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([Hebrews 4:12](#))

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I. THE DA VINCI CODE: FACT OR FICTION?

1. Brown's claim: Priory of Sion founded in 1099.

Reality: Priory of Sion a hoax, founded in 1956.

2. Brown's claim: parchments found in the Bibliotheque Nationale in 1975 identify numerous historical figures as members of the Priory of Sion.

Reality: The documents were forged and planted by Plantard. In other words: a hoax.

3. Brown's claim: more than 80 gospels were considered for the canon, but only 4 were chosen, the rest rejected because they showed the true nature of Jesus and allowed the worship of a "goddess."

Reality: Only books written by apostles or those closely connected with them were chosen.

Reality: The "Gnostic" gospels were written by unknown authors and written, in almost every case, hundreds of years later.

4. Brown's claim: The Emperor Constantine put together the New Testament in 325 to suit his own agenda.

Reality: Most of the N.T. had been decided by 90-100 A.D.

Reality: The rest of the N.T. was decided over the next century and finished long before Constantine.

Reality: During that time, both the Eastern-based churches and the Western-based churches independently chose the same books!

5. Brown's claim: Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and she had a child by him.

Reality: There is no credible evidence anywhere that this is true!

6. Brown's claim: In Da Vinci's "The Last Supper," the apostle John is actually Mary Magdalene.

Reality: In early sketches, Da Vinci identified the figure as John, the apostle.

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (2 Timothy 4:3-4) NIV

II. THE BIBLE: FACT OR FICTION?

1. The testimony of eyewitnesses: absolutely true!

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. (1 John 1:1) NLT

2. The testimony of the Old Testament: absolutely true!

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. (Proverbs 30:5) NIV

3. The testimony of the New Testament: absolutely true!

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16) NIV

4. The testimony of historical accuracy: absolutely true!

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12) NIV

The Bible is alive for me right now. I can trust it completely.