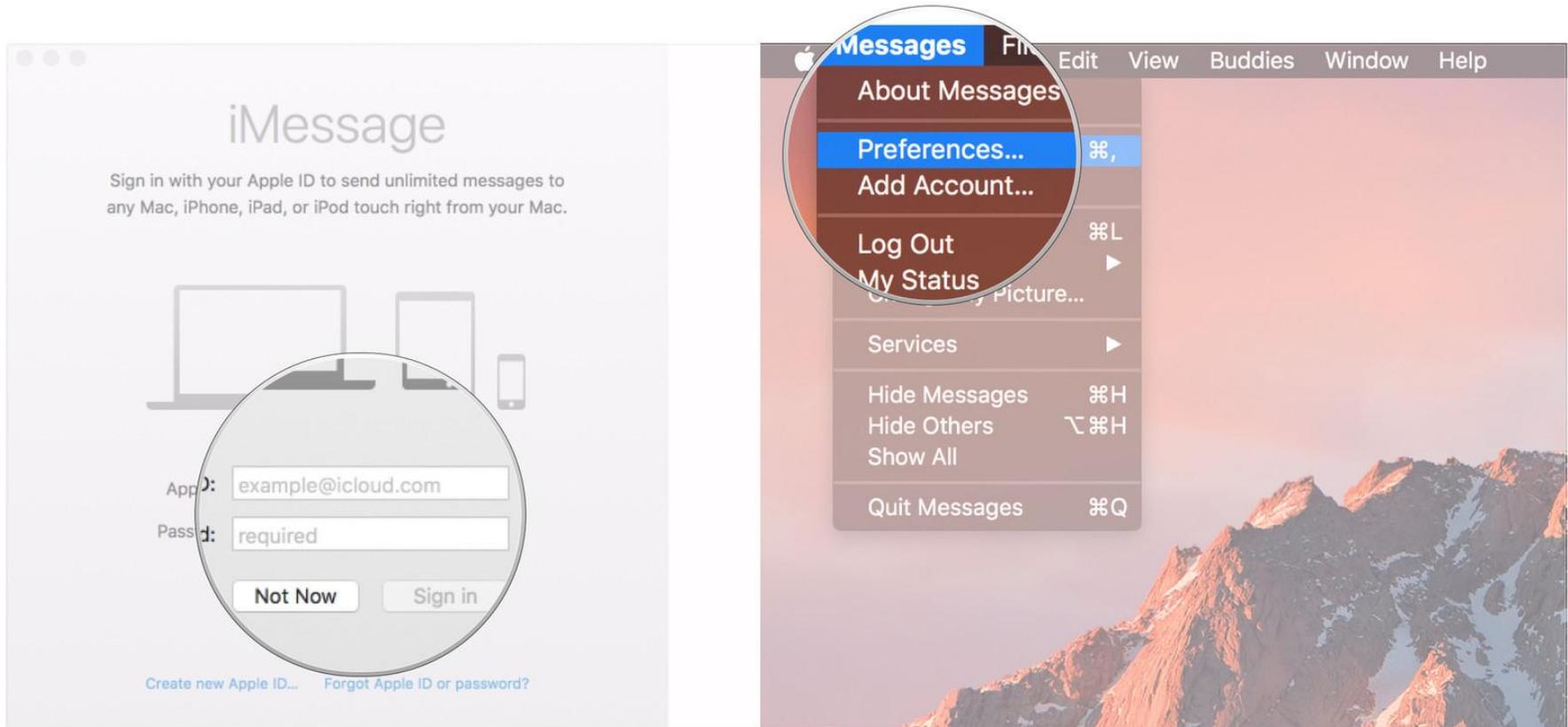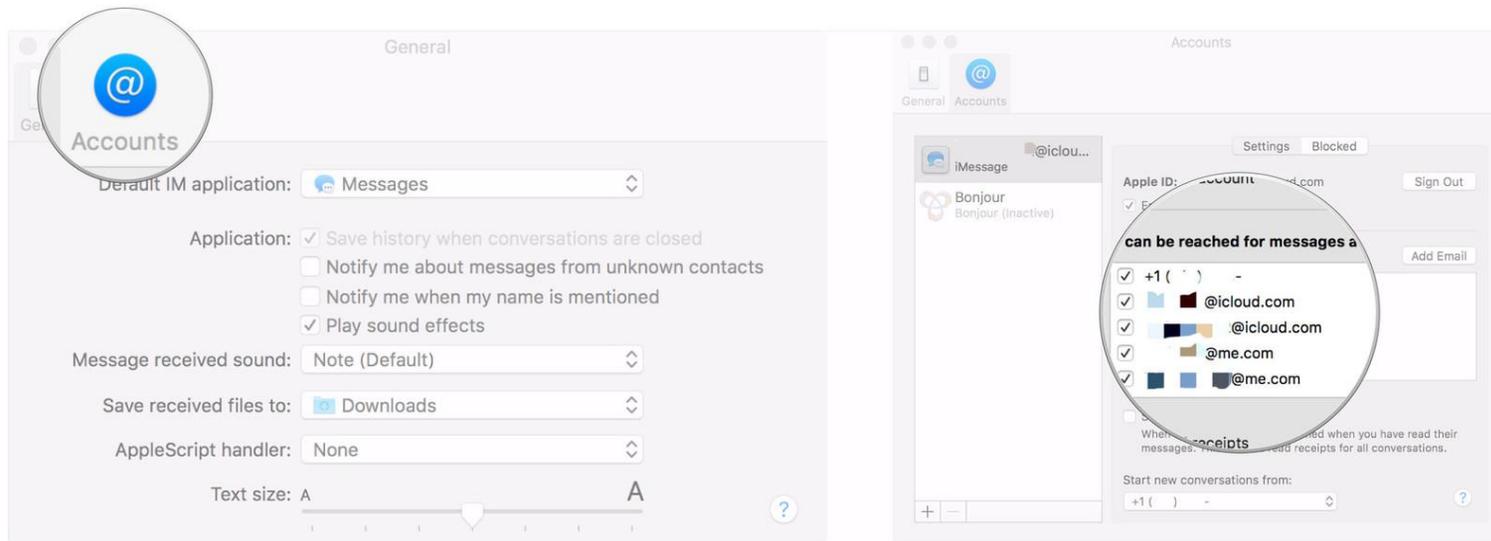# HOW TO SET UP MESSAGES ON THE MAC

