



**Was  
Yahshua  
Married?**

**Let's look at both sides of  
this issue.**

**NO!**

**Four Gospels provide us with a wealth of biographical information about Yahshua, along with several letters from those who knew Him best, and not a single one mentions anything about Him having a wife.**

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**On the Cross, Yahshua commended His mother to the care of John (John 19:25–27). If Mary Magdalene was His wife (as proposed by many who claim Yahshua was married), why didn't He provide for her care at this time since she was standing with Mary and John?**

**We have very little overt historical evidence for or against the marriage of Yahshua. New Testament gospels – do not tell us explicitly whether Yahshua was married or not. They don't mention his having a wife. Nor do they state that he was unmarried.**



**The silence of Scripture on this point is supportive of the orthodox Christian view of Yahshua being single and never married**

**New Testament gospels refer to Yahshua' natural relatives, they speak only of his father, mother, and siblings, but never of a wife.**

**If, when he reached the age at which young men in his day married, Yahshua and his family realized that he had a special calling which would make marriage quite difficult, then he could have remained single. This would have been perceived as an unusual, even a counter-cultural choice. But then Yahshua never shied away from the unusual or counter-cultural, especially when it came to his relationships with women.**

**Unlike other Jewish teachers of his day, Yahshua had close relationships with women, many of whom were his followers (Luke 8:2-3) and learned from him (Luke 10:38-42). But nothing in the New Testament suggests that Yahshua was ever married to any of these women, or to any other woman, for that matter.**

**The main argument in favor of Yahshua's marriage is at best weakly circumstantial. It fails to reckon with the unique calling of Yahshua and his tendency to flaunt certain cultural conventions. Moreover, it forces us to believe that the most reliable accounts of Yahshua's life failed to mention one of the most salient aspects of that life.**

**Mary Magdalene is first mentioned as one of the women who accompanied Yahshua on his preaching mission and helped to support him financially (Luke 8:1-3).**

**Nothing suggests that there was anything unusual about Mary's relationship with Yahshua, other than the very unusual fact that she was included among Yahshua's retinue. Jewish teachers in Yahshua's day usually didn't teach women or include them as followers. In his inclusive practice Yahshua was virtually unique, and his relationship with Mary and her female counterparts quite counter-cultural.**

**The Bible does speak of the  
Bride of Christ, but not in the  
sense of normal human  
relationships. Most Christians  
believe the Church is the bride  
of Christ.**

**Yahshua having an earthly  
bride would be confusing to  
reconcile with the Church as  
His spiritual Bride.**



**Most proponents of the marriage of Yahshua thesis have an agenda. They are trying to strip Yahshua of his uniqueness, and especially his deity. They want a Yahshua who was a mere human being, one with spiritual insight, but otherwise ordinary. The supposed marriage of Yahshua is taken by many to be proof that he really wasn't God in the flesh, but only a mortal man.**

**If Yahshua married, that would mean He chose one woman on earth to elevate and love over all others. This would be an interesting theological quandary, seeming to show that God loves different people to different degrees.**

**If Yahshua married, He probably would have had children. This means that somewhere, demigods would have been running about. And if so, did they die off? Are there bloodlines of part-deities still out there today? What does that mean for the claim that through Christ we are children of God (John 1:12)?**

**In marriage, husband and wife become “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). If a sinless Yahshua married a sinful woman (because all have sinned) and became one flesh with her, would He then be tainted with her sin?**

# **Why Yahshua Didn't Get Married?**

**The Old Testament makes it abundantly clear that sex was a part of God's good creation (Genesis 1-2 or the Song of Solomon). As early Christianity was modified by Greek philosophy, Christian marriage resulted in a sexual intimacy between husband and wife that was a physical necessity, but not a wonderful part of God's creation. Christians who reject the goodness of sex argue that Yahshua didn't marry because it would have been wrong for Him to be sexually intimate with His wife.**

**Yahshua knew that His ministry would lead to confrontation with the authorities and ultimately death at the hand of Rome. He might have thought that this was not suitable for a husband and/or father. He might have chosen to remain single so that nothing would distract Him from His primary calling and purpose.**

**Mary Magdalene was a close follower of Yahshua, who accompanied him on his journeys, helped to support him financially, learned from him, remained faithful to him even in his darkest hour when his male disciples fell away, she was the first to see him after the resurrection, and was the first person in history to announce to others the good news that Yahshua is risen. Yahshua's intentional inclusion of Mary, in a day when Jewish teachers almost never had female disciples or taught women, is a symbol of the inclusiveness of the kingdom of God.**



