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Corpus Delecti

That's it! It's all over! The body of Christ has been found, Christianity is just another philosophical system and there probably is no God. Really? This past week my brother sent me a link for an article regarding the work of Simcha Jacobovici and his investigation of a tomb that was found some time ago but not fully investigated. In September I ran an article about Jacobovici's exploration of the Exodus. The film was produced by well known Hollywood director James Cameron. The basis of the film was whether the Exodus really occurred. The conclusion was that it had and historical evidence to support the conclusion was presented. The film however favored natural means to explain the events of the Exodus rather than stating that God had been involved. We can't expect much more from such individuals since they have been influenced by the world and have no faith in God. The interesting thing about the film is that it does present findings that we would not otherwise have the ability to see. The current film, which airs on the Discovery channel at 9 p.m. tonight, claims that the body of Christ has been found along with siblings, his mother and, are you ready for this, his son. The latter body coincides with ideas promoted by Dan Brown in the DaVinci Code that Christ married Mary Magdalene and had a son. What proof do they have for all of this? The modern marvel of DNA analysis of course. The advance information for the film postulates that the positive identity of Jesus of Nazareth has been made from this forensic investigation. Why discuss all of this? The reason is simple. This film, even before it publicly airs, has already sparked a great deal of controversy. The message boards, or blogs, that are linked to the site where the film is discussed are already filled with arguments for, and against, the findings of the film. Some of the arguments are well reasoned and stated in good terms. Others are the impulse reactions of those who either favor anything that will prove that Christianity is a myth, and those who accept the Bible as fact even though they don't really know that much about it. There is ignorance, and fact, on both sides of the argument. The end result is that there will be many people who will watch

the film, or read about it, and become concerned or add their agreement to it. The faith of some, if you want to call it that, will be questioned and called into doubt while the true believer will be able to see the truth. The good thing is that it may open many doors to discuss this. Too many times there are those who fear such things and will simply close their eyes and refuse to deal with it. There are others who will begin to hate those who produce such films and even boycott their work. I will run another article next week based on the program since it would be unfair to discuss it in depth before all the details are known, but there are some holes in several conclusions that stand behind the findings. In the meantime we need to remember that God, Christ and his word have stood the test of time. There is power behind the word as Paul stated of his own teaching among the Gentiles. ***“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” (1 Cor 2.4-5)***. We should not fear any “new” argument that seeks to discredit the Bible and God. On the contrary, we should explore, compare and be able to deal with it so that we can teach others. It is good to know what the Devil is publishing or airing on television so that it can be dealt with. To simply state that we believe, without a credible, and scriptural argument, is akin to sticking our head in the sand and thereby proving that “Christians” are ignorant people who have their heads stuck in the dark ages and refuse to “modernize”. That may have been the same complaint against believers in the first century when false teachers entered into the flock of God.

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