

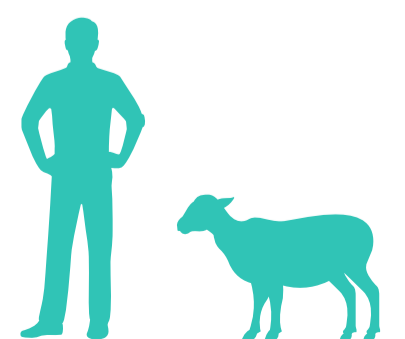


Luke 2:8-20

THE HERDSMEN



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LUKE 2:8-20

v8

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night.”



*Just minding
their own
business, doing
their job.*

LUKE 2:8-20

v9

“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.”



God
*punches a
hole through
their reality.*

v10-12

LUKE 2:8-20

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’”



There's good news which will cause great joy: a saviour-king has been born.

LUKE 2:8-20

v13-14

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’”



*The angels
praise God;
there is
massive
worship going
on...*

LUKE 2:8-20

v15

“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’”



*They want
to see this
newborn
saviour-king
with their
own eyes.*

v16-20

LUKE 2:8-20

“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”



*When they
see him they
glorify and
praise God~
there's more
worship.*



The shepherds

FIND THE
SAVIOUR AND
WORSHIP HIM



WE DO THE SAME

We find saviours
and worship them



SAVIOUR +

- ▶ *What we turn to in order to be rescued from the burden of being.*
- ▶ *Anything we believe gives us meaning, identity, inner peace, purpose or significance.*
- ▶ *Your functional saviour is what gets you through life.*



SAVIOURS
SAVE US
FROM

+ ***GUILT***

+ ***LONELINESS***

+ ***SHAME***

+ ***UNHAPPINESS***

+ ***INSECURITY***

+ ***INSIGNIFICANCE***

+ ***WORRY***



COMMON SAVIOURS

Money; Popularity;
Love; Sex & Romance;
Success; Alcohol;
Beauty; WOMD; Tech



+



WHAT
IS
WORSHIP?

FOUR ASPECTS TO WORSHIP

+ *1 . B O W D O W N*

Offering the affections of my heart to
God (or something else)

+ *2 . O B E Y*

Submitting to the rules (God's rules or
some other set of rules)

+ *3 . T R U S T*

Willingly placing your life, welfare, future, well-
being into God's (or something else's) hands.

+ *4 . S E R V E*

Submit the hopes, dreams, agenda or plan
of my life to God (or something else)

*WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?*

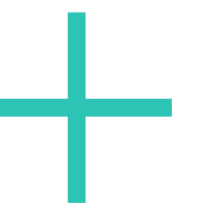
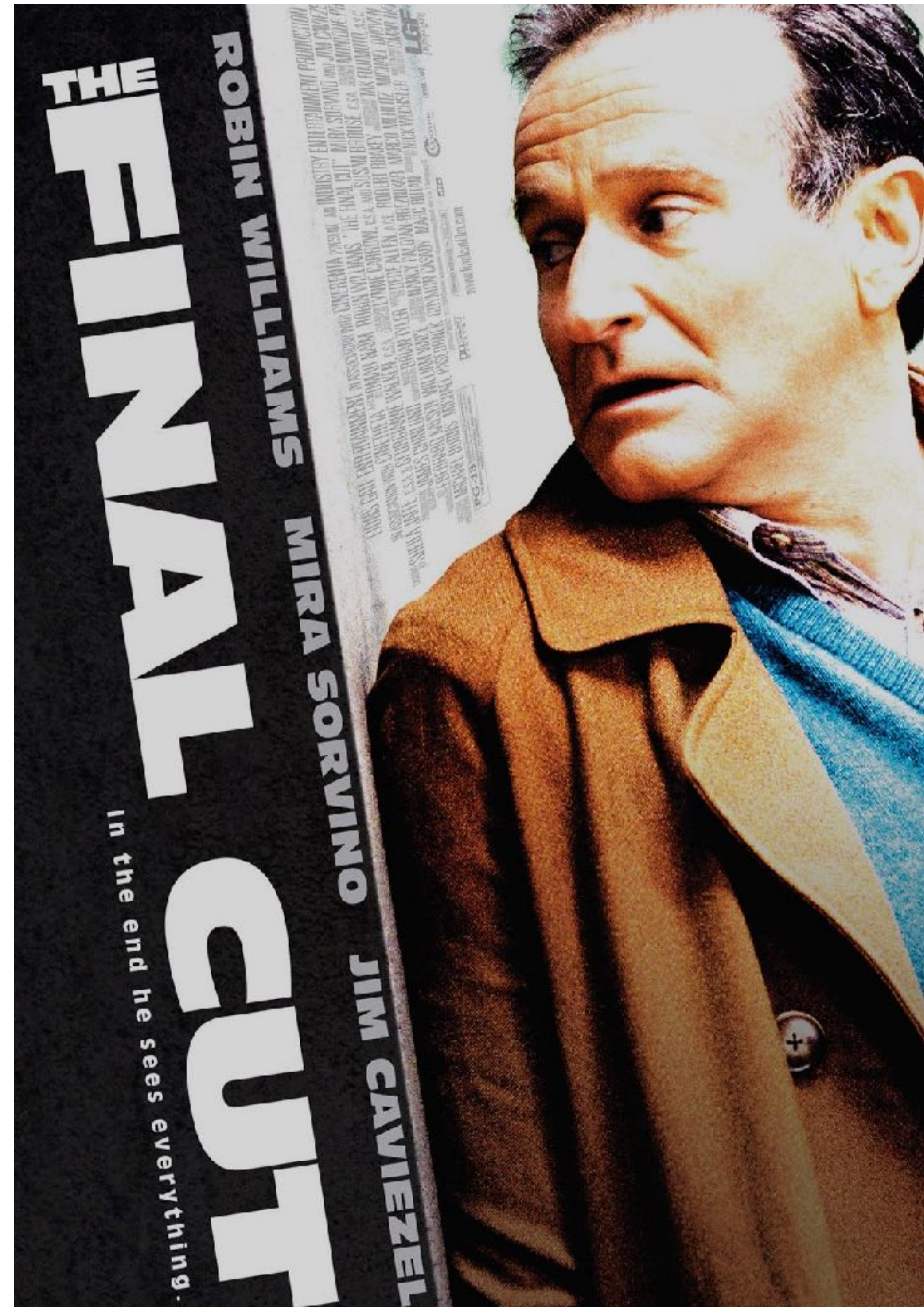
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- ▶ **What we commonly worship can't rescue us from ourselves.**

