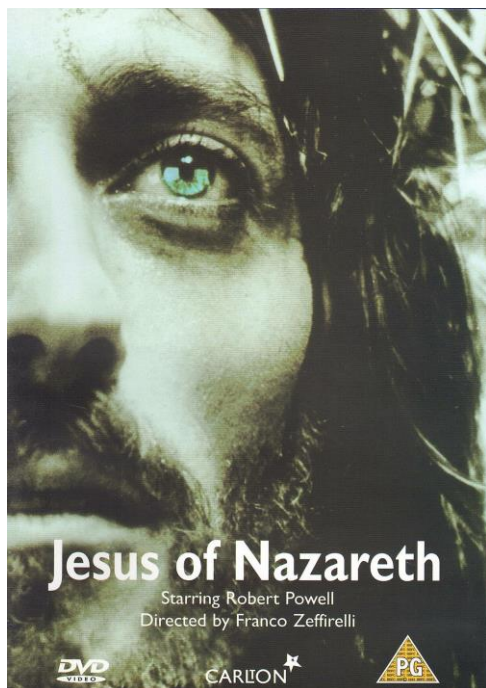


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The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Jesus of Nazareth**



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Information

Release Title: **Jesus of Nazareth**- 3rd April 1977 (United Kingdom)
From: The Bible
AKA: Isus iz Nazareta
Release date:
Origin: Italy, United Kingdom
Genre: Biography, Drama, History
Disc Nos. - 1
Certification: PG
Duration: 6h 22m
Region Code:
Region: 2
Product Code:
MPN:
EAN:
UPC:
Languages: English, Syriac
Filming Locations: Monastir, Tunisia
(as Greece)
Sound mix:
Dolby Atmos, Datasat, 12-Track Digital Sound, Dolby Digital, Auro 11.1
Colour: PAL
Aspect Ratio: 1:33:1

Jesus of Nazareth

SIR LEW GRADE presents a FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI production
JESUS OF NAZARETH

The VHS cover art is a close-up of Robert Powell as Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns, with a warm, golden light illuminating his face.

ROBERT POWELL as Jesus DENVA HUSSEY as Mary
with ANNE BANGORFF, ENZO BORGANI, VALENTINA COSTE, JAMES EARLENDO, SANDRA LEVI, JONES, STACY KEACH, TONY LO BRANCO, SANDRA MARCONI, VAN NICHOLSON, SIR LESLIE OUBRY, DONALD PLEASANCE, CHRISTOPHER REEHER, ANTHONY QUINN, ITC, ESPANNO SEY, SOC STROGA, AERA USTIKOV, MOHAI YORA

VHS cover art

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| Genre | Biblical Biography Drama History |
| Based on | The Gospels |
| Written by | Anthony Burgess Suso Cecchi d'Amico Franco Zeffirelli David Butler (additional dialogue) |
| Directed by | Franco Zeffirelli |
| Starring | Robert Powell |
| Theme music composer | Maurice Jarre |
| Country of origin | Italy United Kingdom |
| Original language | English |
| No. of episodes | 4 |

Production

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| Producers | Lew Grade Vincenzo Labella |
| Cinematography | Armando Nannuzzi David Watkin |
| Editor | Reginald Mills |
| Running time | 382 minutes |
| Production companies | ITC Entertainment RAI |
| Budget | \$45 million ^[1] |

Release

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| Original network | Rai 1 (Italy) ITV (United Kingdom) |
| Original release | 27 March – 24 April 1977 |

Storyline

The storyline of Jesus of Nazareth is a cinematic Gospel harmony, blending the narratives of all four New Testament accounts. It presents Jesus as both God and man. During the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, John speaks God's words "this is my beloved son." The familiar Christian episodes are presented chronologically: the betrothal, and later marriage, of Mary and Joseph; the Annunciation; the Visitation; the circumcision of John the Baptist; the Nativity of Jesus; the visit of the Magi; the circumcision of Jesus; the Census of Quirinius; the flight into Egypt and Massacre of the Innocents; the Finding in the Temple; the Baptism of Jesus.

Gospel accounts in the movie also include the woman caught in adultery; the healing of Jairus' daughter; Jesus helping Peter catch the fish; the Parable of the Prodigal Son; a dialogue between Jesus and Barabbas (non-Biblical); Matthew's dinner party; the Sermon on the Mount; debating with Joseph of Arimathea; the curing of the blind man at the pool; the Raising of Lazarus (John 11:43); the Feeding of the Five Thousand; the entry into Jerusalem; Jesus and the money changers; the Parable of the Two Sons; healing the centurion's servant; dialogue with Nicodemus; the Last Supper; the betrayal of Jesus by Judas.

At the Sanhedrin trial of Jesus, Jesus is accused of blasphemy for calling himself the son of the God of Israel. Caiaphas announces "the LORD our God, the LORD is one", denying the God of Israel has a son. The ensuing scenes include Peter's denying Christ and repenting of it; the judgment of Jesus by Pilate ("Ecce Homo"); the Johannine Passion Narrative (John 18–19; including the Agony in the Garden); the Carrying of the Cross; the Crucifixion of Christ (Laurence Olivier's Nicodemus recites the "Suffering Servant" passage (Isaiah 53:3-5) as he looks helplessly on the crucified Messiah); the discovery of the empty tomb; and an appearance of the Risen Christ to his Disciples. The film's storyline concludes with the non-Biblical character Zerah and his colleagues gazing despairingly into the empty tomb. Zerah laments, "Now it begins. It all begins".

Cast

Starring

Robert Powell as Jesus

Guest Stars

Anne Bancroft as Mary Magdalene

Ernest Borgnine as the Roman Centurion

Claudia Cardinale as the Adulteress

Valentina Cortese as Herodias

James Farentino as Peter

James Earl Jones as Balthazar

Stacy Keach as Barabbas

Tony Lo Bianco as Quintillius

James Mason as Joseph of Arimathea

Ian McShane as Judas Iscariot

Laurence Olivier as Nicodemus

Donald Pleasence as Melchior

Christopher Plummer as Herod Antipas

Anthony Quinn as Caiaphas

Fernando Rey as Gaspar

Ralph Richardson as Simeon

Rod Steiger as Pontius Pilate

Peter Ustinov as Herod the Great

Michael York as John the Baptist

Parents Guide

Argentina:Atp Australia:G (original rating) Australia:PG (2011, re-rating) Brazil:Livre Canada:PG Canada:G (Quebec)
Egypt:(Banned) Finland:K-12 (1997) Japan:Not Rated (DVD rating) Mexico:A Norway:10 Portugal:T Singapore:PG
South Korea:15 (2002) South Korea:12 (2001) South Korea:All (1991) Spain:TP United Kingdom:PG United
States:TV-G West Germany:12

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

MPAA Rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, and brief suggestive content

