

Morning Rundown: Netflix Film Mocks Nativity, Jokes About Aborting Baby Jesus

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Netflix's latest offering, "That Christmas," an animated Christmas movie geared toward families, makes a mockery of the nativity story in one scene garnering a lot of attention.

The movie centers on a ragtag group of kids, all led by a rebellious teenager named Bernadette. At one point in the film, the children come together to put on a school Christmas production written by a couple students who feel the biblical nativity story is too antiquated for modern culture.

When Bernadette introduces the program, she describes Jesus as "a cool dude" with a beard and long hair and "into woodwork," calling him "a hipster basically."

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Vatican to Unlock 5 'Sacred Portals' on Christmas Eve Ahead of Jubilee Year

The Vatican's announcement of opening sacred portals for the first time in 25 years has raised eyebrows and sparked intrigue. Set to coincide with the 2025 Jubilee Year, the ceremony involves the opening of five "Holy Doors" at ancient basilicas, with one "hypothetical" door at Italy's Rebibbia prison. While the Catholic Church claims this tradition upholds a "doorway to salvation," one can't help but question: What exactly is the Catholic Church attempting to achieve with this elaborate ritual? And more importantly, where in the

Bible is any of this remotely supported?

According to The Daily Mail, the Holy Doors are located at some of Rome's most venerated basilicas, such as St. Peter's and St. John Lateran, and are ceremonially bricked up and unsealed only during Jubilee Years. Pope Francis, who initiated the ritual on Dec. 2, describes it as a time to focus on hope and spiritual renewal amidst global crises like war, the lingering effects of COVID-19 and climate change. He has also extended this symbolic act to prisoners, aiming to deliver a message of hope. The Jubilee Year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," reflects these aspirations.

While the Pope's sentiment is admirable, the ritual itself is baffling. The "opening" of doors—requiring the removal of brick walls—is described as a "symbol of salvation," but this imagery finds no precedent in Christian Scripture. Nowhere in the Bible is there a mention of "Holy Doors" that must be ceremonially opened to signal divine grace. If anything, Jesus Christ Himself declared, "I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9). This verse proves that access to salvation is found in faith in Christ, not through elaborate rituals or symbolic structures.

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Prophetic Word: What to Know Before Going Into 2025

In a powerful message, Jeremiah Johnson gave a word to the people of God for what to expect in the year 2025.

For many Christians, God has placed dreams, blueprints and designs in their heart that seem to have been placed on hold, left delayed for a later time. However, one of the things Johnson believes will happen in this coming year is that those plans will no longer be placed on hold.

"The Lord is beginning to show me that there are things that many of you have put on the shelf," Johnson says. "There are projects and there are things that God has called many of us to do that we have pushed aside. There's been a delay. There's been a setback, whether it be by the hand of the enemy or we have just felt like the Holy Spirit has told us to pull back..."

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