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The Life of Jesus As Told In The Four Gospels



Scene 22: Famous Last Words!

Jesus' Trial, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (Mt 27:11-66;
Mk 15:6-47; Lk 23; Jn 18:28-40; Jn 19:16-42)

Choose Your Actors: Narrator, Chief Priests and Scribes, Council and Crowd (can be more than one person), Pilate (the Roman Governor), Jesus, Simon of Cyrene; Criminal 1 and 2, Roman Commander, Joseph, Nicodemus, Tomb Guards, Mary-the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, the Other Mary.

Props: bowl filled with water, robe, crown of "thorns," sticks, life-sized paper crosses, sign for over Jesus' cross: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS, dice, large bed sheet

Director: Lights, Camera, Action!

Part One: Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

Narrator: After questioning Jesus, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the Roman Governor, to hear their case.

Council: This man is a threat to our nation! He forbids people to pay taxes to Caesar!

Council: He even claims to be the Messiah himself!

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You have said so.

Pilate: (to the chief priest and crowd) I find no basis for a charge against this man.

Crowd: His teaching is a problem for everyone here in Judea.

Crowd: Yeah. He started in Galilee and then came here to stir up trouble.

Pilate: Is he a Galilean?

Crowd: Yes! He's from Galilee. We don't need this kind of trouble here.

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Pilate: Well then, he's under Herod's authority. Let him deal with this trouble. Send him to Herod!

Crowd: (takes Jesus before Herod.)

Herod: Jesus! I've heard so much about you! I've wanted to meet you for a long time. Could you do one of those miracles that I've heard so much about?

Narrator: Herod asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus did not answer him.

Chief priests: Speak up, Jesus!

Scribes: What's wrong with you? You claim to know God. Defend yourself!

Herod: (annoyed) Why don't you answer my questions? Perform a miracle! Don't you know who I am?

Soldiers: (putting a robe on Jesus) Let's dress him up like the king he claims to be!

Herod: (mocking) Oh Jesus, that robe looks marvelous on you! Come on, O king, do a miracle.

Crowd: Yeah, do a miracle and then we'll believe!

Herod: I've had enough of this so-called king! I'm sending you back to Pilate now.

(Chief priests and Crowd brings Jesus back to Pilate)

Pilate: Listen up, everyone. I do not think Jesus is guilty of anything. The charges you brought against him don't hold up. Herod agrees with me, which is why he sent him back! Jesus hasn't done anything that deserves death!

Priests and Crowd: No, kill him!

Pilate: Look here, people, to make you all happy, I'll have him whipped.

Priests and Crowd: No, no, no! Crucify him! Release your prisoner, Barabbas, to us. We'll take him in exchange for Jesus!

Pilate: Why? What evil has Jesus done? I haven't found a reason to kill him!

Priests and Crowd: Yes, crucify Jesus! Crucify Him!

Pilate: You want Barabbas-a known murderer-in exchange for Jesus?

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