FADE MUSIC/LIGHTS UP

Joseph walks up to an angel standing by a closed door, she's holding a clipboard and wears glasses.

JOSEPH

Excuse me. Where am I?

ANGEL

You're at heaven's door. Name?

JOSEPH

Oh, uh. Joseph of Nazareth.

ANGEL

What, like THE Joseph of Nazareth?

JOSEPH

Yeah. I guess. Did I die?

ANGEL

Absolutely. Crushed by a pillar. Blood everywhere. Real nasty. -But you're Jesus' step-father? I didn't expect you up here so soon.

JOSEPH

Wow. Me neither... Can I come in?

ANGEL

Oh, no. No one's allowed in yet.

JOSEPH

What the hell? Where are all the good dead people then?

ANGEL

They're in like a waiting area, limbo, purgatory type world.

JOSEPH

You'd expect the father of Jesus-

ANGEL

Step-father.

JOSEPH

Whatever! Can I speak to God? GOD! God?! You in there? Hello?

He spots GOD peeking from behind a magazine.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

God, is that you?

God lowers the magazine pretending to just see him.

GOD

Oh, hey Jo! You died? Tough break.

JOSEPH

Yeah, I'm being told I can't get into heaven. What gives?

ANGEL

Sorry, Lord. I tried to tell him.

GOD

Listen, Joey, we can't let people in til your son, well, technically my son, well, technically me in body form, well technically a third of me, is gruesomely murdered.

JOSEPH

So I have to chill in a waiting area with all the normal people?

ANGEL

Mr. Nazareth, it's just a couple more decades. Give or take.

JOSEPH

But it's meeeeee.

GOD

We're cleaning up the place. Making sure everything is soul safe. I can't just start letting people in.

Two men in robes greet God.

GOD (CONT'D)

Enoch, Elijah. What's up, fellahs?

He opens the door for them and they walk into heaven.

JOSEPH

Really? Them? They barely did anything! I helped raise your son!

GOD

Technically everyone is my child. And to be honest, Jesus is the most behaved. It was an easy gig. JOSEPH

You made my wife pregnant premarriage!

GOD

At least I asked first. I very rarely warn women they're about to be pregnant. Almost never.

MIC VO:

ANGEL INTERCOM (VO)
Paging God. Paging Lord almighty
God. Your table of two humans, an
entity and 72 virgins is ready.

COD

Oops! Gotta fly. Bye, Jojo!

Angel directs Joseph to stand behind a naked MAN in line.

MAN

Hey, Adam.

JOSEPH

Joseph of Nazareth. Are you THE Adam?

MAN

In the flesh.

JOSEPH

Wow. They didn't even let you into heaven? ... Where's Eve?

MAN

Who? Oh. You mean Steve. Yeah, he's not up here. He ate the apple first. Fuckin' bull shit.

JOSEPH

If they didn't let you in I guess it makes sense they wouldn't let Jesus' dad in.

MAN

You mean Step-dad?

JOSEPH

WHAT! EVER!

HOLY BLACKOUT

SFX:

'KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR' TRANSITION MUSIC TRACK #