

The Day Jesus Was Crucified by Cleveland O. McLeish

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The Original Stageplay



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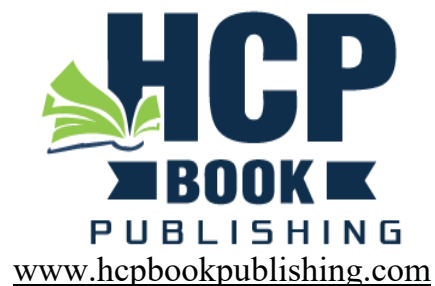


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Characters

MARY OF NAZARETH

JUDAS ISCARIOT

PETER

SIMON

PILATE

HIGH PRIEST

Setting

The stage will be bare through each monologue.

The Story

This is a collection of Six (6) Monologues that look at the thoughts and emotions of some of the characters involved in or were witnesses to the crucifixion of Christ.

Included are various scriptures from the Bible relating to Christ's journey to the Cross as well as song suggestions in between scenes that can utilize the various other ministries such as Dance, Sign Language & Mime.

The Characters: MARY OF NAZARETH, JUDAS ISCARIOT, SIMON, PETER, HIGH PRIEST & PILATE.

Play Details

Length: 30 Minutes

Cast: 5 males, 1 females.

Audience: Teens & Adults

Genre: Biblical Drama

The Script



DANCE TO: "Were You There by Selah"

VOICE: I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the LORD.

Enter Judas

JUDAS: Thirty pieces of silver. *(Counts the money in his hand)* That's the price I put on the head of the Son of God. Seemed like easy money at the time. *(pause)* He encouraged a life of faith not thinking about what to eat and what to wear... but just living in the moment knowing that His Father would provide. It's hard to wait on God. Its nerve racking sometimes when the bills become due and we see something we really want. I know some of you can relate.

(Counts the money again)

Thirty pieces of silver. That's the price for betraying God's son. After all, I saw Him do...the miracles...I thought Him being arrested was impossible. He does command legions of angels....so at the time it seemed like easy money. He knew what was coming...He knew I would take the money and point Him out to those who wanted to get rid of Him. He knew it would happen and I was powerless to stop it. It felt like I had to do it...as if, somehow, it was my purpose.

I betrayed him with a kiss. They took Him. Stripped him of his clothes and whip him till the flesh begun to peel away from His bones. I could not bear to watch. God's Son subjected to the cruelty of mortal men. How can He be who He said He was? I created the opportunity for Him to prove they could not overpower Him. He was to rule and take the throne of David but instead...He proved us all wrong. We believed a lie.

They got what they wanted and I got my thirty pieces of silver, but what value is money to a human life when now I feel like I have nothing to live for. (*Throws away the money*) I can't believe I could be so stupid.

Judas walks to the exit. He stops and picks up a piece of rope from off the ground. He exits with the rope.

VOICE: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.