

## Apologetics - 8.1 – Hollywood-Hellywood Part 1

### Transcription

This is a speed study tonight, I want you guys to watch the screen, and try to pick it up as fast as you can, OK? Alright, anyway. OK. Remember when you were kids? That was a Superman comic thing? OK. For those of you who are watching from Russia, it's great to have you with us today, and we pray that you're blessed as we do a study. We continue what we're calling the DaVinci Cult. But, it deals with gnosticism, and new age concepts which actually unite all the religions of the world and exclude true Christianity, and this cult is actually considering itself as true Christianity, and so you need to know why you believe what you believe and today, you will understand a little bit more of what's going on in the world around you, so, let's go ahead and let's study. First of all, this is the defense of the faith, as you all know. And in coming weeks, "Where The Whore of Babylon is Rising Today" is going to be one of our studies, and #2, we're going to study on soul sleep and hell, has anybody ever heard of soul sleep? Has anybody ever heard of soul sleep? Who has not heard of soul sleep? OK, Soul Sleep is something that cults believe in which is the concept that when a person dies, their soul just , it's asleep, OK? You're not in the presence with the Lord. And you think, well, what does that really matter? Well, I'll tell you, it does matter, because we're going to deal with hell and heaven, which brings us to the concept of a phrase, which a lot of you rarely think about, but it's the phrase "Jesus in Hell". Now, you'd say, "What in the world are you

talking about?" Does anybody know a phrase...it's the name of a statement which the church has made throughout the ages called the Apostles Creed...has anybody ever heard of the Apostle's Creed? "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth and in Jesus Christ the only begotten Son".... OK, and it goes on..."Who descended into hell, and on the 3rd day, rose again from the dead." He descended into Hell, and on the 3rd day, rose again. Now, what does this actually mean? He descended into hell? Jesus descended into hell? So, we're going to do a study on what that really means, and what that means to us. IS this bad theology, or good theology? And last of all, on Angels and demons. Now we talked last week, and actually for the last 3 or 4 weeks I've mentioned how angels and angelology are going to be a big deal in the latter days as cults rise up. There's going to be a large worship of angels. We know in Mormonism, they show angels turning into gods. They show all kinds of theological error, which actually denies who Christ is to us, which is why we need to know the word of God. But, we're going to study Angels and Demons. Today we saw a movie, which I'm going to have a little fun with, and to teach you how to look through glasses that are biblical glasses when you see things. We saw a movie, which was called "Constantine". I don't know if you've heard about this movie, it's got Keanu Reeves in it. We went, because I kind of had a suspicion what it was, and I think my suspicions were fulfilled, and I'm not going to give away the ending, OK, so for those of you who want to see it, don't worry, I won't spoil it for you, but it is heavily involved in the concept of angels and demons. Now, in the old days, movie producers, unless it was like the demonic point of

view, you know, like a Freddie Kruger type of thing, really thought, 'Angels and Demons? That's too religious. We don't want to be involved with it.' Nowadays, you'll find that there is a plethora of films and weekly series that deal with angels and demons, and so, there is a reason for that in these latter days, why these are subjects that are being dealt with, and we'll show you why in this study. Now, of course, this is just a quick review. We talked about...I honestly believe that since...and we can see...one of the neat things is that one night I'll be able to do nothing, for those who don't want to, who don't think it's boring, but I love data, and....if you look at ancient archeology of Assyria, Babylon, Canada, the Hittites, the Persians, you will see that this cult which is rising up today, which is shown in the DaVinci Code in a very popular way, that this cult actually goes back, and has had resurgences in cultures, and then it was knocked down, and then it has resurgences in cultures, and then it was knocked down. It has tried...Satan has tried to use this technique, and I'll call it a religious technology, over and over, but each time that he does it in a resurgence, he reaches more of the planet. And reaches more of the planet, and reaches more of the planet. And so, we're looking in these latter days, as...you know I'm not one of these guys that say sell your houses and everything else, because it's the last days, but I am saying sell your houses this is the last days...no, I'm just kidding, those of you who are watching. So, what this really is, though, is an understanding of strategy. We have a dilemma as Christians that we do not think strategically. There's a place in the New Testament where Jesus said that the sons of darkness are actually brighter, a little smarter, than the sons of light. Now, he was dealing with the

