

# Exploring *The Da Vinci Code*

In Search of the *Real* Jesus

# ***The Da Vinci Code***

***“Almost everything our fathers taught us about Jesus is false.”***

***“Many scholars claim that the early church literally stole Jesus from his followers, hijacking his human message, shrouding it in an impenetrable cloak of divinity, and using it to expand their power.”***

***“All that matters is what you believe.”***

**Fact:** *Jesus' followers believed he was God.*

*Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
Matthew 16:16*

*Mary Magdalene: "I have seen the Lord!"  
John 20:18*

*Thomas: "My Lord and my God."  
John 20:28*

*John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the Word was God."  
John 1:1*

# Fact:

*Jesus' enemies recognized that he claimed to be God.*

*“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”*

*Mark 2:7*

*“We are not stoning you for any of these [miracles], but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”*

*John 10:33*

*“We have a law, and according to that law, he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”*

*John 19:7*

# Fact:

## *Jesus himself claimed to be God*

*“I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I AM.”*

*John 8:58*

*“I and the Father are one.”*

*John 10:30*

*“The high priest said to him, ‘Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God?’ ‘Yes, it is as you say,’ Jesus answered.”*

*Matthew 26:63*

# **Fact:**

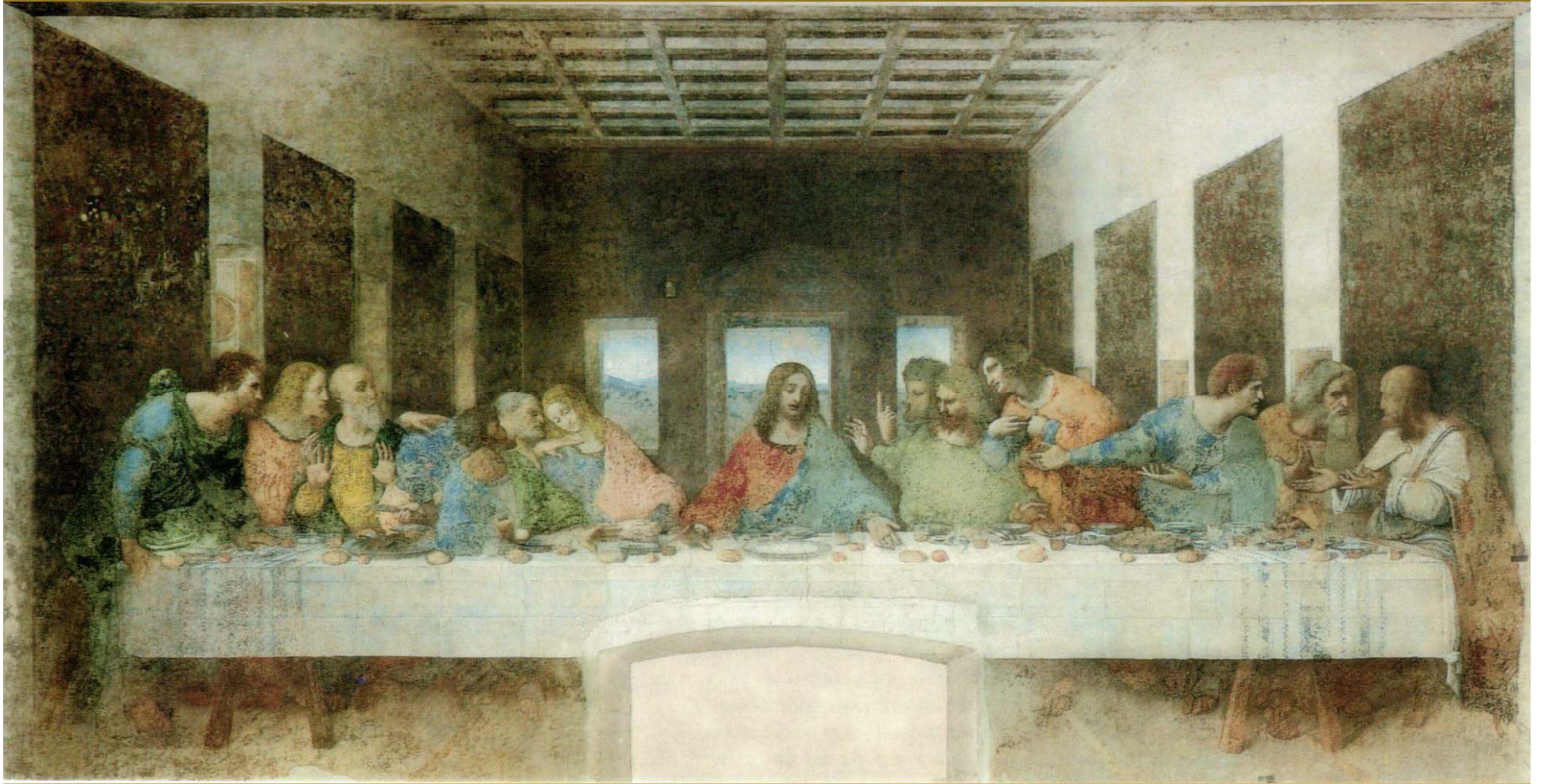
*Jesus left evidence to support his claim to be God*

