



The Gospel & the *Da Vinci Code*: Study Questions | Further Reading

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1. In Dale's talk, he lists several reasons why *the Da Vinci Code* is appealing to our culture? What are they? What other appealing features do you find in the book? What are ways we can relate to people who feel validated by these features?
2. How does reading *the Da Vinci Code* alert us to the value of studying ancient texts and their reliability?
3. What took place at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.? Who was involved? Was the Bible assembled simply because of a vote? Was the vote close? (additional research recommended)
4. Is the Gnostic Gospel of Philip a reliable text? According to Dale's talk, what would make us suspicious of the Gnostic Gospel of Philip?

5. How are the women's testimonies as the first eyewitnesses of the empty tomb evidence for the truth-claims of the New Testament gospels?
6. According to Dale's talk, what are appealing qualities of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? Do you find these appealing and compelling? Why or why not?

Further Reading

Easier-to-Read Books:

F. F. Bruce, *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*

Michael Greene, *Who Is This Jesus?*

Gary Habermas and Michael Licona, *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

Darrell Bock, *Breaking the Da Vinci Code*

In-Depth Books:

F. F. Bruce, *The Canon of Scripture*

N. T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God*

Earle E. Cairns, *Christianity Through the Centuries*

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