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A Christian's Response to the Da Vinci Code
Colossians 2:8-10

All across the centuries, men and women have been elevated to hero status, being identified as great persons, and many of them, their followers and intellectuals are glad to give Jesus also this "star" status. But, he is not a star, he is the Son of God, co-equal with God, and able through his death to provide a sufficient and complete sacrifice for our sins. This was all authenticated in his life by his post-death resurrection from the grave.

But still people are confused about Jesus, seek to rob him of his uniqueness and supremacy, and Paul speaks to this in our passage. We are challenged to:

1. Be intellectually strong about our faith – life long learners of the path of Christ and the writings of his disciples that explain them further.
2. Believe the supremacy of Christ, especially revealed in Col. 1:15-20, is not up for debate.
3. Be ever alert to destructive deceptions that would tear the fabric of our faith, 2:8, and place us into bondage of people, philosophies, or spirit beings.

Questions for thought:

- Share an experience where you were deceived by someone? What did it cost you? (dollars, reputation, time, other?)
- What is it within us that is drawn by the possibility of "secret knowledge," or "hidden wisdom?"
- What makes Christ central to Christianity?
- How is your faith confronted today?
- We build alarm systems in our homes, cities and for our country to warn us of impending dangers. If you were to create an alarm system in your head that would warn you when you saw, heard, or read something false, what would be its necessary elements? (knowledge, doctrine, awareness of attacks on Christ, understanding of how deceivers work?)

Review these passages for help: Romans 16:17-19; Ephesians 4:14-16; Philippians 3:17-19; Colossians 2:18-23; 1Thessalonians 2:1-6a.