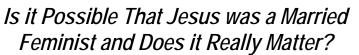
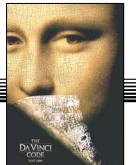
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Da Vinci Code or Crock?"





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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

- 1. If you have read the book or seen the movie, *The Da Vinci Code*, what was your reaction to it? If you haven't, what feedback have you received from others?
- 2. What effects do you think this self-proclaimed "theological thriller" is having on our society?

Which of your friends or acquaintances do you think will be influenced the most by this attempt to recast the biblical record? What will you do to help that person rightly evaluate *The Da Vinci Code*'s claims?

3. How has this week's message in response to *The Da Vinci Code* helped prepare you to fulfill the calling of **1 Peter 3:15-16**.

Downstairs on the patio near the basketball court you will find the "Focal Point Ministry table" which has Pastor Mike's sermons available on CD. Today's sermon will be recorded and available within 5 to 10 minutes after the service concludes. The list below references other recordings of past sermons which may help you in your follow up study of today's message.

CD # 0413 – Jesus, Da Vinci & Mrs. Christ? An Honest Appraisal of Ancient Outcasts

CD # 0025 - Was Jesus Really More Than Just Another Good Teacher

CD # 0039 - What to Do If Jesus is Really God

CD # 0224 - Understanding the Ultimate Battle of Wits

CD # 0225 - Looking for Wisdom in All the Wrong Places

CD # 0428 - Conquering Death... It's the Whole Point

CD # 0430 - Guarding Our Hope in a World That Doesn't Have It

Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

May 28th

1Kgs.11-12 & Ac.28

May 29th

1Kgs.13-14 & Rom.1

May 30th

1Kgs.15-16 & Rom.2

May 31st

1Kqs.17-18 & Rom.3

June 1st

1Kgs.19-20 & Rom.4

June 2nd

1Kgs.21-22 & Rom.5

June 3rd

2Kgs.1-3 & Rom.6

June 4th

2Kqs.4-5 & Rom.7

Here are some other resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To view other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other series please go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)

Source Material on Gnosticism and Its Initial Valuation -----

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Yamauchi, Edwin M. Pre-Christian Gnosticism: A Survey of the Proposed Evidences. Revised. Wipf & Stock, 2003.

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Bock, Darrell L. Jesus According to Scripture: Restoring the Portrait from the Gospels. Baker, 2002.

Craig, William L. Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? A Debate Between W. L. Craig & John Crossan. Baker, 1999. Erickson, M. The Word Became Flesh: A Contemporary Incarnational Christology. Baker Books, 1991.

Habermas, Gary R. *The Historical Jesus: Ancient Evidence for the Life of Christ.* College Press, 1996.

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Piper, John, ed. Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: Response to Evangelical Feminism. Crossway, 1991.