

# **“John Wick: Chapter 4” (no spoiler Review)**

## **An epic action cinematic masterpiece!**

There are certainly no shortages of bodies in “John Wick: Chapter 4” while he continues his quest to escape the “High Table” by either killing them all or die trying. However, as we’ve seen in the past it’s hard to escape a Global Mob Syndicate. It would take more than fighting and exceptional action sequences and gun play to do so. John Wick, first burst on to the screen in 2014, that changed the world of action movies as we knew them.

Of course Keanu Reeves is no stranger to changing the way we look at action movies when “The Matrix” was released in 1999. That movie and the sequels that followed changed everything and broke the formula when it came to action movies. Although Lawrence Fishburne has a small role in the Wick franchise, the two once again reunite and change the genre of action movies once again for a new generation.

At the end of chapter 3, John was excommunicated from the “High Table” and given a bounty on his head so big that it could not be ignored. We also saw “The Manager” (played by Ian McShane) of the New York Chapter of the Continental shoot Wick at the end of chapter 3 but since Wick’s body was never found the “High Table” knew that he was still alive and the chase for him was not over.

As a result of them helping John, The New York Continental was deconsecrated and blown up and “The Manager, and his concierge played by the late Lance Reddick (who passed away on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 60) were also excommunicated.

If there is one thing that “John Wick” films are know for is that there are going to be a lot of killing but could they top what they had done in the previous films? The simple answer is “yes, hell yes”. I don’t know who comes up with the ideas to what extent John Wick’s assassin skills are but damn the execution (no pun intended) really put the last three films to shame. The action sequences were amazing, and the gun play was nothing short of perfection, and just when you

think that they couldn't top everything that they had done in all three previous films they did just that in a way could put the previous ones to shame.

There couldn't have been a clearer choice for the backdrop of this film that Paris, France. The city plays just as much of an important role as do the characters do. From a ridiculous fun and exciting gun battle to escape a building to what can only be described as an "unbelievable" battle on the streets of Paris was done flawlessly. This fourth installment did have short periods of down time where there was no action but they were just as integral in this film to move the story along.

A true assassin's most powerful tool is not the skills of combat or the ability to kill but that of the use of cunningness and knowledge. In the simplest terms "John Wick: Chapter 4" shows just how powerful knowledge really is. Since I won't spoil anything for you (just make sure you stay until the credits completely end before leaving the theater).

From one of the slickest and coolest monologues that could only be delivered by Laurence Fishburne to a final duel of 30 paces to the shocking ending of the film, quickly made it my favorite of the franchise. It also happens to be the longest of the Wick films with a runtime of 2 hours and 49 minutes that flew by and had me wishing that it was longer.

If you are a fan of the Wick Franchise, then you will not be disappointed and if you are just a fan of action movies in general you will be asking yourselves "why can't other action movies do what "John Wick" can? In my opinion this is a must watch and giving it a well-deserved **9/10**.

Let me know if you've seen or plan on seeing "John Wick: Chapter 4" and what you thought of the film.