

So now, allow me to surprise my readers and listeners out there in the webworld, for those who are still listening anyway, and let us try to consider...

WHAT 'GOOD' CAN WE GET OUT OF THIS MOVIE?

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

A. This movie makes us examine ourselves to see how much of a Bible Believer we really are or even want to be!

It's a test! See **Deuteronomy 13:3; Jude 4; Jude 21,25**. Do we let entertainment and special effects get in our way? Are we more like the disciples who left 'early' when things only began to get tough - or like the man who stayed later...**Mark 14:51,21** - or like Peter who denied him in His presence...?

- God by-passed the church and preachers and went directly to Mel Gibson to get out the message of redemption and to finally let us SEE? (*incredible e-mail quotes: a - I also kept thinking about 'doubting Thomas' and how our generation is now the first to truly see the perfect enactment of the Passion since the original almost 2000 years ago. Our Lord said to Thomas, 'Happy the man who does not see but still believes.' Well, thanks to Mel Gibson, everyone now living has the opportunity to truly witness our Dear Lord's Dolorous Passion. This is an incredible gift from God!" b - God, through his instrument Mel Gibson... is gathering the sheep that they have scattered the past 40 years!)*)
- God just reached down and touched the heart of a lost, cussing, Roman Catholic Hollywood, alcoholic to produce this movie?
- God changed His mind on salvation and now says it is only available through the Catholic church?
- God used catholic priests as writers?
- God made sure they 'celebrated' the Mass every day before filming took place?
- God used two nuns who said they talked with Him and received revelations through the Virgin Mary? (Anne Catherine Emmerich and Mary of Agreda. (Emmerich - had the wounds of Christ in her body - ate no food except the wafer - wrote a book on her visions and were consulted by Gibson - said that Christ begged for mercy, quivered and writhed like a poor worm and cried in a suppressed voice and a clear, sweet-sounding wailing)
- God changed the script from the Bible to show the need of Mary to help Jesus get through this 'troubled time' of his life?
- God used a Catholic who thinks he has Jesus in him because he ate a biscuit and whose goal is to bring mankind together and carried a 'true piece of the cross' with him at all times during filming? He said that he believed this movie was made by Mary for her Son!
- God used a porn star to play the role of Mary Magdalene?
- God spread the message that the sacrifice on the cross is the same as the sacrifice of the Mass?
- Gibson quotes: "For years, my best friends were actually evangelicals, many in the business and many in professional ways. I love them. I think they really know the Book.

They know the Book better than Catholics, actually. I've been actually amazed at the way I would say the evangelical audience has—hands down—responded to this film more than any other Christian group. For me the amazing thing is that the film is so Marian. But I think the way the film displays her has been kind of an eye opener for evangelicals who don't usually look at that aspect. They understand the reality of a mother and a son.

The Scriptures are the Scriptures—I mean they're unchangeable, although many people try to change them. And I think that my first duty is to be as faithful as possible in telling the story so that it doesn't contradict the Scriptures. Now, so long as it didn't do that, I felt that I had a pretty wide berth for artistic interpretation, and to fill in some of the spaces with logic, with imagination, with various other readings.

For example, Judas goes to kill himself and I had him being tormented by children. I made up the children idea and that they were somehow diabolical, so they weren't real children. And that he was on a hillside and he looked at a dead goat, and then he goes and kills himself, hangs himself with a halter. I thought, so where's he going to get the halter? Well wait a minute, it should be a dead donkey with a halter on. I mean there's nothing that said there was a dead donkey there, but why not? It just says he "hung himself with an halter" [Matt. 27:5, Douay].

Douay - That's the Cathlic Bible? Have we been wrong all the time - or are you really a Bible Believer and will stand against this and future 'bible' movies?

B. Strengthens or Weakens our personal Christian stand!

You KNOW some things are wrong, very wrong in that movie. What do you think about it? What do you do about it? Do have answers for your family, for your friends, etc. You KNOW they will say something on this one - do you take refuge in "guilty silence," as A.W. Tozer preached?

C. Brings out the Hypocrisy in us!

- ✓ Won't go to 'R' movies, except this one?
- ✓ Will go to other hollywood movies but not this one?
- ✓ Against Mel Gibson and all the 'wrong' that he stands for but still watch TV and still go to other movies with directors, actors and music even worse that deal with perversions?
- ✓ Preach against the catholic church and still go to this movie and support if financially and publicly endorsing it?
- ✓ Bible Believer but one that has no answers about inaccuracies and sets a horrible 'example' to their children...?
- ✓ Against the 'image' of Christ on the cross, but you have PSR drawings of the same thing?
- ✓ Won't participate in the 'shame' of the movie but still is willing to 'shame' the Lord on a daily basis with their testimony?
- ✓ Stand up against the movie, but still swear, lose your temper, go deeper into debt, ignore your Bible reading, study, etc.?

D. We can see that the true Catholic Church still exists and is as strong as ever - and is truly the whore of **Rev 17,18!**

- ✓ Vatican I; Vatican II were deceptions!
- ✓ They have suddenly appeared on the scene and 'nobody cares!'
- ✓ They all buy into it!
- ✓ They don't even have any ecumenical desire other than to 'catch folks!' -
- ✓ The devil needs that army - **Revelation 16:14** *For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

E. We can see that the Catholic Church is behind the Ecumenical Movement!

Read the names of who support this catholic movie: Billy Graham; Mission America Coalition; Campus Crusade; Rick Warren's Saddleback Church; Evangelical Free Church; Wheaton Bible College; Morris Chapman - president of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Jack Graham - president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship; Worship Leader Magazine; Robert Schuller; James Dobson - Focus on the Family; Ted Haggard - president of the National Evangelical Association (*called Gibson the Michelangelo of this generation*); the American Tract Society ("*greatest opportunities for evangelism in 2,000 years*"); Teen Mania; the Catholic League; Vatican Secretariat of State, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, etc. etc. etc.

