

The Church-Of-Saint-Judas-Iscaiot-the-Burglar

Skit #1 One Of Us

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Performers 3

Adulterer

Burglar

Sinner/Narrator

Props

T-Shirts with

Adulterer, Burglar, Sinner

(or may omit)

Bus stop sign

(or may omit)

Large cardboard cross with string for Adulterer

Adulterer, Burglar and Sinner are waiting at bus-stop.

Adult (looking at watch) “The bus is a bit late,...but it shouldn’t be long now.”

Burg “I see you’re wearing a cross....Are you a Christian?”

Adult “Yes, I am....Are you?”

Burg “Yes, I am too,...where do you worship?”

Adult “At the Church-of-the-Woman-taken-in-Adultery”

Burg “Really?...TheChurch-of-the-wWoman ttaken-inAdultery....I’ve seen your ads in the paper....what’s it like there?”

Adult “Oh, it’s wonderful....All us Adulterers meet there and worship God in a caring and non-judgemental atmosphere.”

Burg “That is sooo good.”

Adult “Yes, it is.”

Burg “Are there many in your congregation?”

Adult “Oh yes...There’s a lot of Adulterers around...and a lot of Fornicators worship with us too,...until they get a Church of their own.”

Burg “Good,...And what’s the Preaching like?”

Adult “Wonderful, most of the Sermons are based on the story of that Dear woman taken in Adultery, and how Jesus said “Has no man condemned you?...Neither do I.”

Burg “That is sooo good!...It’s heart-warming to know there are still caring Churches around.”

Adult “Yes!...So where do you Fellowship?”

Burg “At the Church-of-Saint-Judas-Iscaiot-the-Burglar.”

Adult “Really?...I’ve never heard of that one.”

Burg “No?...Well, Burglars don’t normally advertise their whereabouts you know.”

Adult “No, I suppose they don’t..Ha ha..But you do Fellowship?”

Burg “Oh, yes...we do have a Church....well we had to steal it actually....But, the Lord saw our need and He supplied.”

Adult “Oh, wonderful!....And what’s it like there?”

Burg “It’s sooo good...Much like yours. It’s Caring and Non-judgemental....And we talk about how God’s a good God....And how Jesus loves Everybody”

Adult “Great stuff!”

Burg “Yes,...And we pay Tithes on what we’ve stolen during the week,....Then we have a cup of coffee and a time of sharing....tips and things, afterwards.”

Adult “Oh, wonderful...And has the Petition been to your Church yet?”

Burg “The Petition?”

Adult “Yes,...It’s been doing the rounds of Churches all over the world....It’s in (New Zealand) now.”

Burg “No, I haven’t heard of it....what’s it about?”

Adult “It’s a Petition that the Worldly-Council-of-Churches are going to present to God. We’ve decided that He has to adapt to the times and make the Great Judgement a non-judgemental-Judgement.”

Burg “Brav-o!....Yes it is a tad Medieval...Blood and Fire and all that stuff.”

Adult “Yes, indeed....All that gory stuff about people being thrown alive into the Lake of Fire is just not on....and it has to be changed.”

Burg “About time too...So what will happen now?”

Adult “Well, there won’t actually be a Judgement as such anymore....All the Sinners will be made to go and stand in the corner...and face the wall...and take time-out for 30 minutes.”

Burg “That’s a rather novel approach.”

Adult “Yes....Times are changing, and we must change with them....And the really impenitent ones will have a privilege withdrawn....like no T.V for a day or something similar.”

Burg “That’s rather harsh isn’t it?”

Adult “Yes, but it’ll make them think hard, and amend their ways.”

Burg “Jolly good!”

Adult “We don’t want people to remember the Judgement as a time of Punishment....we want them to remember it as a time of Sympathy, and Car-ing and Compassion.”

Burg “But, do you think God will change all this?”

Adult “He has to!....Even God Himself can’t ignore 10 million signatures.”

Burg “Okay,...But the Criminals still go to the Judgement, don’t they?...And then...”

Adult (Interrupting) “No! No! No!...There won’t be any Criminals soon.”

Burg “What?...where are they going?”

Adult “Nowhere.....We want to be rid of the ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ mentality....The ‘Criminals’, and the ‘Victims’So we’re going to de-criminalise all crimes....And make everything legal...and that will take away the stigma these poor people live under...Then we can all live happily ever after in Peace and Harmony...which is what the Christmas story is all about. After all!”

Burg “Mmm...I see it a little different than that....but go on...”

Adult “No, that’s it....we’ve just learned that there are far more Humane and Compassionate ways to help people change their behaviour today....and that’s what this is all about.”

Burg “Good.”

Adult “Well, there’s the bus coming (patting his pockets)..Oh, no...I’ve lost my wallet.”

Burg “Here it is, I picked your pocket...but you can have it back, seeing you’re a Christian too.”

Adult “You little Toad!”

Burg (wagging his finger) “Judge not and you shall not be judged!”

Adult “Well, alright...but you’d better not commit Adultery with my Wife or Girlfriends.”

Burg “No, of course not...I’m not a Sinner...just a Burglar.”

Adult “That’s good. (turning to Sinner) “Are you a Christian too?”

Sinner “No, I’m not...I’m just a common-old-garden-variety-Sinner.”

Burg “That’s a shame...You should become a Christian like us.”

Sinner “Yes, well I don’t commit Adultery...or Stealor tell Lies or anything...I’m just a common-old-Sinner.”

Adult “If you ever do change your ways you’re welcome to Fellowship with us.”

Burg “Yes, definitely.”

Sinner “Thank you....well, here’s the bus...(patting his pockets and looking around his feet)
“Oh, no...I’ve lost my wallet.”

Burg “Here it is....I picked your pocket too...but you can have it back.”

Sinner “Thank you,...I’m so glad I’m among Christians.”

Burg “Yes,...here you get on first.”

Sinner “Thank you.”

End

Narrator. “The Lord Jesus said ‘Thy Word is Truth.’ This (holding Bible up) is the Truth. But, instead of teaching God’s Word as Truth, too many Churches today cater to the people who attend, or those they are hoping to attract. And, they tailor everything from the clothes they wear, to the singing, to the sermon to suit them. And, you can find a Church in this world where any type of Sin or Perversion will be tolerated, accepted, and even welcomed.

In Matthew 7 v 22-23 the Lord said ‘Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.’

What is iniquity? It’s something that you know not to do, but you do it anyway. Just because something is accepted or legal, on earth, does not mean it is right in the sight of God.

In 1 John 3 v 22 we are told. 'And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.' We are called to be a Holy People, serving and representing a Holy God.

And, by the way, the Judgement has not been postponed. It's all on still. The Great Tribulation, the Rapture of the Church, the New Heavens and New Earth, the Judgement, The Lake of Fire, and Eternity, are all going ahead as planned.

"But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelations 221 v 8. The First Death is the Death of the body; the Second Death is the Death of the Soul, and the end of Existence.

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