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MARY, MARTHA ,LAZARUS and CHORUS enter from back of theater to stage, all jubilant. They have just come back from the loaves and fish miracle. Some are carrying baskets of leftover fish and bread The PHARISEES - CAIAPHAS, GALIA and ASAF are standing at side of stage and looking very judgmental and angry with the people. Standing with them are AUNT and UNCLE who also look critical.

Song: "Did You See the Miracle?"

Sung by all - except CAIAPHAS, GALIA AND ASAF, AUNT and UNCLE

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Chorus, 1, Chorus, 2, Chorus, 1,  
Chorus, Chorus

Chorus

Did you see the miracle, the  
miracle today?  
Did you see the miracle, the  
miracle he made?  
We were hungry, had no food  
He saw and he was moved  
So he made a miracle today  
Did you see the miracle, the  
miracle today?  
Did you see the miracle, the  
miracle he made?  
We were hungry, had no food  
He saw and he was moved  
So he made a miracle today

1

He took a few small fish and bread  
And gave until we all were fed  
We who were hungry were made full  
He made a miracle, a miracle for  
you

2

He filled our hearts with joy and  
peace  
He knows everything we need  
We'll follow him forever more  
He is Messiah, Messiah and our Lord

During the song some people give money to Judas who is holding the bag for donations. After several gifts he puts one in his own money bag when he thinks nobody is looking.

At end of song, cast exits. Mary, Martha and Lazarus start to exit last.

AUNT

*Loudly and angrily* Mary, Martha  
and Lazarus! Stop right there! I  
want to talk to you!

The three freeze when their aunt calls. The chorus exits.  
Some roll their eyes. They all know how strict Aunt is.

AUNT (CONT'D)

Exactly what have the three of you  
been doing?

MARTHA

Yes, well Aunt, we have , we have  
that is to say we have.....

MARY

We went to see Jesus and wow you  
should have seen it! It was  
amazing! Loaves and fish  
everywhere! All from just a few...

LAZARUS

Mary! Shush!

UNCLE

And you , Lazarus! You are the head  
of your family now that my dear  
sister and her husband are gone to  
God. May they rest in peace.

All quickly bow their heads.

ALL

Amen.

LAZARUS

I know Uncle. But Jesus knows what  
he is talking about! Not like the  
Scribes and..

MARY

It's true! He....

MARTHA

I think Jesus is the Messiah!

AUNT AND UNCLE

What ?!!

AUNT

Martha! That is quite enough! A  
carpenter from Galilee? Messiah?  
Never!

Song: "We Follow Moses" - Sung by Aunt and Uncle  
1, chorus ,2 chorus, 1, chorus,  
chorus

1  
We understand how you can feel a  
special way  
It's was a lift to see folks  
getting healed all day  
We both taught you right from wrong  
You don't need Jesus now  
We just follow Moses and the Law

2

It was a treat to be with such a  
happy crowd  
But now it's time you came down  
from your fluffy cloud  
Study scripture you will see  
Jehovah parted the red sea  
We just follow Moses and the Law

Chorus  
Get away from him don't listen to  
his words  
Keep straight the way you learned  
when just a child  
He's not the one you need at all  
You follow Moses and the law  
We just follow Moses you just  
follow Moses  
We just follow Moses and the law

MARTHA

But Aunt..

AUNT

We are only saying this for your  
own good! Now go home, all three  
of you. But don't think I'm through  
talking about this.

Aunt looks at Uncle for agreement.

UNCLE

Uh, that's right.

MARTHA

Yes, Uncle.

MARY

Oh , brother.

Aunt and Uncle exit.

LAZARUS

If I want to hear Jesus teach, I will! I am not a child anymore. I have been the head of our household for three years. Aunt has no right to forbid me to hear or follow Jesus if I want to.

MARTHA

I don't think she means any harm, Lazarus. She just doesn't understand.

Asaf, Galia and Caiaphas quickly approach.

CHIAPHAS

Did I hear you correctly Martha?  
Did you say you think that Jesus is the Messiah?

Lazarus steps in front of Martha to protect her.

LAZARUS

Rabbi Chiaphas ,you have nothing to be concerned about. I am responsible for my household.

CAIAPHAS

Really? Then how do you lead them Lazarus? Are you a Jesus follower?

LAZARUS

That is my decision to make. But I can tell you he is a great teacher and healer.

GALIA

We disagree. In fact, you might find it dangerous to be a Jesus follower.

LAZARUS

What do you mean?

ASAF

You might find yourself and your family banned from temple worship.

LAZARUS

Elder Asaf, you would ban us for following Jesus?

ASAF

Yes, I would.

CAIAPHAS

Can we expect to see you in temple?

