

## Movie Talk

I was talking to my cousin Justin recently on the phone when he asked me about movies. When I tried to answer something went haywire with the phone and he couldn't hear me responding. That gives me an excuse to talk about it here.

First of all, it should be noted that I am a complete comic book movie geek. Just recently, they showed Thor and Captain America here. I enjoyed both and that caught me up on all the Avengers prequels. Now I'm definitely looking forward to seeing that whenever they show it here or wherever I may be when it comes to DVD.

Speking of which, I realize many of you may not understand how it works as far as us getting to see movies. Well, we have our own TVs in the cells with just basic television but, there is also several internal stations that are used to show DVDs and videos. One of the stations is generally an educational one, another is religious, another often deals with addiction and so on. On the weekend, a relatively new movie is shown each day. There are some exceptions...we still haven't seen Avatar...rumor is because there is a nipple shown. And we are no longer allowed to see R rated movies. That always cracks me up when I stop to think about it. This is a prison with approximately 1500 men. Nearly 50% of whom are doing life sentences. In most cases, that means someone was murdered, but R rated movies are apparently too violent for us. If you'd like a good laugh, do a net search on Mass Dept. of Corrections and Brokeback Mountain. That story is what led to the end of R rated movies. Most of what you'll read is untrue, but it certainly makes for entertainment. Jay Leno actually ended<sup>up</sup> telling jokes about the whole situation.

Anyways, the only comic book movie I never got to see is the newest Superman. I hear that wasn't very good though. I'm also a big Harry Potter geek. I've read all 7 books and have seen all 8 movies. As is usually the case, the books were way better, but I enjoyed all the movies.

A couple other recent ones that we have seen that stand out were the new Planet of the Apes prequel and the latest Pirates of the Caribbean. I honestly didn't expect either of them to be any good and was pleasantly surprised. I guess at this point it has become clear that I am not much of a fan of really thought provoking movies. Look, I do enough reading and talking in church groups and work for Toastmasters and the Runners Club that I hardly ever watch TV. So when I do, I want complete mindless

entertainment. That's why I watch completely mindless TV shows as well.

Unfortunately, it seems like sometimes the person who has to pick out the movies purposely picks out the worst ones he can find. This weekend fell somewhere in the middle - Friday's movie was A Dog's Life or something to that effect. It was so bad I couldn't even get Gillis to watch it. Saturday was Runaway - the train movie with Denzel - it was OK. Sunday was Something Borrowed - a romantic comedy with Kate Hudson - not really my genre, but as far as Rom-Coms go, it was decent.

So...what have you seen recently that has been worth it?

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