

Episode 34: *Juno*

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Ellen Page and Michael Cera in *Juno*

On this week's episode of *Technicolor Jesus*, Matt and Adam talk about the 2007 hit movie *Juno* with writer, speaker, and pastor Carol Howard Merrit. *Juno* is the story of Juno McGuff, a high school junior who discovers she's pregnant. Juno eventually decides to carry the baby to term and find adoptive parents. Directed by Jason Reitman and written by Diablo Cody, the movie touches on the typical high school movie themes of maturity, identity, and finding love, but it is something more. *Juno* is not just a high school romantic comedy, it is something a bit more hard-nosed, a bit more honest, and a bit more surprising than most of its peers.

In the first segment, the group discusses how *Juno* helps make sense of the Advent season and Mary's role as a parent. In the second segment, the group examines the lectionary passages for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B, and how a young

pregnant woman has a unique vantage to understand the world. Finally, in the last segment, Matt finds hope in a new children's book, and Adam marvels at breath control. So friends, the time is drawing nigh, and while you wrap presents, catch up on another episode of *Technicolor Jesus*.

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Carol Howard Merritt is a well-known pastor, writer, and speaker, whose books include [Tribal Church](#) and the recent [Healing Spiritual Wounds](#). She's also a blogger at our host publication, [the Christian Century](#).

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