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## Expect a Shroud of Turin Conference in St. Louis in 2014

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It now seems fairly certain that there

will be a Shroud of Turin conference in St Louis, Missouri, the fall of 2014. The likely venue will be the Drury Inn in Chesterfield, just west of the city.

I fully expect that this conference will be open to the public with an admission fee, as has been the case for recent past conferences. I also imagine there will be a call for scientific and historical papers at some later date.



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## Is the Shroud real? Probably.

The Shroud of Turin may be the real burial cloth of Jesus. The carbon dating, once seemingly proving it was a medieval fake, is now widely thought of as suspect and meaningless. Even the famous Atheist Richard



Dawkins admits it is controversial. Christopher Ramsey, the director of the Oxford Radiocarbon Laboratory, thinks more testing is needed. So do many other scientists and archeologists. This is because there are significant scientific and non-religious reasons to doubt the validity of the tests. Chemical analysis, all nicely peerreviewed in scientific journals and subsequently confirmed by numerous chemists, shows that samples tested are chemically unlike the whole doth. It was probably a mixture of older threads and newer threads woven into the cloth as part of a medieval repair. Recent robust statistical studies add weight to this theory. Philip Ball, the former physical science editor for Nature when the carbon dating results were published, recently wrote: "It's fair to say that, despite the seemingly definitive tests in 1988, the status of the Shroud of Turin is murkier than ever." If we wish to be scientific we must admit we do not know how old the