issue, because he was kind of frustrated with the disciples and frustrated with humans in general, but we as Christians don't realize that Satan is strategic. Y'all know that there were 3 archangels, and I've taught this in a class, and you could guess even, if you haven't been to that class, but I want to show you how the world of the future, we need to see through the eyes of God to understand the world of the future. Do you remember what the 3 archangel's names were? And I know you know. Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer. OK, and Lucifer, the word lucent, and you'll see in Latin languages, it means light. So, here is an angel of light. He loves to appear as an angel of light as well, but those are the 3 archangels, one of them fell from heaven, the bible says, and along with him a 3rd of Heaven fell. That's because strategically, angels are set up in battalions. With generals, admirals, and things like that, and that is shown in the book of Ephesians. There are principalities and powers and rulers of the dark and high places and all that. So, it's very clear in Scripture...Satan and God are in a battle. God outnumbered him 2 to 1 as far as his employees, and as far as power. Of course, He is greater than Satan. But, we do know that there is a super-structure to Heaven and Hell. And we know when it comes to the battle for souls, there is a super-structure, and a strategy. Now, has anybody ever studied Roman History? OK. One of the beautiful things about Roman history, is Romans, no matter what it seemed the odds were, strategically would win. Hannibal was also a very brilliant general. No matter what the odds were, Hannibal always seemed to win. The difference between these fighters and their opponents, was not size, but strategy. And so, if you take the words of Jesus, that the sons of Light

sometimes aren't as bright as the sons of darkness in their watching out for objects flying at them, and if Satan is a strategist.... if you were going to take a castle...would you go after the strongest point in the castle, the thickest walls, with the most intelligent defenses, or would you go where the weakness is? You'd go where the weakness is, right? When you read Jesus, He's actually kind of predicting..."Be careful" because later on in that same passage you see that it's prophetic from Jesus. He says, "Don't be so gullible, don't be so naive, don't be so non-strategic, and don't be so dense." As Christians, we need to wake up and be aware, there is a strategy to the battle. Because, Satan's looking down, going..."Where do I go? OK, the church. The organized church. That's probably an area of weakness that Satan knows that he can take that side of the fort, why? Because it's so preoccupied with everything except taking Hell by storm. It's so busy...and this is something that has happened culturally for centuries...the church can be so busy with everything except doing God's work, that Satan looks at the fort and says, "Actually, the easiest way into God's kingdom is through the church." Now, we see...it's very clear in scripture, but we also see, in gnosticism, and the new age movement, we see a powerful resurgence, where it's not trying to go in as its own religion, it's simply going into the church, because Christ founded the church, but Satan wants to be worshipped still like he was in heaven, like he wanted to be in heaven, so instead of coming to earth and starting his own religion, he wants to be called "Christianity", he wants to be in the church, as we saw bible verses last week, because then he gets the ultimate worship. People think he's God, because they're there worshipping God, but

they're actually worshipping him. Now, that would be an interesting dichotomy, and twist. Well, it's actually what Jesus prophesied as we saw last week, and it goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden when Satan fell. Now, of course, I'm going to just take 10 seconds to say what the colors are that are cardinal doctrines of faith. There's a hint on the screen. Red, White, Blue, and Purple. Red means blood, White means perfection, Blue means heavenly, and Purple means the only mediator, which we dealt with last week. This writing you're looking at right here is the ancient manuscript known as the Naghamadi gospels. I'm just going to remind you...this is an ancient cult of goddess fertility...both of these, the Naghamadi gospels are being used nowadays as the script of the original New Testament church, which Christianity that we know today pushed aside in favor of what we have as Christianity. In the latter days, you will hear more and more and more and more and more about the Naghamadi gospels, which we've explained in the last few weeks. It comes to the place where there is a worship of the goddess concepts and the goddess cults, and this of course is one example. This is Canaanite worship of a goddess cult where they claim that Jehovah...or it was actually Elohim...had a wife. This all finally evolved into what we see in the 11th century, when those knights, it is theoretically said, went and found the real grail in Jerusalem. Now, you think...this is the kind of stuff that fun stuff is made of, but not real stuff. Actually, the largest cults in the world are beginning to develop around this concept, that the knights actually found the grail and that the grail was actually Mary Magdalene that was not a physical grail, and that she was pregnant with Jesus' child. That is the theology of today, and it

