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## TOO BAD

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A man who messed up admits his fault to Jesus but refuses his help, trying to convince himself (and Jesus) that Jesus just doesn't help people any more.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** This scene should be very raw, real, and dressed down. No set needed. It should come across as a sincere apology to Jesus at first then will come the twist. Mike doesn't let Jesus answer; he knows what Jesus would say, and he doesn't want to hear. He just wants his own way. He's never rude or mean. He's just kind of stubborn – and a bit of an idiot.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2M

**THEME:** Refusing God's help

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Psalm 10:4

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Service; Sermon Illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

Mike—a guy who screwed up Jesus

**PROPS:** A beer can (optional)

**COSTUMES:** Standard "Jesus costume" and casual dress for Mike

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones (optional)

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Unspecified

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*MIKE and JESUS sit on the edge of the stage like old buds. MIKE could have a beer in hand. MIKE is serious, contrite, almost repentant in his tone – almost.*

**MIKE:** Well, I sure made a mess of that one.

*JESUS nods.*

**MIKE:** I thought I had it all figured out. Thought I had all the answers. Guess you see that a lot, don't you?

*JESUS nods again.*

**MIKE:** How could I have been so impatient? If I'd only stopped to think a moment, I could have avoided all this trouble. Now I've got all that and more besides. Guess it couldn't get much worse, right?

*JESUS gives him a half smile and nods.*

**MIKE:** Yeah. I guess it could. Boy, if ever there was a time I could use some advice, it's now. Makes me wish I'd listened to all those people who tried to help me growing up. Teachers. Guidance counselors. That lady who had that TV show after school all those years... what was her name?

**JESUS:** Oprah.

**MIKE:** Yeah. Oprah. She seemed like a smart lady, you know? Man, if only I'd listened to those folks. I do remember one person that always tried to help. My Sunday School teacher, Miss Catlett?

*JESUS smiles and nods.*

**MIKE:** She seemed like a really smart cookie, you know? If there was a problem, she had the answer. Or she knew where to find it. She always said, "No matter what you do, no matter where you go, there's no problem too big for Jesus." I really believed that too, you know? If I was ever in real trouble, I could go to Jesus, and he'd take care of it. Right?

*JESUS nods.*

**MIKE:** I could really use some divine guidance right now. It's just a shame you don't do that any more.

*JESUS cocks an eyebrow as if to say, "Say what??"*

*Note: MIKE's tone is sincere sounding, not at all sarcastic, mean, or bitter. He plays this as if JESUS really doesn't "do that" any more. Deep down, of course, MIKE doesn't really*