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1. Launch **Messages** from your desktop, dock, or Applications folder.

2. Enter your **Apple ID email address** and **password**. If you have two-step or two-factor authentication turned on for your Apple ID, enter your verification code.

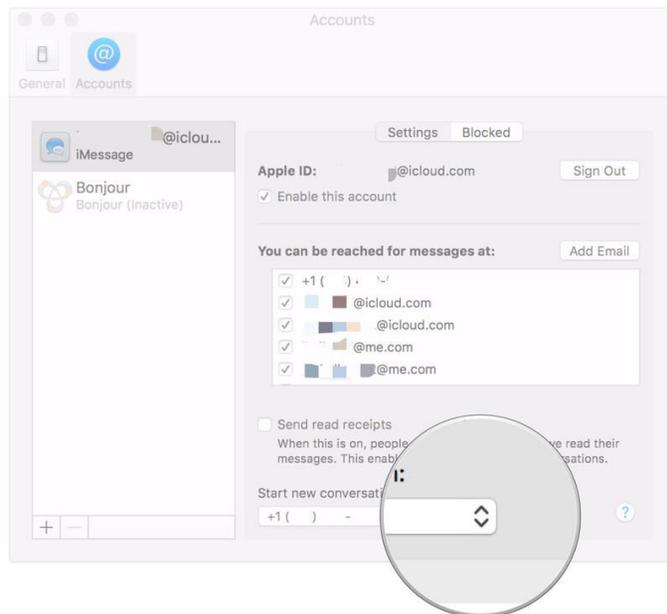3. Click on **Messages** in the Menu bar and select **Preferences**.

