

"And Jesus had killed them all."

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I'll join [the chorus maintaining](#) that this SNL sketch is aimed at Tarantino, not Jesus, and/or at bizarre distortions of Christianity, not Christianity itself:

But the reason I'm posting is to [link to Fred Clark's post](#) on [those Christians](#) who were offended by this video. Fred's spent a lot more time with the Left Behind series than I have—a feat I hope never to challenge—and he shares an excerpt from book 12:

Rayford watched through the binocs as men and women soldiers and horses seemed to explode where they stood. . . . As those around them turned to run, they too were slain, their blood pooling and rising in the unforgiving brightness of the glory of Christ. . . . And Jesus had killed them all.

I've omitted the most graphic parts. Fred then offers this:

This is received not as the most pernicious blasphemy imaginable, but as wholesome, biblical, family-friendly entertainment for good evangelical Christians. It's seen as *edifying*. It's part of a beloved and phenomenally popular series of books, published by a respectable evangelical Christian publishing house and sold in every Christian bookstore chain in the U.S.

Now, his first sentence doesn't have a subject, and I know plenty of evangelicals who *do* find this stuff offensive. The AFA, however—which [came out hard against](#) the SNL sketch—[sells the Left Behind films on its website](#). Why the double standard? Just the fact that one thing was created by evangelical insiders and the other by the Liberal Media?