

# *Isn't That Good Enough?*

**An evangelistic drama sketch by  
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**Cast: 7 Characters--Angel (male), Yessir I. Didit (male), Materna Linstinct (female), Christian Ladd (teen male), Lass Minit (written for male but easily adapted to female), Lotsa Deeds (female), Wishad Praid (male)**

**Summary: This drama was originally written for Easter Sunday, but could easily be used for any evangelistic purpose. It attempts to debunk people's assumptions about getting into heaven on the merits of their good works, and emphasizes that salvation comes only through placing faith in Jesus Christ. While humor is laced throughout, the message of needing to receive Jesus comes through very clearly.**

**Whenever this is done, please follow this drama with a clear gospel presentation. One for potential use is written at the end of this script.**

**Time: 8-10 minutes, not counting gospel presentation**

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## Setting:

The entrance into heaven

Characters are all lined up in order in front of a big desk

## Props:

Desk, chair, "Lamb's Book of Life" (big book, perhaps on a pedestal)

Two clear exits, one for those who haven't accepted Jesus, and one glorious-looking one for the two that have accepted Jesus

Sound recording of a crowd wildly cheering or the Hallelujah Chorus for celebrating two entries into heaven

List for Yesser I. Didit

## Characters:

Angel—the guardian to the gate of heaven, referencing the Lamb's Book of Life—male (we don't read of any female angels in the Scriptures), compassionate, straightforward, direct questions, very few words, not interested in long discussions

Yesser I. Didit—the classic sleazy used-car-salesman type man, cocky and self-assured about how he will enter heaven on the merits of his good works

Materna Linstinct—single mother of five (now grown) children, convinced she's been a good mother and that this fact should impress God enough to let her into heaven

Christian Ladd—young teen who has accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior

Lass Minit—middle-aged cancer patient who just prayed in his hospital room to receive Jesus (note, this character is written for a male, but could easily be altered to be played by a female)

Lotsa Deeds—Lady who did everything "right," went to youth group, sang in the choir musical, changed diapers in the church nursery, headed the ladies' quilting club, stayed faithful to her sometimes-abusive husband, but never gave her life to Jesus

Wishad Praid—man who had heard the gospel but not accepted it, and now laments that he didn't receive Jesus when he had a chance

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ANGEL: Name please?

YESSIR: *(looking around, grinning, cocky, acting like a used car salesman)* I always knew this day would come. I've been preparing for it my whole life. This is the day you ask me about whether I've done enough good things to get into heaven, right?

ANGEL: Name please?

YESSIR: *(continues without acknowledging)* Well, the list is quite long. I have it right here in my coat pocket. *(pulls out list that unrolls and drops all over floor)*

ANGEL: Name please?

YESSIR: *(continues, pointing to the list)* Let's start right here. I gave over \$200,000 to charity in the last ten years alone! That should count big in God's eyes.

ANGEL: *(holds up hand to stop him)* Wait right there. Let's start with the first and most important thing. Name, please?

YESSIR: Didit. Yessir I. Didit. *(offers hand for angel to shake)* Pleased to meet you.

ANGEL: *(ignoring the outstretched hand, begins looking through book)* D-I-d-i-t?

YESSIR: Yessiree, that's my name. What's that you've got there? *(cranes his neck to look at the big book)*

ANGEL: *(without looking up)* The Lamb's Book of Life.

YESSIR: The what?

ANGEL: *(still looking at book)* The Lamb's Book of Life. It's a record of all the people that have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and who can get into heaven.

YESSIR: *(confidently, proudly)* Well, I know you'll find my name in there, sonny. Did I mention all the good things I did? I...

ANGEL: *(looks up from book and politely holds up hand again to cut him off)* Yes, you did. You say your name's Yessir I. Didit? Your name's not in here.

YESSIR: Well, that's got to be a mistake.

ANGEL: God never makes mistakes. I'm sorry.

YESSIR: Did I mention all the things I did? *(shows him the list)* See here. Isn't that good enough?

ANGEL: *(without looking at the list)* No, you didn't ask Jesus to be your Savior, to forgive you for your sins.

YESSIR: Sins? You want to talk about sins? I want to talk about all the good things I did to earn my way in here! Let's talk about that!

