

Saint Spidey?

Parallels between Spiderman and Jesus

Talk with Uncle Ben and Wrestling match (scenes 9 & 10)

“With great power comes great responsibility”

Luke 12:48 “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.”

Both Jesus and Spiderman have natural and supernatural powers.

Both don’t use powers for self but for others.

Similarities between Jesus feeding the 5000 and Spiderman winning the wrestling match

What did they want to do with Jesus after the miracle John 6?

What did they want to do to Spiderman?

What or who motivates them? How do they handle their powers?

What powers have we been given? How do we know we have these powers

Ephesians 1:11-17; 2:8-10?

What does life look like if we respond to powers like Grace, Faith, etc;

What if we do not respond?

Perceive, Receive, Respond (connection between respond and responsibility)

Pharisees & the Temptation in the desert (scenes 20/21/23/27)

The Daily bugle is always trying to make Spiderman out to be a villain rather than a hero.

The authorities, police try to arrest Spiderman.

No matter what good you do they will hate you in the end (GG to SM)

Read Mark 8:31; Luke 20:17

In what ways did the Pharisees try to make Jesus out to be a false prophet?

The Green Goblin tries to turn Spiderman to his side to team up with him and do evil, tempt 3x.

What were the three temptations that Satan tempted Jesus with? Read Matthew 4:1-11

What are examples of modern ways that Satan tempts us that are similar to these three?

Why did Jesus not give in to temptation? Why did Spiderman not give in?

Misery, Misery, Misery is what you have chosen?

How is Christ’s life a life of misery? Read Psalm 22; Matthew 16:24

What motivates Spiderman, gives him strength? What motivates Christ?

Green Goblin says MJ and I are going to have a hell of a time.

Satan would like to talk all souls to hell Read Matthew 16:18

Green Goblin says that he has been like a father to Spiderman. Read John 8: 40-44

Talk with Mary Jane (scene 28)

The ones I love always seem to pay.

How do those in Spiderman's life pay.

How does Mary (7 sorrows), the Apostles (Martyrs), the Church pay?

Read John 15:18-20; Revelation 12:13; Matthew 5:10

When MJ was in harm she could only think of seeing Peter's face and that got her through.

Whose face does the Church long to see, where will we see that face?

Read John 1:35-39; Romans 5:3-4; Matthew 24:13 – Many awesome Saint quotes

There is only one person who has always been there for me. Read Matthew 28:20

Who makes me feel like I can be more than I every thought I can be. Read John 10:10

Saint Therese's motto was "To be as God wants me to be"

Saint Catherine of Siena said, "If we are what we should be we will set the whole world ablaze."

Agony in the Garden (scenes 33/34)

Why can't I have what I want, what I need? There is a hero in all of us

In the garden, Jesus says, "Not my will, but Yours be done" Matthew 26:36-46

How does Spiderman give up his own will to help others? What is his will?

How does Christ give up his own will or what he could have to save us?

In what was do we, have we given up our own will to do the will of God?

After Spiderman saves the child from the fire, he finds out that one person did not live.

How do the authorities treat Spiderman? How did they treat Jesus? Why? Luke 20:17; Mark 8:31

How does he feel after he finds this out? What does he realize?

It has been said, "If you who, if not now when?"

What will the world be like if you do not answer the call that God has for you?

Passion & Death (scenes 42, 43, 44)

Spiderman looks like he is being crucified to save those on the train, even with a cut shown on his side.

Spiderman is exhausted and the people take him from the front of the train and lay him, down as Jesus is taken from the cross and laid in His tomb.
Just as the weight of the train pressed upon Spiderman, the weight of our sins pressed upon Jesus.

Spiderman's motivation to use his power again was to save Mary Jane from Doc. Oct. Christ's motivation during the agony in the garden, the scourging, the crowning of thorns, the carrying of the cross and during the crucifixion was us the Church and each soul. This is why He said, "I thirst" because He thirsted for each soul.
A man on the train mentions that Spiderman can't be any older than his son.
Jesus is considered a simple man, the son of a carpenter.

Sacrifice (scene 47)

Sometimes we must give up the thing we want most.
What did Doc. Oct. have to give up? Why did he make that sacrifice?
If we don't do what we are called to do with the life we have been given, will we die a monster?

Tridium is what the source of power is called
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are called the Tridium and are our source of power.

I don't want to die a monster.

We are created beautiful in the image and likeness of God. We are called to say yes to God and allow him to conform us to the likeness of his Son, to be holy as Christ is holy
1 Peter 1:13-16; Romans 12:1-2.

If we do not conform to Christ and holiness then we begin to conform to the world and sinfulness and we begin to not reflect God's glory and in a sense become like a monster.

Intelligence and every talent is a gift and privilege to be used for the common good (not for selfishness)

Spiderman saves Mary Jane, lifting up metal beam saying "This is heavy"

Jesus saves the Church, lifting up sin and that sin is heavy.

Mary Jane recognizes Spiderman; the Church on earth with at the end of time recognize Christ completely face to face; right now we recognize Christ in the Eucharist, where He is disguised appearing as bread and wine.

Bride of Christ (scene 50)

Spiderman has always been there for Mary Jane; Christ is always there for the Church.
Matthew 28:20

Mary Jane can't survive without Spiderman; the Church can't survive without Christ.
John 15

It would be wrong to only live life as if you are half alive; half of yourself. John 10:10
Without Christ how are we half alive? Without Christ how are we only half of ourselves?

Mary Jane takes a risk committing to Spiderman. What are those risks?

What are the risks for us being the bride of Christ?

I am standing in your doorway, I have always been standing in your doorway. Every main basilica or holy shrine has a pair of holy doors that are opened every 50 years, every Jubilee year. The next Jubilee year is 2050. People cross over the Threshold of the door which symbolized crossing or passing from sin into Grace. Are we going to remain in the doorway or are we going to pass from sin to Grace and cross into a life with Christ. In American culture a groom carries his bride over the threshold of their new house. Christ is our groom and carries the Church, his bride from sin into Grace. 1 Peter 3:10-12; Psalm 34:15