

C.S. Lewis Institute Seminar Series
Addressing Challenges to Our Faith: Who Is the Real Jesus?
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Outline

Who Is the Real Jesus?: A Bird's Eye View

I. Unlikely Bestsellers

- (1) DaVinci Code – Dan Brown

- (2) Misquoting Jesus – Bart Ehrman

- (3) Lost Christianities – Bart Ehrman

- (4) Beyond Belief – Elaine Pagels

- (5) The Jesus Papers – Michael Baigent (of Holy Blood, Holy Grail by Baigent, Leigh, Lincoln)

- (6) The Gospel of Judas

II. What Are the Questions?

- (1) Was Jesus married to Mary Magdalene and had a child?

- (2) Was Jesus' divinity invented at Nicea?

- (3) What about the Gospel of Judas?

- (4) Do the Gnostic Gospels change our picture of Jesus?

- (5) Is the New Testament text hopelessly corrupted?

- (6) Was the Canon just determined by the winners?

III. Conclusion

- (1) What is the evidence that Jesus was married to Mary? – None

- (2) Was Jesus' divinity invented at Nicea (325 AD)? – Absolutely Not!

- (3) What about the Gospel of Judas? It gives us information about 2nd century Gnosticism, but none about Judas or Jesus.

- (4) Do the Gnostic Gospels change our picture of Jesus? – Not at all – They are 2nd century forgeries by Gnostic writers.

- (5) Is the New Testament text hopelessly corrupted? – No! It is more than 99% established as certain.

- (6) Was the Canon determined by the winners? No! None of the Gnostic books were considered to be Canonical.

Bibliography on Jesus and Scripture

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Richard Bauckham – *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*
Craig Blomberg – *The New Testament: Three Essential Questions*
Darrell Bock – *The Missing Gospels*
Darrell Bock and Dan Wallace – *Dethroning Jesus*
F.F. Bruce – *New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*
Craig Evans – *Fabricating Jesus*
Gary Habermas – *The Evidence for Jesus*
Josh McDowell – *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* - Vol. II
Mark Roberts – *Can We Trust the Gospels?*
Lee Stroebel – *The Case for the Real Jesus*
N.T. Wright – *Jesus and the Victory of God*
N.T. Wright – *The Challenge of Jesus*