

Review: J & J Productions, *The Forgotten Martyr -Lady Jane Grey*, 2011

Runtime: 15 minutes

A brief but polished drama about Lady Jane Grey, who reigned only nine days as Queen of England. The introductory scene change from a modern library is a little cliched, also too long for a short-film. The set atmosphere is persuasive, the performances adequate. The DVD extras are out of place, especially the outtakes of the young actress. These betray her immaturity as a Christian when dealing with a subject matter of such gravity, and the resulting affectedness of her acting.

Unfortunately there is little depth as to Jane's background, cousin (Bloody) Mary's Roman Catholicism, circumstances surrounding the execution, and the Protestant Reformation in general. This betrays a gap in Christian cinema for a sufficient documentary or docu-drama.

A narration of Jane's letter to her sister Catherine on the eve of her execution evidences her strong faith. She was beheaded February 12, 1554 for refusing to recant.