

A script from



## **“What Difference Does Jesus Make?”**

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<b>What</b>	An out-of-work husband and father begins to question the reasons of why we celebrate Christmas, when his wife reminds him that there is a greater purpose at work. <b>Themes:</b> Christmas, Jesus, Purpose, Destiny, Hope, Despair, Marriage, Family
<b>Who</b>	Husband Wife
<b>When</b>	Christmas; Present
<b>Wear (Props)</b>	Husband and Wife should wear casual clothes Couch Box of Christmas lights TV Remote
<b>Why</b>	John 3:16
<b>How</b>	This is a very casual conversation and the husband and wife characters should be comfortable with one another. Keep the pacing up, but don't rush through your lines.
<b>Time</b>	Approximately 7-9 minutes

*Husband is sitting on the couch watching TV. Wife enters with a box of Christmas lights.*

**Wife:** Okay, here's the Christmas lights. Let's get to it!

**Husband:** Let's?

**Wife:** Yes. And by "let's" I mean you. These lights aren't going to hang themselves. I've been asking you ever since Thanksgiving and now it's literally days before Christmas.

**Husband:** I will, I just have a lot of stuff I need to do and then I'll do that.

**Wife:** Like what?

**Husband:** Well, I've got a lot of shows in my "now playing" list on my TiVo and if I don't watch them then they're not going to watch themselves.

**Wife:** What is going on?

**Husband:** Well, that's just it, I don't know what's going on. I have to watch these shows on my "now playing" list so I can find out. It's a very slippery slope.

**Wife:** No, that's not what I mean. With you...what's going on with you? Now that I think about it, you haven't been you for a while now.

**Husband:** Alright, you know what, I'll just go hang the lights. *(He gets up to leave.)*

**Wife:** No, no, sit down. I have been married to you long enough to know when something's up...and something's up.

**Husband:** You really want to know?

**Wife:** I really do.

**Husband:** Okay, I'll tell you. I don't know if this year I'm in to the whole Christmas thingy.

**Wife:** Christmas thingy?

**Husband:** Yeah, you know, the whole yuletides and noggin eggs and white lights and Christmas stuff...I just don't know if I'm in to all that this year.

**Wife:** Okay...well...that's what Christmas is *not* about and you and I both know that. Christmas is about...*(leading him to finish the sentence)*

**Husband:** Commercialism. And you get that credit card statement at the end of January and you say, "Oh no! I should have known better! Why'd I do this? Oh no! Didn't I learn anything from the recession?"

**Wife:** No, Christmas is about Jesus.

**Husband:** Yeah, but...okay, this is going to sound mean and sacrilegious and unconstitutional, but we've had a couple of bad years, right?

**Wife:** Right.

**Husband:** So it's been really hitting me...what difference does Jesus make? Okay, but let me...hear me on this...what do we do every Christmas? We go to play after play and recitals, we buy poinsettias, we cook meals, we eat meals, we're afraid to say "Merry Christmas," and just for a brief moment we focus on Christ. So it just leads me to ask, "What difference does Jesus make?"

**Wife:** What do you mean "what difference does Jesus make?"

**Husband:** I know. I'm surprised I haven't been hit by lightning by saying that, but I'm just being honest. That's what's been going through my head, if you really want to know.

**Wife:** Okay. Who did you pray to when you were seven-years-old and asked him to be the boss of your life?

**Husband:** I know all of that-

**Wife:** *(Interrupting)* No, no, no! Who?

**Husband:** Jesus.

**Wife:** And when you were in high school and you started that Meals on Wheels program because your grandmother had just died and you wanted to do something to honor her memory, who did she love more than anything?

**Husband:** Jesus.

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**ENDING:**

**Wife:** *(Trying to explain things through comic books)* You know, heroes have an origin. It's where they started from. And your hero has an origin and an identity and I think you've just forgotten. And if you've lost your

identity, you've forgotten what your destiny is. *(Pause)* Kind of like Wolverine.

**Husband:** He's kind of cool. You sure know a lot about comic books. How do you know about Wolverine?

**Wife:** Well...you know...Hugh Jackman.

**Husband:** Yeah, well you're calling me a super hero, but I will never be Hugh Jackman.

**Wife:** *(She smiles and sighs and pats his leg)* I know. But here...*(she hands him a kids Bible)* read this. It's a kids Bible so it has pictures in it so it's kind of like a comic book. But if you start there, you may remember where you came from. I know it's not going to make everything better, but it is going to help you get some perspective on who's you belong to.

**Husband:** *(Looking at the Bible)* There's the origin.

**Wife:** There it is. *(Picking up the box of lights and beginning to exit)* I'm going to take these lights back and maybe we'll hang them next year. And hey...*(Husband looks at her)* this year let's focus on...

**Husband:** Jesus.

*Lights fade. The end.*