

TO BE LIKE JESUS

This brief skit can be used to introduce or illustrate a message on Philippians 2:5 or the need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is appropriate for adults or young people. The players need to be lively and expressive, able to express emotion. Genders and names can be changed if necessary.

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Mon is seated with a book open as Ben walks in

M: Hi, Ben

B: Oh, hi, Mon. What's up?

M: I'm having trouble with this week's memory verse.

B: What is it?

M: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

B: Why are you having trouble? It's only got eleven words.

M: Plus the reference... But no, that's not my problem.... I'm trying to work out what it means.

B: Too many big words for itsy, bitsy little Mon, eh?

M: Ha, ha. Very funny.

B: Well, then, what is the problem?

M: How can my attitude possibly be like the attitude of Jesus?

B: Mm, yeah... good question.

M: I mean, he always had a good attitude... Right?

B: And you don't?

M: What do you think?

B: Well... if you really want to know...

M: Uh! Stop right there! (*Pause*) Seriously, I mean, look at how Jesus seemed to love absolutely anybody!

B: (*peers closely at Mon*) Mm, I see what you mean... Not easy

M: Look, I'm trying to be serious here, you... you...

B: Keep your attitude right, Mon!

M: (*fists clenched at sides etc*) Grr (*or equivalent sound*)

B: (*Hands up*) Sorry, sorry!

M: So you should be!

B: So what were you saying?

M: Well, Jesus—look at his attitude to the Cross. He knew he was going to be crucified and he still went right ahead and did it.

B: Pretty cool, eh?

M: I mean, I don't even want to face getting up in the morning!

B: But you do

M: Eventually.

B: Maybe we need some help.

M: Like what?

B: The Bible. The Holy Spirit.

M: Well I do read the Bible.

B: Good – but do you believe it? And have you been filled with the Holy Spirit?

M: Well, sort of.

B: Even Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to do what he did.

M: Yeah, good point.

B: If you really want to love people as Jesus did, you'd better ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit.

M: Good idea. I'll do anything if it will make be more like Him! (*Pause*).

Ben...what will happen when I'm filled with the Spirit?

B: You'd better get ready for some surprises.

M: Like what?

B: Well, you'll love Jesus more. You'll love people more. You'll love the Bible more. You'll love to pray more. You'll probably speak in tongues, and—

M: What? Me? Really?

B: You never know what the Spirit might do.

M: Mm, wow. I'm gonna look into this. Do you think I might also be able to worship and pray better? To witness without being scared to bits? To feel real compassion for sick people? Even to heal them? To forgive people who hurt me, no matter what? To prophesy? To raise the—

B: Whoa! Steady on. One thing at a time.

M: But I want everything now!!

B: OK. OK. The last thing I want to do is hold you back. Let's go for it. What about we meet tonight and pray it through?

M: Awesome! (*Pause*) Time for coffee?

B: Sure. (*They both begin to walk off. Then Mon stops.*)

M: Hey, Ben, I just had a thought.

B: What?

M: Did Jesus drink coffee?

B: What? (Laughs) No he probably preferred Coke.

M: Coke? Oh, is that why He said, 'If you drink any deadly thing it will not hurt you...'??

B: Come on now! Coffee's a lot worse for you than Coke.

M: No way!

B: Coffee's got more caffeine.

M: Don't be an ignoramus: read the label on the can.

From here on it's probably better for the actors to ad lib and to be talking over one another as they leave the stage.