

Name of Interviewer(s) _____

Student Organization _____

“The Passion of the Christ” Survey

Location: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Major: _____

Religious background (if any) _____

Age: 18-25 ____ 26-35 ____ 46-55 ____ 56-65 ____ 66+ ____

1. Have you seen the movie “The Passion of the Christ?”
2. Were you somewhat familiar with the Biblical story of Jesus before the movie came out?
3. In the movie Mel Gibson portrayed Jesus as the Savior of all mankind. The Christian writer C.S. Lewis has pointed out concerning Jesus’ claims that either he was a liar, a lunatic, or actually Lord (savior). Others have also suggested that he was a legend.

Who do you think Jesus was or is?

Why do you believe this?

4. You may or may not be aware that in the movie Mel Gibson only appeared in a few places. One of them was where he portrayed the hands of the Roman soldier who nailed Jesus’ hands to the cross.

What do you think Mel might be trying to communicate by that scene?

5. Although some may claim that people may die for something or some cause, even though they know it is a lie, yet history has never recorded a clear example of such a person.

Would you personally die for something you know is in fact a lie? _____

Do you believe that Jesus died willingly? _____

If not, why not? _____

If so, why do you think he did this? _____

6. According to Mel Gibson, one of the purposes in telling the story about Jesus' last 12 hours was to give us a true picture of who Jesus really is and to help us explore what impact this truth should have on our lives.

If what Mel depicts as happened in the movie has even the possibility of being true:

- a. Is it worthy of future contemplation and investigation? _____

Explain why or why not? _____

- b. What kind of evidence would you need to see to convince you that what Mel says about Jesus is true?

7. If you personally came to the conclusion that the person of Jesus as portrayed in the Mel's movie was actually true, what would keep you from embracing Christian beliefs?

Explain why you believe this _____

Something to think about...

"...I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him, 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. "

C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity" p. 56

(If they are interested in discussing these things more in detail list their *name* and *contact info*.)

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