

JESUS IS HERE

The Original Stageplay



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Sample Script



Scene 1

LIGHTS UP

SETTING: Empty stage, except for six large clay jars lined up Stage Right.

Jesus is sitting by Himself.

There is a wedding ceremony in progress. We can hear the music, chatter, laughter and merry making of those at the banquet. (You can do this with sound effects).

A SERVANT enters with a large mug, and goes to each of the jar, but finds nothing there to draw. He exits, concerned.

A beat.

MARY enters, and goes to sit beside Jesus.

MARY: Why do you separate yourself from the others?

JESUS: I am learning to be in that secret place with the Father, even in a crowded room.

MARY: Aw, but we could use your presence inside. The bride keeps glancing around the room, and I knew she is looking for you.

JESUS: I will be sure to greet them before I leave.

MARY: Okay, son.

Mary looks away, troubled.

JESUS: You are not just here to check on me, are you?

MARY: There's an issue inside. I think you can help.

JESUS: What is the issue? Tell me.

MARY: They have no more wine.

JESUS: Wine? And you come to me?

MARY: I am your mother. I know and have seen the things you do in secret.

JESUS: In private, yes. Woman, why do you want to involve me in this? My hour has not yet come.

MARY: You can do anything.

Mary signals for the Servant, who enters and bows honourably.

MARY: Whatever Jesus tells you to do, do it.

Mary hugs Jesus.

MARY: I know you will do the right thing.

Mary exits.

The Servant waits for instructions from Jesus.

JESUS: Fill those jars with water.

The Servant glances at the big jars, then back at Jesus. He exits.

Several MEN join the Servant in filling the jars with buckets of water.

PETER, JAMES and JOHN enters, and stands with Jesus.

JAMES: Master, did you hear --- the wine has ran out.

JOHN: Shh! The master of the ceremony doesn't know yet.

JAMES: Which is why the celebration is still joyous. When this becomes public knowledge, there will be no joy left to bring this chapter to its grand finale.

JESUS: There will be wine.

JAMES: Even if they send to buy wine, it's a day's journey from here to the nearest wine-maker.

JOHN: This is a disaster. A wedding without wine is quite an embarrassment.

JESUS: There will be wine.

Pater has been watching the men fill the jars.

PETER: Master, what are these men doing?

JESUS: *(to the Servant)* Now fill your mugs and take it to the master of the banquet.

The Servants follow the instructions and fill their mugs. They exit, with deep concern in their eyes that they are about to serve water for wine at wedding.

JAMES: Lord, I don't think water is a good substitute for wine.

JOHN: Someone is going to be very upset when they put that to their heads.

Peter walks over to the jars and fills his cup. He drinks, pleased with the taste.

PETER: If this is water, it's the best water I have ever had.

The others taste it as well, then look in Jesus' direction.

JAMES: How did you do that?

Jesus smiles.

MALE VOICE: (O.S.) Hey, everyone. I need to say something.

The celebration quiets down.

MALE VOICE: (O.S.) Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.

Everyone starts celebrating again, and more wine is drawn from the jars.

The disciples are dumbfounded.

Jesus smiles, and helps Himself to a cup of the wine.

JESUS: This is really good wine.

LIGHTS OUT

Scene 2

LIGHTS UP

SETTING: Empty stage, with a single podium Downstage Center.

Jesus stands Downstage Center, behind a podium, looking out over the audience.

JESUS: Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Jesus pauses, and glances around the room.

JESUS: Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

A MAN enters, crawling towards Jesus.

MAN: Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are --- the Holy One of God.

JESUS: Be quiet! Come out of this man.

The Man screams and convulses violently, then calms down. His demeanour is different, he looks at his hands as if seeing them for the first time. He looks at Jesus.

MAN: Who are You?

MALE VOICE: What manner of a man is this?

Pause. Jesus begins to leave.

MALE VOICE: He teaches with real authority, unlike the teachers of the law. Do you see their faces? The anger, as if they want this man dead. But who is He, that even evil spirits obey His orders?

Pause.

LIGHTS OUT

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