

Palm Sunday

Act 1: Palm Sunday

Characters: Narrator, Jesus, crowd, donkey

Narrator: Jesus had done many miracles among the people in Israel. He turned water into wine, healed the sick, made the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, cleansed lepers, raised the dead, fed multitudes with seven loaves of bread a few little fishes, and many other healings.

Narrator: Zachariah 9:9

Scene: Jesus is riding into Jerusalem on a donkey; the crowd is laying clothes and palm leaves on the ground for Jesus to cross over on the way and they are shouting, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." (Matthew 21:1-11).

Narrator: Read from Matthew 21: 1-9

1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethpage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2. Saying unto them, "Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find a donkey tied and a colt with her: loose them and bring them unto me."
3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon a donkey, and a colt the foal of a donkey.
6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7. And brought the donkey, and colt, and put on them their clothes and they set him thereon.

Crowd: Some actors will be putting garments on the donkey and the colt and laying down palm branches and garments.

Crowd: Shouting: Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the Highest.

Narrator: And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying Who is this?

Song: Children will sing "Hosanna" by Kid's Worship songs.

Act 2: The Lord's Supper

Matthew 26: 17-30

Characters: Jesus and the 12 disciples.

Narrator:

17: Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?

18. And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.

19. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.

20. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21. And as they did eat, he said, ...

(Scene: Jesus and the 12 are sitting at a table in the upper room)

Jesus: Verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Each of the twelve: Is it I?

Jesus: He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

Woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Judas: Master, is it I?

Jesus: Thou hast said.

Narrator: After Jesus and the disciples partook of the sacrament, they sung a hymn and went out into the mount of Olives.

Congregation sings: 381 Here at Thy Table Lord.

Congregation sings: The Last Supper Song by Bernard Sexton

Act 3: In the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-56

Scene: Jesus and the twelve are in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Narrator: vs. 36: Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, and he began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Jesus: My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

Narrator: And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed saying...

Jesus: O, my Father, it if be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Congregation sings: The Lord's Prayer

Narrator: And he came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter...

Jesus: What, could you not watch with me one hour?

Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying...

Jesus: O my father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Congregation sings: In the Garden

Narrator: And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to his disciples and said to them...

Jesus: Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Narrator: And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever shall kiss that same is he: hold him fast.

And Judas come to Jesus and said..

Judas: Hail master (Judas kisses Jesus on the cheek)

Scene: Peter cuts off an ear of one of the multitude.

Jesus: Put up your sword; for all they that take the sword shall die with the sword.

(Jesus puts the ear back on)

Do you not know that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall now give me more than twelve legions of angels? But, the scriptures must be fulfilled, that it must be?

Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and stave to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. All this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Narrator: Jesus leaves with the multitude and the disciples run away.

Easter Sunday

Act 4: **Crucifixion**

Narrator: Matthew 27: 27-37

Scene: Have Jesus hanging on the cross or a picture of three crosses on video on the screen and have the song, "At the Cross" by Chris Tomlin playing. The congregation will be silent.

Act 5: **The resurrection and the dissension of Christ into the America's.**

Narrator: Reads 3rd Nephi chapter 4: 3-21

Lights Out: Everything Dark!

Caleb will make the sounds of the storms.

Scene: People howling, and crying, saying, "Oh, that we had repented, and not killed, stoned, and cast out the prophets. Then all our families would still be alive.

Narrator: And it came to pass that there was a voice heard among all the inhabitants of the earth upon all the face of the land crying:

Jesus vs. 26-27: Wo, wo, wo unto this people; wo unto the inhabitants of the whole earth, except they shall repent, for the devil laugheth, and his angels rejoice, because of the slain of the fair sons and daughters of my people; and it is because of their iniquity and abominations that they are fallen.

Vs. 40: And many great destructions have I caused to come upon this land, and upon this people, because of their wickedness and their abominations.

Vs. 44: Behold I am Jesus Christ, the son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are.

45: I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

Narrator: Jesus spoke many more words unto the people and there was silence in the land for many hours. They stopped howling and crying for the loss of their families.

Vs. 61: And it came to pass that thus did the three days pass away.

62: And it was in the morning and the darkness dispersed from off the face of the land, and the earth did cease to tremble, and the rocks did cease to rend, and the dreadful groanings did cease, and all the tumultuous noises did pass away.

Light Returns to the play! Turn on the lights

People are talking about this Jesus Christ and marveling at the changes in the land.

Narrator: And it came to pass that while they were thus conversing one with another, they heard a voice, as if it came out of heaven; and they cast they eyes round about, for they understood not the voice which they heard.

It was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice, nevertheless, and notwithstanding it being a small voice, it did pierce them that did hear, to the center, so much that there was no part of their body that it did not cause to quake, it did pierce the to the very soul and did cause their hearts to burn.

The voice spoke two times and the people did not understand what the voice was saying. On the third time, the people opened their ears to hear it and they looked to heaven where the voice came from. And the third time they did understand the voice.

God: Behold, my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name hear ye him.

Narrator: And they understood and cast their eyes towards heaven and they saw Jesus descending out of heaven.

He was clothed in a white robe, and he came down and stood in the midst of them and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned looking at him and they dare not open their mouths. They thought it was an angel.

Jesus stretched forth his hand and spoke to the people saying...

Jesus: Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the light and life of the world.

Scene: the multitude falls to the earth.

Jesus: Arise and put your hands into my side and feel the prints of the nails in my hands and my feet, that you may know that I am the God of Israel and the God of the whole earth and have been slain for the sins of the world.

Narrator: The multitude went forth and thrust their hands into his side and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and his feet.

Have the song, "What a Beautiful Name it is" by Hillsong playing while the multitude are with Jesus.