



WHO WAS JESUS...REALLY?

PART 5



What's the Role of Women in Christianity?

Brown: *"Powerful men in the early Christian church 'conned' the world by propagating lies that devalued the female... Constantine & his male successors successfully converted the world from matriarchal paganism to patriarchal Christianity"*

1. DID THE CHURCH DESTROY JESUS' MATRIARCHAL SYSTEM?

Prof. Steve Goldberg: *"There has never been a matriarchy...Theories that hypothesized a matriarchal form of society at an earlier stage of history...failed to include a single shred of evidence that such matriarchies had ever existed...Of the hundreds of societies we have studied in this century, without exception they have all been patriarchal"*

TRUTH: The introduction of Christianity into any society always _____ the status of women in it.

2. WHAT ABOUT THE WITCH HUNTS IN THE MIDDLE AGES?

Dan Brown: *"The Catholic inquisition published the...Malleus Maleficarum...which indoctrinated the world to the dangers of freethinking women and instructed the clergy how to locate, torture and destroy them. During the three hundred years of witch hunts, the Church burned at the stake an astounding 5 million women."*

Richard Abanes: *"This medieval book...was used to persecute both women and men. In fact, historical*

documents show that most of the victims were not killed by Catholics or officials of the Church, but were executed by the state. Scholarly estimates put the number of 'witch hunt' victims in Europe at 30,000 to 80,000. Moreover 20 to 25 percent of those were male."

TRUTH: The church's mistakes reflect on the _____ running it at the time, not on the _____ as a whole.

3. IS THE BIBLE ANTI-WOMAN?

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"
Genesis 1:27

"Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam" Romans 5:14

"And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!...Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Luke 1:28, 30

"For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed."
Luke 1:48

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

"It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles." Luke 24:10

TRUTH: Anyone who claims that the Bible is 'anti-woman', is someone who clearly hasn't _____.

4. HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH VIEW WOMEN?

TRUTH: It has always given the highest honor to _____

5. WAS JESUS MARRIED TO MARY MAGDALENE?

"Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?" 1 Corinthians 9:5

TRUTH: There is not one credible piece of _____ to support the idea that Jesus was ever married.

SO WHAT IS THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN CHRISTIANITY?

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them" Genesis 1:27-28

TRUTH = Both men and women have INFINITE value because they are created in the image of God.