

THE MESSIAH'S LEGACY

(Easter Season 2-B)

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Students playing the characters may be of varying ages. The play was originally written so that each child in Ms. Wasmer's one-room school would have a part. All students were also involved in the tone chime musical interludes.

Characters

Thomas - _____

Woman in home - _____

Peter - _____

Dorcas - _____

John - _____

Woman helped by Dorcas 1 -

Mary Magdalene - _____

Woman helped by Dorcas 2 -

Angel 1 - _____

Silas - _____

Angel 2 - _____

Jailer - _____

Lame Man - _____

Voice of God - _____

Ananias - _____

Saul & Paul - _____

Note - The parts can be doubled up and one person can play two or more different parts in the following way:

Lame man & Jailer

Mary Magdalene, Woman in home, Dorcas

Angel 1 & Woman helped by Dorcas 1

Angel 2 & Woman helped by Dorcas 2

Tone Chimes - Worthy, Worthy is the Lamb

Scene 1 - Home of Peter

(John, Peter, and Thomas are in the home of Peter)

John (_____) - It seems as if it was only yesterday that we started spending all of our time with Jesus. It is hard to believe that it has been three years.

Peter (_____)- It has been the best three years of my life. My life has been changed forever. I am so glad we got to see Him again yesterday. It is such a miracle that He is alive again...I will never forget the feeling of despair when I knew He was dead.

Mary Magdalene (_____)- I came back to Jesus seven times to be forgiven and He never turned me away...not even when I was set up by the priests...somehow He could look deep into my heart and know how much I loved Him. Martha got impatient with me, but Jesus never did...that is Who He is. He loves us and understands us.

Thomas (_____)- I am ashamed to think that I doubted that He was alive. Why couldn't I have enough faith to believe your story?

Peter (_____)- Thomas, we all had our time of trouble during the weekend. Mine happened Thursday night when I cut off Malchus' ear and then denied I even knew Jesus. It was a very long weekend. I had to run to the tomb Sunday morning to see for myself that He had risen from the dead.

John (_____)- I ran with Peter and we talked to the angel that was sitting in the empty tomb. We all had our doubts, Thomas.

Mary Magdalene (_____)- It sounded like music to my ears to hear His voice in the garden. It took me a minute to recognize Him, but He waited patiently for me to really hear Him.

Thomas (_____)- It is so nice to know that Jesus forgives us and loves us even when our faith is weak. Jesus is the Friend that I need and He will always be my Best Friend.

Tone Chimes - My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Scene 2 - Mount of Olives

(Peter, John, and Thomas are standing looking up into the sky; pointing upward.)

Peter (_____)- Why did He leave us so soon?

John (_____)- I can't see Him anymore.

Thomas (_____-)- Do you think we will ever see Him again?

(*Two angels appear.*)

Angel 1 (_____-)- Why are you looking at the sky?

Angel 2 (_____-)- Don't you remember that Jesus told you He would go back to Heaven?

Angel 1 (_____-) - He will come back in exactly the same way He went up into Heaven.

(*Angels leave.*)

Peter (_____-)- I didn't want Him to leave so soon.

Thomas (_____-)- When do you think He will come back?

John (_____-)- He said He would send us a Comforter. Why don't we go back to Jerusalem and wait together and see what happens.

Tone Chimes - Hail Him the King of Glory

Scene 3 - Peter Preaching in Jerusalem

(Peter, John, and Thomas enter.)

Peter (_____-)- Men of Israel, listen to me. You crucified Jesus, just as Isaiah prophesied many years ago. He was taken by lawless hands and put to death. The prophecy has also been fulfilled that He would not stay dead in the grave. We are witnesses to these facts. He has also sent the promised Holy Spirit.

You have accused us of being drunk. We are not drunk. Let it be known today that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and you shall also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John (_____)- This promise is for all of you who can hear us and for your children. Repent today and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is all you need.

Tone Chimes - Jesus is all the World to Me

Scene 4

(*Lame Man is sitting on a rug with a cup held out.*)

Lame Man (_____)- Can you spare a coin or two?

Peter (_____)- We do not have any silver or gold. But we will give you what we do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

(*John helps Lame Man stand up and Lame Man starts walking, leaping, and saying,*)
"I'm healed! I can walk again...I'm healed! Praise be to God!"

Tone Chimes - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scene 5 - In a Home in Damascus

Ananias is sleeping on the floor facing the audience.

Voice of God (_____)- Ananias!

Ananias (_____)- Here I am, Lord.

Voice of God (_____)- Get up and go to the street called Strait and ask at the house of Judas about a man called Saul of Tarsus. He has seen you in a vision and is waiting for you to come and put your hand on him so that he might see again.

Ananias (_____)- Lord, I have heard about Saul from many people. They have all said that he has only come to hurt Your people. He has a letter from the chief priest giving him permission to put anyone in jail who calls on Your name. Are you sure you want me to go find him?

Voice of God (_____)- Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Ananias (_____-)- I will do what You have asked me to do.

