

PASSION PLAY

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STAR WARS CAST

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Voice of Chewbacca	recorded
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PASSION CAST

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Simon	Felix Garcia
Veronica	Amanda Chu
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CREW

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Crawl:

It has been 34 years since we last saw the great hero Luke Skywalker battle the forces of evil. Since then he has become Grandmaster of the newly reborn Jedi Order, overseeing the training of young padawans at the Jedi Academy on Coruscant. While training his students Luke has heard several of them tell stories about a powerful savior named Jesus Christ who is well known on Earth. Luke is now reunited with his old friends and plans to share these stories with them.

Main Scene:

Luke's house. Luke walks in to find Han Solo, Lando Calrissian, Leia, C3P0, R2-D2, and Chewbacca at the kitchen table. They greet each other and Luke joins them.

Han Solo: How have you been, Luke? I haven't seen you since...since forever!

Luke: Busy, busy, busy! I'm overseeing the training of many Jedi younglings at the Academy. It keeps me occupied in my old age."

Leia: So Luke, do you think this next generation of Jedi has the potential to become as powerful as you?

Luke: Well they seem to be a good bunch of recruits. They don't drive me as crazy as 3P0's incessant worrying does!

C3P0: [exasperated] Well.....!.....Never.....!

R2D2: [beeping]

Luke: Guys! Guys!

Anyway, I don't know if these newbies have what it takes. Midichlorian count just isn't what it used to be.

Lando: Luke, you're just afraid to admit that someone could eventually become a more powerful Jedi than you.

Chewbacca: [gurgling laugh]

Luke: Laugh it up, Fuzzball. Look, these padawans will never progress in their own training if they keep obsessing over this guy, Jesus! Old religious writings tell stories of his miracles and how he could guide people towards an everlasting destiny.

Han: Kid, I've flown from one side of this galaxy to the other. I've seen a lot of strange stuff, but I've never seen anything to make me believe there's one all-powerful being controlling everything. No miracles are happening that control MY destiny.

Luke: No, no. It's not like that. He's like a source of hope for most of the people on the planet Earth. They practically worship him!

Leia: He can't be that great if we have never felt his presence through the force.

Lando: Source of hope for most people on Earth? I'd like to see how powerful he really is compared to you.

Luke: Well, the Earthlings say he was really powerful. They said he could walk on water and multiply bread and fish into millions. He used the power of God's word to teach all those who followed him. But he wasn't popular during his life. In fact, he was even persecuted!

Han: He's dead? The students are all worked up over a dead guy? Just goes to show that hokey religions and ancient weapons are no match for a good blaster at your side.

Luke: <Pause> Jesus was not just dead.....dead and resurrected! You recall how I saw the spirits of Obi Wan, Master Yoda, and my father after they defeated the Emperor??? It sounds almost like that!

Leia: What? What are you talking about? How did he die? How is this possible?

Luke: Long story. This is what the students have been talking about. Let me start at the beginning.

Apparently he was going around from place to place on Earth spreading the word....you know, teaching. Apparently there were people who didn't like what he was teaching. Maybe they were intimidated by him. Anyway, the Earthlings say he was very kind. He would heal the sick. He even brought someone back from the dead. The Force was very strong with him.

Han: Whoa!

Luke: I know, right? Ok...so eventually he was arrested. Actually he was handed over by one of his own followers. This guy, Pontius Pilate condemned Jesus to death. The public demanded it.

Leia: [worried] I've got a bad feeling about this!

Side Scene: [view of Pontius Pilate, Jesus, Roman Soldier, crowd]

[Pontius Pilate points and soldier leads Jesus away.]

Leia: Condemned? What do you mean?

Luke: They put him to death. They forced him to carry this heavy cross. The plan was to crucify Jesus. He had to walk for several miles carrying the cross.

Lando: How far?

Luke: Not sure, exactly. The padawans said it was from Jerusalem to Calvary. That was the place where they did crucifixions back then. The condemned were hung up on the cross and left to die.

Han: [solemnly] Sounds like the Sarlacc Pit on Tatooine where we were all supposed to die. I fell in, but even then I was still able to rescue Lando, with Chewie's help, of course.

Chewbacca: [gurgles]

Luke: Ok Han...enough of your delusions of grandeur. Let me get on with the story.

So, Jesus is carrying this heavy cross. He is tired....really tired. He stumbles and falls....several times. Three, I think the padawans said.

Side Scene: [Jesus has his cross and falls to his knees, struggles to get up, keeps walking]

Chewbacca: [makes gurgling noises]

Han: Chewie doesn't believe you. And if it means anything neither do I.

Leia: Yeah...how is this guy supposed to be so powerful, yet he is struggling to hold up a cross. I thought you said something earlier about him being from "Heaven"? Doesn't that mean he has powers?

Luke: I find your lack of faith disturbing. <pause> He is from Heaven, but it's complicated. He actually has human parents, so he only has the physical strength of man. The padawans described him as "fully divine AND fully human."

Lando: So he has an Earthling mother.

Luke: Yeah. Her name was Mary. She was very special. The Earthlings said she became the Queen of Saints following her death.

Anyway...she heard what was happening to her son and she came to find him while he was walking towards his death. Naturally she wanted to do something to stop this.

Leia: Wait, wait. Queen of Saints?

Luke: [waving his hand] It's another story. Too long. Anyway, the padawan kept saying what a great woman she was.

Han: Reminds me of the stories of your mother, Luke. She sounded pretty special too.

Chewbacca: [gurgles in agreement]

Leia: Ok, so back to the story. What happens when Mary comes? Was she able to stop the crucifixion?

