

A script from



## “The Best Gospel Sermon Intro Ever”

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**What** Let’s be honest. Sometimes we lose sight of the wonder of what God did for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. But there’s nothing mundane about it. In this skit, two friends happen upon each other. One friend is able to share the basics of the mind-blowing gospel in a way that makes the other hungry to know more. Could be a great way to lead into worship or preaching.  
**Themes:** Bible, Truth, Evangelism, Sharing, Worship

**Who** Friend 1  
Friend 2

**When** Present

**Wear (Props)** Actors would likely be dressed casually, though you could easily put them in business dress and make the setting a work lunch break. The setting could be a park bench or a café.

**Why** Acts 2:24, Romans 5:6-11, Hebrews 4:12

**How** Keep the dialogue moving and stay on top of your cues. Some of the humor depends on perfectly timed pacing, so be sure to practice the "back and forthness". It also helps to have someone watching and directing.

**Time** Approximately 3-5 minutes

*Friend 2 sits reading scripture, as though he's on a park bench or somewhere outside, and Friend 1 walks by.*

**Friend 1:** Hey, what'cha reading?

**Friend 2:** Story.

**Friend 1:** Oh, yeah? Nice. I read sometimes, too. You know...in the bathroom...billboards...restaurant menus...

**Friend 2:** *(Laughs)* Yeah? High fives for fitting it in where you can. *(Returns to being engrossed in book)*

**Friend 1:** So...fiction or non-fiction?

**Friend 2:** Non-fiction, actually.

**Friend 1:** Snooze-fest?

**Friend 2:** Not at all. I can't quite get enough of it. It's like it's always new.

**Friend 1:** So you've read it before! *(Notices the thickness)* It's pretty thick...lots of pages. But if it's good, I might give it a whirl. Does it have Cliff Notes?

**Friend 2:** Ha! Actually, it does, I think. And lots of people have retold it.

**Friend 1:** Like a remake, huh? Cool. Ooo! Maybe there's a movie I could watch!! Could save me some time.

**Friend 2:** You know, people HAVE tried to tell the story through film, so...

**Friend 1:** Any live footage?

**Friend 2:** Oh, no. That would've been just about impossible.

**Friend 1:** Aw, it's a shame. So what's it about, anyway? Heroes? Villains? Friendship? Betrayal? Face-eating zombies? ALIENS?? Love that stands the test of time?

**Friend 2:** Um...

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

Not even a little bit.

Probably not the way you're thinking.

Aaaand, definitely.

**Friend 1:** Wow, sounds like it holds promise.

**Friend 2:** That, too.

**Friend 1:** So this hero...is he likeable? Or more of a reluctant champion, surprised by his own greatness?

**Friend 2:** Definitely likeable. But not everybody was a fan. He was humble, but never seemed surprised at His purpose in life.

**Friend 1:** Ahh, classic. Flawed yet self-assured...

**Friend 2:** Well, no. According to this He lived flawlessly in a flawed world.

**Friend 1:** Alright, now you've lost me. That just seems like a stretch. So what then, does he just live "happily ever after?"

**Friend 2:** Well, I just read a part about how He was betrayed by someone in His inner circle, and it's like...there are all these villains everywhere...

**Friend 1:** They turn on Mr. Perfect?? That doesn't sound flawless to me.

**Friend 2:** Not from our perspective, no.

**Friend 1:** Then how does it end? Does he teach his betrayer a lesson? Do the villains dissolve into bitter tears of regret and shame? How have I not seen this movie??

**Friend 2:** Actually, at this point there's sort of a plot twist. The hero dies. He voluntarily dies. To save the villains.

**Friend 1:** Nuh-UH!!

**Friend 2:** Oh, but then He comes back to life.

**Friend 1:** *(Gasp)* How does he do it? Faked his own death? Cloning?? Cryogenic freezing?!?! I mean, don't tell me. But tell me.

**Friend 2:** Actually, His Father did it. Wanna know something even crazier? The hero ends up adopting some of His enemies into His own family.

**Friend 1:** I gotta tell ya, at first I was like, "Huh." And then I was all, "WHAAAAT???" And now I'm sorta like, "*(makes sound of a head explosion)*!!"

**Friend 2:** I know, right? It's pretty incredible.

**Friend 1:** Look, I've gotta go, but will you write down the name of this book for me so I won't forget? I've gotta check this out for myself.

**Friend 2:** Oh, sure! I'll even text it to you. You've probably heard of it before.

**Friend 1:** Hey, thanks, buddy! (*Friend 1 turns and walks away while saying things to himself like, "Unbelievable! Dying for the villain and living again...who DOES that??"*)

**Friend 2:** (*Pulls out phone, begins texting*) Well...Jesus. (*Presses 'Send' and looks up at the audience to say...*) Jesus did that. For me.

*Friend 2 exits, lights out.*

PREVIEW