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Dear Friends,

Did you manage to see at least one Biblical block buster over Easter? I admit, they are never all that easy to find, especially on terrestrial television, but Margaret and I did appreciate 'The Robe' that showed on Good Friday afternoon. And then, two days running, and leading up to Easter Day, Sky Classics showed *three* blockbusters, namely Spartacus, The Bible and The Ten Commandments. I have them recorded, but as they are at least 3 hours long – each – it's a matter of finding the time.

We did laugh, though, as one of them, because it is so long, had INTERMISSION half-way through (as they did in the cinemas in years gone by), but it was peculiar on the telly to have 10 minutes with just the intermission sign (until I realized that I could of course fast forward it a bit!) No hope....

Also, in the cinemas, we now have MARY MAGDALENE. Mixed reviews (as always when we have a Christian movie) and although I admit there is quite a bit of poetic and biblical license in it, no one can take the piety away from it, and it was a good and gentle and loving film with not a swear word to be heard.

Churches Together, for whom I am the current Chairman, are toying with the idea of a quarterly movie night at my church, where we can watch a religious film and enjoy the obligatory popcorn and can of coke at the same time! Nothing finalized yet, and no doubt it will need to go before various Councils first for approval, but why not? We have the screen, the laptop and the projector – not to mention Dominos right opposite us (so, pizza as well as popcorn?) I can see great things happening.

All this leads me to conclude that God Isn't Dead – the title of yet another great film by the way – and that we should take every opportunity to enjoy and encourage films that are as loved today as they were when many of them were first produced

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