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### The Passion of The Christ

Starring: James Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern, Monica Bellucci, and Mattia Sbragia

Jesus' cries of pain, agony and forgiveness may still ring in the audience's ears long after "The Passion of The Christ" is over. Never before has there been a movie so unrelentingly brutal and violent. "Saving Private Ryan" is nothing compared to this. "The Passion of The Christ" is one of the most powerful movies one will see.

"The Passion" tells the story of the final hours of Jesus (played amazingly well by James Caviezel) as he is beaten, tortured and brutalized by Jewish and Roman forces. From his capture in the garden by Jewish guards, he is taken to the temple where he is condemned and taken before the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate (Shopov).

There he is tortured, sentenced and sent to be crucified. Jesus' walk to the hill is painful to watch as he struggles to carry his cross, and his wounds fester and bleed before the audience's eyes. Upon reaching the hilltop, Jesus is nailed to the cross in one of the most gut-wrenching scenes of the movie. At this point, all the viewer wants is for it to stop, for Jesus' suffering to end and for him to be at peace, which finally comes after an agonizing call to God.

Everything about "The Passion" is of superb quality. Caviezel, Morgenstern, Shopov and Sbragia give amazing performances that capture the spirit of the time and what was happening around them. The pacing of the movie is excellent. "The Passion" is done in what feels like 30 minutes even though two hours pass.

Visually, the movie is fantastic; every scene is

beautifully crafted, and every shot just hammers in what is happening to Christ. The score is emotionally gripping, making what happens on the screen even more unbearable to watch. All of these elements make this a movie that stands head and shoulders above anything that has been done about the life and death of Jesus before.

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of The Christ" is an amazing and graphic portrayal of the final hours of Jesus' life. Because "The Passion" features a compelling story, amazing acting and a stunning use of audio and visuals, it is a movie that everyone should see, regardless of faith or beliefs.

—Paul Cooby



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33	Wait to see it on video
333	Catch the matinee
3333	Buy tickets online
33333	Fast cut your head and camp out the night in a dome

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### 'Judas' role poses challenge for actor Jonathon Schaech

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — The task given to Johnathon Schaech wasn't the easiest: Present a well-balanced portrayal of one of the most demonized figures in religion.

Although Schaech said his lead role in the upcoming ABC biopic "Judas" has been a challenge, it has also taught him a thing or two.

"A lot of religious individuals won't accept him as anything more than just a betrayer of Christ," Schaech told TV Guide. "When you give him a heart and say he's misunderstood, they don't want to hear that."

The television movie, scheduled to air March 8, tells the story of betrayal from Judas' point of view.

"We were trying to construct a psychological profile so you could see why he was doing what he was doing," said the Rev. Frank Desiderio, a Catholic priest who was the film's executive producer. "I hope it reveals Judas' humanity."

The movie should also benefit from being televised shortly after the release of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of The Christ" in theaters.

"They're riding its coattails," Schaech said.

#### McCartney to open Lisbon's Rock in Rio events

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney will open this year's Rock in Rio, joining more than 70

performers for the six-day event that starts May 28 in Lisbon, organizers said.

McCartney's appearance will kick off his 13-city "04 Summer Tour."

Sting, Britney Spears and Guns N' Roses also will perform at the festival scheduled for the last weekend of May and the first of June.

The festival is modeled on a previous one in Brazil. **'We are part of a movement'** croons singer Carol King to Kerry supporters

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Singer Carole King crooned "You've Got a Friend" in Athens as part of a two-day tour of Georgia for friend John Kerry.

The singer-songwriter sang the praises of the Massachusetts senator during visits to Athens, Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah. She performed and answered questions from the audience about Kerry during stops.

"We are part of a movement," King told about 200 people Saturday at a downtown Athens coffeehouse. "Everywhere I go I see a light in people's eyes. It is the light of hope."

King touted the Democratic front-runner for his integrity and his experience and contacts on Capitol Hill. "He's smart," she said. "He has a plan."

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