

# “Setting the Record Straight.”

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With regard to Dan Brown’s “The DaVinci Code”, this series will explore three questions:

- A. What about scripture?
- B. What about Jesus?
- C. What difference does it make?

## Part 1

### Basic facts of scripture

- While the Bible was written by different *people* at different *times* and has been translated into different *languages* but retains **One Main Message**.
- The 39 books of the Old Testament were canonized at least 400 years *before* the birth of Christ.
- Prior to being written down, scripture was an oral tradition that the Jewish people took *very seriously* (the ‘telephone game’ is **not** an accurate example)
- The 27 books of the New Testament were all written by A.D. 80, and the New Testament canon was established and referenced as scripture by A.D. 250 (well before the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325).
- Other writings (including the Gnostic gospels) were written hundreds of years later

### Reasons for the development of written scripture

Inspiration – These writing were inspired by God’s Holy Spirit

Heresy – to silence heretics and heresy

Persecution – if a person dies, the written scripture may live

Missionary Zeal – to spread hope

### The One Main Message:

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16 NIV