

Jesus – Messiah the musical

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Suggested narration for radio airplay of the musical.

ACT ONE (CD1)

Track 1: Prepare the Way/ Jesus Baptism

Narrator (spoken over the first four bars of introduction to “Temptation”):

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted. After fasting forty days Satan came to him:

Track 2: Temptation

Narrator (after “Temptation”):

Jesus answered Satan’s three temptations quoting God’s word:

“It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from God’s mouth.’”

“It is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

And finally:

“Get away from me Satan! It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him!’”

Then Satan left him and Jesus was attended to by angels.

From then on, Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Track 3: Have You Seen Jesus?

Narrator (after “Have You Seen Jesus?”):

One day, Jesus was going through Samaria and he came to a town called Sychar. Around noon, he met a Samaritan woman while he was sitting near Jacob’s well. She had come to draw water and Jesus asked her for a drink. The conversation that followed changed the woman’s life and she hurried back to the town to tell all the people there about Jesus.....

Track 4: Come See A Man

Narrator (after “Come See A Man”):

On the insistence of the people, Jesus stayed in that town for two days, teaching them about the Kingdom of God and many believed his message.

Track 5: A New Commandment

Narrator (after “A New Commandment”):

Very early one morning Jesus was in the temple courts in Jerusalem teaching a large crowd that had gathered around him when a group of Pharisees and teachers of the law brought in a woman that had been caught in the act of adultery:

Track 6: Come On Jesus

Narrator (after “Come on Jesus”):

Jesus quietly sat there, drawing with his finger on the ground. He then stood up and said to them, “Whoever has never sinned may throw the first stone.” He sat down and again wrote on the ground.

Slowly the crowd of accusers departed, starting with the older men, until only Jesus remained with the woman standing before him. Rising to his feet, Jesus asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one sir,” she replied. “Then I do not condemn you either.” Jesus declared, “Go now and do not sin again.”

Track 7: He Didn’t Condemn Me

Narrator: (After “He Didn’t Condemn Me”)

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, what caused this man to be born blind? Was it his sin or the sin of his parents?”

Jesus answered them, “It was neither his nor his parents’ sin. This happened so that God’s work might be displayed in his life. As long as the daylight remains we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is approaching when no one can work but while I am in the world, I am its light.”

Then Jesus spat on the ground, made some mud with his saliva and put it on the man's eyes. "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam," he told the man. So the man did as Jesus had commanded him and he returned home with his sight.

His neighbours couldn't believe their own eyes and started arguing amongst themselves, whether he really was the same man. So they took him to the Pharisees who interrogated both him and his parents.

Track 8: This Man Was Blind From Birth

Narrator (after "This Man Was Blind From Birth"):

Jesus said to the man, "I have come into this world for judgement. So that the blind will see and those who see will be made blind." Some of the Pharisees heard what Jesus said and asked, "Are we blind too?"

"If you were blind," Jesus said, "You would be innocent, but as you claim to see, you remain guilty."

So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin to discuss what they should do about Jesus.

Track 9: This is a Grave Situation

Narrator (after "This is a Grave Situation"):

Jesus' dear friends, Mary and Martha had sent word to him that their brother Lazarus was ill. When he heard the news, Jesus told his disciples, "This sickness will not end in death. Rather, it will demonstrate the glory of God and will also bring glory to God's Son." however, he delayed travelling to their home in Bethany for two days.

When he began the journey back to Judea, his disciples were concerned because the Jews there had previously tried to stone him. Jesus, indicating his time was short told the disciples that Lazarus had died. Resigning himself to following Jesus back to Judea, Thomas said to the other disciples, "Let us go also, so that we may die with him."

[Spoken over the introduction to the song:] As Jesus approached Bethany, Martha ran out to meet him:

Track 10: Jesus, If Only You'd Been Here

Narrator:

And Lazarus emerged from the grave with his hands and feet still wrapped in linen. Jesus said to the people nearby, "Free him from the grave clothes."

Many Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what Jesus did put their faith in him.

Track 11: FINALE ACT ONE (Is This Man Here The Messiah?)

ACT TWO (CD2)

Track 1: ENTR'ACTE

Narrator:

Then Judas Iscariot went to the Chief Priests and asked what they would give him to betray Jesus to them.

Track 2: Betrayal

Narrator:

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples asked Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for the Passover meal?"

Jesus indicated a man in the city and told them to say to him, "My appointed time is near and I will celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house." This the disciples did.

That evening, Jesus shared with his disciples his final Passover meal.

Track 3: The Last Supper

Narrator:

Then Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane and he said to them, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." And he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons with him. He began to be sorrowful and very troubled, saying, "My soul is overcome with anguish to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." But the disciples were very tired and quickly fell asleep.

Track 4: Gethsemane

Track 5: Jesus' Arrest and Trials

Narrator:

Then Pilate released Barabbas to the crowd and handed Jesus over to his soldiers to have him flogged and then crucified.

Track 6: So You're a King?

Narrator:

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been condemned to death, he became overcome with guilt and went back to the chief priests and elders:

Track 7: What Have I Done?

Narrator:

Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

Meanwhile the soldiers, having mocked and scourged Jesus, put his own clothing back on him and lead him away to be crucified.

Track 8: Out of the Way / Father Forgive Them

Narrator:

[Spoken over the introduction to "I'm Thirsty"] From noon until 3 o'clock, darkness covered the land.

Track 9: I'm Thirsty

Narrator:

When they heard this, some of the people there said, "He is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge and filled it with vinegar. He put it on a stick and offered Jesus a drink. Others said, "Leave him alone and let us see if Elijah comes".

Meanwhile, Peter, who is alone, laments denying that he ever knew Jesus while Jesus' mother, at the foot of the cross is distraught and confused watching her son's torturous death. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved is nearby.

Track 10: How Can It End Like This?

Narrator:

At the moment when Jesus died, the curtain in the temple was ripped in two from the top to the bottom. There was a violent earthquake and many tombs broke open. The bodies of many righteous people were raised to life. They emerged from their tombs and after Jesus' resurrection they went into Jerusalem and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those who were with him guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and everything that happened they were terrified, exclaiming, "Surely this man was the Son of God"

[Spoken over the introduction to the Finale]

As evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead, so he summoned the centurion to confirm Joseph's story. The centurion informed Pilate that Jesus was indeed dead, so Pilate gave Joseph permission to take the body.

Track 11: FINALE (Risen)

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