

Easter II – Holy Humor Sunday  
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Narrator: A new generation of Jeddi knights are continuing to battle the evil forces of the emperor. Luke Skywalker and Princess Leah's great grandchildren, John Lightsaver and Princess Magdalena and Yeshua, the head of their disciples, have been traveling with an intrepid band of followers through Galaxy Gallilee-o, recruiting others to their cause.

Using the gifts given to them by Yoda, they are demonstrating amazing acts that reveal the power of the Force. But John knows that they cannot avoid another clash with Darth Vader's successor, Judas Hartless, and the evil intentions of the emperor. So they make plans to leave Galaxy Gallilee-o and return to Golgotha - the territory controlled by the Death Star and the emperor. John lightsaver, Princess Magdalena, and Yeshua, decide to go ahead of the main group to learn about the power of the Death Star and develop a strategy to defeat it.

(A cross lies in front of the altar as John, Magdalena and Yesua enter)

John: I don't know if it was the right decision to come back to this place Yeshua. I can feel the presence of evil.

Mag: John, Yesua – look, they still have their instruments of torture and death here.

Yeshua: It looks all too familiar – how can anyone continue to so cruel? How can we ever overcome them?

John: That's why I wanted to do some reconnaissance before bringing the rest of our followers. We have to find some way to overcome the emperor and free those under his influence.

Mag: (looking at congregation) The people here seem so – dull, – they just sit and stare emptily. It's like they don't have any life.

Yeshua – That's the power of the emperor – he drains life out of the living and so they are in a catatonic state – I was reading about this state of being – It's called Lutheran.

John – I didn't realize it was so pervasive – we've got to do something to free these – Lutherans before the Death Star takes all the life out of them.

(enter Judas Hartless )

Judas: That won't be so easy Lightsaver.

John: Darth Vader? I thought you had been destroyed!

Judas: That was my great uncle – but his power – the power of the emperor – has been given to me, Judas Hartless. I drain life from these people to fuel my power.

Yeshua – you are truly heartless Judas. How do you maintain their lack of will for life?

Judas – at least once a week I come and speak nonsense to them in a monotone drivel of a voice until their eyes glaze over and they become drowsy. It only takes about 15 minutes -- I just completed my latest dose – I call it a sermon.

Mag: Egads – what a brilliant strategy – use their lethargy to fuel evil’s power. This will be harder than I thought John.

John: They tried that on our followers in Galilee-o and were almost successful. We needed a serum for that sermon. Remember what happened when our prophet Isaiah Newton found the serum Yeshua?

Yeshua: Right! -- In Galilee-o Isaiah Newton discovered that if we dropped apples on their heads and it startled them into activity. Gravity and grace taught them about the positive power of the Force.

Mag: So that’s why apples are so plentiful in Galilee-o?

John: Exactly. The Force provided apples to drop on the heads of Lutherans to wake them up and give them life. – But he told us never to eat the apples.

Mag: Why? They looked like they would taste good.

Yeshua: just trust the power of the Force. And remember don't eat the apples. The power of the dark side is indeed strong here, no apples grow in Golgotha. So John, how can we get some apples down here in Golgotha to help these Lutherans?

John: We'll have to go back to Galilee-o and bring some here. We can take the Millennium Falcon, but the hyperdrive is acting up again. It will take us about a week, and Judas will be back by then. Do you think you can hold off Judas Hartless until we get back?

Yeshua: I'll deal with Judas – but hurry – Judas keeps getting more and more power as these Lutherans lose their energy and another dose of sermon might be too much even for the sermon-serum apples.

Narrator: John Lightsaver and Princess Magdalena return to Galilee-o to bring back the life-saving, sermon-serum apples. While they are away Yeshua tries to restore the energy to the Lutherans – but Judas Hartless is returning to give the final dose of sermon that will take all energy away from the Lutherans.

Judas: Yeshua – you're still here – but your friends haven't come back yet, so your mission will fail. Nothing can stop me from my final sermon to drain the life from these Lutherans.

Yeshua: The power of the Light Side is stronger than you know Judas. Soon John Lightsaver and Princess Magdalena return with the sermon-serum apples. In the meantime, my Joyful song will stop your monotone sermon and revive the helpless Lutherans here.

Judas: (Drawing his sword) you forget Yeshua – I don't follow your pacifist ways. Here in Golgotha the emperor still rules and the power of the death star will end your singing. (Yeshua begins singing Yippity do da as Judas draws near with sword drawn. )

Judas: Aren't you even going to defend yourself, you fool? Do you think the power of the Force can save you here in Golgotha? Hahahahaha.

Narrator: Judas kills Yeshua and drags him away from the gathering and buries him in a shallow grave. Three days later, when John Lightsaver and Princess Magdalena appear with a bag of apples and see Judas preaching, they realize they are too late. Yeshua has been put to death. It seems that nothing can stop Judas' preaching and the people of Golgotha are doomed to be Lutherans forever. They decide all they can do is find the grave of their friend, Yeshua and try to bring him back to Galilee-o.

Judas – preaching to the people in a dull, monotone voice.

(John and Magdalena go toward the grave when suddenly they see a bright light)

John: I can't believe that they killed Yeshua – what are we going to do Magdalena?

Mag: Well the least we can do is find his body and take him back to Galilee-o.

John: I suppose you're right, but I had hoped he would be able to hold off the power of the death star and . . .

Mag: Wait – what's that?

(Robot comes out onto the stage, programmed with the message) You seek Yeshua, he is not here, he is Risen.

John: R2D2? – where did you come from? What are you talking about?

R2; you seek Yeshua – he is not here, he is risen.

Magdalena – Risen? You mean the Force raised Yeshua

R2 – You seek Yeshua – he is not here, he is risen.

John – WE heard you -- ... (Yeshua singing same song as before in the background) wait .. we don't only hear you R2 – we hear . . .

Magdalena – Yeshua – it's Yeshua.

(Yeshua comes out singing)

Magdalena: Maybe his singing helped to overcome the power of Judas' sermon – hurry, there might still be time -- come on John

John: I'm right behind you . . . (gets bag of apples and begins dropping them on members of the congregation)

Judas: Oh nooooooooo! The power of the Force is at work even here at Golgotha.

John – The power of the Force can even overcome death. . .

Magdalena: . . . AND the dreaded sermon – nothing can stop the power of the Force now . . . (and takes a bite of the apple)

Band members: AMEN – and all break out into zippity do da with Yeshua as apples are dropped on heads.