

Breaking the Code

Hebrews 7:11-14

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We have heard of “The Bible Code” where computer models are supposed to reveal the future (though in a Hebrew text that represents no existing Hebrew manuscript). More recently, the Da Vinci Code claimed to use history to establish that Jesus married and fathered a child by Mary Magdalene (the “history,” however, proved to be the author’s imagination). In fact, there really is a Bible code. It will, however, garner neither the attention of the public nor the interest of Hollywood. What could it be? Let’s have a look.

Breaking the Code—a Decoder to Unlock Eternity

1. Breaking the Silence (Heb. 7:11-14).
2. Making the Weight (Matt. 23:23-24).
3. Eating the Whole Thing (II Tim. 3:16-17; Matt. 5:17-20).
4. An Attitude Adjustment (Hos. 6:6; Matt. 9:13; 12:7; Jn. 3:17).
5. Plain Jane (I Thess. 4:11-12; Matt. 6:1-18; 5:13-16).
6. Who’s on First (Matt. 6:33; Lk. 9:23)?
7. A Personal Thing (Rom. 8:29; Jn. 14:15).

The “Secret” Message Revealed

1. Hidden to the Eyes of Flesh (Matt. 6:22-23).
2. Seen Through Faith (II Cor. 5:7).
3. Being the Church Rather than Just Going to Church (I Jn. 1:7).
4. God’s Truth Rather than Man’s (Jn. 5:39-47).
5. “Ordinary” (Isa. 53:1-3).
6. Selflessness Not Selfishness (Matt. 19:16-22).
7. Jesus the Man, Not Jesus the Invention of Men (Jn. 8:39-40).

I think you would agree that a consecrated, transformed, life of simple yet powerful dignity is not about to become the coveted jewel of our world. Self-denial does not sell well. 24/7/365 cramps most people’s style. Honestly getting into the Bible and simply going by what we find, no contrived jazz and razzmatazz, is not going to produce the Book of the Month and certainly not an Academy Award movie. However, such things do accompany the freedom found only in Jesus.