Luke: Oh no....she met up with Jesus while he was walking. He stopped to talk with her. He explained that this was his destiny and that she needn't worry. He had to fulfill the prophecy.

Side Scene: [As Jesus struggles to walk, Mary approaches him and weeps. He reaches out to comfort her.]

Luke: Jesus became so exhausted, the soldiers were worried that he could die before they arrived for the crucifixion, so they got some guy out of the crowd to help him with the cross.

Side Scene: [soldier pushes Simon towards Jesus and Simon takes the cross from him]

Lando: [scoffs] Some hero! Can't even carry his own cross!

Luke: Remember Lando, he wasn't really a hero who physically fought, like us. Jesus was like Master Yoda. Remember? Master Yoda used words first to solve conflict. Jesus preached his faith and religion using words. He forced no one to follow him.

Han: Ok, ok. Continue.

Luke: So this guy, Simon, carried the cross for a while. It was hot. Jesus was sweating. The strangest thing happened next.

A girl approached Jesus and offered to wipe his face for him. When she finished, the image of Jesus' face remained behind on her cloth.

Side Scene: [Veronica approaches Jesus, wipes his face. Then she looks at her cloth and shows the crowd]

Han: This is reminding me of when I was frozen in carbonite. You guys said you could see my face in it too! I'm really beginning to relate to this Jesus guy.

Leia: Oh yeah. And you were turned over to Jabba the Hut.

Luke: [irritated] Um, hello! Do you mind? I'd like to finish my story!

So, I mentioned that Jesus fell several times.

Lando: Like when you fell out the bottom of Cloud City!

Luke: Yeah, well, I was kind of having a bad day you know. First I'm in a lightsaber fight with Vader. Then he's all "Luke... I am your father," asking me to join him so we can rule the galaxy and junk. Was all a bit overwhelming... and since I only had **one hand** to hold on with... of course I fell off the platform!

Han: Easy there, Luke. Getting a little too emotional for a Jedi aren't you. <pause> You know what they say... anger leads to hate, hate leads to...

Luke: [sarcastically] Yes, Han. I know the path that leads to the dark side. Can we just finish the story?? <Han nods>

Chewbacca: [gurgling laughter]

Luke: Ok...so many of Jesus' followers had heard what was happening and came to see this procession. Jesus kept comforting them despite the fact that HE was walking towards his own death!

Side Scene: [Jesus is approached by weeping women. He reaches out to comfort them and then moves on]

C3P0: [surprised] Oh my!

R2D2: [beeping noises]

Leia: Yes, R2. Just like when we comforted Luke when Obi-Wan was killed in the lightsaber fight with Vader.

Luke: So...eventually they arrive at Calvary. The soldiers take Jesus' robes and they taunt him by calling him the King of the Jews and placing a crown of thorns on his head.

Side Scene: [Soldiers take robes, place crown. Then they nail Jesus to the cross and leave him for dead]

Luke: Jesus hung there on the cross for three hours and finally died.

Side Scene: [Jesus looks up towards Heaven. He cries out]

Jesus: My God! My God! Why have You forsaken me?

Narrator: Please kneel silently.

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Jesus: [drops his head and dies]

Narrator: Please be seated.

Han: Wow. I have to admit. This guy Jesus is pretty amazing. Why didn't he fight back?

Luke: I have no idea.

Han: I mean, he could have escaped right? He just accepted this? I don't get it. You'll never get ME without a fight.

Luke: Here's what the padawans say: Yes, Jesus could have gotten out of this. He could have worked some miracle and gotten away. He could have had his Father, God, do something to intervene. But he didn't.

He chose to accept his fate. He gave up his life to save his people. Much like how Obi-Wan gave up himself so we could escape from the Death Star.

Leia: So is that it? The story ends here?

Luke: Oh no. There's more!

[knock at the door]

Finlay: [enters the room] Excuse me, Master Skywalker? I'm here for....

Luke: Finlay! Glad to see you! I was telling my friends here about that guy Jesus. We are up to the point where the people found the tomb empty. Tell them the rest of the story. I don't think they believe me.

Finlay: Oh sure, Master Skywalker!

So after Jesus died, some people came to take him down from the cross and they wrapped him and laid him in a tomb.

Three days later, the tomb was discovered empty! The wrappings were left behind, but Jesus was gone!

The people who discovered this were frightened, but angels appeared to them!

Han: No way!

Finlay: Way! It's all true!

The angels asked why they were seeking the living among the dead? They reminded the women that Jesus had said this would happen...that he would be resurrected on the third day.

Side Scene: [Frightened women. Angel appears and "speaks". Women calm and move away]

Chewbacca: [gurgles]

Han: Chewie is right! Jesus' death and resurrection is similar to when a Jedi passes in the afterlife. They join the force and live forever.

Leia: Chewie, you're a genius!

Chewbacca: [gurgles]

Luke: Jesus appears to his disciples later and gives them advice. It's like when Obi Wan told me to use the force while attacking the first Death Star. The padawans say that Christians also believe when they die, they go to Heaven.

I have learned a lot about Christianity from them.

Lando: How do they know they will go to Heaven?

Luke: They have faith in God. Jesus' teachings are that they will live forever in the Kingdom of God.

Leia: Will WE go to Heaven?

Luke: Maybe we will, Leia. We are all part of the force; we have it in us. Just like all Christians have part of Jesus in their souls. We'll never know. We can't know until we die. We just have to believe.

Ghost Yoda: [appears] Never know, you will. Until know, you do.

All: Yoda?

Ghost Yoda: Sharing my wisdom about Heaven, I am. Faith you must have and believe to live forever, you must!

May the Faith be with YOU!