



# WEEK 1: *Fact, Fiction, & Faith*

With Special Guest Dr. James Beverley – Tyndale Seminary

## INTRODUCTION – Dan Brown & The Blair Witch Project

### A. Why All the Fuss?

- Admitting the Page 1 Problem...

### B. What this series is not about....

- It is not about limiting freedom and liberty.
- It is not about questioning Dan Brown's \_\_\_\_\_ or faith.
- It is not about saying Dan Brown is \_\_\_\_\_ wrong.

### C. It is crucial to note the \_\_\_\_\_ in ideas and the \_\_\_\_\_ in religion.

G.K. Chesterton:

#### 3 QUICK TIPS ON CHURCH-SHOPPING AND FAITH-HUNTING:

1. Hang on to your \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ on.
3. Don't turn off your \_\_\_\_\_.

Jim Beverley says: *Dan Brown writes great thrillers but The Da Vinci Code is **not** a great guide for truth, re...formation of the Bible, Jesus, Mary Magdalene, early church history, Gnosticism, Catholicism, Leonardo, witchcraft, the Illuminati, Freemasonry, sex rituals, and even \_\_\_\_\_ in the pyramid at the Louvre.*

## Four Brown Blunders – “We Love Dan, But...”

### I. Dan Brown has the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

DVC:

Matthew 16:15-16

### II. Dan Brown follows the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (and the rest of the New Testament)  
Vs.

The Gnostic Gospels (a.k.a., the Hidden Gospels)

### III. Dan Brown trusts the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

The biggest source for the novel:

This work represents the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ approach.

### IV. Dan Brown believes the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

Priory of Sion 1099?  
Knights Templar?  
Father Sauniere?

Holy Grail?  
Leonardo?  
Pierre Plantard?

## CONCLUSION – Moving Toward Solutions

- D\_\_\_\_\_ in the opportunity to rethink authentic faith and real history.
- D\_\_\_\_\_ / Ignore the first page of the novel.
- D\_\_\_\_\_ with the biblical Gospels – you may be surprised at what you find.
- D\_\_\_\_\_ about the historical-biblical Jesus.

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY...

If biblical mystery or historical Jesus studies interest you, check out Jim Beverley's new book, *Counterfeit Code*, or one of our audio series by Bruxy Cavey such as *God's Library*; *The Jesus Scandals*; *The Scene Of The Crime* – available to download for free online or to purchase on CD Sundays at church.

#### A PERSONAL NOTE FROM JIM BEVERLEY...

I am deeply honored to be at The Meeting House. I value your feedback as you react to my teaching and my new book *Counterfeit Code*. I would love to hear from you.

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## HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

#### WARM UP & REVIEW...

1. Use your notes to review this week's message. Talk about what challenged, perplexed, or encouraged you.
2. We don't want to think Dan Brown is the only one who has made mistakes. Care to share any blunders in your thinking and living?
3. What do you think are the biggest blunders in religion land? In church history?

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

4. What do we learn about the early church's commitment to honest historicity in passages like **Luke 1:1-4**; **Acts 1:1-3**; **2:22**; **17:11**; **26:24-26**; **2 Peter 1:16**?
5. In **Matthew 16:15**, Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" a) How would you answer that question? Why? b) How does Peter answer it in the passage? Are there any lessons we can learn from this? c) How has the Church missed the real Jesus throughout the centuries? (Talk about examples.) What lessons should we draw from this today?

#### SO WHAT?...

6. Review Jim's 3 quick tips on church-shopping and faith-hunting. a) Have you ever been involved with a spiritual or religious group that led you into an unhealthy experience? b) How can a healthy church / spiritual-community experience help our lives? c) What do you bring to this experience in Home Church?

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