

## CHRISTIAN SURPRISE VIDEO

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A man who blows up at a video store clerk, is shocked to discover the mean customer is a Christian, and she is on a reality show featuring Christians at their worst.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The first part of the skit should be straight and serious, making watchers feel uncomfortable; then go over the top when revealing the TV show.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 4

**TOPIC:** Evangelism

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 5:14-16

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

JON- a Christian who is a total jerk

HOLLY- a girl at a video store

TED - a TV host

CAMERAMAN

**PROPS:** DVD movies; shelves; store displays; a counter; a cash register; a camera

**COSTUMES:** Video store uniform; non-descript clothing for the rest.

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A video store

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*JON walks to the counter of a video store. HOLLY is at the counter. JON hands her two videos.*

**HOLLY:** Hi there.

**JON:** Hi.

**HOLLY:** You find everything okay?

**JON:** Just great.

**HOLLY:** Just renting two tonight?

**JON:** That's all. I have a coupon, too.

*JON hands HOLLY a coupon.*

**HOLLY:** Oh. Have you used this coupon already?

**JON:** A couple of times, yes.

**HOLLY:** I'm afraid you can't use it.

**JON:** Why not?

**HOLLY:** Because it's only supposed to be used once.

**JON:** But I've been using it all month.

**HOLLY:** I'm sorry, you can only use it once.

**JON:** I've used it MORE than once, right here in this store.

**HOLLY:** I know, sir, but you should have only used it once.

**JON:** And yet you've let me use it over and over. Just the other day I used it!

**HOLLY:** I'm sorry, sir, you can't use it again!

**JON:** You're not going to honor YOUR coupon that YOU said was good through the month?

**HOLLY:** I can't.

**JON:** This is ridiculous. Do you know that?

*TED walks up and gets in line behind JON.*