

(A short review on a very mixed up movie/ missing body investigation...)

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As you might have read above, this movie is, to put it nicely, very odd. It takes the perspective of a 20th century agnostic mindset placed back onto history as we jump back in time to watch a Roman prefect (Pilate) and a Roman tribune (Clavius) try to locate the body of Jesus, in a style where finding the answer allows any sort of 'investigation' style. But, before I get ahead of myself, let me start with a brief review of the storyline.

Brief storyline:

Roman tribune (high-ranking Roman officer) watches another set of 3 criminals die - crucified... Yet, oddly though, when Jesus of Nazareth died, the sky is dark, an earthquake cracked a lot of things and shook everyone up just a bit. Roman soldier Clavius notes that this must have been the 'son of one of the gods'. Clavius thinks everything is done, until Pilate tasks him with sealing the tomb to satisfy the Jewish religious leaders. Seal stamped, and 2 guards stationed (not the 16 in a Roman squadron), Flavius goes home for the night. Next morning, something has changed... the guards are missing, the body is said to be stolen and Pilate is not happy at all. Pilate calls Flavius and commands him to find the body - whatever it takes.

The storyline here is that the Roman Emperor is coming and they must 'quell the violence' and 'riots' before he comes (there's no Biblical basis for this lie). But, with those orders, Roman tribune Flavius then proceeds to find people who can tell him where the body is. He starts with investigating the tomb, then Joseph of Arimathea, then the 2 soldiers who were guarding the tomb. Then when he can't find the truth yet because the 2 soldiers are already saying the lie that the Pharisees and Sadducees paid them to, Flavius starts finding those who would rat out the disciples or anyone else who is proclaiming Jesus to be alive.

They find a man who can be bribed, who helps them capture one of the disciples, Bartholomew. They then quiz him, threaten him... but with no answers and no body.

So, then they look for others to question. They track down Mary Magdalene (the only lady in this film who hangs out with the 12 disciples). They try to get answers out of her... but then release her to track down where the other disciples are. They lose track of her, then cause chaos until they can find the house the disciples are hiding in. Flavius barges into the tiny upstairs room (also different from the Biblical account)... and is shocked to see Jesus among them - alive. Flavius calls off the search and sends the troops home. Then goes and sits among the disciples. Then Jesus disappears, and the disciples wander toward the mountains where Jesus said He would join them. They are ambushed and almost killed by the Romans, but they narrowly escape.

The 12 disciples then wait on the mountain for Jesus, then get bored and decide to go fishing (all of them). They catch nothing all night... but then a hooded individual on shore the next morning, calls them to let down their nets for a catch... they catch a large catch and can't get it in the boat. Peter jumps in the water and runs to shore, as do the others. They all do a group-hug with this film's version of Jesus. The film then scrambles the Biblical account with Jesus healing a leper, then rebuking Peter for denying Him, then something else... and then they wander together until evening. Flavius talks to Jesus who is awake, supposedly praying. Next morning, Jesus is 'gone' from them. They look around and see Jesus far ahead, smiling and jogging away from them while calling out short clips of the text you see in the gospels right before Jesus' ascension. He then shoots into the sky like Superman in a bright glow...

The disciples are sorry he's gone, but know they need to go back and share the confusion they have about Jesus (yes, sadly - it's that laughable). Peter invites Flavius to join them, but he won't. So, Peter leaves him with some small talk and the greeting of '*The Lord be with you*, *brother*'. From there on, Flavius decides to wander the desert, refusing to join the disciples, refusing to go back to being a Roman soldier, but bewildered by the things he can't understand nor bring himself to believe.

Short notes on the movie:

If I had to give a grade to this movie, I would give it a 'C' for their confused Biblical historical facts, a 'D' for misrepresentation of clear Biblical facts, and an 'F' for the misquoting Jesus and misrepresenting the Jesus we find in the Bible, specifically the four gospel accounts (creating a false Jesus). Would I say this movie is blasphemous?... yes... but just that answer doesn't fully explain. One key thing is clear - they are creating another Jesus, something God places a curse on in Galatians 1:8-9. The Jesus displayed here has no power - he's not God, he's a supernatural man. Yes, it's that bad. But, there's more...

Other lies:

There is no evidence that the Jewish people were always warring with the Romans - that's historical and Biblical fallacy. A few did fight Rome, but not all, or even most. The lying Scribes and Pharisees were always causing trouble, but they weren't violent to the Romans - as was depicted and hinted here. The Vatican is always trying to make Israel look violent to force them to give up more land (now) for the 'peace' of

the one-world-government inspired by satan and marched forward by his human coconspirators, the NWO global banksters, including the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers, the Bushs, the Clintons, the Brzezinskis, Henry Kissinger, Madeline Albright, etc.

