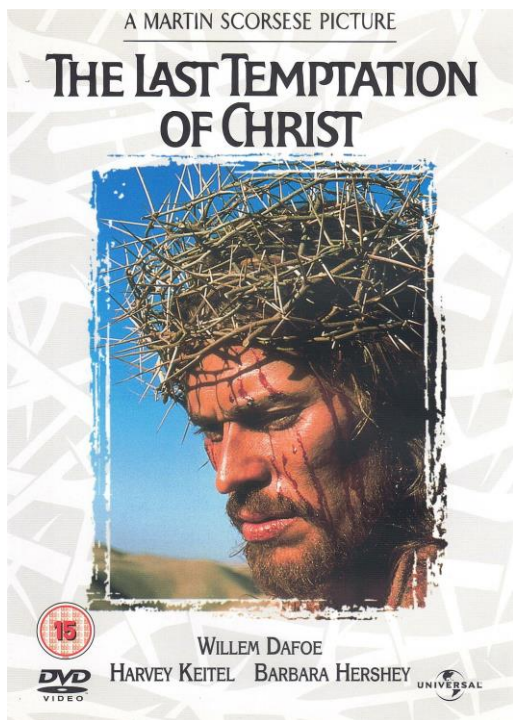


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# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Last Temptation of Christ**



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## Information

Release Title: **The Last Temptation of Christ** 9<sup>th</sup> September 1988  
(United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Passion

Release date:

Origin: Canada, United States

Genres: Drama

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 2h 44m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

Filming locations: Moulay Ismael Stables, Villa Imperiale, Meknès, Morocco (Pontius Pilate's palace -  
Passover baths - interiors: the Temple)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

*The Last Temptation of Christ*



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<a href="#">Martin Scorsese</a>
Screenplay by	<a href="#">Paul Schrader</a>
Based on	<a href="#">The Last Temptation of Christ</a> by <a href="#">Nikos Kazantzakis</a>
Produced by	<a href="#">Barbara De Fina</a>
Starring	<a href="#">Willem Dafoe</a> <a href="#">Harvey Keitel</a> <a href="#">Barbara Hershey</a> <a href="#">Harry Dean Stanton</a> <a href="#">David Bowie</a>
Cinematography	<a href="#">Michael Ballhaus</a>
Edited by	<a href="#">Thelma Schoonmaker</a>
Music by	<a href="#">Peter Gabriel</a>
Production companies	<a href="#">Universal Pictures</a> <sup>[1]</sup> <a href="#">Cineplex Odeon Films</a> <sup>[1]</sup> <a href="#">Testament Productions</a> <sup>[2]</sup>
Distributed by	<a href="#">Universal Pictures (United States)</a> <a href="#">Cineplex Odeon Films (Canada)</a> <sup>[3]</sup>
Release date	<a href="#">August 12, 1988 (United States)</a>
Running time	<a href="#">163 minutes</a> <sup>[4]</sup>
Countries	<a href="#">Canada</a> <a href="#">United States</a> <sup>[5]</sup>
Language	<a href="#">English</a>
Budget	<a href="#">\$7 million</a> <sup>[6]</sup>
Box office	<a href="#">\$33.8 million</a>

# Storyline

Jesus of Nazareth, a carpenter in Roman-occupied Judea, is torn between his own desires and his knowledge of God's plan for him. His friend Judas Iscariot is sent to kill him for collaborating with the Romans to crucify Jewish rebels, but suspects that Jesus is the Messiah and asks him to lead a war of liberation against the Romans. While Jesus assures him that his message is one of love for mankind, Judas warns him not to harm the rebellion.

Jesus starts preaching after saving prostitute Mary Magdalene from a stoning and being baptized by John the Baptist. He acquires disciples, some who want freedom from the Romans while Jesus maintains people should tend to matters of the spirit. Jesus goes into the desert to test his connection to God, where he resists temptation by Satan. Returning from the desert, Jesus is nursed back to health by Martha and Mary of Bethany, who encourage him to marry and have children.