LAZARUS

Yes,... of course.

CAIAPHAS

Very well then.

Chiaphas, Galia and Asaf exit smiling smugly.

MARY

Wow that was intense!

MARTHA

Thank you, Lazarus.

LAZARUS

That's what brothers are for Martha. Come on, let's go hear Jesus teach.

2

INT. HOME OF LAZARUS, MARY AND MARTHA.

2

Mary and Martha are cleaning. Martha is busily sweeping the floor and Mary is dusting the table very slowly.

MARTHA

And I say that Jesus **is** the Messiah!

MARY

Well, I think Jesus is a great prophet, but is he the Messiah? I don't know.

MARTHA

Weren't you right next to me when Jesus fed five thousand people with nothing but a few fish and loaves ?

MARY

I was. But didn't one of the prophets do something like that too?

MARTHA

Yes, but there is a big difference between feeding a hundred and feeding five thousand.

MARY

I admit that Jesus helps me understand God better. When he teaches it's easy to picture what he's saying in my mind.

MARTHA

Mary, he is so much more than that. Remember Isaiah the prophet told of a suffering servant and.. oh dear, it's getting late. Lazarus will be here any minute and I want this house to look spotless.

MARY

All right ,all right, I'll hurry!

She starts to dust the table at the same slow speed as before. Martha sighs and shakes her head.

Lazarus enters rapidly, he is excited and happy.

LAZARUS

You will not believe what I saw today!

MARY

What was it?!

LAZARUS

I saw a leper healed. A leper! He was so disfigured I did not recognize him at first but after Jesus laid his Hands on him...

MARY

He touched a leper?  
Ewww. That would make Him so unclean!

LAZARUS

I'm trying to tell you that the leper was healed.

MARTHA  
Who was it?

LAZARUS  
Simon the Leper!

MARTHA  
No!

LAZARUS  
Yes!

MARY  
Simon our neighbor? We haven't seen him in over a year.

LAZARUS  
Simon told me he had been afraid to leave his house, but his wife made him go to Jesus.

MARY  
Amazing! I am so happy for him! So he looks..?

LAZARUS  
Just the same as before! His skin is smooth as a babies'... Oh , I almost forgot. I invited Jesus and his disciples to come for supper tomorrow.

MARTHA  
See Mary I told you .... WHAT? Did you say **and** his disciples? How many?

LAZARUS  
No fussing. Just dinner for thirteen. Oh, wait with the three of us that would be sixteen.

MARTHA  
Sixteen! I , I don't know if..

MARY  
Don't worry Martha, I'll be here to help you!

MARTHA

Martha looks heavenward.  
I ...Wonderful !



3

INT. HOME OF LAZARUS, MARY AND MARTHA.

3

JESUS is seated. Mary is seated at His feet intently listening to JESUS teach. The APOSTLES :PETER, THOMAS, PHILIP AND JUDAS and Lazarus are listening to Jesus teach. Martha is working hard on the dinner. JUDAS and JOHN stand on the side.

JUDAS

Why is he letting a woman sit at his feet? It's disgraceful!

JOHN

You know Jesus loves everyone. If he thinks she is worthy to sit at his feet ,she is.

JUDAS

I, I mean... one of us should be sitting there!

JOHN

Judas, it is his choice.

JUDAS

Why does he waste his time teaching a woman?i He should be where everyone can hear him. The future King of Israel should be seen in public.

JOHN

Judas, I've told you before. Jesus is not interested in becoming king!

JUDAS

Yes he does. You don't know Jesus like I do! He's always talking about the kingdom of God. What do you think that means?

JOHN

Not that he wants to be the king!

JUDAS

But look at King David. He was a shepherd. Jesus was a carpenter. David was a psalmist. Jesus is a healer and teacher. David was anointed King. Who is more anointed than Jesus? Why shouldn't the people crown him?

JOHN

You are wrong! Jesus is talking about the ruling of God in our hearts. He has no interest in sitting on an earthly throne. He is the Messiah. He doesn't need to be crowned by people. Besides he is a servant to all. Haven't you learned anything from being with him?

JUDAS

I think I've just learned plenty.

Judas angrily exits.

LAZARUS

Rabbi, would you tell us the parable of the good samaritan again?

Jesus tells the Parable with good story telling technique.

JESUS

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denari and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have'. Now which of these three would you say was neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?

MARY

I know! I know! The man who was  
kind to him!

JESUS

Now you should go and do the same.

LAZARUS

I will, Jesus.

JESUS

Lazarus, you have shown your love  
of God to me.

LAZARUS

How, Master?

JESUS

Your hospitality greatly refreshes  
me.

LAZARUS

You know you are always welcome  
here ,Master.