4. Select the **Accounts** tab.

5. Select the **phone number** and **email addresses** at which you would like to be reached.
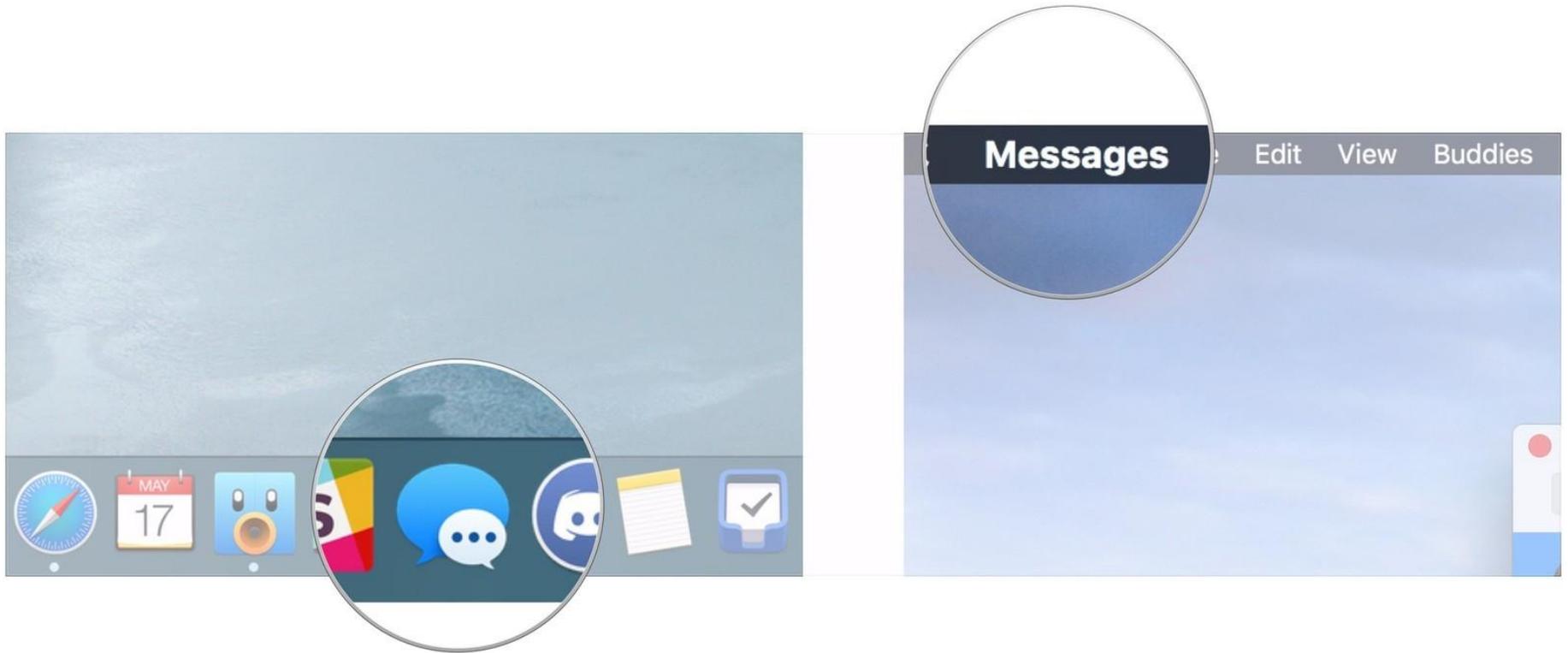

