

JESUS LOVES YOU! (BUT HATES ME)



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ONE WOMAN'S COMEDIC JOURNEY FROM BELIEVER TO BLASPHEMER

City, State—Comedian Thea Deley takes the audience on a hilarious ride through her religious childhood in her solo show, "Jesus Loves You! (but hates me)" on *day, date, at venue*.

Hailed as "Paonia's Queen of Comedy" by the *Glenwood Springs Post Independent*, Deley weaves together spoof films, live music, game shows, and insightful standup to relate how she went from believer to blasphemer. Says playwright Marty Durlin, "Thea Deley has created a brave show—funny, serious and moving. As she indicts the religious right that warped her childhood, she also finds compassion for all concerned. Clever and deeply felt."

Likened to her idols Carol Burnett and Lily Tomlin, Deley brings to life 10 different characters during her show. Many come directly from her own life, like the Sunday School teacher who warned her not to brush with Satan's toothpaste. Others are people she wishes she had known as a kid, like the pro-sex abstinence teacher "Mrs. F."

The multimedia show features spoof commercials for products like the "No Sin Too Small Stoning Kit." Audience members have a chance to win irreverent prizes in games like "Bible Feud" and "Who Wants to Be a Virgin."

But it's not all fun and games. "Religion eventually caused a major division in my family," Deley says. "The more I questioned and disagreed with my parents' beliefs, the farther apart we grew." She realized the conflict in her own life was a microcosm of what's happening in the country. "When we disagree, we take sides and stop listening. That kind of 'Us versus Them' thinking is dividing families, communities, and our nation."

Deley hopes to help heal the division caused by religion with her show. By sharing—and laughing at—her own story, she opens the door for other people to do the same. "I loved Thea's show," said audience member Mary Lee Hauze. "I found it really healing. It gave me a new lease on life!"

Tickets are \$XX each at *venue/radio station, address*. Doors at *time* p.m.; show at *time* p.m. Mature audiences only (17+). More info and promo video at www.JesusLovesYouShow.com.

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