

The Da Vinci Code: Mary Magdalene

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➤ Intro:

- **Da Vinci Code:** controversial book written by Dan Brown, movie directed by Ron Howard - entertaining
- **plot:** man and woman try to find the Holy Grail, proof that MM was Jesus wife, they had at least one child, holy bloodline on earth today — woman turned out to be Jesus' descendant
- **prep:** didn't read the book, watched the movie, read a number of reviews with varying views, did research
- **commend:** Discovery Channel documentary, good info & research
- **purpose of lesson:** not give book review / talk about some of the doctrines that have disturbed some

➤ What does Leonardo da Vinci have to do with the story?

- **Da Vinci allegedly was a member** of a secret society that protected the Holy Grail - the secret that Mary Magdalene was Jesus wife, the ordained leader of His church, and that His blood line walks the earth
- **Da Vinci allegedly left clues** in his art work, relating to the grail - esp. The Last Supper

➤ The Da Vinci Code is fiction

- **Dan Brown is a genius**, great author, took a number of legends, including some from Gnostic gospels, wrote a novel that "sounds real" - captured the imagination of the world
- **book claims to be based on fact**, which is partially true - fiction takes things that aren't true and puts them forth as truth - that's fiction
- **used:** history, legends, Gnostic doctrines to make up a story
- **religious implications:** seems people know fiction, not religions teaching (doctrine)
- **good:** made many aware of Gnostic Gospels, caused them to study basic Bible principles - esp. about Jesus

Gnostic Doctrine employed within DVC: Jesus married to Mary Magdalene, she is #1 church leader

- - **Mary Magdalene was married to Jesus**, they had at least one child, ancestors on earth today
 - **DVC:**
 - **the RC Church** covered up this fact, killed many people, slaughtered women (Crusades)
 - **Mary Magdalene was second to Jesus**, was ordained to be **leader of the church**
 - **Holy Grail** was the secret - Mary was Jesus' wife, the ordained leader of the church, ancestors on earth
- **8 - DVC: uses the Last Supper** to set forth this theory (**attached**)
- - **Holy Grail legend:** used by authors, fiction, long before Dan Brown was born
 - great French poet, Chretien de Troyes (12th century), was the first to introduce the grail to the Arthurian legend — cup from the last supper — **came from his imagination**
 - others took the legend, expanded it, changed it
 - cup of last supper / small cup with a few drops of Jesus' blood / bloodline of Jesus on earth, royal blood
- - **Gnostic myth: Jesus married / Mary leader of church**
 - **Gnostics:**
 - **Gnostic:** one who claims to have special spiritual knowledge
 - **Gnosticism:** mixture of Christianity with philosophy, mysticism, and various cult doctrines
 - resulted in a religion opposed to Christians and the Lord's church
 - a number of different sect were present in the second century
 - **Gospel of Philip:** fragment reads, "Jesus frequently used to kiss her on the" (fragment breaks off, not know where, not nec. sexual)
 - **DNC:** says Jesus would *kiss her on the mouth*, not in the Gospel of Philip
 - **experts agree** from the late 3rd century
 - **no Gnostic Gospel** says that Jesus was married, that He had children
 - **Gospel of Mary Magdalene (last 2nd century):** says that Mary received special teaching that none other received, Mary leader of the disciples rather than Peter after Jesus' death, Mary the one most loved by Jesus
- - **apostles fought Gnostic doctrines** — **John & Paul only** rf. below
 - **Gnostic:** The heavenly *pleroma* was the center of the divine life, and Jesus was interpreted as an **intermediary eternal being**, or aeon, **sent from the pleroma to restore the lost knowledge** of humanity's divine origin (The Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition. 2001-05). — **Bible, Jesus was the pleroma**
- - **John:**
 - **Jn. 1:1-14** Jesus is God, eternal, Word, Light, testified by John, flesh
- - **Paul:**
 - **Col. 2:9** Jesus is the *pleroma* (fullness of God, that which you must be in union with to be saved) - **bodily form (Jesus came in body, contrary to Gnostic doctrines)**
 - **Col. 2:8-15** context, not take captive philosophy (Gnosticism), traditions of men, Jesus is head of all, buried with Him in baptism, made alive together, forgiven, Jesus disarmed
 - **Eph. 1:23; 3:19; 4:13** Paul to the Ephesians
 - **surpasses knowledge (*gnosis*), filled up to all the fullness of God - Jesus (Eph. 3:19)**
 - **true knowledge (*epignosis*) - Jesus — not Gnosticism (Eph. 4:13)**
 - **1 Tim. 2:4** true knowledge (*epignosis*), truth — word of God (Jn. 17:17), not Gnostic doctrines
 - **1 Tim. 6:20** reject Gnostic doctrines (falsely called knowledge - *gnosis*)

