



SERMON ON THE MOUNT



THE BEATITUDES



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MATTHEW 5:1-2

When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to teach them, saying:

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MATTHEW 4:17

From then on Jesus began to preach,
"Repent, because the kingdom of
heaven has come near."

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**THE KING IS HERE AND
BROUGHT HIS KINGDOM
WITH HIM.**

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**THE SERMON:
A VISION OF BEING IN THE WORLD
THAT RESULTS IN OUR FLOURISHING.**

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**JESUS' VISION IS FOR THE
REALITY OF HEAVEN TO BECOME
OUR EARTHLY EXPERIENCE.**

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**THE KING AND
HIS KINGDOM**



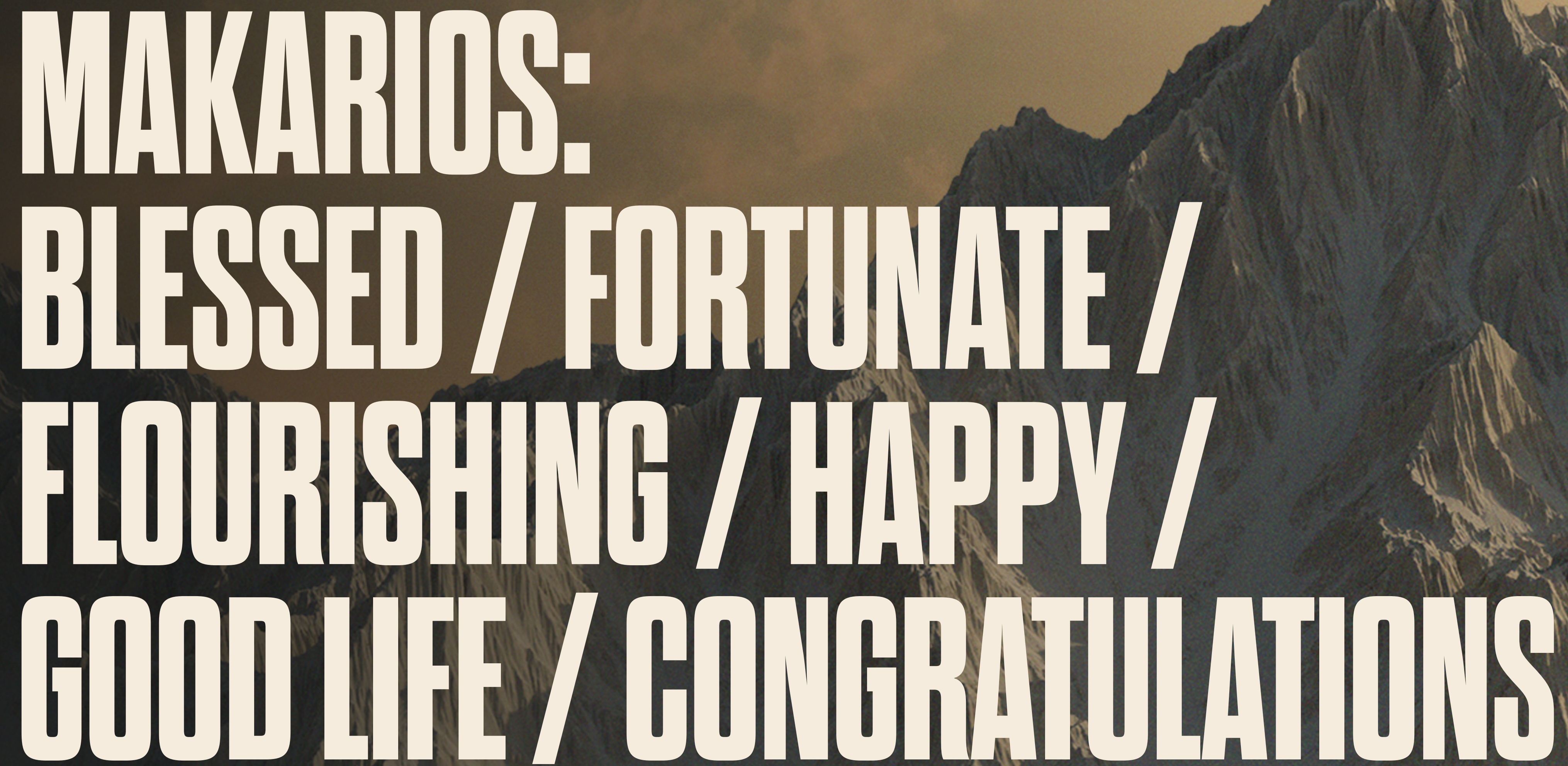
**THE BEATITUDES:
JESUS' INTRODUCTION FOR HIS
COUNTERCULTURAL, UPSIDE-DOWN,
HUMAN-FLOURISHING,
KINGDOM-MINDED SERMON**

