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## **Salvation According To Morris Winklemeyer**

### **Introduction**

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- Theme:** The supreme love of Jesus. The Cross and what it means.
- Props:** A table, three chairs and some plans (blueprint or computer readout).
- People:** 3
- Scene:** Morris (or whoever) walks up and addresses the audience from one side of the stage.
- Morris:** The Bible states in Hebrews 4:3 that the plan of salvation was laid from the foundation of the world. If that is true and I was placed in the position of Jesus during the planning stages of our world, I think things would have turned out quite differently as you will see.
- (At this time both God and the Spirit walk up on stage and take a seat at a table. If you have a door to your stage Morris could at this time walk off stage to enter through the door. God is a very matter of fact type of person. The Holy Spirit looks on, just glad to be there.)*
- Morris:** Uh, excuse me, my name's Morris, I was told that there would be a planning session for our world in here.
- God:** *(Both God and the Holy Spirit rise.)* Enter! Enter! Congratulations! *(God shakes Morris's hand as does the Holy Spirit.)* We've been watching you, and I must say it is a pleasure to have you as my son.
- Morris:** Thank you. It's an honor sir.
- God:** Well, you're just in time. We've been going over some ideas for the beginning of our world.
- Morris:** Great! I wouldn't want to miss this for the world, ha ha! Excuse the pun.
- God:** *(Unravels a huge blueprint.)* Now, let's say we begin creation *(looks over the plan for the perfect spot.)* here.
- Morris:** Yeah! That looks good. *(Morris just goes along with the meeting, not really contributing anything.)*
- God:** Here, we will create a world that is self-sustaining, where life can grow in perfect balance. We will fill it with wonders so grand they shout its creator's name and splendors so small, there can be no doubt about the wisdom used in creating the world.
- Morris:** And butterflies, let's not forget butterflies. *(To the Holy Spirit.)* I really like butterflies.

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- God:** Of course. Now in the midst of this world we will create man.
- Morris:** Well, I don't know if man is such a good idea. How about building a golf course. I bet we could make one...heck-of-a...one really great golf course. Just think of it, no greens fees, no waiting. What do you think? Huh? Huh? *(Both God and the Holy Spirit just look at Morris waiting for him to finish talking.)* Right. So we create man. And then what?
- God:** We will make man more special than any other creation. We will give him the ability to commune with us, to know us, to love us as we love him. And we will give him all he needs to live and grow.
- Morris:** Okay, okay. So we make man like us, then what.
- God:** Then we create the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- Morris:** Wait! Wait! Wait a minute. We have a chance to do this right here. Do we really need evil in our world?
- God:** For man to prove his love for us he must be able to choose to love us. We will give man the freedom to do anything he wants. But in order for him to show his love for us we will give him one command to follow.
- Morris:** That should be easy enough. Then we make golf courses, right?
- God:** No. Man will succumb to temptation. He will defy our commandment by doing things his own way thus bringing sin and separation of fellowship with us to all mankind. Because of this grievous act, man will be doomed to an eternity of hell.
- Morris:** See? What did I tell you guys? Listen, I have this great idea. Instead of 18 holes, how about 30 or 50 holes. Shoot, er shucks, uh, we'll have a real long time to play, so we could have a hundred holes.
- God:** No.
- Morris:** No?
- God:** Now is our chance to show our love for man.
- Morris:** *(Disappointedly)* Oh.
- God:** First we will inform man of our intention to redeem him. Then we will give man ways to atone for his sin that is symbolic of the redemption we will offer.
- Morris:** Yeah, I guess that would be the right thing to do.
- God:** Then we will give man a set of commandments, rules to live by. These rules will protect man, much like a mother protects her child.

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**Morris:** Okay! So man has his rules. Now he's doing all right. (*Points to plans.*) Over here should be a great place for our golf course, level ground, a few water traps...

**God:** No.

**Morris:** (*Kind of aggravated that his ideas are being ignored*) No?!

**God:** Man will be unable to keep our rules.

**Morris:** Sooooo, we'll give them easier rules!

**God:** No. Part of the reason we give man our commandments is to show man that he is a sinner. Man will know his need of a savior.