sounds far out, but I'm going to tell you. They have enough truth in there to be seductive, but remember, would you read this out loud with me? "A half truth is a whole lie". Con artists come up to you, and they don't say something totally abstract that has no truth in it at all, they have enough in there for you to believe what they're saying. And of course, the Gnostics, comes from the Greek word Gnosos, which means "to know" or "to be intimate with". Now, of course, I don't think most of you need reminders on this, but this, as I said, is a perfect alternative. Now, 5 minutes, 4 and a half minutes into this, we're going to start on this week, how do we think within this culture. In other words, how do we start to use our brains to think within this culture? When you talk to someone who is a Mormon, a Jehovah's Witnesses, you need to not panic ever, because the Word of God is very easily verifiable. The word of the man, Joseph Smith, for example who founded the Mormon Church. You all know that Joseph Smith was a con artist. He was a guy that was taken to court several times. His mother actually wrote what is now the Book of Mormon. We have publishers to this day, which, you know, we can see that still have the manuscript. Joseph's mother went to a publisher and said, "Will you publish my novel"? All the publishers rejected her, and her son took it and turned it into a "book that was inspired by God", but we have evidence today that it's simply a novel which was rejected. It was a bad novel. And it became a bad cult, but if you're talking to a JW or a Mormon, the thing is to say...WWJA..."What would Jesus Ask?" Remember, there are 3 methods of dialogue. One is the Jesus method, which is Ask Questions. If you ever want to look really smart, just ask question. The Chinese say, "Better to be

thought a fool, than to open your mouth and confirm it", so, if you're going to open your mouth, and good way to communicate is to ask questions. Jesus asked a lot of questions. Daniel of course, had dignity in the way that he communicated, and #3 was Paul in that he found commonality. And, for those of you who do sales, you know that you find something in common with the other person. So, let's say, what questions would Jesus ask since He was a question asker, if he was in today's environment? Well, I'm going to tell you...this is really what the question is...but, I want you to remember that we've had a question or two, where you all said, why do we really have to know about this Bible, because what does this Bible really have to do with our faith. In other words, why is the Bible so important? I want you all to read out loud, if you will, these first 2 lines. "The whole purpose of the Bible is to define and defend who Jesus is". It's that simple. I want you to just please let that sink in. I'm the son of a theologian, I was taught apologetics as a child and taught Theology and Greek and everything else, and you can get so caught up in the forest of Theology, that you forget what the purpose of it is. There is only 1 singular reason for the Bible. It was God's communication about proving who Jesus was, so that when men doubted Him, the scriptures would historically, scientifically, and mathematically prove who he was. Now we can see very clearly, and it's given by the inspiration of God, we've already gone over the Mathematical and scientific and historical documentation on proving that Jesus was God and that he came and that He resurrected from the dead. There is evidence that demands that verdict. But, I want you all to read a fascinating passage, I just love it, it's from Matthew. Would you read this

out loud with me? "Jesus said unto them, 'Who do you say that I am?' and Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. Jesus answered, 'Blessed are you, Simon barJonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this unto you, but my Father who is in heaven. Upon this rock of truth will I build my church.'" Now, this could probably be a 7 hour study, I'm not kidding you, just right here in the original language, but it says...What's the question Jesus said? "Who do you say that I am?" I'm going to tell you the truth. Don't get caught up in all the various things that in debate you can get caught up in. As a little boy, I watched my father debate the scriptures, which he used to do a tremendous amount of, and I would always be just amazed at the depth that he had and the knowledge of it. But, my father never failed, no matter how complex they got, and they would debate the Aramaic, versus the Greek, versus the Hebrew, and was it really true that the Septuagint was this....and then I'd watch him go right back to, "Then, who do you think Jesus is?" It is really critical, because otherwise you can get so caught up into that force, you can forget which way you were going, and why you were there, you know...you forget you were there to chop down the trees and to build a house so that your family could be protected, and suddenly the winter comes, and you realize, I'm lost in the middle of nowhere, so....He had the ultimate question of all time..."Who do you say that I am?" You know what? Hell and Heaven is decided on that issue. Stuningly enough, in this thick book, Hell and Heaven is decided on this issue. And, so that is what you talk about to a cult member. Peter answers...Simeon is actually the Aramaic of Simon, which means...does anyone

