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# The Church-Of-Saint-Judas-Iscaiot-the-Burglar Skit #1

One of us

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Performers x 3

Adulterer  
Burglar  
Sinner/Narrator

Props

Bus stop sign  
Cross for Adulterer

(Adulterer, Burglar, and Sinner, are waiting at a 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?...The Church-of-the-Woman-taken-in-Adultery...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 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, caring 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, here'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 Steal ...or 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."

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. You can find a Church in this world where any type of Sin or Perversion will be tolerated, accepted, and even welcomed.

In Matthew 7:22-23 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 3:22 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 21:8. The First Death is the Death of the body; the Second Death is the Death of the Soul and spirit, and the end of Existence forever. This life is a serious business, so don't take it lightly, and don't try to tell God what to do."

End.

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# The Church-of-St-Judas-Iscaiot-the-Burglar Skit #2

## The pot and the kettle

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Performers x 2

Burglar/Narrator  
Adulterer

(Adulterer walks to bus-stop and sees Burglar there).

Adult. "Well...Fancy meeting you here again?"

Burg. "Yes...It's a popular bus-stop obviously."

Adult. "How's your week been?"

Burg. "Very profitable...And I thank the Lord for that...And you?"

Adult. "The old struggle...You know?...My Wife want's this, that, and the other...and my girlfriend does too...I have to stretch myself like a rubber band to keep up."

Burg. "But?...how do you feel?...Committing adultery?"

Adult. "Pardon?...I don't think you should be asking me that...judging me."

Burg. "Why not?"

Adult. "Because you're a thief...Don't you feel bad about stealing things that belong to others?"

Burg. "Do you feel bad about what you do with another woman...When you're already married?"

Adult. "I...Um..." (Hesitantly) "Yes...and no!"

Burg. "Me too."

Adult. "But I'm not convinced that what I do is nearly as bad as what you do."

Burg. "Why?...Doesn't it harm your Wife?"

Adult. "Um...No...Because she doesn't know about it...And what the eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve for...But, you're a thief...People come home and find their personal possessions gone...Things with sentimental value!"

Burg. "I don't think what I do is nearly as bad as what you do, because you're an adulterer...What you do is against a certain person...Someone you say you love."

Adult. "That's rich coming from you...What happened to caring...And non-judgemental?"

Burg. "I could ask you the same question."

Adult. "I don't know how you even sleep at night."

Burg. "Pot calling the kettle black!"

Adult. "At least I'm not a thief."

Burg. "At least I'm not an adulterer...You don't love your Wife."

Adult. "I do so!...At least I don't steal from her."

Burg. "So...You're innocent?...You'll get a wake-up call at the Judgement."

Adult. "Me?...you're the thief...You should amend your ways!...I don't trust you criminals!"

Burg.. "I'm not getting on the same bus as an adulterer." (Walks away).

Adult. "Thief!...Here's the bus.." (Patting his pockets). "My wallet's gone?...That Thief!...Come back here!...Come back here, you...Give me my wallet back!"

Narrator. "There is no such thing as Good sin and Bad sin...In the eyes of God it's all Filthy Rotten Sin....Jesus told a story about two men who went to pray...One said, '**God...I thank you that I'm not like other men are...Extortioners, Unjust, Adulterers**'....If we compare ourselves with others we may think we're better than them in some way...But we're all Pots and Kettles...And the only thing we can really compare ourselves with is the Word Of God...When we do, we find that our Self-righteousness is nothing but Filthy rags...and no-one on Earth is any better than anyone else after all...The only thing that will save us from our Sin and give us true Righteousness, is the GRACE OF GOD in Jesus Christ."

End.

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# The Church-of-St-Phebalium-at-the-mall Skit #1

## Help is only a smile away

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Performers x6

Girl. (Looking shabby).  
Reverend/Narrator  
Reverend's Wife  
Lady in blue hat  
Lady 2  
Young man

(Girl walks on, and up to the Reverend, who is looking up at the ceiling).

Rev. "Oh...Hello...How are you?"

Girl. "I was just wondering if someone could help me?"

Rev. "Well...I'm just diving out...about my Father's business and all that...Try the Lady with the blue hat, down the hallway."

Girl. "Okay...Thank you." (He leaves, and she walks toward blue hat).

Blue. "I think we should recover the pews...Yellows and reds...Bright and cheerful!"

Lady 2. "Yes...great idea...I'll mention it to Rev."

Girl. "Excuse me?"

Blue. "Oh...Hello...It's second on the right..." (Pointing) "...down *that* way."

Girl. "No...I just wanted to talk to someone!"

Blue. "Really?...You want to make an appointment?"

Girl. "No...I was hoping to talk to someone now...it's urgent!"

Blue. "Try the Reverend's Wife...down the corridor...We're having the Church redecorated...lovely isn't it!"

Girl. "Yes, it is...thanks." (Looking around, she walks slowly away).

Wife. (On phone). "Well...You know our motto...Help is only a smile away...Bye."

Girl. "Excuse me?"

Wife. "The painters are in the second room..." (Pointing) "...up *that* way."

Girl. "I'm not a painter."

Wife. "Oh sorry...Are you with the garden crew?"

Girl. "No...I need some advice?"

Wife. "Advice?...Look...I'm terribly sorry, but we're in the middle of a huge makeover...the old place is going to look so smart...Do you like this red?" (Pointing at wall).

Girl. "Yes, it's okay."

Wife. "Bold colours everywhere...no more drab old wood...we'll leap into the twenty first Century in style."

Girl. "That's nice...Can I talk to someone?"

Wife. "Sorry...we're all rushed off our feet...This is the most exciting thing that's happened around here for years...Why don't you come to the grand opening next week?"

Girl. "I'll try to."

Wife. "Great...see you there!" (She walks away).

Man. (Walking past).

Girl. "Excuse me?"

Man. "Hello."

Girl. "I just want to talk to someone?"

Man. "This is a Church...You've come to the right place...But God's out at the moment...He's gone to have His morning tea."

Girl. "Pardon?"

Man. "That was a joke."

Girl. (Smiles).

Man. "I'm not sure if the Reverend's here?"

Girl. "No...he left earlier."

Man. "Sorry...Go down that way..." (Pointing). "...the lady with the blue hat will help you."

Girl. (Walks around in a circle...then slowly out the door, with her head down).

(Blue hat, and Reverend's Wife walk on).

Blue. "I've just had a brainstorm!"

Wife. "What?"

Blue. "We'll put our motto in big letters right across the front of the Church...'Help is only a smile away'...Then everyone will know they get the personal touch, when they come here!"

Wife. "Yes...that's perfect!"

Blue. "That will really give us profile in the Community."

Wife. 'Good...There was a girl wandering around in here earlier...Did you see her?"

Blue. "Yes...she was with the painters or something."

Wife. "Okay...Well I'd better keep moving...Gotta keep this show on the road!"

Blue. "Amen!"

(Both walk off).

Nar. "Christianity is about people...If we're too busy to listen to people, then we're too busy for the Lord, because He is never too busy to listen to the individual...The cry of one voice, among the billions of others, will always get His undivided attention, and response.

The Church should be the one place where the burdened will be welcomed, and helped, not shuffled from one to another, until they give up in despair, and go elsewhere."

End.

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