**Joshua**

**(Epiphany Films)**

***Discussion Points*:**

**\*Time - 0:5:30**

How is Joshua like Jesus so far?

Joshua rents a barn (like Jesus being born in the stable), comes to live with the people of the town (Jesus pitched His tent among us, John 1:1-3, 14), and is a carpenter (like Jesus).

**\*Time - 0:8:00**

Joshua says, "Sometimes you have to tear something down in order to build it back up again." Does Jesus ever have to tear us down to build us back up again?

Yes. He tears down our sin. He tears down our erroneous beliefs about Him. (Tell a story of God tearing you down in order to build you back up again.)

**\*Time - 0:12:30**

Joshua is carrying a log too heavy for a man his size. It’s a miracle that He’s able to do that. Why does Jesus do miracles?

In order to get the attention of the people, to demonstrate His power so that people will believe in Him (John 2:1-11).

**\*Time - 0:16:00**

Joshua is reading Father Tordone's mind and knows that Father Pat will take over as priest. Can Jesus do this too?

Jesus knows what we’re thinking and knows the future (Matthew 9:1-8).

**\*Time - 0:29:00**

Joshua tells Maggie to come help them rebuild the church in order to find out why they're doing it. Christianity can't be understood from the outside. You have to take a risk and experience it for yourself.

What do you think of Father Tordone? (He’s trying to seem important, trying to control Joshua, putting his interests above others)

**\*Time - 0:32:00**

Joshua disagrees with Father Tordone, saying that we should love God, not fear Him. But aren’t we supposed to fear God? (1 John 4:13-18.) We only need to fear God if we are not obeying Him. If we are obeying Him, we have no reason to fear Him because we’re not doing anything He would want to punish us for.

Father Tordone is like the Pharisees who were only concerned about keeping God’s Law. Jesus came preaching love for God and others. If we love God, we will obey His Laws because we want to please Him. Love comes first.

**\*Time - 0:33:30**

Joan brings Joshua the broken heart that he made for her and asks him to heal it. He does, miraculously, but she had to ask him to before he did it. What does this teach us about Jesus?

Jesus heals our hearts, but we have to go to Him and ask Him to.

**\*Time - 0:38:00**

Joshua is enjoying the music at the Lost and Found (Third Day) concert. This is what God does when we offer Him our talents. He thoroughly enjoys them. What are some of the talents that God has given you, and how you can use them for God?

How can Kevin be a Christian when he was yelling at his dad earlier?

Christians aren’t perfect as soon as we’re saved. We have to mature in our faith.

**\*Time - 0:46:00**

Joshua calls down the hypocrite faith-healer and heals a blind girl because of her faith. Joshua feels weak afterward.

This is like the story of Jesus healing a woman with an issue of blood and feeling power go out from Him (Luke 8:42-48).

Can miracles like that happen today? Could there be a preacher or someone else who could miraculously heal others? (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Healing can only happen where there is faith.

At the same time, not everyone who has faith will be healed. Sometimes God simply wants us to rely on Him through the difficulty (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**\*Time - 0:56:00**

What do you think is keeping Father Tordone from believing Joshua? (Pride.)

What keeps people from believing Jesus today? (Pride and other sins, upbringing.)

What do you think about Father Pat's actions in this scene, when he quit the priesthood? (You have to be strong enough to take a stand.)

**\*Time – 1:04:00**

Joshua raises Theo, just like Jesus raised the dead girl (Luke 8:40-56).

**\*Time – 1:10:00**

Maggie tried to kiss Joshua, but Joshua refused.

Jesus couldn't have a romantic relationship because He wasn’t just a human being. He was also God. God and Jesus are like our Father, not a man to marry.

**\*Time – 1:12:30**

After Joshua's farewell party, Father Pat realizes that there had been twelve of Joshua's friends there. The parallel is to Jesus' twelve disciples.

**\*Time – 1:14:30**

Maggie had said that her life was broken, shattered into pieces, when she broke a bunch of glass. Joshua, however, had taken her broken pieces and made it into something beautiful, exactly what Jesus does with our lives.

**\*Time – 1:17:00**

When Joshua is being questioned at the Vatican, he answers, "I Am what I Am", the Divine Name (Exodus 3:13-14), showing that Jesus is God.

**\*Time – 1:18:30**

Joshua melts Father Tordone's heart, reaching even the biggest sinner.

Why does Father Tordone get his dream of being assigned to work in Rome? (Because he turned his heart to God. We might know what we want, but we can’t get there if we’re not right with God. It’s only when Father Tordone got right with God and others saw the change in him that he was able to have what he wanted.)

**\*Time – 1:24:00**

The Pope asks Joshua what the world needs to hear. Joshua replies that the most important message is that Jesus loves them and that He died for them. Jesus wants to give people His love. Jesus wants people to experience His love because it is the only thing that can heal them and make them happy.

**\*Time – 1:24:30**

Theo is preaching in the rebuilt church, not stuttering at all. (Moses in Exodus 4:10-12). This shows that God can overcome difficulties in our life and enable us to do what He has called us to.