

Christ: The Main Character

We've recently discussed His return. God has given Jesus authority over the body. He will return to liberate the faithful and execute vengeance on the faithless. We then discussed His resurrection. Jesus paved the way, and His resurrection gives us hope. His life and example pave the way to the Father. We wait for the day when we will forever be with God. God worked this out through Jesus. So, yes - Jesus is the main character. God is at the center of our lives.

Doesn't that sound good? Like the speeches I give my kids after they're acting like the main character in my house. Sounds good . . . but will they listen? Will they change their behavior? I told them the other day, "Listen, you're good kids. You really are good kids. But when it comes to this topic, I know you don't care. Though your eyes are telling one story, your actions reveal your heart. This just isn't important to you. I'll know if it becomes important when your choices change." It's not unique - kids live as though ninja elves pick up and clean the bathrooms at night. Somehow, no one hears the vacuum going! No, they are good kids, and they know who cleans. But we had that discussion again. They tend to their lives as if they're the main characters in a movie. So, you make your point after dismissing the church. Sounds good. Then you reflect? What character do I play?

Jesus' life as the main character includes the most enduring aspects of all the great roles:

He was cast by God:

- Ephesians 1:7-10

He purposely chose a G rated role:

- Hebrews 7:26-28
 - 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 John 3:5; [Hebrews 7:26; John 8:46; 14:30]

He was a method actor:

- Hebrews 2:14-18

He never forgot His lines:

- Matthew 4:1-4
- John 4:34; 12:44-50

He never broke character:

- Hebrews 4:14-16
 - Luke 22:39-46
 - No, there are no blooper reels in Jesus' life.

He was like a humble superhero:

- Matthew 11:25-30

He worked for free:

- Philippians 2:4-8
 - (2 Corinthians 8:9; John 10:14-18)

His end scene was about the viewer:

- Luke 23:39-43