

# Those who missed it skit #2

## The Rapture

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Performers x2

Marty

Reverend/Narrator

(Reverend is standing, looking around, when Marty walks up to him).

Mar. (Agitated). "Reverend...I've been looking for you...something's happened..."

Rev. "Well...you found me!...and what is it *now*?"

Mar. "I can't find old Charlie...I've searched everywhere for him."

Rev. "I warned you not to listen to that old fogey and his nonsense...why do you even listen to him?"

Mar. "Well, a lot of what he says makes sense...and he backs up everything he believes with quotes from the Bible."

Rev. "I quote the Bible too...but I don't twist it around to fit what I believe...like he does."

Mar. "I think he's a Man of God!"

Rev. (Raising his voice). "A Man of God!...You wouldn't know a Man of God if he bit you on the backside...It's a wonder he doesn't dress in sackcloth, and eat crickets and worms...like those types always do?"

Mar. "John the Baptist was one of *those* types?"

Rev. "He was a Man of God...not just one of the hairy unwashed."

Mar. "But I went past their Church yesterday, and there wasn't anyone there...and not a single car in the carpark?"

Rev. "They've probably gone to another Church...was anyone missing from our Church?...Or from any of the other Churches in town?"

Mar. "I don't know...but I went to his house, and there wasn't anyone home?"

Rev. "Because he's gone to another Church."

Mar. "I hope so...he said the Rapture was going to happen soon...and we needed to be ready."

Rev. "Look Marty...If there was a Rapture...and I don't even believe there is such a creature...would I still be here?"

Mar. "Don't ask me that...ask God."

Rev. "Thank you for your vote of confidence...whose side are you on anyway?"

Mar. "Well...he's been telling us something happened...and the Rapture would take place soon..and I think we've missed it...we should have listened to him."

Rev. "Have I been saying it?...Our Church doesn't believe that stuff...when Jesus comes, *'every eye will behold Him.'* There...that's a quote from the Bible too...not all this 'pie in the sky' stuff Charlie spouted...about a *secret* coming."

Mar. "But Jesus said, *'there would be two in the field, and He'd take one, and leave one...'*"

Rev. "Marty...leave the preaching to those who are qualified to do it...Did that goon even go to a Seminary?"

Mar. "No...but he called them 'cemeteries,'...he said...?"

Rev. "If he went to a Seminary, he would know a thing or two about the Bible...instead of making it all up, as he goes along...Don't quote him again...let's have an intelligent conversation...Our Church has been here for hundreds of years...and its beliefs have stood the test of time...Not like someone who just paddled into town in the last canoe."

Mar. "That isn't fair!...You shouldn't make fun of him...God hears his prayers, and answers them...I think we should respect that..."

Rev. "He *says* God answers them!...I'm sorry, but I've had enough of this...and I'm missing my favourite TV program...Go down to the Zoo...maybe they've put him in a cage with all the other hairy unwashed?...Goodbye Martin."

Mar. "Goodbye..."

(Reverend walks off).

Mar. (To himself). "I hope we *are* wrong...God help us if we *aren't*?...I should have asked him more questions...If I find him, I'm going to his Fellowship all the time...What a fool I've been, going to this Church which I didn't even like, just because our family always came here...I'd better check if the rest of his Congregation are still here...God help us if they aren't..." (He leaves).

Narrator. "Christianity isn't about going to 'church,' it's about knowing God personally, being in touch with Him, and being led by Him personally, so we will always be fulfilling today's part of His great plan...along *with* Him...Christianity without Christ is merely religion...which may save the conscience...and make us feel that we are pleasing God in some way...But it is *not* Christianity...and it will never lead an individual on to spend eternity with Jesus Christ."

End.

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