

"This will become a classic."—ANNE RICE, author of *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*

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Why Christianity Makes Sense

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Christianity is about something that happened.  
It is *not* about.

- A new moral teaching
- Jesus being a wonderful moral example
- A new route to heaven when we die

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## The Gospel of Jesus' Wife

Posted on **September 20, 2012** by **Rebekah Eklund** ←



By now, most people have probably read or heard about a mysterious fragment of papyrus that has been tentatively dated to the fourth century, and that cites Jesus as speaking the words "my wife." (See, for example, [Lisa Wangsness's article in the Boston Globe](#)).

# Gospel Fragment a Fake?

In my article, I argue that the GJW fragment may be a modern fake. Virtually all of its individual phrases are taken directly from the Coptic version of the Gospel of Thomas – the best-known and most complete of the ancient gospel texts that have come to light over the past century or so. The author has used a kind of “collage” technique to assemble the items selected from Thomas into a new composition. While this is a very unlikely way for an ancient author to compose a text, it’s what might be expected of a modern forger with limited facility in the Coptic language.

From: The Gospel of Jesus’ Wife: How a fake Gospel-Fragment was composed. FRANCIS WATSON



## Documents

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~ Michael, Jackson, TN

### Cracking The Da Vinci Code



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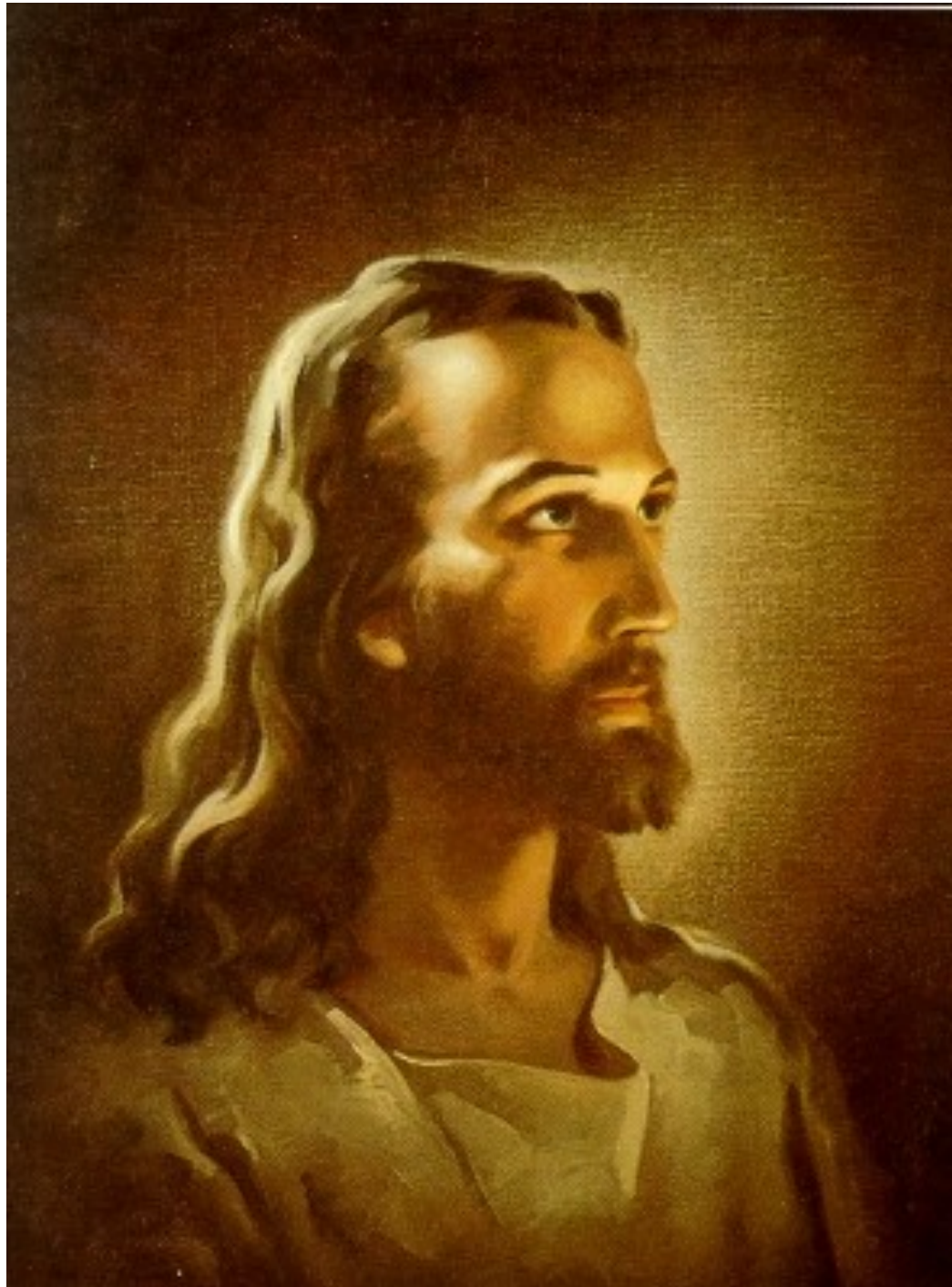


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#### 1. *The Da Vinci Code*: Fact or Fiction?

Jesus (800 million plus Google hits)









# Isaiah's view of the Kingdom of God

- God's promises and purposes would be fulfilled.
- Israel would be rescued from pagan oppression.
- Evil would be judged, especially the evil regimes.
- God would bring about a new reign of justice and peace.

# What did Jews expect from their Messiah

- He would fight the battle against Israel's enemies, specifically the Romans.
- He would rebuild, or at least cleanse and restore, the Temple.
- He would reestablish the monarchy as in the days of David and Solomon.
- He would be God's representative to Israel, and Israel's representative to God.

# Jesus cleanses the Temple

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwRGjuCfCH0>



# Next week

- Read
  - Chapter 9: God's Breath of Life (9 pages)
  - Chapter 10: Living by the Spirit (10 pages)
  - I'll post some notes I took while reading the book on the BLOG ([simplychristian.eklund.io](http://simplychristian.eklund.io))
- I will also post the material from today on the BOG (and have posted the material from last week).