

**Can we trust the Church?**

**The Quest for Historic Christianity**

# The DaVinci Code

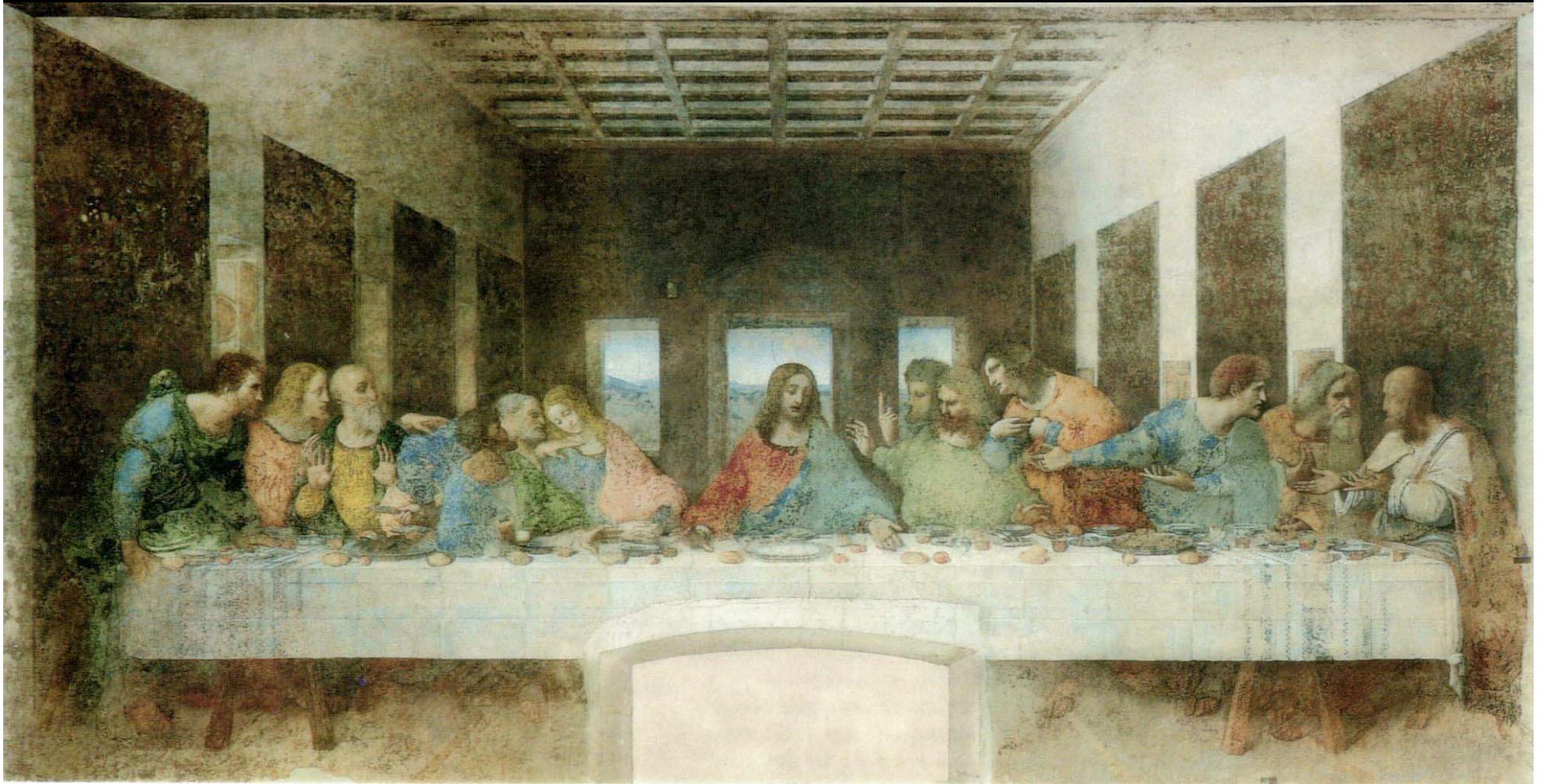
**Christianity, as we know it today, was created at the Council of Nicea, a contentious gathering convened by the pagan emperor, Constantine, to consolidate his power base.**

# The Facts

**Constantine experienced a dramatic and lifelong conversion to Christianity early in his reign.**

**The Council of Nicea was convened in 325ad to settle a dispute within the church over the precise nature of Christ's deity.**

**The Council produced a Creed, affirming the full deity of Christ, which was affirmed by a vote of 300-2.**



# **The DaVinci Code**

**The Holy Grail,  
the source of God's power on earth,  
is Mary Magdalene,  
who carried the royal bloodline of Jesus**

# The Facts

**DaVinci wasn't there**

**The Holy Grail is pure legend**

**The source of God's power on earth is  
Jesus Christ, as He himself declared  
at the Last Supper**

## **Matthew 26:26-28 (NIV)**

**While they were eating,  
Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks and broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying,  
"Take and eat; this is my body."  
Then he took the cup, gave thanks  
and offered it to them, saying,  
"Drink from it, all of you.  
This is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins."**

# Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only son of God, eternally begotten  
of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

# Nicene Creed

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

# Nicene Creed

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

# Nicene Creed

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
[and the Son].**

**With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

# Nicene Creed

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come. AMEN.**