

EPISODE EIGHT

Death in the Shower

BLUE MAN - SCENE 41 HEAD OF A PRISON GANG

Blue Man is a tough leader, but he stops short of being a really dark figure, as he would if he was the leader of a street gang (that exists both inside the prison and outside, on the street). James meets him in this scene and sees part of Blue Man's character. James meets Blue Man when he first arrives at the prison, in Episode 6. In Scene 41, Blue Man gets angry at James for trying to get him to join the prison ministry. This is a powerful scene and it occurs just prior to Blue Man breaking down and joining the prison ministry.

Scene 41 "Blue Man Rebukes James"

41 JAMES CELL. INT. NIGHT.

JAMES

You know you don't have to do this.

BLUE MAN

Do what?

JAMES

Any of it. You don't have to be part of it.

BLUE MAN

What are you talking about?

JAMES

You could walk away. I know you are not part of a street gang. Prison gangs just exist in here. It's not like you are married to a life of crime.

BLUE MAN

(long pause as he considers what James just said.)

Look kid, you don't know nothing. You understand me? I know all about you. I know you go to the prison Ministry. That keeps you out of a lot of

trouble, but it don't have anything to do with me. You don't know anything about me.

(Pauses again before continuing)

I am a sinner. I like to sin. I like sex, drugs and rock and roll. That's how I grew up. It's all I know. It's all I want to know. So don't think you can try and get me to join that group of yours. I don't give a damn about your religion. You can take God and Jesus and jump in the lake with them but I'm not getting in.

(Getting angry)

My life is what it is, and I like it that way. There is no fixing me. You understand! I don't want to be fixed. I never knew my daddy and my mother was a hooker who disappeared when I was ten years old. Nobody ever cared about me, and I don't care about nobody... especially you. Damn it! Don't ever talk to me about this again... Understand!

JAMES

(long pause)

If you change your mind, let me know.

BLUE MAN

(pauses, almost gets angry... then he relaxes)
You are one SOB!

Blue Man turns and walks out of the cell.