

GOSPEL OF JUDAS

One day He was with his disciples in Judea, and He found them gathered together and seated in pious observance. When He approached His disciples, gathered together and seated and offering a prayer of thanksgiving over the bread, He laughed.

The disciples said to Him, "Master, why are you laughing at our prayer of thanksgiving? We have done what is right."

He answered and said to them, "I am not laughing at you. You are not doing this because of your own will but because it is through this that your God will be praised."

They said, "Master, you are the son of our God."

Jesus said to them, "How do you know me? Truly I say to you, no generation of the people that are among you will know me."

When His disciples heard this, they started getting angry and infuriated and began blaspheming against Him in their hearts.

When Jesus observed their lack of understanding, He said to them, "Why has this agitation led you to anger? Your God who is within you and [?] have provoked you to anger within your souls. Let any one of you who is strong enough among human beings bring out the perfect human and stand before my face."

They all said, "We have the strength." But their spirits did not dare to stand before Him, except for Judas Iscariot. He was able to stand before Him, but he could not look Him in the eyes, and he turned his face away.

Judas said to him, "I know who you are and where you have come from. You are from the immortal realm of Barbelo. And I am not worthy to utter the name of the one who has sent you."

3. Does this passage sound consistent with the writings of the apostles? Explain your thinking.

4. What biblical passages would you use to explain that this must be a false writing?