**Most women living under God's reign will still fill traditional roles of wife and mother, though single women have new freedom and power to serve God in their singleness (1 Corinthians 7). But women are not be defined primarily by their roles in the family, but by their relationship to Yahshua as his disciple. This was true of Mary Magdalene in the first century, and it's true of every female Christian today.**

**As we saw earlier, the notion that Yahshua, the Son of God, could have married raises numerous theological concerns. What type of nature would children from this union have? So would children of such a union be born without sin or with sin? As physical children of the Son of God, what type of relationship would they have to Yahovah? The whole idea of Yahshua being married introduces a vast array of confused theology.**

**YES!**

**Much of the argument that Yahshua was married comes from the Non-Canonical Gospels. Mary Magdalene, was central among the disciples of the Savior, and a person with special insight.**

**The Pistis Sophia is a Gnostic gospel written during the third century A.D. So impressed is Yahshua with Mary's spiritual excellence that he promises not to conceal anything from her, but to reveal everything to her "with certainty and openly". She is the blessed one who will "inherit the whole Kingdom of the Light".**

**In the Gospel Of Mary – Mary Magdalene is the recipient of Yahshua's secret revelations and private speeches. The Savior, who is not called Yahshua in The Gospel of Mary, even preferred Mary to the other disciples, loving her more than them. Mary's relationship with Yahshua has clearly entered a new dimension we have not seen before.**

**The Gospel of Phillip - Reads,  
“There were three who always  
walked with the Lord: Mary his  
mother, and her sister, and  
Magdalene, the one who was  
called his companion”.**

**The second passage in The Gospel of Philip that concerns Mary is the most suggestive: “And the companion of the Savior is Mary Magdalene. But Christ loved her more than all the disciples and used to kiss her often on her mouth. The rest of the disciples were offended by it and expressed disapproval.**



**They said to him, ‘Why do you love her more than all of us?’ The Savior answered and said to them, ‘Why do I not love you like her?’ When a blind man and one who sees are both together in darkness, they are no different from one another. Then the light comes, then he who sees will see the light, and he who is blind will remain in darkness”.**

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**There is a 1,300-year-old scrap of papyrus that bore the phrase “Yahshua said to them, My wife.” The fragment, written in the ancient language of Coptic, had set off shock waves when an eminent Harvard historian of early Christianity, Karen L. King, presented it in September 2012 at a conference in Rome.**

**Never before had an ancient manuscript alluded to Yahshua's being married. The papyrus's lines were incomplete, but they seemed to describe a dialogue between Yahshua and the apostles over whether his "wife"—possibly Mary Magdalene—was "worthy" of discipleship. Its main point, was that "women who are wives and mothers can be Yahshua's disciples."**

**Is there a “second witness”  
waiting to be found in the  
Holy Land or in some  
library?**

**The silence of the New Testament about the marital status of Yahshua indicates that Yahshua was in fact married. Why? Because virtually every Jewish man in Yahshua's day did marry, especially those who were considered to be Rabbis.**

**Some Jewish historians have pointed out that marriage was an expected part of Jewish culture at the time and it would have been unusual for Yahshua not to have taken a wife.**

**None of the four Gospels say that Yahshua was celibate. The Gospels call Yahshua “Rabbi” (Matthew 26:49, Mark 10:51, John 20:16). Rabbis, then as now, are married. If Yahshua wasn’t married, someone would have noticed.**



**After the Crucifixion, the Gospels agree that it was Mary Magdalene who went early Sunday morning to wash and anoint Yahshua' crucified body (Mark 16:1). What the Gospels are telling us is that Mary Magdalene went to Yahshua' tomb to prepare his body for burial.**

**Then and now, no woman would touch the naked body of a dead Rabbi, unless she was family. Yahshua was whipped, beaten, and crucified. No woman would wash the blood and sweat off him unless she was his wife.**

**After Yahshua arose from the dead, the first person he appeared to was Mary Magdalene. The reason, according to some scholars, was that Yahshua knew that this Mary would be grieving more than anyone else. Thus, he singled out his wife for special consolation.**

**In 1980, in Talpiot, just outside of Jerusalem, archaeologists discovered a 2000-year-old burial tomb. In the tomb there were ten ossuaries i.e., limestone coffins. Six of them were inscribed:**

