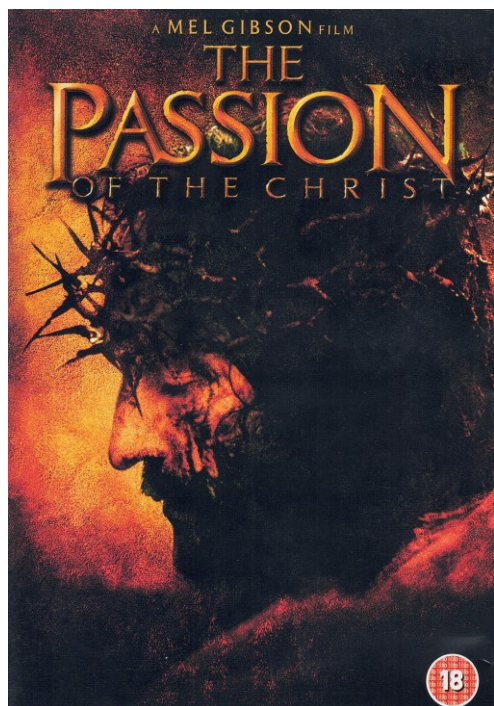


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## The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Passion – Of The Christ**



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### Information

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Origin: United States

Genres: Drama

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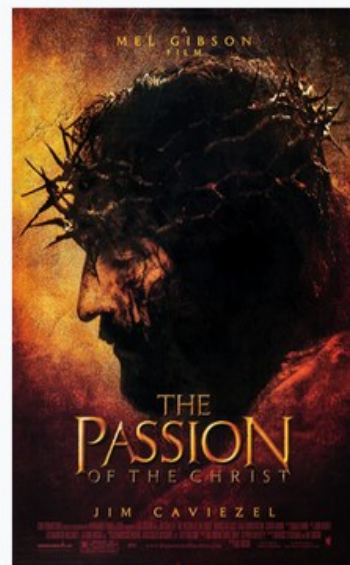
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Sound mix: Dolby Digital, DTS, SDDS

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

#### *The Passion of the Christ*



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Mel Gibson
Screenplay by	Mel Gibson Benedict Fitzgerald
Based on	The <a href="#">Passion in the New Testament of the Bible</a> and <i>The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> by Anne Catherine Emmerich
Produced by	Bruce Davey Mel Gibson Stephen McEveety
Starring	Jim Caviezel Monica Bellucci Maia Morgenstern Sergio Rubini
Cinematography	Caleb Deschanel
Edited by	John Wright Steve Mirkovich
Music by	John Debney
Production company	Newmarket Films
Distributed by	Icon Productions
Release date	February 25, 2004
Running time	127 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
Country	United States
Languages	Aramaic Latin Hebrew
Budget	\$30 million <sup>[2]</sup>
Box office	\$612.1 million <sup>[2]</sup>

# Storyline

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prays with his disciples Peter, James, and John beside him. Satan soon appears and tempts Jesus as his sweat suddenly turns into blood and a serpent emerges from Satan's guise. Jesus then rebukes Satan by crushing the serpent's head. Meanwhile, Judas Iscariot, another of Jesus's disciples, is bribed by Caiaphas and the Pharisees with thirty pieces of silver, and leads a group of temple guards to the forest where he betrays Jesus's identity. As the guard's arrest Jesus, a fight erupts wherein Peter draws his dagger and slashes the ear of Malchus, the commander of the guards. Jesus heals Malchus' injury while reprimanding Peter. As the disciples flee, the guards secure Jesus and beat him on the way to the Sanhedrin.

John informs Mary and Magdalene of the arrest, and they reunite with Peter who has followed Jesus and his captors. Caiaphas holds trial during which false accusations and witnesses are brought against Jesus and some priests, who secretly support Jesus and oppose the trial, are expelled from the court. When Caiaphas asks him whether he is the Son of God, Jesus replies, "I am." Caiaphas angrily tears his robes and Jesus is condemned to death for blasphemy. As Jesus is brutally beaten, Peter is confronted by the mob and he denies being a follower of Jesus. After cursing them during the third denial, Peter remembers Jesus's forewarning, then weeps bitterly and flees. Meanwhile, a guilt-ridden Judas attempts to return the money to have Jesus freed, but is refused by the priests. Haunted by demons, Judas takes a rope from a donkey's rotting corpse and uses it to hang himself.

