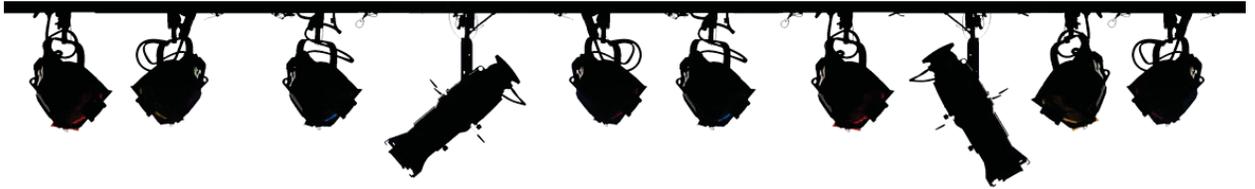


The Day Jesus Was Born

The Original Stageplay



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Characters

MARY OF NAZARETH

JOSEPH

WISE MAN

SHEPHERD

HEROD

ELIZABETH

INNKEEPER

Setting

The stage can be bare, with maybe a few palm trees and a rock (*rock should be strong enough to sit on*)

The Characters should enter from different parts of the stage.

The Story

The birth of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding His entry into this world had a significant impact on many, some more than others. These monologues seek to explore the emotional side of some of these characters interpretation of what was going on.

It was an event that changed history itself. With the help of some well-known songs and, if possible, an established dance ministry, let us sit back and hear what these characters have to say.

The Characters: MARY OF NAZARETH, JOSEPH, WISE MAN, SHEPHERD, HEROD, ELIZABETH & INNKEEPER.

Play Details

Length: 30 Minutes

Cast: 5 Males, 2 Females, Plus extras.

Audience: Children, Teens & Adults

Genre: Biblical Drama

THE SCRIPT



Scene 1

LIGHTS UP

DANCE – “Mary Did You Know”

ANGELS VOICE: Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name
Immanuel.

(Mary enters, pacing back and forth on the stage)

MARY: This has to be a dream. Who am I that I should bear Gods son? How am I going to tell Joseph without him assuming that I have been with someone else? I did not expect this at all. I had my day all planned out. I would get up, do some washing and cleaning and ---

(excited)

--- take a long walk into Jerusalem to find that perfect wedding dress, and shoes, and ---

(her excitement fades)

--- now I hear that I will conceive and bear a son. Me, a simple old-fashioned village girl --- highly favored of God, above all women.

(pause)

Me!

(finds a place to sit)

I am not worthy. I don't even know how to think about this. I mean, how many women get a chance to see an angel --- to see God ---

(touches her stomach)

--- to be the mother of the Savior, the Redeemer, the One who will come and set captives free, give liberty to the oppressed --- save us.

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(pause)

I must go and see Elizabeth. If she is pregnant as the angel says, then that means this is not a dream and if this is not a dream --- *(starts to get excited)* Then I am going to be the mother of Gods Son.

(pause --- her excitement fades)

Joseph is going to kill me.

(pause) – Mary exits.

LIGHTS OUT