Martha has been getting more and more frustrated as she is  
valiantly trying to prepare all the food.

MARTHA

What is that sister of mine doing?  
I wish....

Song- "All I Do is Cook and Clean" - sung by Martha

1,2,3,4,1,2,4

1

It wouldn't be so bad if I got some  
help  
I work alone every day  
Sitting at his feet , gazing at his  
face  
It never fails, she always gets her  
way  
But now I must confess it, be  
honest with her too  
I should tell her how I feel she  
doesn't have a clue

2

All I do the whole day through is  
cook and clean and wash  
(MORE)

## MARTHA (CONT'D)

Doing it all by myself doesn't help  
 a lot  
 I push the broom and make the food  
 serve it with a smile  
 Scrubbing washing makes me strong  
 but doesn't go the mile

3

If she would only help and  
 sometimes lend a hand  
 I could sit and listen all day too  
 I would love to see the sparkle in  
 his eyes  
 He'd see my devotion is true blue  
 But now I must confess it be honest  
 with her too  
 I should tell her how I feel she  
 doesn't have a clue

4

All I do the whole day through is  
 scrub and mop and weed  
 Cleaning, cooking no ones looking  
 Tons of folks to feed  
 Fingers chapped worn to the bone I  
 need some extra aid  
 It's time for me to speak up I want  
 to make a trade

At the end of song, Martha approaches Mary with a pointed  
 finger and angry look, but when she sees Jesus watching her  
 she turns to him sweetly.

## MARTHA (CONT'D)

Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you  
 that my sister just sits here while  
 I do all the work? Tell her to come  
 and help me.

## JESUS

My dear Martha, you are worried and  
 upset over all these details! There  
 is only one thing worth being  
 concerned about . Mary has  
 discovered it and it will not be  
 taken away from her.

## MARTHA

Oh.

Song : "When You Find It". Sung by Jesus.

1, chorus ,2 chorus, 1 chorus,  
chorus

1  
When you find it you will know it  
And your heart will be set free  
When you find it you will know it  
in your soul  
When you find it you will know it  
It's been waiting there for you  
All you have to do is seek the Lord

Chorus  
And you'll rejoice in his love  
Filled with his grace  
Happiness will overflow ,  
Your heart has found it's place  
When you find it, when you find it  
You will never go away again

2  
Mary found a peace with in her  
When she listened to the word  
She found that God was reaching out  
to her  
And the love she felt within her  
Was filled with holy grace  
All she had to do was seek the Lord

Towards the end of song Jesus leads Martha to sit next to  
Mary at his feet. He looks at them lovingly.

4 INT. HOME OF LAZARUS, MARY AND MARTHA. 4

Mary and Martha are sitting and sewing.

MARY

I wonder when Jesus will come for  
another visit.

MARTHA

I'm worried about him. He takes on  
too much! I've seen thousands of  
sick people coming to him.  
Thousands! They pull at his robes,  
they yell out his name. Sometimes  
the sound is deafening! He never  
gets a minute to rest.

MARY

He rests here though, doesn't he?

MARTHA

That is true, dear. I try to make his visits relaxing for him.

MARY

I keep thinking and thinking about Jesus. I want to believe he is the Messiah but honestly, I don't know yet.

MARTHA

Well I do know. I think I've known for a while. And it wasn't just the miracles. It's his love. I have never met anyone who loves people so much.

MARY

I know but..

MARTHA

I don't understand you , Mary. You never miss a chance to hear Jesus teach. You are always sitting at his feet.

MARY

Yes, that's true but...

TOBIA, one of the servants, enters the stage helping SIMEON, another servant half - carry Lazarus who is feverish and ill and can barely walk.

TOBIA

Martha, Mary!

Mary and Martha quickly go to him.

MARTHA

Lazarus! What happened?!

TOBIA

He collapsed out in the field!

MARTHA

I knew he wasn't feeling well this morning! I said "Lazarus stay out of that field." But did he listen? No! Does anybody ever listen to me? No!

Martha quickly goes to a jug in the room and pours a small amount of water on a cloth. Lazarus is now sitting weakly in a chair.

MARTHA (CONT'D)  
Here hold this against his  
forehead, while I...

As Mary applies the cloth to his forehead he slowly sinks and falls out of the chair to the floor in a faint.

MARY  
Lazarus!

MARTHA  
Oh ,no! Get him to the bed!

Tobias and Simeon put Lazarus who is still unconscious on the bed in the room. After he is laid on the bed Martha feels his face.

MARTHA (CONT'D)  
He's burning with fever! We need to  
get Jesus. Tobia, go find Jesus and  
tell Him that Lazarus is sick and  
that we need Him. Wait, wait.. Just  
tell Him his dear friend is very  
sick.