6. Choose which **phone number** or **email address** people will see when you start a new conversation.
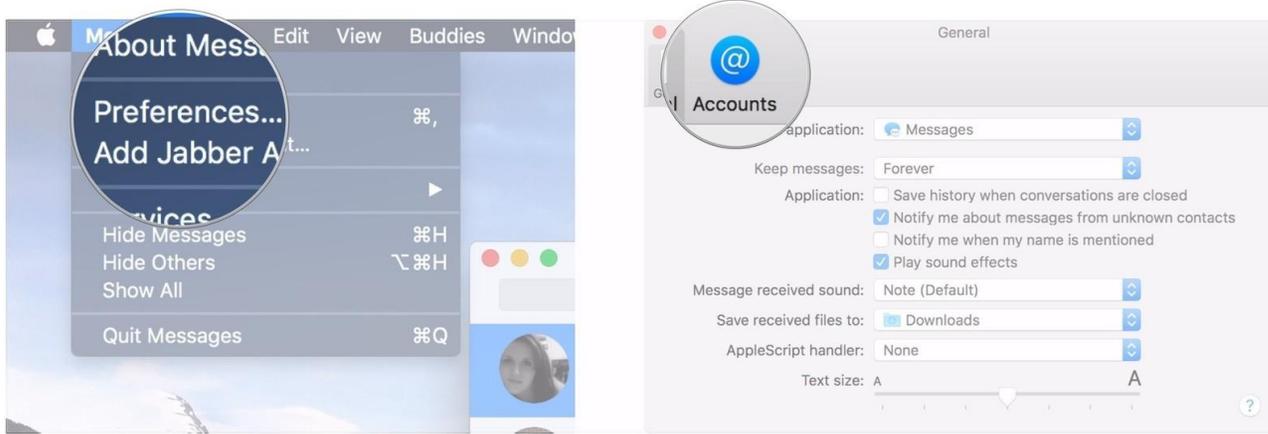
How to set up Messages in iCloud in MAC OS High Sierra

A message in iCloud keeps your messages in sync between your Mac and your iOS devices, and also lets you download your messages when you set up a brand new device.

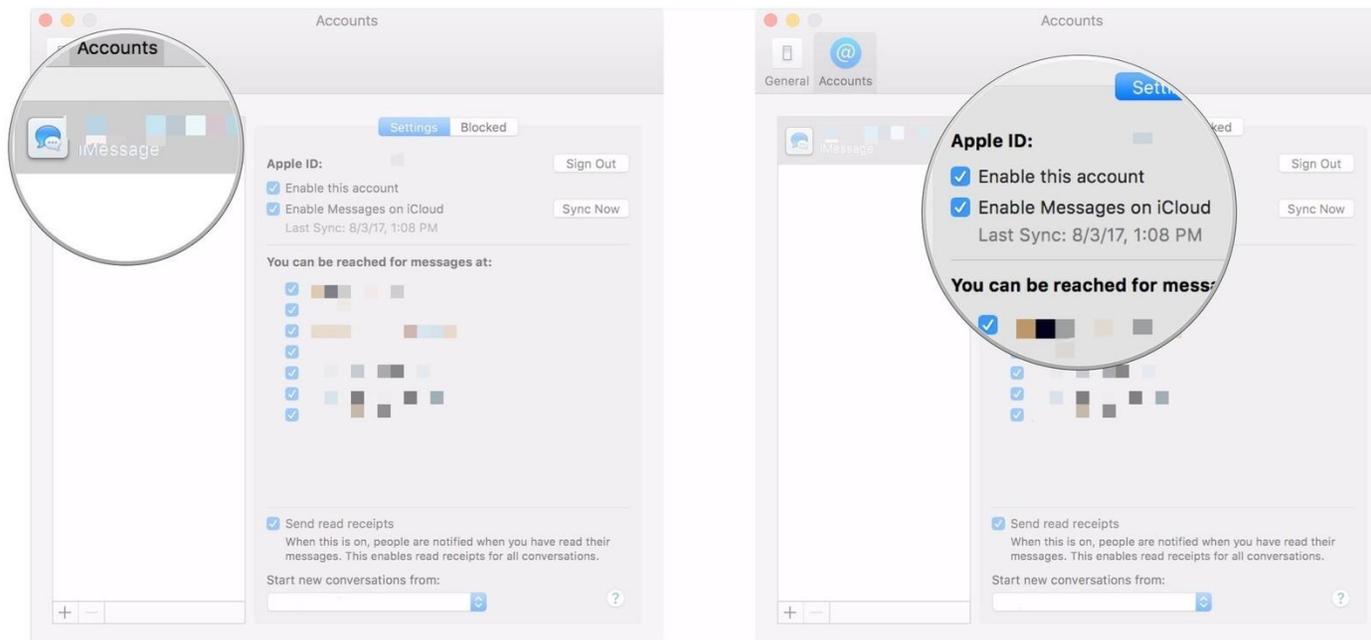1. Open **Messages**.
2. Click **Messages** in the Menu bar.

