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Contains thought-provoking insights...demolishes the myth of The Passion being "biblically accurate" and challenges evangelicals to be more discerning. -- *Proclaiming the Gospel*

McMahon's Catholic, screenwriting, and Christian apologist experiences ring true in this perceptive critique of the passion for The Passion. -- *Understand the Times International*

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This book is powerful, profound and right on!! Tom was truly inspired by the Holy Spirit. As a former member of the cultic, Roman Catholic Church, I learned things about that church which I never knew. Thank you Dave and Tom and may the Lord continue to abundantly bless your ministry.(California) This is a great book and I regret that I cannot afford to buy thousands to give away. Most of us are so used to seeing 'Jesus' movies that it will be very difficult for many to realize that it is wrong for someone to play 'God' on the screen or to draw pictures of Him. May God continue to bless people like you who warn us of the danger in many things that are (unfortunately) accepted by the majority of Christians.' (New Mexico) I just finished "Showtime for the Sheep." I plan to read it again, soon.... Tom has a way of looking at the heart of a matter, and so I feel that I gained additional insight.... The book was very well structured; the issues were addressed with the underpinning of sound doctrine, and yet it was presented in easily understood layman's language. I would definitely recommend it to others; in fact, I hope to keep it permanently loaned out.... We evangelicals are truly sheep who are led by many false shepherds. (Georgia) "Showtime for the Sheep?" was a very interesting and informative book. It did clarify some issues for me I would recommend the book to others who are concerned with the subject of Mel Gibson's movie as well as the issue of whether or not entertainment should be used to spread the Gospel to the unsaved. (Nevada) I love it!!!! It confirms so much what I already researched from various sources.... However, your teaching about the dangers of images really has opened my eyes and like you I realize that I have been blind to accept many previous movies with a false Christ.... Thanks to your book also I am now well prepared to fight the good fight in speaking up and to have no fear of man. The Lord is my all in all and I am very jealous for His Name! (Australia) Excellent! Could not be any better. And it's totally biblical. Thank the Lord for your ministry that gives out truth about deception. (Texas)

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