

The Insanely Close Call Steve McQueen Had the Night Charles Manson's Murderous Cult Struck

Greg Laurie, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside and Irvine, California, encountered a number of surprising details while researching legendary actor Steve McQueen's life story, including the entertainer's conversion to the Christian faith.

But perhaps the most shocking detail was McQueen's eerily close encounter with Charles Manson and his murderous cult.

"Steve was invited to the home of [actress] Sharon Tate and was on his way over to the party when he met some girl and ran off with her instead," Laurie recently told "The Billy Hallowell Podcast." "And that was the night the Manson family struck, and Steve would have surely been killed."

For those unfamiliar with the Manson murders, Tate and three others were killed on Aug. 9, 1969, by some of Manson's so-called "family" members—individuals who were part of his cult.

"There's no question [McQueen] would have died ... because everybody in that house was brutally murdered. I mean, it was one of the most horrific, grisly murder scenes ever," Laurie said. "And he became very paranoid after that, for a good reason. The reason he was going over is his good friend, Jay Sebring, a hairdresser, sort of the hairdresser to the stars ... he was going over at the invitation of Jay, and Jay his friend, was murdered that night, along with Sharon and others. Horrible."

In the end, Laurie concluded that "God spared McQueen." Listen

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