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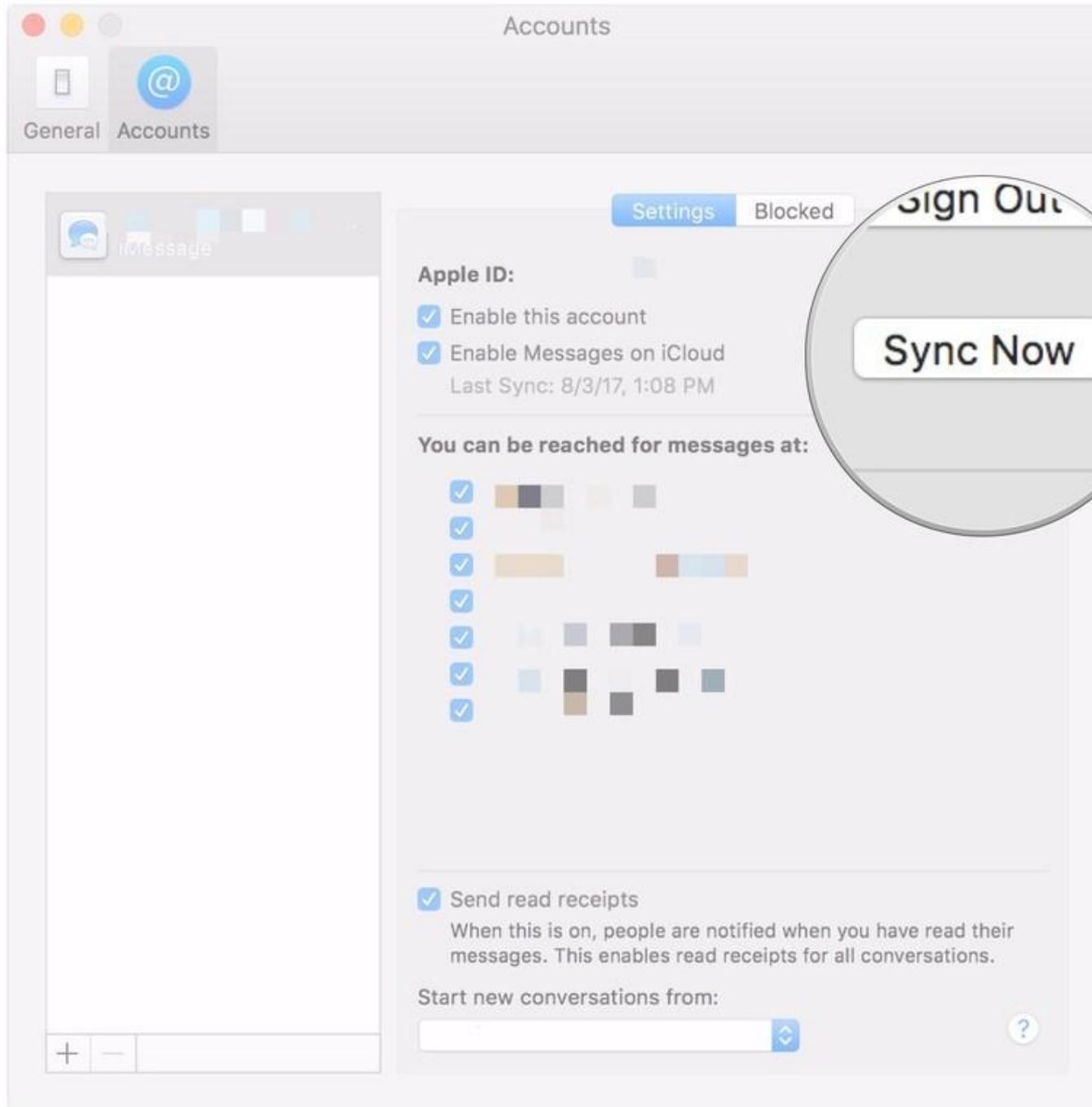
4. Click the **Accounts** tab.

