



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Jesus is more than just a Superstar. He created and now rules the earth and stars.”

Jesus Christ Superstar

When I was a teenage, the film [“Jesus Christ Superstar”](#) was in the theaters. Everyone thought it was the best thing since sliced bread, except those who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. My wife was one of those who believed it was bad. In her High School English class, she had to write a paper on it. She wrote about the blaspheming, mockery, violence, and that it had no resurrection. She gave her convictions of who Jesus Christ was and what He did. The teacher gave her a failing grade. It became an explosive situation. At my wife’s fifth class reunion, this event was brought up again at the table by another classmate. It was again a chance to share the real Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“Parents need to know that Jesus Christ Superstar, a filmed version of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s hugely successful staged rock opera, is a fantastical departure from its biblical source. Using a “play-within-a-play” format, the last week of Jesus’ life is acted out by a ragtag group of 1970s bohemians (or flower children) in a desolate desert setting. There is no dialogue. Rock music provides plot and mood and accompanies all the action. Director Norman Jewison blends modernity with antiquity throughout. Costumes change from 1973 to 29 A.D. and back again. Twentieth-century weaponry, dancing, and, of course, rock music, become the means of retelling this age-old story. Despite the G rating the film earned in 1973, there is considerable violence.,,, This is an experimental work, controversial when it was first released. Audiences expecting a traditional Christian recounting will be surprised, at the very least. Given the graphic nature of the violence, as well as the unconventional treatment of Jesus’ last days, the movie is best for older or very mature kids.” ¹

Here is information about the Last Supper scene: “Jesus shares a Passover meal with his disciples, where they drink and pay little attention to him. He remarks that “for all you care” the wine they are drinking could be his blood and the bread his body. He asks them to remember him, then, frustrated by their lack of understanding, he predicts that Peter will deny him three times that night, and that another one of them will betray him. Judas admits that he is the one who will betray Jesus and, saying that he does not understand why Jesus had no plan, and leaves.” ²

This is the fifth year since the first performance of Jesus Christ Superstar. As a tribute, it has been brought back and [is on tour](#). It will be showing this summer in my hometown. We are not going to see it.

“He asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto Him, Thou art the Christ.” Mark 8:27-29 “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil 2:9-11

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¹commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/jesus-christ-superstar-1973

²en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus_Christ_Superstar

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