**Morris:** Oh yeah, I knew that.

**God:** Then we will send prophet after prophet to foretell everything about you.

**Morris:** Me?

**God:** That is right. You will be the instrument by which all men will be saved.

**Morris:** Really? Me?

**God:** We will have to make it clear, beyond a doubt, that you are the one in which man must believe to be saved.

**Morris:** Right! We don't want anyone to have doubts about (*proudly points to himself*) me!

**God:** Then, in a specific moment in time, a time revealed by hundreds of prophecies, you will be born of a virgin.

**Morris:** Uh, excuse me?

**God:** You have to show man what we expect of him. Your life has to exemplify all the qualities of God. It is with your presence that the wisdom, power and love of God will be made manifest.

**Morris:** Oh yeah, sure, I can do that.

**God:** You will feed the poor and heal the sick.

**Morris:** (*Becoming more excited about this program.*) Yeah! Feed them poor people!

**God:** People will flock to you by the thousands shouting Hosanna.

**Morris:** HOSANNA!! All right this is getting good!

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**God:** You will offer your kingdom to the people at this time.

**Morris:** Yeah! And I'll be a real good king too.

**God:** No. The people will reject your kingdom.

**Morris:** Uh, excuse me?

**God:** You will be arrested on trumped-up charges. Unable to convict you, false witnesses will bear testimony against you. You will be beaten, humiliated and disgraced as you stand before those who loved you, only to hear them call for a murderer to be saved in your place. All who stood by your side will flee from you. You will then be stripped and nailed to a cross where you will hang for three hours 'til your death.

*(Morris has a smile on his face as he is still for a second or two waiting to hear the punch line to the obvious "joke" he just heard. When God and the Holy Spirit both stare blankly at Morris he responds.)*

**Morris:** Your joking, right?

**God:** No. You will be the sacrifice for man.

**Morris:** What! ME!??

**God:** Yes, you, who has no sin, will pay the penalty for those who have sinned. You will be the way for man to finally redeem himself for his sin. You will be the door to heaven.

**Morris:** *(Becoming rather anxious.)* Whoa! Have we really put a lot of thought into this.

**God:** Yes. You will be the perfect sign of our love for man.

**Morris:** Wait, wait, wait a minute. I'm sure we can come up with something better if we try real hard. I know! Suppose we create an Angel that we like REAL hard. And he gets put up on the cross. Wouldn't that work?

**God:** No, the sacrifice must come from us.

**Morris:** Well, what about you? Why don't you die on the cross!?

**God:** It is harder to give up that which you hold dearest than to give up your own life. So for this to be a perfect sacrifice I must give my Son.

**Morris:** Well! What about this guy? Who are you?

**Spirit:** I'm the Holy Spirit. I'd do it but the nails wouldn't stick in my hands.

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**Morris:** *(Morris feels like his back is against the wall as his future is looking really bleak.)* Look! You're asking me to put myself on a cross for what? *(Looks at plans.)* All I see is a bunch of low life scum here. Show me one person worthy of me giving up an appendix let alone die on a cross for. And look at this life I'm living down there. I'm born in a barn for crying out loud! That's no way for deity to enter a world! You can have all the angels in heaven trumpeting my appearance, but you can't secure for me one lousy room? And look at this! I have no money? I'm forced to live off the generosity of others for food and shelter? Why even false prophets live better than this. They get mansions and servants and everything! But me? NOOOOO! At best, I get to ride a donkey! Look, if you're going to get me to do something about saving this bunch, you're going to have to come up with something a lot better than this!

**God:** Well then, I propose we put this to a vote. All those in favor of this plan say, "Aye."

**God & Spirit:** Aye!

**God:** Opposed.

**Morris:** *(There is a pause as Morris realizes he is stuck with the inevitable.)* Uh, Nay.

**God:** Well! Then it's agreed. We begin tomorrow. *(Both God and The Holy Spirit get up and walk off stage leaving Morris to address the audience.)*

**Morris:** I don't know about you, but I can't help thinking that if the plan of salvation was put into any of our hands, things would be considerably different. But Jesus went of his own free will. He did die on a cross as was written centuries before. He did not go reluctantly, but with love and hope that everyone will accept his gift of life.

**End**