F. We can see if we really would know a false teaching, even if 'everyone' accepts it!

- ✓ What do you know about the Eucharist?
- ✓ Jesus portrayal was based on the design of the Shroud of Turin!
- ✓ Would you have known if those 'scenes' with Mary and Jesus along the way were scripturally true?
- ✓ Would you have known when Mary wiped her face on Christ was true?
- ✓ Would you have been able to see the subtle Mary-involvement as co-redemptress?
- ✓ Do you know if Christ was really thrown off a bridge?
- ✓ Does Mary ever wipe up Jesus' blood?
- ✓ Did Jesus really have long hair?
- ✓ Did Judas hang himself with an halter as Gibson says? (**Matthew 27:5**)

Do you know any of the scriptures to show a Catholic the truth when compared to their church tradition?

G. We have an opportunity to not be ignorant of Satan's latest device - especially when it is so obvious!

One-world religion! Movies! Entertainment! Music! Special effects! Could you even see it coming; if not then, can you now? You know, The Hobbit, Disney, Harry Potter, Patriot,

Braveheart, Lethal Weapon, Lord of the Rings, Nemo, Passion, etc. *a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump... Galatians 5:9*

H. This movie has brought out the dust, dirt, bugs and even some cockroaches as we turn up the Light!

Worldly Christians, modern Christians, PBI, Greekers, Catholics, Jesuit plants,

I. This movie gives us opportunities to witness, "if" you can and "if" you really want to!
Of course, we will be having all sorts of opportunities - if you want to witness, you WILL have the opportunity! Will you cease the opportunity? Tell someone the 'truth' about this movie?

J. This movie makes us turn either closer or further to Christ personally!

Does it bother you that His shame is being portrayed over and over in the theater? (*It always has on a weekly basis in a catholic church - did that bother you?*)

He is seeking fellowship and yet today, everybody wants to see Him in his open shame!

K. This movie guides us closer or further concerning worshipping God in spirit and in truth!

You with the stuff in this movie or against it? Does this bring you closer in TRUTH or closer to Catholic antichrist?

L. We can see how we ALL have been beguiled!

Beguilement: *an entertainment that provokes pleased interest and distracts you from worries and vexations; synonyms: bewitchery, distraction; see also: amusement, attractiveness, entertainment*

II Corinthians 11:3 *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

Colossians 2:4 *And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.*

Colossians 2:18 *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

Have Bible Believing, Bible Studying, Rightly Divided, Bible College and Institute trained Christians been beguiled? It seems so!

M. Because this movie is so off the mark, it makes us look into the Scriptures for the TRUTH of the crucifixion!

This movie ought to make us 'review' the Scriptures in order to make sure we KNOW the truth about the entire event, because what the movie portrays is a catholic version - the stations of the cross - in other words, a very unbiblical account!

N. Because this movie is so wrong about the crucifixion, we can be reminded what actually is IMPORTANT about the Crucifixion!

Scripture makes clear that the meaning of Christ's crucifixion lay NOT in His physical suffering, but in His propitiation of the wrath of God. God's wrath was utterly placed on Christ Jesus, who suffered the full extent of its unabated curse for the sins for His people. The fullness

of divine wrath that Christ suffered was like that fire from heaven, recorded in the OT, which consumed the sacrifices. The wrath that should have fallen upon the sinner, fell upon Christ.

The representative relationship of Christ to His people is a real and necessary one. The All Holy God deemed it 'just' to punish Christ for the sins of His people, and to credit them with His righteousness, and thus completely satisfy all the demands of His law upon them.

Strict substitution demanded it so that real imputation of His righteousness to His own people could follow. Rather than the physical torture He suffered, the absolute horror that Christ endured was separation from His Father. He felt the full wrath of God! **II Corinthians 5:21** *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* **Isaiah 53:10** *It pleased the Lord to bruise him; He hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...* **Romans 3:22** *even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe.*

The movie doesn't even begin to portray the real importance of Christ's crucifixion!

O. Because of the false portrayal of Jesus Christ, this movie actually lets us see the 'another Jesus' that Paul was warning about and how subtle yet successful he will be!

Galatians 1:6-8 *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

II Corinthians 11:4 *For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

P. Because of the false gospel this movie presents, it actually helps us understand the delusion as it grows more and more obvious - well, to some, anyway!!

It's everywhere - signs, miracles, wonders, healings, etc. and now movies that bring all the folks together!

God sends the *famine of hearing the words of the Lord* - **Amos 8:11-13**; God sends them strong delusion because of their refusal to be saved through the truth... *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.* **II Thessalonians 2:10-12**

Q. The success of this movie, in spite of the false gospel it presents, it helps us realize where the "church" is these days!

Not only has the 'world' been suckered into this world-wide global movement, the religious crew has as well. Not only the 'religious' denominational crowd, not only has the evangelical crowd, but more KJV Bible Believers than I ever thought have been suckered into a popular

acceptance of 'church support' of a movie that brings everyone together in spite of the catholic influence and false teachings within the entire movie!

What is left to pollute before the Lord just takes away His bride? How many will give in to world fornication before the Lord returns for His own?

R. Because of the issue and hassle of opposing so many Bible Believers as well as so many others, this movie helps us long for the Rapture!

Romans 8:18-23 *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

II Corinthians 5:1-3 *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*

The devil is trying to wear us out just as he did the Israelites! **Daniel 7:25** *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*