

THIS IS NOT THE MESSIAH YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

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SCOTT: Male, 20+  
HANK: Male, 20+ (age-appropriate with HARRIET)  
HARRIET: Female, 20+ (age-appropriate with HANK)

SETTING: Open stage suggestive of an altar or the front of a modern church. A pulpit or lectern is DS just L of C.

AT RISE: HANK is discovered on stage behind the lectern. He looks out into the audience as if he's talking directly into a television camera.

HANK

Jeeeeeesus! I say-ed JEEEEESUS! Oh yes, that's right, the name of your Lord and Savior, the one, the only Almighty God! Can you feel his spirit tonight! Can you feel the presence of the Lamb of God! The Son of God! I can feel him, he's right here, with us all tonight. (beat) Are you suffering out there tonight? Are you confused? Do you need God's help? I want to help you get in touch with God. Place a direct-dialed call to Jesus Christ! I want to pray with you. Call the number on your screen now and tell me what you need God to know. Together, we will get your message through to the Almighty! Only one dollar and 99 cents a minute will get you direct access, through me, your humble servant, to the LORD OUR GOD! (*HANK freezes in place*).

*SCOTT enters as HANK says "lord our god" and lands DSC and speaks to the audience as if talking into a television camera*

SCOTT

It's a shame isn't it? A perfectly good person. A perfectly rational human being, somehow transformed into (*indicates HANK*) this. How does it happen? More importantly, what can we do to prevent this unfortunate affliction? (more)

SCOTT (cont.)

Hi, I'm Hollywood celebrity Scott Baio speaking to you tonight on behalf of NOPE, the National Organization to Prevent Evangelism. Evangelism is a serious condition, and, if left untreated, well... Swaggart... Bakker... Haggard... These are only a few examples of what can result from full-blown Evangelism.

*HANK unfreezes and looks SR and smiles broadly as HARRIET enters from SR. HARRIET crosses behind ANNOUNCER to lectern and begins to speak.*

HARRIET

Praise God!

HANK

Praise Him!

HARRIET

Ladies it is such a privilege for me to speak to you today, here, in the full light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

HANK

Amen!

HARRIET

Amen! Girls, are you dissatisfied in your relationship? Are you concerned that the love has gone out of your life? The Lord our God wants to help you! The answer to your marital woes is right there in front of you. Jesus is calling out to you--

HANK

Praise be onto him!

HARRIET

Yes! Praise God! Praise Jesus! Jesus wants you to be happy ladies, and He has given me the secret! He has unlocked the holy treasure chest of domestic harmony! You must submit to your husbands, body, mind, and soul! Your husband is your master, he makes the rules, and all you have to do is live by those rules and obey his word as if it were the word of God!

HANK

Hallelujah! Praise God!

HARRIET

Yes! Praise Him! And if you disobey your earthly master, God has decreed that he punish you! Spank you with his open hand on your bare bottom as if you were a suckling babe. Only then will you know the glory of a bless-ed marriage!

HANK

Amen!

HARRIET

Amen! Now, Jesus wants me to give you his message in as much bless-ed detail as I can. So, for only 29 dollars and 99 cents, plus a small handling charge, shipping extra, I will send you my Jesus-inspired DVD instruction manual to a happy home through submission and discipline.

*HARRIET and HANK freeze. SCOTT shakes his head sadly and begins to speak*

SCOTT

You see ladies and gentlemen, Evangelism does not only affect men; this is an equal-opportunity affliction. Men and women all over the country are falling victim to this insidious malady. We here at NOPE are trying to help. For only 59 cents a day, less than the cost of a cup of coffee, you can make a difference in an Evangelists life. By adopting an Evangelist today, your 59 cents will provide skills training like critical thinking, and liberal intellectualism, and help recovering Evangelists learn an honest trade like artisanal beer brewing, ironic play-writing, or becoming a barista. So please, look in your heart and give generously. For only 59 cents a day you can help lead a lost soul out of the light.

*HARRIET and HANK unfreeze.*

HANK

Amen!

HARRIET

Amen!

SCOTT

Amen.

END OF PLAY