



WHO WAS JESUS...REALLY?

PART 4



Don't Shoot the Canon

Quotes from Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code

"The Bible is a product of man...not of God" [page 231]

"The modern Bible was compiled and edited by men who possessed a political agenda...to solidify their own power base" [page 234]

"Constantine commissioned and financed a new Bible, which omitted those gospels that spoke of Christ's human traits and embellished those gospels that made Him godlike. The earlier gospels were outlawed, gathered up, and burned" [page 234]

WHAT IS THE CANON?

The list of _____ that make up the _____

Story of Marcion: 90-160 AD

"Most scholars concur that the New Testament was essentially formed in the late second century as a reaction to the canon of Marcion. For the vast majority of scholars of all religious persuasions, The Da Vinci Code's fourth century date is therefore out of the question." James L. Garlow

"For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."
1 Timothy 5:18

"And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages" Luke 10:7

HOW WAS THE BIBLICAL CANON FORMED?

BEFORE 200 AD: TWO CATEGORIES

A) _____ ACCEPTED

B) THOSE IN _____

200 – 400:

INCREASED CIRCULATION, INCREASED _____

END OF 4TH CENTURY:

UNIVERSAL _____ OF CANON

THE 4TH CENTURY CHURCH DID NOT ESTABLISH THE CANON, THEY

PUBLICLY _____ IT.

"[The canon] was not imposed from the top, be it by bishops or synods, and then accepted by the communities...The organized church did not create the canon; it recognized the canon that had been created." Kurt Aland

WHAT ABOUT THE "OTHER" GOSPELS?

WHAT MAKES THE 4 GOSPELS RELIABLE?

1. ROOTED IN _____ TESTIMONY
2. _____ PROXIMITY
3. CONTAINS _____ MATERIAL
4. CORROBORATED BY _____

"We have good reasons to treat the Gospels seriously as a source of information on the the life and teachings of Jesus, and thus on the historical origins of Christianity." Peter Stuhlmacher

"Beloved...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed... ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude