

“The Book Of Daniel”

You have no doubt heard of NBC’s new series, *The Book of Daniel*, by now. NBC touts the show as a serious drama. The main character is Daniel Webster, a drug-addicted Episcopal priest whose wife depends heavily on her mid-day martinis. Webster regularly sees and talks with a white-robed, bearded Jesus. The Webster family is rounded out by a 23-year-old homosexual son, a 16-year-old drug dealing daughter and a 16-year-old adopted son who is having sex with the bishop’s daughter. In the premier episode, Daniel’s brother-in-law Charlie runs off with Jesse, his secretary. Later viewers find out that she is also having a lesbian affair with Charlie’s wife.

But *Daniel* is worse than just that. The “Reverend” sometimes “hangs” with Jesus Christ, or at least his vision of Jesus. Out of nowhere, this “Savior” will appear, looking like an understudy for *Jesus Christ Superstar*. When the “Reverend” asked Jesus for advice about his dealer daughter, the laid back “Son of God” tells him to “chill.” When the “Reverend” asked for help with his brother-in-law stealing church funds, the “mellow Messiah” tells the “Reverend” not to “sweat it.”

I guess it is not enough that television routinely promotes all kinds of sexual immorality, but now it has to portray Jesus in an ungodly, sacrilegious way. Our Lord was sinless and serious about His work (John 9:4). Those who preach His gospel are to be righteous, not ungodly and lacking self-control (2 Timothy 2:22; Galatians 5:19-21). People must look to the Bible for their standards (2 Timothy 3:16-17), not some wicked television show. Let’s hope this one dies a quick death in the ratings.

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