

BLACK JESUS NOT AN ISSUE

News reports about the upcoming movie, “Bruno” (featuring Sacha Baron Cohen of “Borat” fame), say there is a black model called Jesus who wears a loincloth and a crown of thorns. Some media pundits are saying this is sure to offend Christians.

In many African American neighborhoods there are Catholic and Protestant churches that display statues of a black Jesus; artistic renditions of a black Jesus are also commonplace throughout the country. No one but racists and the hypersensitive object. What matters is not the color of Jesus, but how the Jesus-figure is portrayed.

If the depiction of Jesus in this movie is not offensive, then the Catholic League will not protest. If it is, we will. Our concern is that Sacha Baron Cohen has a reputation for being edgy. So if the Jesus character is mocked or is in any way disrespectful, we will respond accordingly.