



## From the President's Desk...

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Dear *FaithSearch* Friend,

We are living in challenging days. I pray that God will take what is happening and work for good through it. But the "good" that results may depend on how we as Christians respond.

I am talking about the incredible "buzz" surrounding the allegations of recent publications *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Jesus Papers* and the "Judas Gospel." It's everywhere: newspapers, magazines, television, talk radio, and now the theater with the release of *The Da Vinci Code* movie. What are these allegations?

- That Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and they had a daughter Sarah
- That Jesus is not God, and everything we have been taught about Him is false
- That the New Testament Gospels are fabrications and legends, not history
- That the Christian Church is guilty of a cover-up conspiracy to deceive the public

There is one statement I have occasionally heard about *FaithSearch* which causes me to grieve. It usually takes a form something like this: "The message of *FaithSearch* is applicable only to a small group of intellectuals." **NOT ANY MORE!** (if ever) **The pertinence of our Gospel with evidence is now on everyone's radar as people throughout our society struggle to sort out the issues of faith and fact.** The questions, answers, and discoveries we have been proclaiming for over twenty-five years anticipated and directly address the confusion and apostasy these current challenges are causing—even among Christians.

Attendees at our events use enthusiastic superlatives to describe the enlightenment that occurred in their understanding of the issues as the result of the *FaithSearch* message: "It was awesome!" "It was wonderful!" "It was very informative!" "Excellent seminar!"

We are getting this response **regardless of age, gender, vocation and geography.** The four comments above were from a junior high school student, a middle-aged woman, a male attorney, and a pastor in India! Here's what others wrote:

- [*FaithSearch* Discovery] "touched my heart and my reasoning mind. I realize now that I had based my faith on feelings...very weak, shakey, confused." (new confession of faith)
- "I've been a believer for a long time with the assurance that Christ is God without the facts. Now I know the facts!" (recommitment)
- "This has been a way to put words—concrete words—into my mouth to explain what exactly I have faith in. Thanks for the great seminar!"
- "It dispelled some doubt of mine. It helped me move toward belief. Thanks!" (new confession of faith)
- "I am a lawyer and I have always wanted some logical, intellectual answers to the Bible. I loved your presentation. It resolved some of my doubts. Thanks!" (new confession of faith)
- "It changed my beliefs." (new confession of faith)



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**YES, Don, I want to help keep *FaithSearch* on the cutting edge, proclaiming that the Bible is reliable truth and that Jesus Christ is indeed the answer for every person.**



Enclosed is my donation of:

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Please send my **FREE DVD**. I've enclosed a gift of \$30 or more.

I'm ordering \_\_\_\_\_ **additional DVDs at \$10 each**. I've added \$3.50 for shipping and handling for each two DVDs. I've enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for this order.

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- “So many Ah-ha’s! I recently started reading the Bible...and your talk really helped fill in a lot of blanks. Fantastic!” (recommitment)
- “I had been a ‘Christian’ all my life until this year and I am struggling in disbelief and doubt...still searching though encouraged by this session. Thanks.” (said “no” – could not confess Jesus)

But **FaithSearch** events do more than clarify the truth. **Every event presents the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.** People are invited to experience the power of new life. As one attendee expressed it, “I especially liked the opportunity to pray together at the end of the session and to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior.”

In order to prevent the destructive influence of current false teachings, the **FaithSearch** evangelism team presented **fifty outreach events from January through March**, on two continents and in ten states, resulting in hundreds of confessions of faith in Jesus Christ. Another **ninety-six events were added to the schedule** in just this past quarter, to be completed in the next year. I am also training others to present the powerful **FaithSearch** Discovery in their networks of influence. In the last quarter alone, 153 new teachers in the USA and India were equipped to share the Gospel with evidence.

What can you do personally to turn this secular and devilish challenge into an advancement of God’s Church and Kingdom?

1. Invite everyone you know to attend a **FaithSearch** Discovery presentation. This event will clarify the issues and erase the confusion for them. (Check our schedule of events in the enclosed newsletter and at [www.faithsearch.org](http://www.faithsearch.org).)
2. Keep a supply of my book, **Surprised by Faith**, on hand to share with everyone who has read *The Da Vinci Code* book or attended the movie. It provides the antidote for the misrepresentations and lies concerning the New Testament and Jesus.
3. Use the DVD, *Jesus: Divine or Da Vinci?*—which you will receive FREE with a donation to **FaithSearch** before June 30—as a way of sharing the facts and the truth. Purchase additional copies for only \$10 each to reach out to even more people.
4. Pray that Christians everywhere will do as the apostle Peter commands: “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15).

If Christians will rise to the occasion and follow these action steps, then today’s challenges will result in a stronger Church and a future victory for the truth of the Christian faith.

**Our fiscal year ends on June 30.** We need your prayers and financial help to stay on the “cutting edge” of proving and proclaiming that the Bible is reliable truth and that Jesus Christ is indeed the answer for every person. Every gift, large or small, enables us to remain vigilant. You matter to us, and your participation is important! We are a donor-supported ministry and *your gift is needed*. I look forward to your reply.

Proclaiming the Gospel – “the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes,”



Dr. Don Bierle

President

P.S. *The Da Vinci Code* movie is in theaters now. **Respond by June 30 with a donation of \$30 or more, and I will send a FREE copy of the DVD *Jesus: Divine or Da Vinci?* right away**, so you can confront these false allegations. You can also order additional copies for only \$10 each using the attached response form.