Caiaphas and the crowd bring Jesus before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, to be condemned to death. At the urging of his wife Claudia, who knows Jesus is holy, and after questioning Jesus and finding no fault, Pilate transfers him to the court of Herod Antipas, as Jesus is from Antipas's domain of Galilee. Antipas also finds no fault in Jesus and returns him. Pilate then offers the crowd the choice of freeing Jesus or the violent criminal Barabbas. The crowd demands Barabbas be freed and Jesus crucified. Attempting to appease the crowd, Pilate orders that Jesus simply be flogged. The Roman guards brutally scourge and mock Jesus before taking him to a barn where they place a crown of thorns on his head and insult him. A bloodied Jesus is presented before Pilate and the crowd, but Caiaphas, with the crowd's verbal backing, continues demanding that Jesus be crucified. Unwilling to instigate an uprising, Pilate reluctantly orders Jesus's crucifixion as he washes his hands to avoid blame.

Jesus then carries a heavy wooden cross on the road to Golgotha while Satan observes Jesus' suffering with sadistic pleasure. Along the way, Jesus is constantly harassed by the guards and rampant mob, encounters his mother who comforts him for a short while before being pulled away by the guards, is helped by the unwilling Simon of Cyrene, and is replenished by a woman who wipes his bloodied face with her veil before also being dragged away by the guards. At the end of their journey, with his mother Mary, Magdalene, John, and many others witnessing, Jesus is crucified.

Hanging from the cross, Jesus prays to God to forgive his tormentors, provides salvation to a criminal crucified beside him for his strong faith and repentance, and comforts his mother. Succumbing to his wounds, Jesus surrenders his spirit and dies. A single droplet of rain then falls from the sky to the ground, triggering an earthquake which damages the temple and rips the veil covering the Holy of Holies in two while Satan screams in defeat from the depths of Hell. Jesus's body is taken down from the cross and entombed. Three days later, Jesus rises from the dead and exits the tomb, with wound holes visible on his palms.

# Cast

Jim Caviezel as Jesus Christ

Maia Morgenstern as Mary, the mother of Jesus

Christo Jivkov as John

Francesco De Vito as Peter

Monica Bellucci as Mary Magdalene

Mattia Sbragia as Caiaphas

Toni Bertorelli as Annas ben Seth

Luca Lionello as Judas Iscariot

Hristo Naumov Shopov as Pontius Pilate

Claudia Gerini as Claudia Procles

Fabio Sartor as Abenader

Giacinto Ferro as Joseph of Arimathea  
Olek Mincer as Nicodemus  
Sheila Mokhtari as Woman in audience  
Sergio Rubini as Dismas  
Roberto Bestazoni as Malchus  
Francesco Cabras as Gesmas  
Giovanni Capalbo as Cassius  
Rosalinda Celentano as Satan  
Emilio De Marchi as Scornful Roman  
Lello Giulivo as Brutish Roman  
Abel Jafry as 2nd Temple officer  
Jarreth Merz as Simon of Cyrene  
Rossella Vetrano as Veronica  
Matt Patresi as Janus  
Roberto Visconti as Scornful Roman  
Luca De Dominicis as Herod Antipas  
Chokri Ben Zagden as James  
Sabrina Impacciatore as Seraphia  
Pietro Sarubbi as Barabbas  
Ted Rusoff as Chief Elder

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:16 Argentina:18 (TV rating) Australia:MA Brazil:14 Brazil:16 Brazil:16 (re-rating) Bulgaria:D Canada:18A Canada:16+ (Quebec) Canada:13+ (Quebec, edited version) Chile:14 China:(Banned) China:17 (re-rating) Colombia:18 Denmark:15 Ecuador:C (TV rating) Ecuador:15 (theatrical rating, with warning) Finland:K-18 France:12 Germany:16 Greece:K-16 Hong Kong:III Iceland:16 India:A Indonesia:21+ Ireland:15 Italy:T Japan:PG-12 Malaysia:18 Maldives:18+R Mexico:C Netherlands:16 New Zealand:R15 (edited version) New Zealand:R16 (original rating) Norway:15 Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:15 Poland:18 Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Singapore:M18 Singapore:R21 (re-rating) South Africa:16 South Korea:15 South Korea:19 Spain:18 Sweden:15 Turkey:18+ (DVD rating) United Kingdom:18 United Kingdom:15 (edited version) United Kingdom:18 (uncut version) United States:TV-MA (V) United States:R (certificate #40366) United States:Unrated (edited version) United Arab Emirates:18+

#### Sex & Nudity

None

#### Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Severe

MPAA Rated R for sequences of graphic violence

