

Was Jesus Married?

"Not one ranking scholar in the entire world supports what Dan Brown has done with history. As a professor of ancient history, I can't stand known, accepted facts from the past lied about. If my students did something like that, I'd flunk them."
– Paul Maier, Professor of Ancient History, Western Michigan University

"Everything in The Da Vinci Code is wrong except Paris is in France, London is in England and Leonardo da Vinci painted pictures. All else is a fabrication." – Sandra Miesel, coauthor of The Da Vinci Hoax

Part I: A Closer Look at Mary Magdalene

A. Who Mary Magdalene Was *Not*:

1. She was not a former _____.
2. She was not the sinful woman who _____ Jesus' body with perfume.
3. She did not have any _____
_____ for Jesus.

B. Who Mary Magdalene Was:

1. She was a woman who came to Jesus and was healed of _____.

Luke 8:1-3

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ²and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

2. She is one of _____ Marys listed in the New Testament, but she is the only one not connected to a _____.
3. She _____ the ministry of Christ and his disciples.
4. She was present at the _____ of Christ.
5. She was the first _____ to the resurrected Christ.

Part II: A Closer Look at the Evidence

Questions and Answers to The Da Vinci Code

"Behold, the greatest cover-up in human history. Not only was Jesus Christ married, but He was a father. My dear, Mary Magdalene was the Holy Vessel. She was the chalice that bore the royal bloodline of Jesus Christ. She was the womb that bore the lineage, and the vine from which the sacred fruit sprang forth!" (249)

Q: Was Jesus married to Mary Magdalene?

"And the companion of the Savior is Mary Magdalene. Christ loved her more than all the disciples and used to kiss her often on her mouth. The rest of the disciples were offended by it and expressed disapproval. They said to him, 'Why do you love her more than all of us?'" *The Gospel of Phillip* as reprinted in The Da Vinci Code (246)

A: Will you believe a _____ century heretical document over a _____ century canonical document?

Q: Was bachelorhood condemned and celibacy forbidden by the Jews in the first century world?

"...Jesus as a married man makes infinitely more sense than our standard biblical view of Jesus as a bachelor...Because Jesus was a Jew, and the social decorum during that time virtually forbid a Jewish man to be unmarried. According to Jewish custom, celibacy was condemned, and the obligation for a Jewish father was to find a suitable wife for his son. If Jesus were not married, at least one of the Bible's gospels would have mentioned it and offered some explanation for His unnatural state of bachelorhood" (245).

"Celibacy was foreign to the Hebrew culture...but marriage was not mandatory; for some the demands of the kingdom might involve a celibate life." The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church

A: Marriage in God's Word is an _____
_____.

1 Corinthians 7:1, 10

Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.

¹⁰*To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband.*

1 Corinthians 7:32-33

I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—

Q: If Jesus were married would that change Christianity?

"If Jesus had been married it wouldn't touch the theology one bit. Jesus is 100 percent human. Had he been married and had he had children, all it would have done would have been to reflect his engagement with his humanity – but I just don't think historically there's any evidence that Jesus was married. But the important point in relationship to the novel is, had Jesus been married, the church wouldn't have had any reason to suppress that knowledge." – Dr. Brock www.beliefnet.com

Jesus being married would not _____ his
_____ in any way, shape or form.

Marriage is a holy _____ between a man and a woman, ordained by
_____ in the very _____ beginning.

Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

1 Corinthians 9:3-6

This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. ⁴Don't we have the right to food and drink? ⁵Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? ⁶Or is it only I and Barnabas who must work for a living?

The message of the New Testament is clear that Jesus was
_____ single because he was
_____ engaged.

Q: Did Jesus have a child with Mary Magdalene to establish a royal bloodline?

A: Mary was not from a _____, and
Jesus was never interested in a _____ kingdom.

John 18:33-36

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" ³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶*Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."*