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## SCOTTISH ANGELS, MILK CRATES AND JESUS

Storyteller performs from Luke's Gospel word-for-word

MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL

23 Sept-11 Oct '09

**Two Fringe Shows: Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am & 6pm, FREE TICKETS**James Squire Brewhouse
G16/439 Docklands Drv. Docklands
For details for other shows, visit our <u>website</u>.

Robert Turnbull from *The Backyard Bard* performs Luke's Gospel word-for-word in an epic feat of memory. In the tradition of Alec McCowen's 1979 Tony nominated performance of Mark's Gospel, '*Jesus: According to Luke*' reveals the drama residing in this ancient biblical text. Using merely a chair and two milk crates, Robert recreates each scene and character using the powerful craft of storytelling.

Melbourne theatre company *The Backyard Bard* has produced Shakespearean and Biblical Storytelling productions since 2003. Robert has played lead roles in *Daniel* (2005), *Elijah* (2007) and *Elisha* (2008) and directed *Esther* in the 2006 Melbourne Fringe. He also performed Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Parliament House when Kevin Rudd launched the 'Poverty and Justice Bible'. Robert is performing both *Jesus: According to Luke* and *The Book of Revelation* in the 2009 Melbourne Fringe Festival. This means he will have performed almost 25% of the New Testament and 9% of the entire Bible.

The Gospel of Luke was written in the second half of the first century by a doctor who used eye-witness sources to compile his chronicle of Jesus' life. His account presents a radical Jesus, despised for his scandalous social behaviour and celebrated by outsiders and the destitute.

Told with humour, passion and even Scottish angels, *Jesus: According to Luke* will appeal to both the Homer Simpsons and the Ned Flanders among us.



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