remember what 'Simeon' means? Volatile...good. Young lady, you are gifted. Simeon is the Aramaic for 'volatile'. Now it's interesting, he later got the name 'Petros' which in Greek means 'little rock'. So, he goes from 'volatile' all over the place, to solid and stable. And that's what God did as a work in his life. But, Simon Peter answers and says, 'you are the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one.' And this 'Christ' word is very important because you'll find in cults, they talk about the 'Christ Consciousness', but that Jesus is not THE Christ, he is A Christ. Do you all remember the 2 words are? I just gave one away. Do you know what the 2 biggest words are? A and THE. If he's A christ, he's one of many. If He's THE Christ, He's the only one. And it says, 'Thou art THE Christ, THE son'...how many sons are there? One. Of how many gods? THE Living God. I'm going to tell you, the theology taught right here in these verses, is what every cult will disagree with you on. But, you'll never know it unless you pursue questions with them. "Do you believe Jesus is Christ?" "Oh, yeah." Do you think He's the Son of God?" "Oh, yeah, yeah." "Do you think He's God?" "Sure, sure." But then, what they're not telling you is, "We also think we're all Christs, and we also think we're all sons of God, and we also think we're all gods." What they're not telling you is where the meat of the story is. And Jesus answers to him, "and Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. Jesus answered, 'Blessed are you, Simon barJonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this unto you, but my Father who is in heaven. Upon this rock of truth will I build my church.'" The doctrine that you're seeing there is what the church is built upon. Now, so, once again...WWJA...What would Jesus Ask?

Is "Who do you say that I am?" And so, you all need to ask the question, and I need to ask the question, who do you say that Jesus is. So when you're talking to them, just say, "Who is Jesus?" "I think he was a really good man, he was a prophet and everything else." As you listen, you begin to realize that there is no 'THE'. There is rarely "THE" in their sentence. It's "A". He was really A good man, and he was really A great prophet, and he was, you know....but THE rarely comes out. You should simply ask, "Oh, is Jesus the only son of God?" Or, "Is he the only God?" Now, at this point, every cult is going to go, "Well, He's not technically the god that you think, I mean, he's A god, but he's not THE god. He's not Ho Theos in Greek. Ho meaning THE, Theos meaning God. He's not Ho Logos...THE Word, he is A god, A word. Now, this point is really where this modern cult, which is what I call the DaVinci cult...it's going to fit with every other religion in the world. Because, they say Christ came to earth to show us the "Christ Potential" in all of us, and evangelical Christians have taken that to be that He's the only Christ, and it's kind of a selfish mindset, but we're showing that all of us can be christ. All of us can be gods, and for some reason, they've distorted what Jesus said. Now, I'm going to tell you, if someone comes up to you and says, "Well, Buda said," you're like, "pfft. So what, I mean, Buda, Mohammed, who cares". But what if they come up and they claim that the gospels which have been dug up in 1945 in northern Egypt known as the Naghamadi gospels. What if they say that these are the original gospels and you guys are wrong. This is why we need to know why we believe what we believe. And then you ask this question, "Can we become gods?" Now, the vast majority

of these cults now will say yes, because the concept of gods to them is simply this ethereal realm of rulership over the universe where we're all one. Now, this is how Jesus follows through. Now, this is a critical doctrinal thing. Because, what I'm going to do, is I'm going to go ahead and toss this movie at you guys today, and see if you spot bad doctrine. Now, before we go any farther, I want you to look....just listen to me. This used to drive Maria a little nutty. No matter what movie we'd watch or whatever, I'd say, "That's bad doctrine" or whatever. I honestly believe, though, film is a great way that Satan can reach into our lives and convince us of concepts that we don't even know that we're believing. I know a lot of people that quote all kinds of movies as their biblical position. And they go, "yeah, yeah, but I remember on Touched by an Angel, this lovely angel...she was..." and I'm like....

Great show, I mean, even Dobson says watch that, but we are so as a class...it's almost a social condition. We have attached ourselves to the media as really our educational method. And those of us who are in the media, we know the power of that. I mean, we see the influence of that. Well, Jesus continued with Peter, and said, "I also say this unto you. You are Peter, Petros, little rock, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Now, what's really critical here is, there are doctrines which are actually built upon, that He's actually saying that the church was built upon Peter. First of all, in the Greek, it's impossible to render it that way, but it says, "You are Petros" which is a little pebble, it's a pebble, "But upon THIS rock" which Peter said, "you are the only son of God", "I will build my church." That's

the doctrine upon which the church is built. That we have no salvation outside of Christ, and it's THAT doctrine upon which the Church, ecclesia is the Greek word there...THIS rock. He didn't say, "Upon YOU, little rock", but "Upon THIS rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against...YOU?" Is that what it says? Look again. "Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against...IT". The Church is built upon the truth of what Peter said, which is..."You are THE Christ, THE Son of THE living God." That is the rock. That is the truth. In other words, the foundation of the Church is not a physical foundation. It's not a physical rock, it is a supernatural rock. Now, there's another reason we know that for sure. First of all in Ephesians 2:20, it talks about the 12 fold foundation of the church. It's not a person. And in Matt, 18:18, if you go in your Bibles, which don't look now, but you can do later, in Matt. 18:18, he actually repeats "Upon this rock will I build my church..." He actually says those same words to the disciples, not to Peter by himself, so clearly, it can't be Peter, because he's telling all the disciples, after he states that he's the son of God, he says, this is the foundation upon which the church will be built, and He says it to all the disciples. So, looking at the whole context. Now, it's something that is only critical to us, not because....I actually think, first of all, Peter not only was brilliantly powerful once the Holy Spirit filled him, I believe that he was the major leader in the New Testament church, whom we knew faced off against Paul. There's no 2 ways about that. But, he's not THE rock. He's A rock. This is where we can't mix up A and THE. He's a little rock, but Christ is THE rock, the truth of Christ is the rock, and it's very clear in Matt. 18:18, He

