

Roma Downey, Mark Burnett Create Epic New Jesus Mini-Series

Actress Roma Downey and her TV executive husband, Mark Burnett, have teamed up to bring the greatest story ever told back to the small screen.

The Apprentice and *Survivor* mastermind is the producer of the epic 10-hour *The Bible*, while Downey (*Touched by an Angel*) will play Jesus' mother Mary in the ambitious mini-series, which will debut on America's History Channel on March 3 and air weekly leading up to Easter Sunday, March 31. Portuguese actor Diogo Morgado will portray Jesus Christ.

Burnett accepts he might not be the man people think of when it comes to epic religious TV projects, but he understands the importance of dramas like *The Bible*.

"I am certain that if you took *Survivor*, *The Voice*, *Shark Tank*, *The Apprentice* and all the other shows I've done," he says, "over the next 25 years more people will see *The Bible* mini-series than all those other projects combined.

"It is so important to tell these stories, and I believe we have done it well for a new generation."

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