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Beginning Sunday

## **WSOC To Present**

## "Jesus Of Nazareth"

"Jesus of Nazareth," a sixhour Biblical epic with a cast of internationally famous stars, will be "The Big Event" Easter season presentation on two successive Sundays, Apr. 3 and Apr. 10 from 8-11 p.m. on Channel Nine.



Julian Bond ...Georgia State Senator

#### **Julian Bond**

#### To Host NBC's

### Saturday Night

Gerogia State Senator Julian Bond becomes the third non-entertainment figure to host "NBC's Saturday Night" when he headlines the April 9 edition on Channel 9 at 11:30 p.m.

Bond will join the show's repertory company, The Not Ready For Prime Time Players; and Brick, a group from Atlanta, will be musical guests.

Bond's "Saturday Night" hosting assignment will be his first entertainment program appearance on television, though he has been on countless news-oriented shows. He recently had a role in a soon-to-be-released film, 'Greased Lightning,' which stars Richard Pryor and Pam

#### UNCC To Host

#### Moravian Love Feast

A Moravian Love Feast will be conducted at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5 in observance of Holy Week.

The service is sponsored by the United Religious Ministry at UNCC. British actor Robert Powell stars as Jesus Christ in the program. A partial list of the guest-starring roles includes Anne Bañcroft, Ernest Borgnine, Claudia Cardinale, James Earl Jones, James Mason, Laurence Olivier, Anthony Quinn, Peter Ustinov, Rod Steiger and Valentina Cortese.

The first telecast, Apr. 3, begins in the village of Nazareth and tells the story of the Christ Child's birth in Bethlehem; followed by the flight of Mary. Joseph and Jesus into Egypt and the baptism of Jesus by John.

Among the miracles included in the first telecast are Jesus' healing of the possessed boy, the filling of Simon Peter's empty fishing nets and the bringing back to life of a dead girl.

Simon Peter, Thomas and Matthew join the ranks of His followers as word of His teaching and miracles swells the size of His audiences.

Meanwhile, Joseph dies, John the Baptist is slain, Mary Magdelene learns about the preachings of Jesus, and a Pharisee, Joseph of Arimathea, takes note of Jesus' teaching. Jesus has His first meeting with Judas as the first half of the program ends.

The second telecast, Apr. 10, will show Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, His fateful journey to Jerusalem at the time of Passover, the Passover supper, Jesus' turmoil in the garden of Gethsemane, the actions of Judas and Pontius Pilate's decision to sentence Jesus and free Barabbas, and the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

#### Commissioners

#### Meeting To Be

#### **Televised**

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will hold its first monthly televised meeting Monday, April 4. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center and will be video taped by WTVI for delayed broadcast at 9 o'clock Monday evening.

The Board has voted to have one meeting a month televised, alternating business meetings with soning hearings. The April 4 meeting will be a business meeting.



**ACTRESS MELBA MOORE** 

..... Touches the heart, soul

# Singer Melba Moore Is

## Coming To Town April 8

By Deborah Gates Post Statt Writer

Many of you may remember the big eyed child like girl that played opposite the handsome Clifton Davis in a summer fill in a few years ago, or many may have seen or heard of her in the Broadway production of "Hair" and "Purlie," Now. those of you who saw and liked, or those who just remember the stories told of this child like creature who has a voice ten times her size, will have an opportunity to see at Ovens Auditorium on Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m.

Yes, this beauty, in features and in voice, will touch the hearts and souls of many Charlotteans along with Michael Henderson, singer and composer of "You Are My Starship," and "Be My Girl."

Melba, who was brought up in New York with music being an integral part of her home environment, demonstrates that her childhood ambition has become a life long commitment as she bursts on stages across the country to deliver songs to many eager

Melba started her career backing such greats as Aretha Franklin, Johnny Mathis, Andy Williams, Dionne Warwick, Jerry Butler, and Henry Belafonte

But now she's on her own. Besides her hit appearances in "Purlie" and "Hair," she was the first Black artist to be featured in a one-woman concert at the prestigious Metropolitan Opera House in New York's Lincoln Center on December 12, 1976.

She's also been the recipient of numerous awards including the Tony Award, New York Critics Award, The Variety Award, and The Drama Desk

Award as "Best Actress In a Musical."

Musical.

Buddah Records signed Melba to an exclusive long-term recording contract in October, 1974, and released her debut album, "Peach Melba," in February of the next year

In March 1976, Melba's second album, "This Is It," met with monumental success. Produced by Van McCoy at New York City's Media Sound Studios, it is an exciting projection of Melba's astounding talents. Van and Melba reunited later that year for the very successful "Melba" LP.

To add to all of her other credits, Melba's appeared in two movies, "Pigeons" and "Lost in the Stars."

Tickets are on sale for this superb show at Oven's box office, all area Sears and the National Hat Shop.

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