shows that. Now, I want to just give you guys a challenge as believers. It says...Maria, you can't answer this, neither can you Rachel...it says, "Hell, which means Hades in Greek, can't stand up to the assault of the Church. It actually says, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Now, I want you to think of the word, 'Prevail'. The gates of Hell can't prevail against this truth. What does that mean? Can anybody explain what that's connoting? I mean, just look at the verbage. What does it mean that the 'gates of Hell can't prevail'? Well, you know, a lot of times we talk about the attack of the Devil, so we live our whole lives on the defensive, but I've never seen gates grow legs and run after you. So, what is this actually saying? 'The gates of Hell can't stand up against the assault of the church, or against this truth.' It means that we're supposed to be on the offensive, and Satan's supposed to be on the defensive. He's the one that's supposed to be hiding in his fort, not us hiding in our fort. Are y'all with me? Which is what Biblical evangelism is all about, which is knowing why you believe what you believe is all about, and we have lost that since, in the American church. We're pretty much, you know, we do our hour on Sunday, and then we kind of just toast and roast in the sun, you know, for the week, and you know, we hope Satan doesn't mess with us too much, and...we're on the defensive. We're in the fort, and God says, get out of the fort and charge his fort. It can't prevail, actually, if you take his, you're less threatened that he'll take yours. Are y'all with me? The thing is, that the words are beautiful, it just says that 'the gates of hell can't prevail or stand against it' so that's kind of an encouragement that that's what our job is. Now, what would Satan copy?

WWSC? Now, if Satan was going to go ahead, and he's strategically smart, how would he get his Trojan horse into the city of the Church, without really being spotted? A. Red horns, red tail...No. B. Psychotic? NO. C. Love, Mercy Compassion. He cared, talked about widows and not being judgmental, and orphans and the hungry, and the naked, why? Because that's what Jesus taught. When you look at Jesus for true religion. Jesus said, this is true religion. When you, basically, take care of widows and orphans. That was His theological statement. What's profound, really, about the Bible, is the Bible basically states how simple the true faith is. And the other points were, Jesus said, when I was naked and hungry and all that, we should look at that verse. He says, "you visited", and they said, "When did we visit you in jail?" He said, "Whenever somebody was in jail and you visited them, you were visiting me." "Well, when did we feed you?" "It's when somebody was hungry, you fed them." "Well, when were you naked, Jesus?" He said, "when there were the naked out there that were unclothed, and you took care of them you were doing it to me." That is a biblical doctrine. So, what would Satan do? I mean, go back to the Canaanites. Did you know that the Canaanites were very clear, that they had god and his wife, and god as I showed you, that they called "el" and his wife, that they had this loving affair, and that everyone was supposed to be loving merciful compassionate, and take care of widows and be non-judgmental. We go back to the Beatles even. Now, let's look at surges in our culture. Let's go back to the Beatles. "All you need is..." what? "Love, love...." All of you can sing the song. I mean, "That's all you need...is love". Do you know, do you remember who they

went to for their spiritual guidance? Yeah, Maharishi Yogi. See, they learned it from a cult that was a counterfeit of what Christ is teaching the church to live by. The sad part is the church is blowing it. They're not getting this lifestyle of 'grace and love', but the world is speaking it. Maria and I went to a concert last night, I hope you know that....and the Beatles of course..."love love love" it was free love. Do you remember the concept of "Free love" back in the 60's? There was a resurgence, actually, of Hinduism, in the 60's, and Buddhism, and Brahmanism. That's what it is. On our next study, what we're going to do, is we're going to talk, and it's going to be just a couple of minutes for us, but for you guys, it's next week, for those of you who are listening, we're going to talk about, literally about the resurgence of a cult that Satan is using as a counterfeit to copy Christianity, so, we hope that you come back with us next week, and Lord Bless you.