5. Click on your **iMessage account**.

6. Click the checkbox next to **Enable Messages on iCloud**.

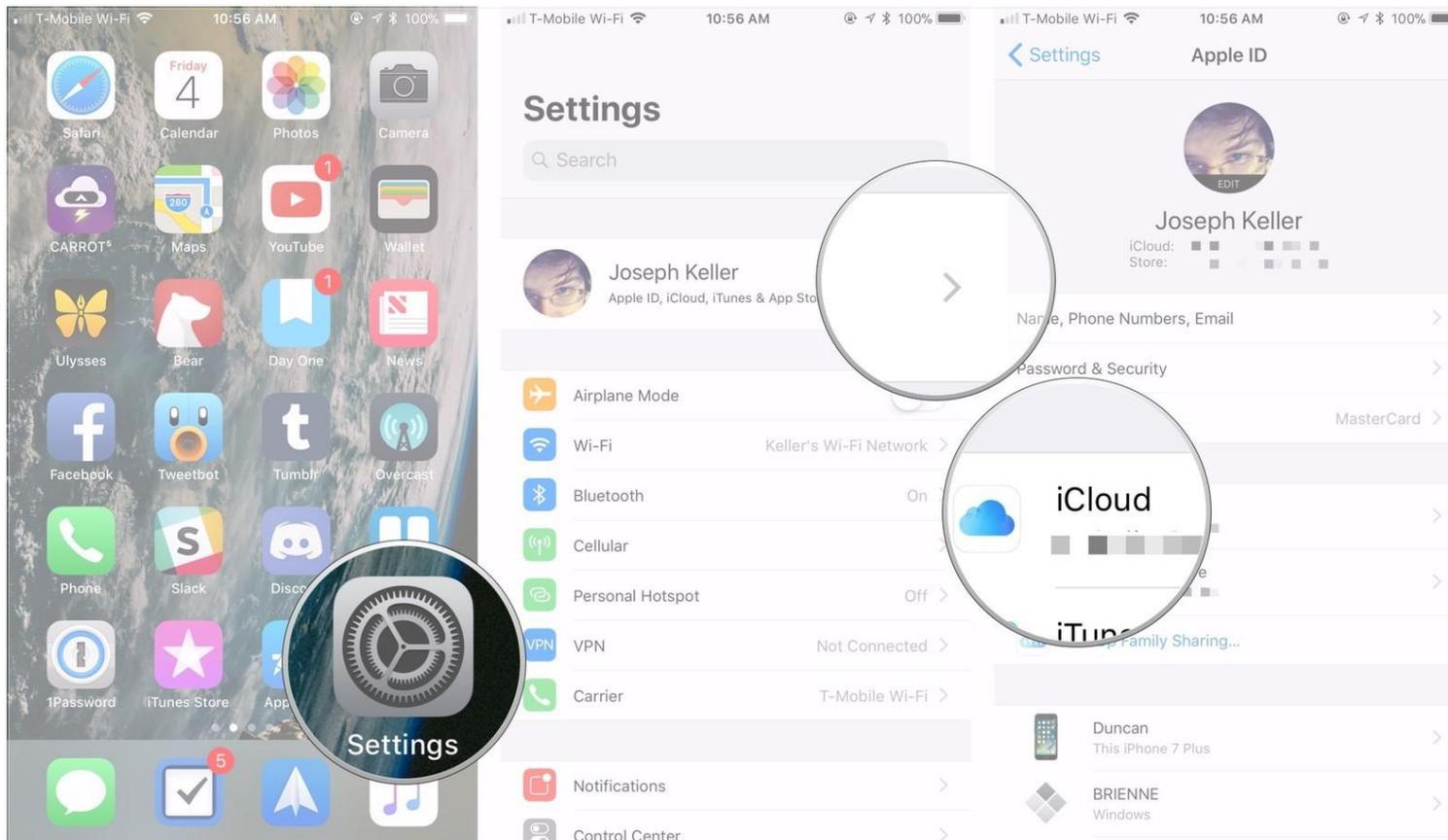7. Click the **Sync Now** button to sync immediately.