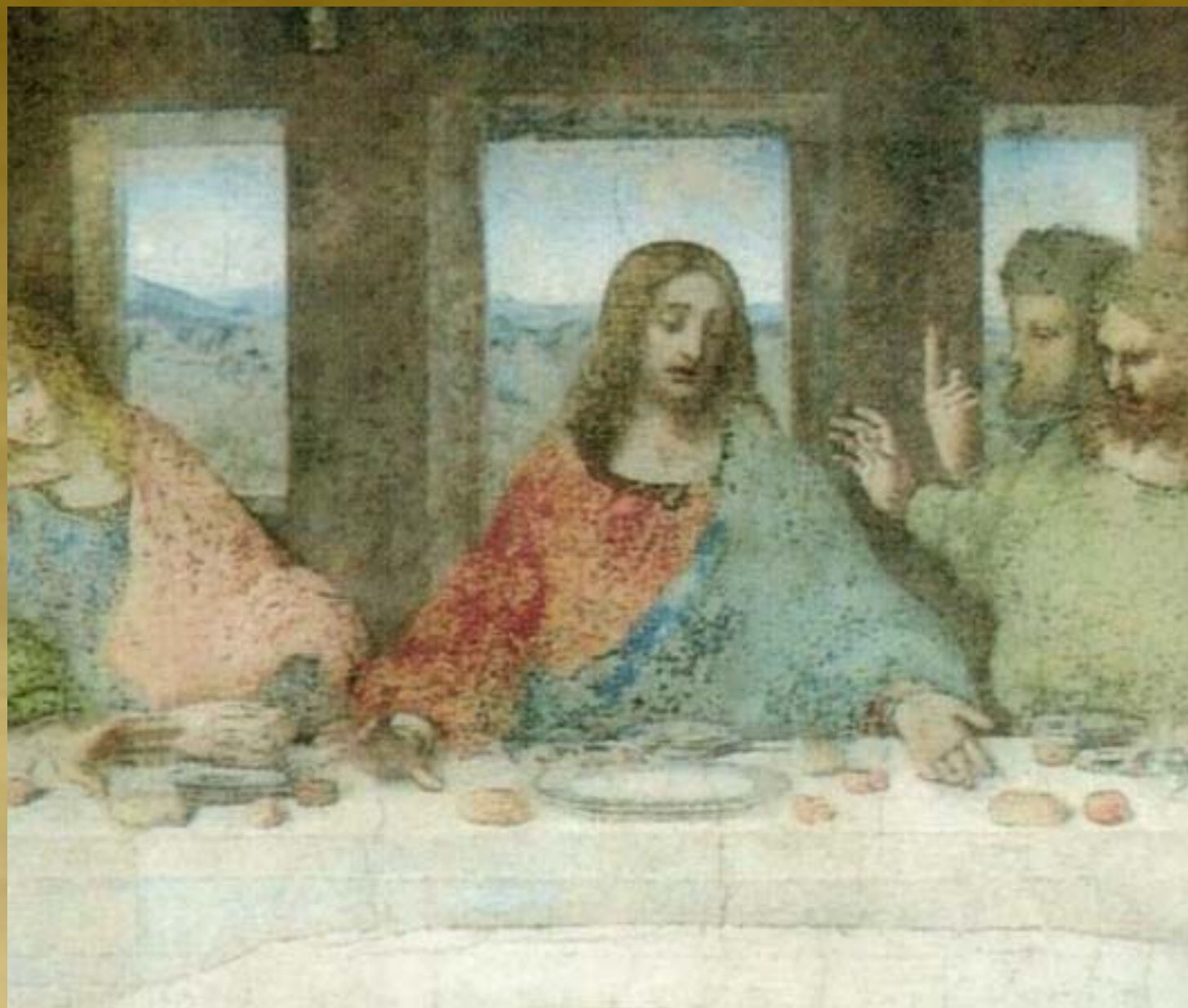
*Miracles*

*Fulfilled prophecy*

*The empty tomb*

*Transformed lives*





# **In Search of the Real Jesus**

***The Real Jesus can be known***

***The Real Jesus is better than any fictional Jesus***

***The Real Jesus invites you to become a child of God through faith in his name.***

***“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent...but born of God.”***

***John 1:1***