

'Orange Is the New Black' Creator's Next Show About Teenage Jesus

Orange Is the New Black creator Jenji Kohan's next show is all about teenage Jesus.

"Yeah, we're developing a teen Jesus project [for Netflix] that got some people nervous. It's like *The Wonder Years* but with Jesus, and there are all sorts of things where we cross lines—and there are crazies out there," Kohan says.

In addition to the LGBT jail drama, Kohan is also behind the stoner show *Weeds*.

A depiction of the Son of God also appeared recently on *American Gods*, where He was killed off within seconds.

The opening scene shows "Mexican Jesus" helping immigrants moments before he is brutally attacked by border militia.

"The moment where the sinking swimmer sees Christ walking on water, we didn't want that to be a giggle," showrunner Michael Green tells *EW*.

"We wanted that to be a moment where we actually felt, as a deeply believing Catholic might, that they've just come very, very close to the Divine, and that the Divine cares; that the Divine is watching out for you and the Divine will actively reach a hand out to help you survive to reach your dream. Then the Divine, which is an aspect of yourself as much as you are an aspect of it, is then susceptible to the same dangers you are. The Divine's blood is spilled along with your own. It became very upsetting to watch for us as well, as the anti-immigrant and especially anti-Latin American rhetoric in this country has metastasized. Long quiet racists have become emboldened," Green continues. {eoa}