**“Yahshua Son of Joseph”**

**“Maria,”**

**“Yose” — a nickname referred to in the Gospels as belonging to one of Yahshua’ brothers (Mark 6:3, Matthew 13:55)**

**“Matthew”**

**“Mariamene,” a Greek version of “Mary” associated in all of Greek literature with only one woman – Mary Magdalene.**

**A sixth inscribed ossuary — apparently of a child — had the name “Judah, son of Yahshua” carved on it.**

**Had Yahshua been celibate, Paul would certainly have invoked him as an example when arguing for celibacy. But he doesn't. Never once does Paul argue that Christians should be celibate, because Yahshua was celibate.**

# **Reasons We Want To Believe Yahshua Was Married**

- **Biblical archaeology has primed people for surprises**
- **The emergence of the Dead Sea Scrolls really upended scriptural studies -- and many common assumptions about Christianity.**
- **Everyone wants a Yahshua in his/her own image. Rather than modify ourselves to fit His image, we wind up creating a Yahshua in our own image.**
  - **Every nice Jewish boy gets married.**
  - **People love conspiracies more than facts**
    - **Boys rule. Girls ... ?**



**If Yahshua had a wife, the early church was very good at covering up that fact. For what possible purpose? What else did the church change or cover up?**

**There is evidence, that for primarily political reasons, the early Christian church expunged the role of women from church history. The emergence of women's rights has been one of the developments of modern life. But it has also proved to be an enormous challenge to male-dominated religions, and Christianity has been pretty much run by men since the beginning.**

**There is evidence that early Church officials not only "rewrote" scripture accounts, but launched a vigorous and far-reaching campaign to get rid of what they decided were "heretical accounts." As a result, there is now very little evidence of Yahshua's marriage to go on.**

**Mary Magdalene seemed to be a particular threat to the early Christian (Roman Catholic) church. She's a woman, (the early Church had for political reasons decided to put women in a secondary spiritual position), but hundreds of years after Yahshua was crucified, there were persistent rumors about this Mary being the wife of Yahshua.**

**If Yahshua was married, it would nullify the church's position not only on women, but upon sex, itself. People like St. Augustine, who had major and well-documented personal and family problems with both women and sex, made these ideas two of the cornerstones of Roman Catholic (and later general Christian) belief.**

**Early Catholic priests were married and had families, and it was 1,000 years after Yahshua left the scene that the church imposed the celibacy restriction -- even on the priests who were married at the time. It appears that the reason for this prohibition had very little to do with spirituality and more to do with acquiring and preserving and church property.**

**For some Christian traditions, the celibacy of the clergy is modeled on the celibacy of Yahshua. If it were clear that Yahshua was married, then his marriage might open up the question of clerical celibacy." So the Catholic Church has special reasons for debunking the idea of a married Yahshua.**

**In those days few people could read, so priests ended up being interpreters of scriptures -- and, of course, priests were under the control of the Pope.**



**Only wives and prostitutes would follow an itinerant band of men. Contrary to the later trashing that Mary Magdalene would get from a Catholic pope, there is no evidence anywhere in the Bible that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute....which leaves only... She was His wife.**

**"Mary" (not further identified) refers to Yahshua in the scripture as "my lord" and "raboni" in the gospel of John Chapter 11. Many claim that these titles, in Jewish society, were only appropriate for a wife addressing her rabbi husband.**

**There is a Hebrew word, migdal used in the Bible that refers to a tower of great significance. The word also implies a great person or great figure. "Mary, the great," or "the great Mary," might be translated as "Mary Magdalene" (things sometimes got a twisted in translation), a phrase writers may have originally used to describe Mary, the wife of Yahshua.**

**Many interpret the scriptures saying that Mary Magdalene was the one that "Yahshua loved the most" -- even to the point that the other disciples were jealous. (The fact that she was a woman in that era of Jewish culture only made it even worse!). There are some who claim there is scriptural evidence from Yahshua, himself, that Mary Magdalene was the "one who understood"**

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**Would It Matter If  
Yahshua Were Married?**

**For most Protestants, what is  
at stake is a set of unexamined  
assumptions.**

**We've just never thought about  
Yahshua as married and it's  
hard to change how we think.**

**None of the New Testament authors thought it significant enough to mention Yahshua's marital status.**

**Whether married or single, would the message and mission of Yahshua be the same?**



**Is any essential belief in the  
Christian faith dependent on  
Yahshua being unmarried?**

**If you woke up tomorrow morning  
and saw that archaeologists had  
exhumed incontrovertible evidence  
that Yahshua was married, would it  
destroy your faith?**

**Would Yahshua still  
be the risen Messiah?**

**Would Yahshua still be  
the Truth and The Word?**