**WE
WORSHIP
OUR
SAVIOURS**

+

THE FINAL CUT

The Final Cut is a 2004 science fiction thriller film written and directed by Omar Naim. It starring Robin Williams. The film takes place in the future where memory implants make it possible to record entire lives. Williams plays a professional 'cutter' who specialises in editing the unsavoury memories of people into uncritical memorials that are played at funerals.



*WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?*

- ▶ **What you worship masters you.**
- ▶ **What we commonly worship can't rescue us from ourselves.**
- ▶ **Our saviours can't deliver what they promise.**

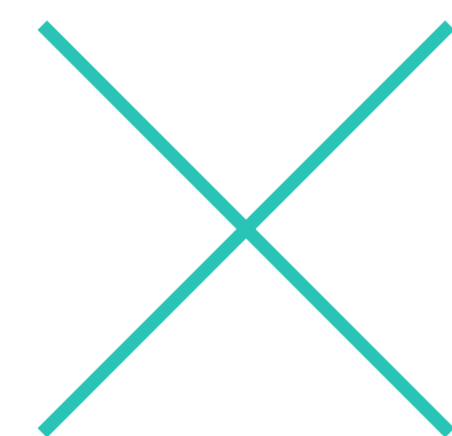
**WE
WORSHIP
OUR
SAVIOURS**

+





Enslave and control us



Can't rescue us from ourselves

OUR SAVIOURS

Are not able to deliver what they promise

JESUS IS
THE
SAVIOUR
WE SHOULD
WORSHIP

WHY?



