



## Spiderman 3

The opening credits show brief sections from the previous two movies to remind viewers of what has already happened. Three really is the magic number with this film. Three Villains. Three women. Three morals.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

Spiderman 3 surprisingly has several very strong moral messages. The most central is that of revenge. It seems everyone is out for revenge. Peter wants revenge on the Killer of his uncle. Harry wants revenge on Spiderman for killing his father. Brock wants revenge on Peter Parker for ruining his career. As Peter becomes a host for the Symbiote it is strengthened by the feelings of revenge and hatred already within his heart. The result being Peter is transformed into something that he wasn't, but at the same time releasing new power within Spiderman. Black Spiderman is more powerful and more agile than ordinary blue & red Spiderman.

At first overcome by evil, Peter goes against the wise words from his Aunt May, “Humans, do not have the right to deal out death”. He decides not to leave vengeance in the hands of those who have the right to deal it. Instead he goes in search of Flint Marko, the man who really killed

his Uncle Ben. Villain one is born. Marko is on the run after escaping prison and runs right into the path of a government experiment. He turns to sand in front of your eyes only to instantly reform to become the Sandman. Marko isn't an evil man but feels he has no choice other than to commit crimes to save his dying daughter. Sandman causes complete chaos as he rages through town, seemingly unstoppable. The final showdown between Marko and Peter Parker saw the flood gates open for me. As tears rolled down my cheeks, Marko realises he can never be with his daughter and literally lets himself be blown off in the wind.

“If you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you.” (Mark 11:25)

Forgiveness is also a strong theme. At first, an angry Peter shouts at reporter rival Eddie Brock, “If you want forgiveness, get religion.” Villain two is born. Brock's determination to bring Spiderman down sees jealousy consume him as Peter Parker triumphs over him. Next Brock is seen in a Catholic Church asking God to take Spiderman out of his life.



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At the same moment Spiderman is battling to free himself from the Symbiote in the tower. Standing below the tower Brock becomes the new host for the Symbiote and Venom is created. Feasting on the hatred Brock feels Venom teams up with Sandman to take Spiderman out. But later, Peter is told that we have to be able to forgive others if we want to be able to forgive ourselves. Finally Peter Parker is able to fight off his inner demons, and try to overcome the evil in his enemies by "doing good" or trying to help them. He battles to realise Brock from the Symbiote but consumed only by revenge, Brock is destroyed with it.

"Stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self becomes worse, because people are fooled

by the evil things they want to do." (Eph 4:22)

Harry is consumed by grief & a thirst for revenge. He thinks Spiderman killed his father, the Green Goblin. Enter villain three. The Hob Goblin. Black Spiderman & Hob Goblin are evenly matched when they meet but in the end turning Hob Goblins own explosives on him Spiderman is victorious. When Harry is next seen the mark of that defeat is seen in his badly burnt face. In the end Harry must make a choice when Peter comes to him for help to save Mary-Jane and the city; take the path to forgiveness or the path to revenge. You start to think he just couldn't bring himself to forgive Peter but as always at the last moment he comes to the rescue. The partnership of Hob Goblin & Spiderman makes for

some thrilling fight sequences against Sandman & Venom.

Catastrophically Harry ends up paying the ultimate sacrifice for his friend. Here I think the river of tears just about burst.

So the hype turned out to be worth it for me. An all round exciting viewing; edge of the seat, exhilarating, emotionally exhausting film.

Wise words from Peter Parker "Whatever battles we have raging inside us, we always have a choice. It's the choices that make us who we are and we can always choose to do what's right." "Whatever battles we have raging inside us, we always have a choice. It's the choices that make us who we are and we can always choose to do what's right."