


1  *The  
Da Vinci Code  
Part I*  
*[Matthew 16:13-17]*


2  *Reasons why I realized I would need to preach some sermons about this book:*

- *The book has hit a cultural nerve*
- *The book has caused widespread ‘confusion’*
- *The book represents an attack upon the Biblical view of Jesus, the Bible itself, and God*
- *The book makes a slanderous accusation against the church*
- *It provides an excellent opportunity to talk about who the real Jesus is*


3  *A summary of the story line of the Da Vinci Code*

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### *The blasphemous charges about Christ*

5  *“...until that moment in history, Jesus was viewed by His followers as a moral prophet ... a great and powerful man, but a man nonetheless. A mortal.”*

*[p. 233]*

6  *“...Jesus’ establishment as ‘the Son of God’ was officially proposed and voted on by the Council of Nicaea.”*

*[p. 233]*

7  *“It’s all about power, ... . Many scholars claim that the early Church literally stole Jesus from His original followers, hijacking his human message, shrouding it in an impenetrable cloak of divinity, and using it to expand their*

*own power. ...”*

*[p. 233]*

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*“What I mean ... is that almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is false. ...”*

*[p. 235]*

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*“... The vast majority of educated Christians know the history of their faith.”*

*[p. 234]*

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*Some important facts concerning Jesus Christ from the world of reality*

*Claims from the earliest Christian writings:*

- *John 1:1-3 & 14*
- *Colossians 1:16, 17, 19*
- *Hebrews 1:8, 10-12*

11  *Jesus Himself claimed to be God*

- *Matthew 16:16*
- *John 5:18*
- *John 8:58*
- *John 10:30-33*
- *Mark 14:61-62*

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- *Jesus demonstrated that He possessed the very attributes of God*
- *Omniscience: Matt. 26:34 - “I tell you the truth, ... this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three*

times.”

- Omnipotence: *Jn. 11:43 - raising Lazarus from the dead [Jn. 2:19 suggests He also raised Himself from the dead!]*
- Omnipresence: *Matt. 28:20 Promising His disciples; “... I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*
- Forgiving sins: *Luke 5:20 - “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”*

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- **Accepting worship:** *Jn. 20:28 - Thomas - “My Lord and my God!”*
- **Sinlessness:**
- *II Cor. 5:21 & I Jn. 3:5 “... in him is no sin”*
- *I Pet. 2:22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.”*
- *Jn. 8:46 Jesus challenged His enemies with these words: “Can any of you prove me guilty of sin ...”*

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- **“Jesus demonstrated supernatural authority over sickness, the forces of nature, fallen angels, and even death itself.” - Hank Hannagraff:**
  - *Matt. 4:23 - Jesus went through Galilee teaching, preaching, and “healing every disease and sickness among the people.”*
  - *Mark 4:39 - Jesus rebukes the forces of nature, the winds and the waves of the sea, saying: “Quiet! Be still!*
  - *Lk. 4:35 Jesus encountered a man possessed by an evil spirit, and Jesus commands the demon: “Come out of him!”*