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**Plot Summary**

In the stoning scene, the priest John Cleese gets into trouble because the mob waiting to stone his prisoner Mathias don’t distinguish between use and mention.

Matthias: Look, I’d had a lovely supper, and all I said to my wife was: “That piece of halibut was good enough for Jehovah!” The mob throw stones at him. Priest: ‘Now look. No-one is to stone anyone until I blow this whistle. Do you understand? Even, and I want to make this absolutely clear; even if they do say Jehovah.’ The enraged mob proceed to stone him and drop a huge stone on him.

Scene: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNeq2Utm0nU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNeq2Utm0nU)