ANGEL: Well, someone has to pay for your sins. You didn't ask Jesus to when you were alive on earth. I'm very sorry. *(looks to the next person in line)* Next?

YESSIR: Wait! Don't I get a lawyer or something?!

ANGEL: No, I'm sorry. God is the perfect Judge who sees all and knows all. No lawyers needed. I only need to know if your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. *(again looks to the next person in line)* Next?

*Yessir walks past the desk, shaking his head in frustration and disbelief*

MATERNA: *(a little timidly)* I guess I'm next.

ANGEL: Name, please?

MATERNA: *(more confidently now)* My name's Materna. Materna Linstinct.

[text deleted here]

*Materna walks past the desk, looking confused and sad*

CHRISTIAN: *(confidently but humbly)* My name's Christian Ladd. I asked Jesus into my heart when I was seven years old.

ANGEL: L-a-d-d. *(looks in book, then looks up with a huge smile on his face)* Yes! I see your name right here! Welcome home!!

*Christian runs with joy through the special exit into glory, as we hear a sound recording of wild cheering or the Hallelujah Chorus*

ANGEL: *(smiling, talking to himself)* I sure love to see one of Jesus' own come home! *(to next person in line)* Next? What's your name, sir?

LASS: Minit. Lass Minit. M-i-n-i-t. I have to say I'm a bit confused to be here. The last thing I remember was struggling for breath but praying with the pastor in my hospital room.

[text deleted here]

*Lotsa walks past the desk, looking confused and sad*

WISHAD: *(steps forward, talking to himself, wringing his hands)* Oh, no. I'm here. This is really a place. Oh, no.

ANGEL: Name, please?

WISHAD: *(not really responding, still absorbed in his own thoughts)* They were telling the truth. There really is life after death.

ANGEL: Name, please?

WISHAD: Praid. P-r-a-i-d. Wishad Praid. *(As angel looks into book, Wishad continues explanation)* They kept telling me I needed Jesus, but I thought it was a bunch of religious nonsense. I didn't realize. *(stammers)* Well I did, but I didn't, but...

ANGEL: *(looks up from book)* I'm sorry, your name's not written here.

WISHAD: *(hangs head in shame)* I know that. I didn't pray to ask Jesus into my heart. I knew I had a chance, even several chances. But I didn't pray. I wish I'd prayed! I wish I'd accepted Jesus when I had the chance!

*Lights out*

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## Gospel Presentation

(to follow "Isn't That Good Enough" drama)

The Bible says that we cannot ever do enough good deeds to get into heaven. Even one sin in our lives is so great that a lifetime of good deeds won't pay for that sin.

And we've all sinned. One lie—that's a sin. One time of disobeying your parents—that's a sin. We've all done it. I've sinned. You've sinned. Everyone has sinned.

Rom 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

And that sin must be paid for. It cannot simply be removed—it has to be paid for.

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We cannot pay for it by balancing our good works on one hand and our sins on the other. Even one sin will never be outdone by 100 years of good works.

But there is a way to be saved. There is a way to go to heaven.

The only way is by having Someone else pay for our sins on our behalf. That Someone is Jesus. Jesus Himself, when He was on earth, made a bold statement we all have to reckon with.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus, the perfect Son of God, gave us the only way that our sins can be paid for. When he died on the cross, he bore the sins of the world on His body. When he rose again, He conquered death and hell and rose victorious, offering us new life in Him. When He ascended into heaven, He gave us hope of one day being in heaven with Him.

So how do you get Jesus to pay for your sins? It's easy, but it's hard. It's easy, in that we simply have to ask. It's hard, in that we have to let go of any idea that we can make it to heaven on our own.

It's simply a free gift that God offers you today.

Eph 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

But every gift that is given must also be received. We have to make a choice to receive what God offers through Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us to call on the name of Jesus if we want to be saved.

Rom 10:9-10

... if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Will you do that this morning? Please pray with me as I pray a model prayer for how to accept Jesus Christ as the payment for your sin. If you want to accept the free gift of salvation today, you can pray this prayer with me right now in the quiet of your own heart as we all bow our heads together.

*Dear Lord, I know I am a sinner, and that my sin deserves punishment and death. But I ask you, Jesus, to please pay for my sins. I accept your free gift of salvation and eternity in heaven. Please come into my life and be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me so much.*