➤ **Bible: Was Jesus married to Mary Magdalene? Did they have children?**

- **Bible does not tell** us that Jesus was married, that He had children
 - can't "believe" that He did
 - **Rom. 10:17; 2 Cor. 5:7 — silence, 2 Jn. 1:9**
 - **note: no documents**, Bible, historical, religious (Anti-Nicene), Gnostic claim that Jesus was married or had children — it's fiction
- **thought: if God wanted Jesus** to be married and have children, for whatever reason, it would not have changed the gospel, plan of salvation, our relationship with God, our salvation and eternal life
 - **see God's wisdom:** Jesus not to have a wife and "royal bloodline" on earth - pagan worship, veneration of bloodline
 - which men have done, without it even being true
- **thought: we know about Jesus'** parents, brothers, sisters - if He would have had a wife and children it seems we would have known about them
- **thought:** Jesus made arrangements for His mothers continued care - if He was married He would have done the same for His wife & children, since He would have been the best husband and father to walk the earth
- **thought: if Jesus had a wife, Paul would have used it - best example if could offer**
 - **1 Cor. 9:5** note mention by Paul, as Jesus having a wife

Bible: Did Jesus intend for Mary to be the leader of His church?

- - **Bib tell** us that Jesus commissioned the apostles to lead the church
 - **Rom. 10:17; 2 Cor. 5:7**
 - **Matt. 28:18-20**; cf. Jn. 16 Holy Spirit, apostles, guide all truth, etc.
 - **note: no documents**, Bible, historical, religious (Anti-Nicene), Gnostic claim that Jesus commissioned Mary Magdalene
- - **Warning:**
 - **Dan Brown took** existing legends and myths regarding the Holy Grail and Da Vinci's Last Supper, spun them into a fascinating novel
 - **good:** made many aware of Gnostic Gospels, caused them to study basic Bible principles - esp. about Jesus
 - **1 Tim. 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:3-4** Paul warns us not to turn from the truth to myths / Jesus married, royal bloodline on earth
- - **Inv.**
 - believe in God and His word
 - be saved in obedience to Jesus Christ, as delivered to us through His apostles

The Last Supper Analysis — few, not all
info from the Discovery Channel, online & documentary

- **pict.** of **Last Supper** (partial)

- **Mary Magdalene**
 - **DVC:** this is Mary Magdalene, Jesus' wife, sitting to Jesus right, the place of prominence
 - **scholars:** this is John the apostle, painted similar to Da Vinci's painting of John the Baptist, looks feminine

- **knife**
 - **DVC:** knife shows that the men wanted to kill MM
 - **scholars:** probably a reference to Peter's violent reaction to Jesus' arrest - cut off Malchus' ear

- **“V”**
 - **DVC:** the “V” between Jesus and Mary
 - they are joined at the hip, representing marriage
 - the “V” represents the “chalice” womb and sexuality, communicating that the Holy Grail was the marriage between Jesus and Mary
 - **scholars:** all of the apostles are grouped in triangular formations, which creates a compositional balance for the central triangular figure who is Jesus (Diane Apostolos, Georgetown University)

- **“M”**
 - **DVC:** the “M” created by outlining Jesus and Mary represents “Mary Magdalene” and “marriage”

- **reverse Mary to the others side of Jesus**, she is leaning into Jesus rather than away from Him
 - **DVC:** shows that they were married

- **color of Jesus' and Mary's garments - blue and red**
 - **DVC:** colors symbolize “royal blood” suggesting the Christ and MM were married, had children, and created a royal bloodline on earth
 - this secret was allegedly protected by the “Priory of Sion”
 - the color's of Mary's garments are a mirror image of Jesus', supporting this belief

- **missing grail**
 - **DVC:** suggests that since there is no grail on the table, Da Vinci is communicating that the Holy Grail is not a cup, but the secret of Jesus' marriage to MM

All these things allegedly show that Da Vinci, who was supposedly a member of the Priory of Sion, was cryptically revealing the secret - the Holy Grail was the secret that Jesus was married to MM, that they had a child, that Jesus' royal bloodline is upon the earth today