And that's how you turn on iMessage sync.
Of course, to use it properly, you'll also need to turn it on an iPhone or iPad

How to set up Messages in iCloud in iOS 11.4

You'll need to make sure Messages in iCloud is enabled in iOS 11 so it can sync messages between your iPhone, iPad, and Mac.
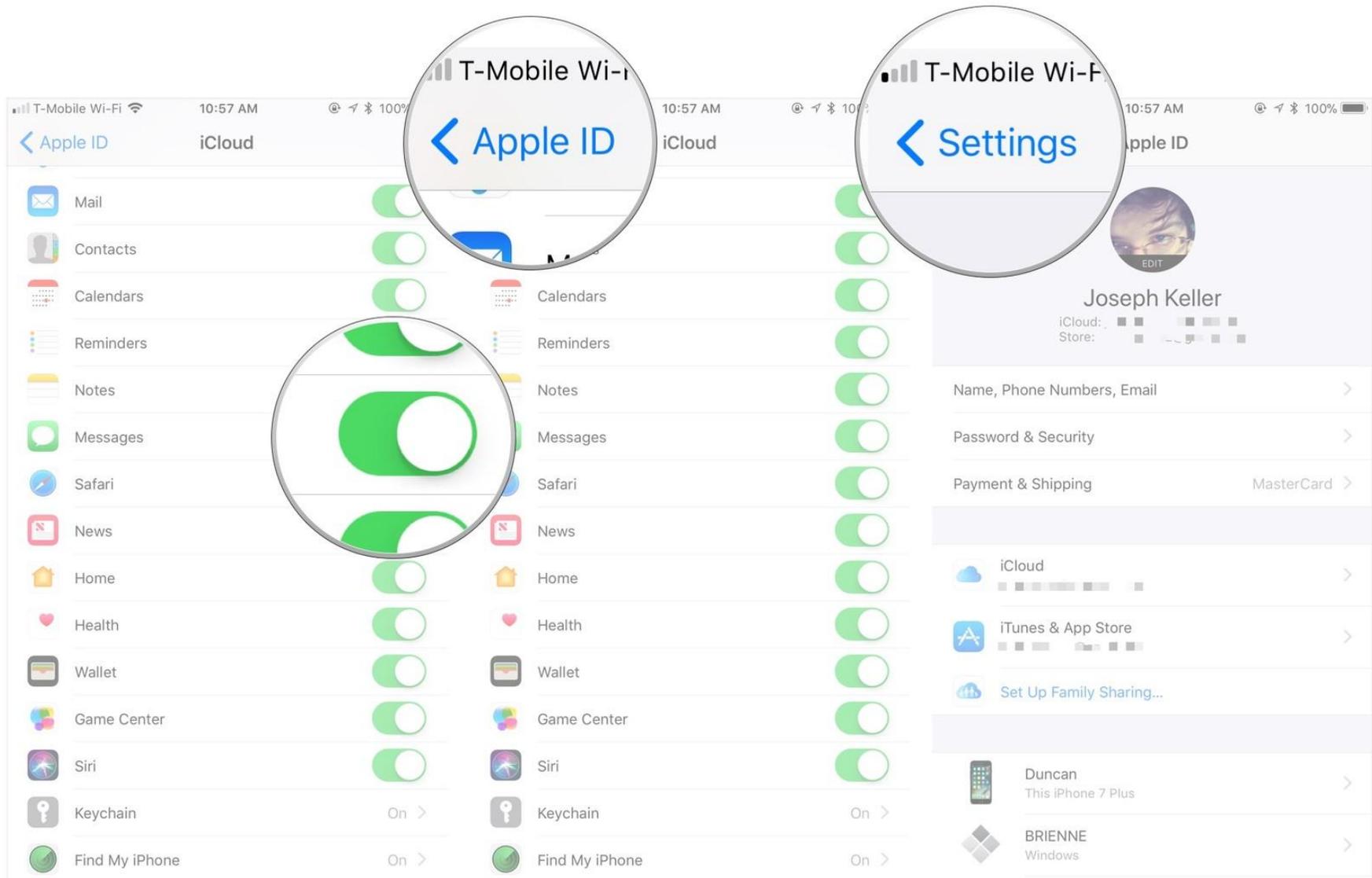
1. Open **Settings**.
2. Tap the **Apple ID banner**.
3. Tap **iCloud**.

4. Make sure the switch next to **Messages** is flipped to the green 'On' position.

5. Tap **Apple ID**.
6. Tap **Settings**.

7. Tap **Messages**.

8. Tap **Sync Now** to immediately sync your message with iCloud.