

WHAT IS TRUTH?

The whole world is abuzz with the story of *The Da Vinci Code* a novel by Dan Brown. This novel has stoked up so much of controversy in recent days. Though the author himself is not conclusive that what he has written is a fact, many thinkers are splitting their heads over this inconclusive fact that Jesus was married and had a blood line.

What is the Church's response when the whole world can so easily handle the Name above all names so irreverently? How should believers respond to such scandalous information?

The Church is not an island, but it has to be inside the sinful world and be the light, way and salt to this wayward dark world. We cannot always shut our ears and live an unsullied holy life. Every believer is called to strongly root his or her faith in the Word of God and to be very alert and should also know how to defend their faith when the world seems to mock our faith. *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3.15,16.*

To put things very plainly, Dan Brown wrote a novel called *The Da Vinci Code* in which his characters find out a secret society which believes that Jesus was married and had a blood line. The author has woven many historical details, which makes it look very real. This is not the first time that the Name of our Saviour has been handled thus. There have been many theories like this, but many did not see the light of day. But the contents of this film have become household knowledge since many governments have banned the movie.

Centuries back Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" Jesus stood there silently for He Himself is the Truth, the Way and the Life. Even this day the world is tormented by this refrain, "What is truth?" We, His chosen children are called to show the reality of Jesus in our personal lives. They do not need to know some historical truth or some secret society, but they need to know a living Saviour Jesus Christ. When they know

the Son of righteousness all the dark clouds of doubt will be automatically swept away.

This world which is marked for annihilation, needs only Salvation and only for this purpose the Son of Man came into the world. Jesus was introduced to the ministry by His cousin John the Baptist as "Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world." (John 1,29). Jesus perfectly knew His purpose here on earth. He knew He was sent by the Father as an all atoning sacrifice. And Jesus was slain as the atoning sacrifice not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (John 2,2). Jesus Christ accomplished what He was sent by His Father. And the resurrected Jesus is still alive and vibrant among us. Jesus did not come for a biological generation, but He triumphed the Cross, so that you and I, who once were excluded from the citizenship of Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the Promise, have now become sons and daughters of the Most High God.

The ultimate necessity in our personal walk with Jesus is to taste and experience Him as our father, friend, teacher, lover of our soul and so on. When we know Jesus in our heart we will never be swayed away by any slander that is thrown on His Name. Because we know Jesus better. He is so alive. Whenever we have called Him, He was always there. He speaks to us every day. Only a person who is mortal needs a biological generation, but my Jesus is alive forever more. We who believe Him are His sons and daughters.

Bible is the unfailing word of God, which is God-breathed. It is the final authority. Nothing outside the word of God has any credibility and we are not called to mix it with God's word to arrive at our own conclusions. Let's take Jesus with us wherever go. His very presence in our lives will make people get over every false hood and every lie that is thrown upon the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Always remember dear brothers and sisters, to counter the fake, always carry the Original. May Jesus come with you wherever you go!

AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER. AMEN.AMEN