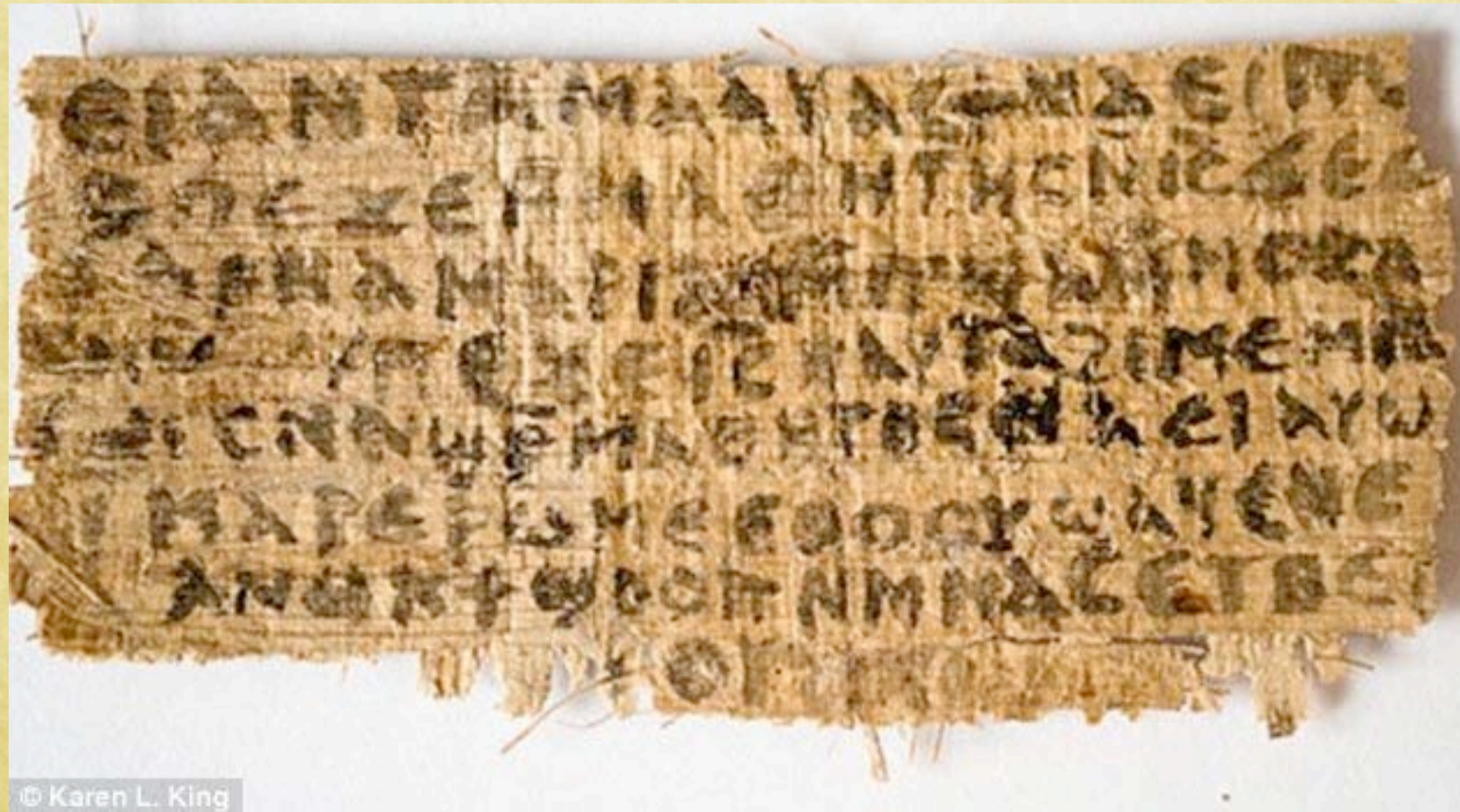
Example 1

There are no Islamic terrorists?

Result: The attacks on 9-11-12 could not possibly be related to Islamic terrorism.



Karen King
She just can't accept that Jesus did not have a wife!



Late 2nd–4th century
Gnostic fragment:
No provenance
No owner
No context

Who cares?

FRONT:

- 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 [**

BACK:

- 1] my moth[er**
- 2] three [**
- 3] ... [**
- 4] forth which ... [**
- 5] (illegible ink traces)**

Romans 6

Before:

Alive to sin

A slave of sin (6:20)

Free in regard to +R (6:20)

After:

Dead to sin

Justified from sin (6:7)

Freed (*eleutereo*) from sin (6:19)

A slave to God and +R (6:19, 21)

Romans 7

Dead to the Law (7:4)

Free from the Law (7:3)

**Tie to the law abolished
(7:7)**

**So that we can live in the
newness of the Spirit
(7:7)**

Two Issues:

- 1. What is the meaning of “law?”**
- 2. What is the significance of the illustration in vv. 2–3?**

νόμος *nomos*

**Law, principle, Mosaic Law, any lawcode,
general, natural, or revealed**

Rom. 3:20, “for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”

Rom. 5:20, “And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

1 Tim. 1:8, “But we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers.”

Rom. 6:14, “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Rom. 6:15, “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!”

Rom. 7:1, “Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?”

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καταργέω *katargeō*

perf pass indic 3 sing

**to leave idle, occupy, make of no effect,
nullify**

Rom. 7:3, “So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man [literally, she became another man’s].”

Rom. 7:4, “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.”