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Greetings!

Everyday, we are bombarded by bad news. Believers in Yeshua/Jesus are bombarded by attacks against our faith. Not long ago, the *DaVinci Code* was challenging the faith of many. Now, comes the "news" that the tomb of Jesus, Mary and Mary Magdalene has been found.

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In Barb's article today, she writes about the many controversies and potential dangers in our society today that we face. We need to clearly stand on the Scriptures as our foundation or we will be "tossed and driven by the wind" (James 1:6).

We are excited that we are nearing completion of our audio CD on *Maturity in Prayer Life*. We are in the final stages of editing it and hope it will soon be available for downloading off our website. This was a joint effort by members of Set Apart Ministries and we believe directed by the Holy Spirit. We are praying for people to be blessed and strengthened by what they can learn from this CD. Please pray for us as we complete this project and that it will reach the people who need to hear this message. [Click here to receive notification when this audio teaching is available!](#)

May you be blessed and strengthened.



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What are we to think about the "Discovery of Yeshua's Bones"?



Recent headlines have been filled with the report that the bones of our Messiah, Yeshua, have been found in a tomb, along with those of some of His family or disciples.

It seems that Simcha Jacobovici, a Jewish documentary film maker, has released a film claiming this very thing. As has been observed by others, it is rather interesting that this burial or ossuary had been discovered ten years ago, but not released to the public until now. Most archaeological experts have dismissed the idea that these common names found in association with this cave burial site could clearly be connected to the Hebrew Messiah of Christianity.

At Set Apart Ministries, we stand firmly on the declaration that our Messiah Yeshua IS YHWH and that He is risen and seated at the right hand of the Father until He comes again in His glory. We do not entertain the thought that his bodily remains could have been found anywhere!

On the other hand, we also firmly declare that we have been warned by the prophets and the apostles to expect that such false teachings would arise. Sadly, we believe that this current event is a part of the anticipated falling away/apostasy of the Believers that is to occur as we near the end of time.

I expressed concern and warning several years ago at the message proclaimed through the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. (You can see that warning article, as it was originally sent by email, on our [website](#).) My concern was that this approach led many to focus on the emotional aspects of their faith; an emphasis on what Messiah suffered in a gruesome way, intended to evoke intense reactions. I explained then that I saw this as the setting of a false foundation of more of an emotional or fear based "faith" that could not actually endure any kind of challenge to that faith. On the contrary, a genuine relationship with our Messiah, coupled with the study of His Word and growing maturity in faith, does provide a strong foundation and an ability to give a reason for our faith, in season and out and a basis from which to refute such false reports.

Unfortunately, many Christian people in the public spotlight promoted this film; evangelical protestant and Catholic alike; despite the fact that the views presented were very much of a Roman Catholic doctrine rather than purely Scriptural position. I wondered then how this broad base of support from various faith traditions with previously, clearly different positions on Scriptural Truth would lead to further loss of credibility for our belief in Messiah's atonement. I wondered aloud what the purpose was for such a clear determination to walk in what I call "lockstep" for this movie by so many Christian celebrities. At the time, I received mostly positive comments and thanks for the warning, with only a few expressions of horror that I would question the motives of such an honorable effort.

Last year *The Da Vinci Code*, book and movie release provided another vehicle to bring a challenge to the orthodox Christian believer; the long held beliefs in a Merovingian bloodline presented in such a way as to cause confusion and doubt to those who do not know Scripture well enough to refute these views. In this story, a collection of beliefs about Yeshua having been married to Mary and having an heir, whose descendant will one day ascend the Throne in the Temple in Jerusalem, suggests that the church fathers wanted to suppress this information in order to maintain control over the masses, and perhaps, to protect the secrecy of this "divine" bloodline.

In the past year also, a controversy had developed among Messianic believers as to whether or not the book of Hebrews should be considered part of the canon. Various Biblical scholars were able to refute this concern and put it to rest rather quickly. (Click here for links to [Dry Bones Restoration Company](#) and [Hoshana Rabbah](#) for articles on this subject.) Unfortunately, this level of research and their resources are not commonly acknowledged or used.

In our day, as well confirmed by Barna Research Group, Christians in America are not well enough grounded in Scripture to recognize when occult ideas such as this are intertwined with Scriptural Truth. Indeed, most believers have not studied extensively enough to even know that these ideas are not new, but quite ancient heresy. The so-

called hidden gospels, or books that "should have been" in the Bible are often quoted in such reports but again, the average Christian has not had the training to understand exactly how the canon of Scripture was established and why such books are not considered to be part of the inspired Word of YHWH.

Even a generation ago, considering 20 years as a generation, such ideas would have been promptly dismissed by most Christians. Now, with well known Christian leaders blurring the distinction between Scriptural truth and the doctrines of man, the media hype and the general loss of trust prompted by so many situations in which people in authority have proven to be duplicitous, including church leaders, it seems the population is ready for this latest heretical whispering that Messiah did live, but that He was not risen from the dead; in effect, destroying the basis for our faith and confidence in His work on our behalf and undermining the credibility of Christian Believers.

We are clearly told in Scripture by no less than Paul of Tarsus, also known as Rabbi Sha'ul (for he was and remained a rabbi of the school of Gamliel even as a Messianic Jewish Believer) as well as Peter, that we could expect such stories to surface for the spirit of anti-christ was already even then at work in the world. How much more so today as we are even closer to the day of His return.

To declare that Yeshua's bodily remains have been found is to declare that He was not YHWH. To declare that Yeshua is not YHWH is the primary criteria to determine that the speaker is not from YHWH, but from the evil one; a false prophet. (II Cor. 11: 1-6; II Peter 2: 1-3) This viewpoint is a part of the preparation for the appearance of THE anti-Christ; laying the groundwork for the false confirmation of the lawless one, the one we are told to expect before the true and living Son of Man makes his second appearance.

We need not be surprised or shaken by such comments, no matter what "experts" are presented as witnesses. We have been told beforehand what to expect. May we be ready to speak words of assurance, pointing to Scriptural Truths; to minister to those who are being swayed by every wind of doctrine, those who have not yet become rooted and secure in relationship with our Messiah. As we are able to stand with confidence and calm in the midst of such "controversies," rooted and built up in secure relationship with Messiah, not just emotion or sentiment, may we be a light to enlighten the nations, a reflection of His glory in the lives of those we touch. May we stand firm to the end, fighting the good fight as one dedicated and submitted to His plans.

Keeping Your Joy Full!



Sometimes it is good to be reminded of those things we take for granted. A couple of weekends ago, we had a big snowstorm with over a foot of snow. To many of us, it seemed like a bother and a hindrance to our weekend plans.

One woman was visiting us from Texas. She was so excited to see the snow. She had grown up in the snow belt and hadn't seen so much snow in years. She grabbed a big bowl, filled it with snow and made snow cream--add milk, vanilla and sugar. It was a joyful time of childhood nostalgia for her. She brought us joy through her joy

A lady from Brazil once visited the Green Bay area. She had never seen snow in her life. She was amazed at the whiteness of the snow, which reminded her of the Scripture verse: *wash me and I will be whiter than snow*(Psalm 51:7)

Even looking at things through the eyes of young children can bring us renewal and give us a new awareness of all the YHWH has created. The excitement we see in children can bring us joy.

Through Yeshua we CAN find joy in ALL things.

Changes of a Woman's Life Survey

Marilyn Guffey is conducting a survey on the Life Changes of Women. Please take a moment to submit one important question that's on your mind. Marilyn plans to use the answers for future articles and eventually an e-book. Thank you for your input! [Click here to ask your question.](#)

ABOUT US

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