After performing miracles, including raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus's ministry reaches Jerusalem, where he chases out money lenders from the temple. He begins bleeding from his hands, which he recognizes as a sign that he must die on the cross to bring salvation to mankind and instructs Judas to give him to the Romans. Jesus convenes his disciples for a Passover seder, whereupon Judas leads a contingent of soldiers to arrest Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Pontius Pilate tells Jesus that he must be put to death as he represents a threat to the Roman Empire; he is subsequently flogged, mocked and taken to be crucified.

While on the cross, a young lady who claims to be Jesus's guardian angel tells him that, while he is the Son of God, he is not the Messiah and that God is pleased with him and wants him to be happy. She brings him down off the cross and, invisible to others, takes him to Mary Magdalene, whom he marries. They live a happy life, but when she abruptly dies, Jesus is consoled by his angel and goes on to start a family with Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. As an older man, Jesus encounters the apostle Paul preaching about the Messiah and tries to tell him that he is the man about whom Paul has been preaching. Paul repudiates him, saying that even if Jesus had not died on the cross, his message was the truth, and nothing would stop him from proclaiming that. Jesus debates him, stating that salvation cannot be founded on lies.

Near the end of his life, with Jerusalem in the throes of rebellion, an elderly dying Jesus calls his former disciples to his bed. When Judas comes, he reveals Jesus's guardian angel is actually Satan, who tricked him into believing he did not have to give himself up to save the world. Crawling back through the burning city, Jesus reaches the site of his crucifixion and begs God to let him fulfil his purpose, stating "I want to be the Messiah!" Jesus then finds himself once more on the cross, having overcome the "last temptation" of escaping death, being married and raising a family, and the ensuing disaster that would have consequently encompassed mankind. Jesus cries out "It is accomplished!" and dies.

# Cast

Willem Dafoe as Jesus  
Harvey Keitel as Judas Iscariot  
Barbara Hershey as Mary Magdalene  
Harry Dean Stanton as Saul/Paul of Tarsus  
David Bowie as Pontius Pilate  
Steve Shill as Centurion  
Verna Bloom as Mary, mother of Jesus  
Roberts Blossom as Aged Master  
Barry Miller as Jeroboam  
Gary Basaraba as Andrew  
Irvin Kershner as Zebedee  
Victor Argo as Peter  
Paul Herman as Philip  
John Lurie as James  
Michael Been as John  
Leo Burmester as Nathaniel

Andre Gregory as John the Baptist  
Tomas Arana as Lazarus  
Alan Rosenberg as Thomas  
Nehemiah Persoff as Rabbi  
Peter Berling as Beggar  
Leo Marks as Voice of Satan  
Juliette Caton as Girl Angel  
Martin Scorsese (uncredited) as Isaiah  
Peggy Gormley as Martha  
Randy Danson as Mary

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:16 Argentina:X (original rating) Argentina:16 (2004, with warning, DVD rating) Argentina:18 (1998, re-rating, with warning) Australia:M Australia:R (original rating) Australia:M (re-rating) Brazil:18 Brazil:14 (re-rating) Canada:R Canada:14A (Alberta) Chile:18 (2003, re-rating) Chile:(Banned) (original rating, 1989-2002) Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics Germany:16 Hong Kong:III Hungary:16 Iceland:16 India:A Indonesia:D Ireland:18 Italy:VM14 Malaysia:18 Maldives:18+ (self-applied) Mexico:C Mexico:S/C (original rating, banned) Nigeria:15 Norway:18 Peru:18 Philippines:(Banned) Philippines:R-18 (recommended rating) Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Saudi Arabia:R18 Singapore:(Banned) Singapore:R21 (recommended rating) South Africa:18 South Korea:18 Spain:13 Sweden:15 United Kingdom:18 United Kingdom:18 (original rating) United Kingdom:15 (2000) United Kingdom:18 (1988, video rating) United States:R (certificate #29344) United Arab Emirates:15+ (DVD rating) West Germany:16

**Sex & Nudity** Severe **Violence & Gore** – Severe **Profanity**-None **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** - Mild  
**Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Severe

Rated R for sexual themes and graphic nudity throughout, bloody violence, and some surreal and scary images