Ananias leaves.

Saul is lying on the floor facing the audience.

Woman in Home enters with a tray of food.

Woman (_____-) - Saul, you must eat. You haven't eaten anything in three days.

Saul (_____-)- I'm not hungry.

Woman in Home (_____-) - How can you not be hungry? You haven't eaten in three days! At least drink some water.

Saul (_____-)- No, thank you.

Ananias knocks on the door.

Woman in Home answers the door.

Ananias (_____-)- I am looking for a man named Saul from Tarsus. Is he here?

Woman in Home (_____-)- Yes, he's here. He's blind. He has been very delirious and has not had anything to eat or drink in the three days he has been here. All he does is pray and talk about seeing Jesus in a bright light on the road while he was traveling here. I heard that he came to persecute the Christians that live here, but he doesn't seem to be too dangerous in his current state.

Ananias (_____-)- I have been sent by God to see him. Where is he?

Woman in Home (_____-) - Over there.

Ananias goes over to Saul, bends down, puts his hands on Saul's eyes, and says a silent prayer.

Saul sits up and looks at Ananias.

Saul (____)- I saw you in a dream and was promised by God that you would come. Thank you for giving me my eyesight back. I know who my God is and I will now serve Him until the day I die...no matter what. I want to tell everyone more about who He is and how much He loves them.

Tone Chimes - More About Jesus

Scene 6 - In a home in Joppa

Dorcas is lying on the floor on her back. (She is dead). Women Helped by Dorcas are sitting close to her with extra clothes in their hands.

Woman 1 (____)- Dorcas was a such a wonderful woman.

Woman 2 (____)- She always gave us food when we were hungry.

Woman 1 (____)- She made clothes for my children.

Woman 2 (____)- She never turned anyone away who needed help. I will miss her so much.

Peter enters.

Woman 1 (____)- Peter, you came. Dorcas is dead.

Woman 2 (____)- She always helped anyone who needed help. She made me these clothes and gave me food.

Woman 1 (____)- She made clothes for my children. She helped everyone.

Peter (____)- Please leave the room.

Peter kneels down beside Dorcas and prays and says, "Dorcas, arise."

Dorcas sits up and Peter helps her stand up. Woman 1 and Woman 2 come back in and give her a hug saying, "She's alive! Dorcas is alive!"

Woman 2 (____) - Thank you, Peter, for coming when we called you.

Tone Chimes - We See the Gleams of the Golden Morning

Scene 7 - Jail

Paul and Silas are leaning against the wall with their feet in stocks.

Paul (_____)- I promised God that I would preach about Him no matter what happened to me.

Silas (_____)- Did you expect to be so badly beaten?

Paul (_____)- I didn't know what to expect. I know that I hurt His followers before I decided to follow Him so I am not too surprised.

Silas (_____)- Do you ever want to give up and stop preaching?

Paul (_____)- I will never stop preaching about Jesus. He loves me so much, how could I ever stop?

Silas (_____)- I am thankful He loves me, too. I know He is with us all the time, even in this dark dungeon. I can feel His presence.

Paul (_____)- It is comforting to know He is here with us and will not leave us.

Paul and Silas start humming a song.

They start to rock back and forth.

Paul and Silas together (_____)(_____)- An earthquake!

Silas (_____)- Look, Paul, the stocks have fallen off of our feet and the doors are open.

Jailer (_____)- (*stumbling into the room*) - An earthquake! All the doors are open! I know all of the prisoners have escaped! They have escaped under my watch! I know I will be killed! I might as well fall on my sword first!

Silas (_____)- Stop!

Paul (_____)- Don't hurt yourself. We are all still here.

Jailer (_____-)- You are? Why? The earthquake woke me up and I knew the doors would be open and your stocks would fall off. You could be free. Why are you still here?

Silas (_____-)- We work for Jesus. He loves us and will never leave us.

Paul (_____-)- He loves you, too and wants to be your Friend.

Jailer (_____-)- What must I do to be saved?

Paul (_____-)- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Jailer (_____-)- I believe and want Jesus to be my friend.

Tone Chimes - O Thou in Whose Presence

Scene 8 - A House on the Isle of Patmos

John is writing with a quill pen at a table.

John (_____-)- Jesus was and is my very best Friend. We spent three years together...what a three years they were. People were healed, demons were cast out, thousands of people were fed with small amounts of food, people were raised from the dead, in fact, Jesus died a cruel death and then rose from the tomb. We spent 40 more days with Him before He went back to heaven.

We continued to tell people about Jesus. Some believed us, some did not. I suppose that is the way it will always be.

I just woke up and am about to write down what I just dreamed about...it was so nice to see Jesus again...even if it was only in a dream. At first I was afraid and fell down at His feet. He reached out and touched me and told me to not be afraid...that is the Jesus that I know and love.

I know that He is coming back to take everyone to heaven that love Him. He promised us that when He was here and He never broke even one of His promises. I am ready to spend eternity with my friend Jesus...are you?

Tone Chimes - Jesus Is Coming Again