My friend Paula has sent me this fascinating link.

Joe Zias, an archaeologist from Jerusalem, has written a viewers guide to the now famous 'Jesus tomb' documentary crafted by our friend James Cameron. Joe has done an excellent job here on exposing the false claims of Simcha Jacobovici and James Cameron, and what's more he has the qualifications to do so unlike these said men. I am told by my friend Frank that the controversial documentary was aired on the Discovery Channel last night. Joe examines the backgrounds of those involved in making the documentary - how they have virtually no credible qualifications in archaeology - never mind Biblical archaeology, he exposes the attempt by James Cameron to deceive the public by assuming all the ossuaries in the tomb were of one immediate family, and that the so-called photographs of the ossuary bearing the name of Jesus, which are in possession of an Arab currently standing trial for fraud over the 'James ossuary', had a time-stamp of four years before the tomb was actually discovered.

Quote: *"All of this can be neatly summed up in the following opinion piece (edited) by a SC biblical scholar (Byron. McCane) who wrote in today's paper, what I believe pretty much speaks for all of us involved, enraged and fed up with the current wave of pseudo science posing as biblical scholarship, foisted upon the public, by our colleagues.*
"The publicity for the Discovery Channel documentary "The Lost Tomb of Jesus" has a disturbingly familiar ring. First came the James Ossuary; then The DaVinci Code, next the John the Baptist cave, and now "the lost tomb of Jesus. The two archaeologists involved in "The Lost Tomb of Jesus," for example, already have a well-known track record for sensationalism. These programs go for the quick buck. Everything is crafted to generate interest, to make sales. The disturbing trend in recent documentaries toward profit-driven sensationalism, however, is an insult to all concerned, and especially to those of us who are scholars of these subjects. And that is why it is scholars who should bring this train of sensationalism to a stop." Slight correction- make that one archaeologist and one biblical scholar.

Praise God that most news organizations are presenting both sides of this story, and that Cameron has not enjoyed universal praise for his diabolical documentary. An academic interviewed by James Cameron on the film summed it up perfectly.

Quote: *"Academic Stephen Pfann, a scholar at the University of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, said he did not expect Christians to accept the film's findings. "I don't think that Christians are going to buy into this," said Mr Pfann, who was interviewed by the film-makers. "But sceptics, in general, would like to see something that pokes holes into the story that so many people hold dear."*

I don't know whether Stephen himself is a sceptic, or whether he was simply commenting on why so many people are attempting to cast doubt on the claims of the Scriptures. But Stephen hit the nail on the head, for if man can convince himself that Jesus Christ wasn't the Son of God - and He couldn't be if He had normal children by a human wife, they will no longer feel accountable to God for their sins, and will no longer fear the judgement of God. Perhaps that is why during the tribulation period, people still will not repent despite all the suffering they will be going through.

Revelation 9:20-21

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Source Joe Zias , BBC