

*BEHOLD HE COMES*

*Original Tent - Skit*

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## *THE SCRIPT*

*Background music plays*

*Individuals storm the church from all direction. They carry a bag filled with (newspaper stones)*

*They search the audience until they find who they are looking for.*

**MEMBER:** *(pointing)* I think I found one.

*They grab her and drag her screaming to the stage.*

*Narrator speaks.*

**NARATOR:** I remember a time...when every sin bore a physical consequence. Some unto prison bars and heavy chains and others....unto death.

*The crowd stones the woman to death.*

**NARATOR:** I think those people took pleasure in what they do...condemning every sinner to a stony grave...

*The crowd moves about the audience again.*

**MEMBER:** Here's another one!

*They also drag her to the stage and stone her...*

**NARATIVE:** Sometimes I think they would just stone people randomly.

*The crowd throws stones at everyone...*

**NARATIVE:** And even innocent people get caught in the cross fire....but it was the law and the law had to be honoured.

*Cell Phone rings,*

*Member silences everyone as he answers.*

**MEMBER:** Yellow.

*He listens.*

**MEMBER:** New Hampshire?....Are you sure?....We're on our way...

*He hangs up and run off. The others follow close behind him.*

**NARATOR:** I remember a time when one man had to give an account for every sin...

*A Priest enters with a servant close behind. The servant carries a long rope.*

*When they get to the stage...the servant ties the rope around the Priests ankle  
And the priest disappears offstage.*

**NARATOR:** The Priest had to be sin free before he enters the Holy of holies or...

*The servant pulls on the rope, but only a shoe is tied to the other end.*

**NARATOR:** He would not come out alive.

*Servant exits, dismayed.*

**NARATOR:** I remember a time when animal sacrifices were made for our sins....

*Two men meet at CS. John has a knife in his hand.*

**JOHN:** Do you have a pigeon I could borrow? I just told a lie and I'm fresh out of animals.

**JACK:** I only have two and I'm sure I'll need them later.

**JOHN:** Well, do you have any goat or sheep? I need a dozen to borrow till weekend.

**JACK:** Sorry...

**JOHN:** How about if I took them on consignment. Half now, half weekend.

**JACK:** I can't help you man.

*Jack exits.*

**JOHN:** My God...what am I supposed to do now?

*He exits crying.*

**NARATOR:** I can also recall instances where certain sins required men to bathe to cleanse themselves. I assume also that this must have been...inconvenient.

*A mother chases her son onstage with a broom in her hand. The son stops running  
And shields his head.*

**MOTHER:** I still can't believe you used two dozen soap...in one week.

**SON:** But Ma, you know the law.

**MOTHER:** I don't care. You'll be using pure water from now on.

*Mother exits.*

**NARATOR:** Frustration was at its peak for mankind as they struggle to live up to the laws set forth by God. But it was clear that man was doomed if the law was the only source for determining the righteousness of men. This trend continued until one day...

*Mary Magdalene is chased around the tent by the stoners. They eventually catch Her and drag her to stage.*

*They try to catch their breathe.*

**NARATOR:** Under normal circumstances, Mary would be dead...but on this day the soft gentle steps of a man approaching the crowd could be heard. All heads turn to watch as this man came closer...one step at a time.

*Jesus enters and gently makes his way to the crowd.*

**NARATOR:** He is called by many names...Emmanuel "God With Us", Saviour, Messiah, Everlasting King, Prince of Peace, the Bright and Morning Star, Wonderful, Councillor, Soon coming King...the conquering lion of the tribe of Judah...He was a carpenters son...and a whole lot more...he is man and he is God...Mary called him Son...but I call him LORD...demons knew him by name...they trembled among themselves as he approached whispering..."Jesus, thou Son of God, Why have you come to torment us..." they brought death upon mankind, but Jesus came and He brought life...Ladies and gentlemen our lives changed when He came...His name.....

**MARY:** Jesus....please help me.

*Mary crawls to his feet.*

**MEMBER:** Move stranger...or we will stone her at your feet.

**JESUS:** Why? What has she done?

**MEMBER:** She was caught in the act of adultery. You know what the law says. Have you come to break these laws?

**JESUS:** No...I have come that they may be fulfilled.

**MEMBER:** Step aside...or we'll stone you also.

*JESUS stoops down and writes something on the ground.*

**MEMBER:** Step aside.

**JESUS:** Let he who is without sin, cast the first stone.

*The members all look to each other. They know they are as vile as Mary is.*

*They take off their stone bags and cast it down one by one and exits.*

*Jesus helps Mary to her feet.*

**MARY:** Forgive me.

**JESUS:** Your sins are forgiven. Go and sin no more.

*Mary exits in one direction, Jesus in another.*

**NARATOR:** Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. *(pause)*  
Give your life to Him...After all...He gave his life for you.

**END.**