BECAUSE

HE MASTERS YOU
IN LOVE

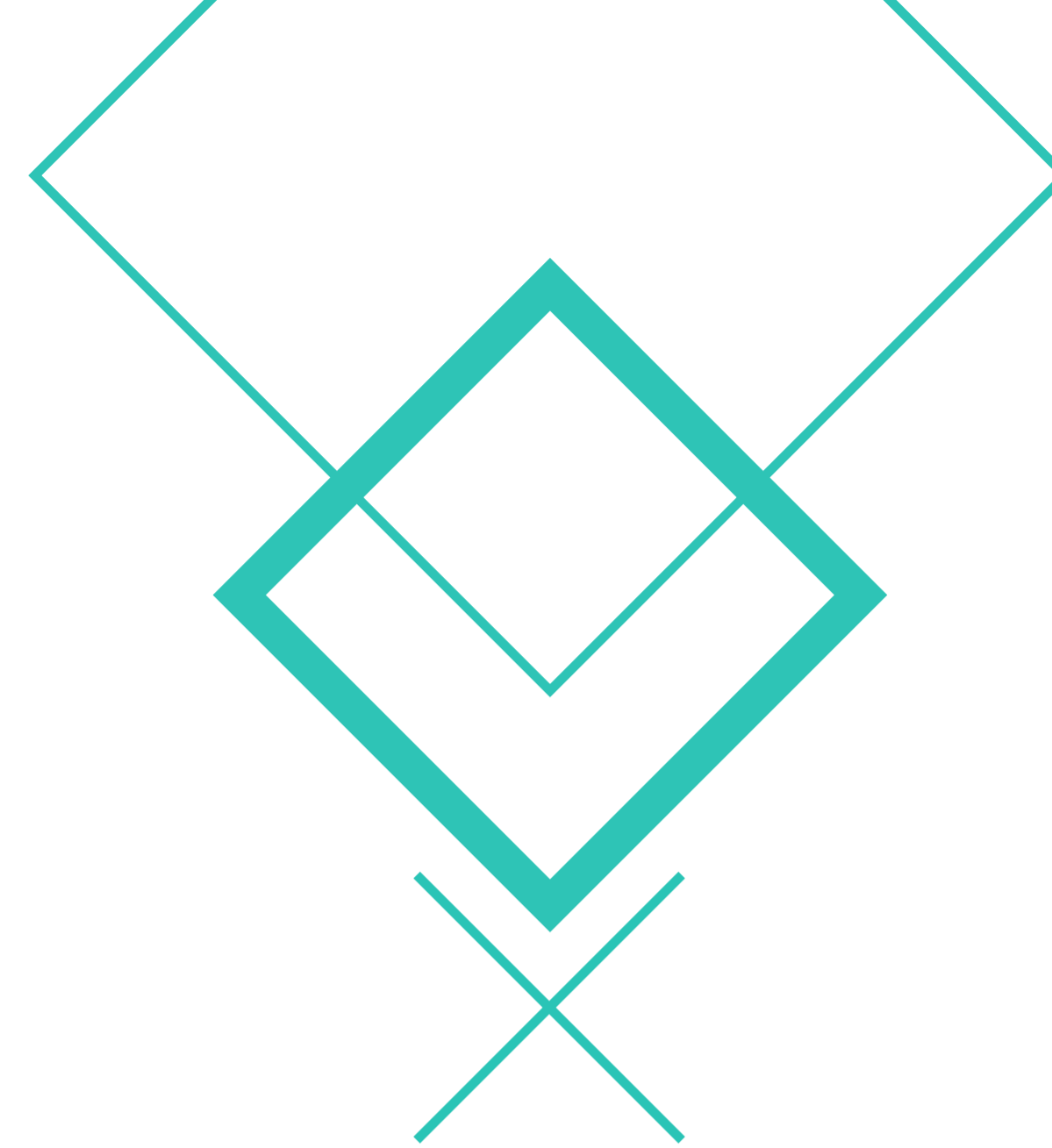
HE CAN RESCUE US
FROM OURSELVES

HE CAN DELIVER
WHAT HE PROMISES

I WOULD LIKE TO (please tick)

- Find out more steps to becoming a Christian
- Take part in a course to learn more about Jesus
- Chat to someone about matters of faith or questions I have
- Ask for prayer for the following matter:

- Something else—please write on reverse.

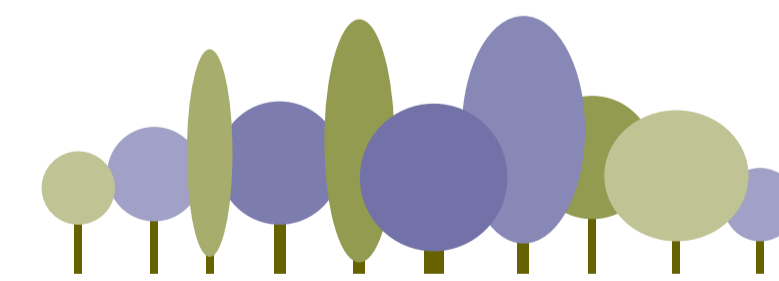
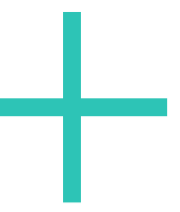


RESPONSE CARD

*PLEASE FILL
IN THIS CARD
AND HAND TO
A STEWARD
OR SIMPLY
LEAVE IN
SEAT POCKET*

MY NAME & CONTACT DETAILS:

(Any information you provide will be held securely and not shared with any third party)



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