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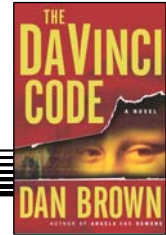
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# Jesus, Da Vinci & Mrs. Christ?

## *An Honest Appraisal of an Ancient Group of Outcasts*



1. Was Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ ?

2. Was There a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

3. Is the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ ?

# 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. What have you heard people saying about *The Da Vinci Code*?

How has this weekend's message been helpful for you in understanding the nature and credibility of *The Da Vinci Code*'s claims?

2. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. How does this passage apply to the discussion that has (and will) be generated by the assertions of *The Da Vinci Code*?

What reading will you do from the resource list below to become better prepared to thoughtfully respond to those who question you about this book?

*This Week's Reading:*

**Sunday**

*Jud. 7-8 & Jn. 9*

**Monday**

*Jud. 9-11 & Jn. 10*

**Tuesday**

*Jud. 12-14 & Jn. 11*

**Wednesday**

*Jud. 15-16 & Jn. 12*

**Thursday**

*Jud. 17-19 & Jn. 13*

**Friday**

*Jud. 20-21 & Jn. 14*

**Saturday**

*Ruth 1-2 & Jn. 15*

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