

The McGillicutty Family in Heaven Week 3 (of 3) Mark 18:33-38a  
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<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38a</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

Narrator (Monty) reprises last week):

Last week, we saw, for the second Sunday, the McGillicutty clan in Heaven – on the other side of the one-way door called DEATH. They have continued to be surprised in what they find (and don't find) and in what they hear from the Vpice of God who orients them to this new place ... although God has not been seen, since God remains where Revelation 21 tells us – in God's home amongst mortals.

As last Sunday's episode concluded, God had told the McGillicutty's to go take a trip to the movies, while God went to Saint Marks to see what was going on there.

All four McGillicuttys walk into sanctuary from side chapel.

**Mom McGillicutty**: Well! That was certainly not like any movie theater I've ever gone to!

**Son McGillicutty**: You can say that again, Mom.

**Mom McGillicutty**: Well! That was certainly not like any movie theater I've ever gone to!

**Son McGillicutty**: M-o-o-o-o-m!

**Dad McGillicutty**: At the risk of being redundant, again, I would have to say that the movie theaters here are going to take quite some getting used to.

**Daughter McGillicutty**: It seemed so deja vu to me. But, I have to say that I thought the girl who had the daughter's role was quite a looker!

**Son McGillicutty**: Geez, I'd hoped that here in heaven, my sister would get a brain! Lisa, that WAS YOU playing the part of the daughter. Because the whole movie was about us!

**Dad McGillicutty**: Oh! Sure. I knew that. I thought the Dad seemed pretty wise and distinguished.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Oh YOU people! It's obvious that there is no entrance exam to get into heaven.

**Mom McGillicutty**: So what's the deal, God. Why did we go see a movie about us? Do people in heaven watch movies about our lives all the time?

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: No, they watch movies about THEIR lives. And not ALL the time. But they will watch a movie about their lives for a part of every single day. Just like you will.

**Son McGillicutty**: But there were some parts that were kind of embarrassing, God. I didn't realize at the time I said some of those things just how dumb it looked and sounded.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Bingo!

**Daughter McGillicutty**: God, there were some times in the movie when I really missed some great stuff going on all around me. When I watched the movie I could see a lot more than I was able to see when it was live.

**Mom McGillicutty**: What bothered me was how many times I seemed to be on a roll with a certain idea and nothing was going to stop me, even when it's obvious to me now that I simply was not going to let the facts cloud my judgment.

**Dad McGillicutty**: It's painful to watch my blunders, when the Truth seems so obvious now when I am on the outside looking in.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Exactly!

**ALL FOUR McGillicuttys in one voice**: We all messed up. Even when we thought we were right.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Exactly!

**Mom McGillicutty**: I don't think I want to go to that movie anymore. Are there any Doris Day movies?

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Gretchen, it's heaven. There are no Doris Day movies ... except that she has to watch them.

**Mom McGillicutty**: HAS to?

**Dad McGillicutty**: Oh, God! Does this have anything to do with where Jesus said, "on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak?"

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Bingo!

**All the McGillicuttys together**: No way!

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: You got to heaven. But there are still consequences.

**Son McGillicutty**: I have to watch all of my mistakes! How Long!

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Just for a day.

**Daughter McGillicutty**: Whew! That's good.

**Mom McGillicutty**: But, I remember in scripture that it says a 1,000 years are like a day to you. Does that mean we have to watch movies about our mistakes for a 1,000 years.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Bingo!

**Dad McGillicutty**: Well. We WERE given fair warning, after all. It's hard to always know what was true and what was right, though.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Jesus. Just Jesus.

**Son McGillicutty**: I guess I should have paid more attention when I good.

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: Bingo! But, in a day or two, we'll do something different.

**All the McGillicuttys together**: Day OR TWO!?

**DEEP – VERY DEEP -- VOICE FROM OFF STAGE**: [Laughing, laughing]

[All walk off stage]



In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.