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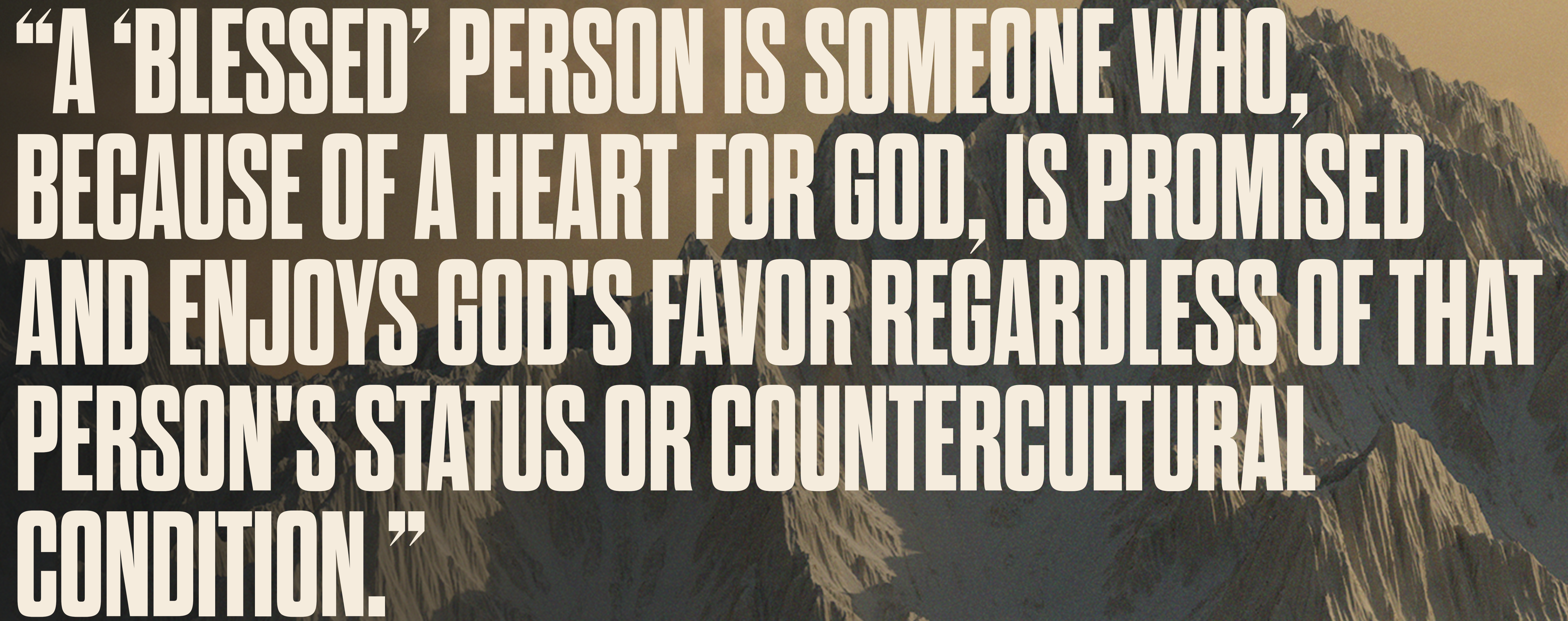
GREEK WORD FOR BLESSED: MAKARIOS

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**MAKARIOS:
BLESSED / FORTUNATE /
FLOURISHING / HAPPY /
GOOD LIFE / CONGRATULATIONS**

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**“A ‘BLESSED’ PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO,
BECAUSE OF A HEART FOR GOD, IS PROMISED
AND ENJOYS GOD’S FAVOR REGARDLESS OF THAT
PERSON’S STATUS OR COUNTERCULTURAL
CONDITION.”**

— Scot McKnight

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**NINE TYPES OF PEOPLE ARE
FLOURISHING THAT MOST OF
HUMANITY TENDS TO AVOID.**

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“THE BEATITUDES DON'T *EXCLUDE* PEOPLE WHO DO NOT FIT INTO THESE CATEGORIES. IT IS *INCLUDING* THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXCLUDED.”

– Emma Weaver (my wife)

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**THE BEATITUDES SHOW US
THAT HIS KINGDOM IS TO LIVE
FORWARD INTO HIS DIVINE PLAN.**

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MATTHEW 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Flourishing are the poor in spirit, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

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MATTHEW 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

*Flourishing are the mourners,
because God will be their comforter.*

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MATTHEW 5:5

Blessed are the humble,
for they will inherit the earth.

*Flourishing are the humble,
because they will inherit the world.*

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MATTHEW 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Flourishing are the ones hungering and thirsting for righteousness, because they will be satisfied.

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MATTHEW 5:7

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

*Flourishing are the merciful,
because they will be given mercy.*

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MATTHEW 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

*Flourishing are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.*

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MATTHEW 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

*Flourishing are the peacemakers,
because they will be called the
children of God.*

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MATTHEW 5:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Flourishing are the ones persecuted on account of righteousness, because the kingdom of God is theirs.

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MATTHEW 5:11-12

You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Flourishing are you whenever people revile and slander and speak all kinds of evil things against you on account of me. Rejoice and be glad because your reward is great in heaven. In this same way people slandered the prophets who came before you.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read through the beatitudes. Which beatitude do you relate to or have related to?
2. The beatitudes are redemptive. How has God redeemed something you thought was irredeemable?
3. The Kingdom is our true home, so how can we interact to the world we currently live in? (Spoiler: the answers are in Jesus' sermon.)
4. What topic in sermon on the mount are you most looking forward to? (Matthew 5-7)

PRAY THE BEATITUDES THIS WEEK

Jesus, help me recognize you and your Kingdom.

Jesus, comfort me in my hurt and help me comfort others who are hurting.

Jesus, give me your passion for righteousness.

Jesus, teach me to show mercy to others.

Jesus, help me be a person of peace and reconciliation.

Jesus, give me the boldness to speak of you and your Kingdom.

Amen.

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