Lies of the Vatican were rampant here:

- > The odd inclusion of Mary Magdalene as the only female in the group of 12... why?
- > The lack of Biblical accuracy to diminish the size of the original disciples of Jesus (where are the 70 disciples? where are Jesus' mother and brothers? Where are the 120 in the upper room?) The inclusion of 'nuns' weeping and mourning at the crucifixion of Jesus.
- > Roman tribune Flavius stated that he prayed "mass" (and to other pagan deities) to a tiny idol-statues, and yet the Vatican's systems didn't exist until around 300AD
- > digging up Jewish bodies trying to find the missing body of Jesus
- > promotion of the lying "shroud of turin" in complete contradiction to the Biblical account "⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself." (John 20:6-7) ~ As you can very well see there, the "shroud of turin" is lies promoted by the Vatican to confused the Biblical account, and to create a lie, and idol, and another reason to look to the Vatican and visit it's 'relics' for a modest fee (of course). They are peddling the Word of God for profit always have, always will, according to the Book of Revelation.... that is, until Jesus destroys them as He said He would in the Book of Revelation.
- > The disciples are played up as few and happy-go-lucky, all about love no message, no power, no authority, no preaching of repentance or holiness or anything else Biblically accurate.
- > An older lady who is blind, when interrogated by the soldier, states that she heard Jesus, that's how she know He's alive. She continues "I hear voices... and Jesus said to His disciples 'you are seeds, already cast." To which she adds to the Roman tribune, Flavius, "You're too late."
- > Biblical accounts/records do not show that Mary Magdalene was a former prostitute. This combining 3 different stories (3 different women) from the 4 gospels historical accounts to create a lie and a fable that is not true.
- > Inquisition style methods used to 'interrogate' including threats of blackmail, and offers of bribery
- > When Roman tribune Flavius breaks into the tiny upper room with Jesus and his disciples, Bartholomew tells Flavius "*Our only weapon is love. This changes everything.*"
- > Complete lack of Jewish burial boxes... Jewish bodies are dug up, and Jewish bodies burned after crucifixion not accurate at all to Biblical accounts.
- > Peter trying to remember and quote Jesus says that this-Jesus said to "Stay in Jerusalem until you receive some spirit".... yeah, some spirit. I guess the writers of this lying work of fiction forgot that there were at least 1 or 2 scribes in the company of disciples. The accounts of the Bible were not passed down by word of mouth, but written down by eye-witnesses... *sigh*

- > After being shown some kindness by the disciples, Flavius decides to protect the 12, he even says that they are "the last hope" for humanity...
- > When this-Jesus figure calls to them from the shore, he asks "Any luck?" Besides that blasphemous misrepresentation, most other things in the last 1/3 of this movie contradict clear things explained in Scripture, including the 4 gospel accounts. Many things yanked out of context, misquoted, and misrepresented.
- > Jesus also wears some cloak that makes him look more like Obi-wan Kenobi from the Buddhist lies of star-wars, than an honorable Jewish rabbi.
- > Peter when leaving the agnostic Roman soldier says: "The Lord be with you, brother". Their Jesus also called this Roman soldier "brother". The Jesus who wrote the Bible would never do that this is just more ecumenical one-world religion lies.
- > The 'nets' used by the fishermen were not 'cast-nets', they were drop-nets. You can even see that just from reading the plan text of an accurate translation, or even if you just look at the Greek in passages such as Luke 5 and Matthew 13:47-48. Let's look at Luke 5 really quickly. It's plain as black and white.
- "⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.' ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!'... " (Luke 5:5-8)

In Conclusion

We need to not trust or follow those who start getting lose about the clear teaching of the Word of God. That is where many fall away from obedience to Christ - because they prefer lies to God's holy and pure Truth and Teachings. God's Word warns against adding to God's Holy Word or creating another Jesus.

- "5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6)
- of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." (Galatians 1:6-10)

This deceptive movie can be thrown in the "blasphemous movies about the Bible" category. It's just another lie. If you want to know Jesus, you only have to read His Word, especially the Gospel Accounts: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The KJV, NKJV and NASB are the closest translations to the original texts, but you can find more clarity in studying the original Hebrew and Greek. I personally choose NKJV to preach on the streets because it's more modern English based solely on the "textus"

<u>receptus</u>". But, I find that studying the Hebrew and Greek is always much more reliable. My suggestion is that you quit relying on others to teach you. Ask God to help you to study the Word of God deeper for yourself, and check everyone else to the Word of God alone (not other books). A free easy tool for studying the Hebrew and Greek is the '<u>Interlinear Scripture Analyzer</u>', which shows you the literal Hebrew and Greek words, and the literal English definitions and literal translation. I have used it for 7 years. I have found it to be very honest and accurate. You can find it too @ www.Scripture4all.org.

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