

*Was Jesus married?*

Jesus was not married.

Dan Brown, in his bestselling novel *The Da Vinci Code*, revived an old gnostic legend which claimed that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and that they had children.

Mike Licona wrote:

...There is strong historical evidence that Jesus was single:

(a) In 1 Corinthians 9:5, Paul states that he and Barnabas have the same right to be married as others in their positions who are married; he then names Peter, the other apostles, and the Lord's brothers. If Jesus had been married, Paul would only have to mention it and there would have been no need to mention the others;

(b) In Acts 8:30-34, Phillip is talking to an officer in the Ethiopian Army—a eunuch—who was reading the writings of Isaiah while resting on his chariot. The passage he was reading said of the Messiah, "Who can speak of his descendants?" [2] —a question that would be especially interesting to a eunuch;

(c) Although there were two Mary's at Jesus' cross (Jesus' mother and Mary Magdalene), Jesus made provisions for his mother but none for the woman who was purportedly his wife?

(d) There is no mention in the New Testament that Jesus was married. Thus, the burden of proof falls to anyone who proposes that Jesus was married. This brings us to an important observation: There is not a shred of good evidence that Jesus was married or had children. The passage in the Gospel of Phillip, written 100-200 years after Jesus and to which Dan Brown referred in *The Da Vinci Code*, is preserved only in a single manuscript which contains holes that Brown conveniently supplied words for, making it appear that Jesus and Mary had a romantic relationship.<sup>1</sup>

Jesus is 100% God and 100% man. There was no reason for him *not* to be married. Marriage is honorable among all and the marriage bed undefiled (He 13:4).

He had perfect fellowship in the godhead; but, came to redeem men that they might be adopted as sons (Lk 2:49, Gal. 4:4–6).

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<sup>1</sup> Licona, Mike. "Has The Family Tomb of Jesus Been Found?" *InPlainSite.org*, [www.inplainsite.org/html/jesus\\_family\\_tomb.html](http://www.inplainsite.org/html/jesus_family_tomb.html). Accessed 26 Sept. 2022.