TOBIA  
Shouldn't we stay and help you?

MARTHA  
No, go and get Jesus! Hurry!

The Tobia and Simeon exit quickly. Mary and Martha are at the bedside.

MARTHA (CONT'D)  
Lazarus, Lazarus, can you hear me?  
Don't leave us. Dear Lord help us!

MARY  
But what if Jesus doesn't come in  
time?

MARTHA  
Don't say that. He will. He will.  
Don't die Lazarus. I wish mother  
was here.

MARY  
Me too.

EXT NEAR JERUSALEM

Jesus and his disciples are walking. Tobia comes up running to him.

                  TOBIA  
Master, Master!

                  JESUS  
What is it , my friend.

                  TOBIA  
Mary and Martha have sent me to  
tell you that your dear friend is  
very sick!

                  JESUS  
This sickness will not end in  
death. No, it is for God's glory so  
that God's Son may be glorified  
through it.

                  JOHN  
Are we going now, Rabbi?

                  JESUS  
No, not yet.

                  JOHN  
But surely, he...

                  JESUS  
Not yet.

5                   INT HOME OF MARY , MARTHA AND LAZARUS.

5

Lazarus is lying in bed. He is dying. Mary is sitting at the bedside holding his hand. Martha enters.

                  MARTHA  
It's been two days. What could be  
keeping Jesus? I hope he hasn't had  
an accident! I should have told  
Tobia to tell him to be careful.

                  MARY  
Lazarus, you have to get well.  
Who's going to tease me? Who is  
going to watch over me, big  
brother? Jesus is coming and he's  
going to make you well again.  
You'll see. You'll be as good as  
new.



MARTHA

Mary dear, you've been sitting here for hours. Why don't you let me take a turn and you get some rest. I don't need both of you to be sick.

MARY

I'm afraid if I leave he'll...

MARTHA

Don't say it. You can sit here a little longer, if you want to ,but then you go lie down and get some sleep. Don't worry ,if .. if anything happens, I mean if anything changes, I'll wake you.

MARY

Lazarus is the best brother. Do you remember that boy who used to bully me? One day Lazarus hid in the bushes and when the boy started to taunt me Lazarus came running to my rescue.

MARTHA

I do remember.

MARY

And then there was the time just after Mother died and I was so sad. Lazarus went and picked every wild flower he could find and brought them to me. A huge bouquet!

MARTHA

He's always trying to make us happy. What about the time he decided to bake bread when I was sick. Remember? What a mess! Flour everywhere. Even in his hair. Remember he looked so ...he looked so..

MARY

Oh , Martha.

Mary begins to cry.

MARTHA

Dearest, everything will be all right.

Lazarus takes a two deep rough breaths and dies.

MARY

No!

MARTHA

Oh no dear God, oh no!

Mary tries to wake Lazarus.

MARY

Lazarus, Lazarus! Wake up!

MARTHA

Oh Mary he's gone, he's gone.

MARY

But Jesus...

MARTHA

If he had been here....

The sisters hug and cry.

EXT NEAR JERUSALEM

Two days later. Jesus is with the disciples. Peter, Thomas , John, Judas and Philip and the other disciples.

JESUS

Let's go back to Judea.

PETER

Rabbi, a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you! They wanted to kill you! And yet you are going back?

JESUS

Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light. Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up."

PETER

Lord if he sleeps , he will get better!

JESUS

Lazarus is dead! And for your sakes  
I am glad I was not there , so that  
you may believe, but let us go to  
him.

THOMAS

Let's go that we may die with him!

JOHN

I'll die for Jesus, I'm not afraid  
of being stoned!

JUDAS

I'll never forsake you, Jesus!

PETER

Neither will I!

Song: "We Will Go With Him" - sung by Apostles

1, 2, chorus, 1, 2, chorus, 1

1

We will go with him unto the death  
Standing side by side  
The pharisees may do their worst  
We will not be denied  
We'll fight the fight  
And give our lives  
to protect our Lord  
We go with him unto the death  
He is our reward

2

We're not afraid to stand our  
ground  
No matter what will be  
Brave and valiant to the end  
We will protect our King  
We go with him unto his death  
And gladly we will die  
He is our Lord and Savior  
God be glorified

Chorus

We'll stand with Him not matter  
what  
Protect him with our lives  
Stand together through it all  
Apostles who survive

MARY

I don't understand it. He was always coming here. I thought for sure Jesus would come right away. I thought he loved us.

MARTHA

Did I miss something? I told Lazarus he looked pale that morning. I told him not to go out in the field. But I should have seen how sick he was. I should have insisted! What did I give him for breakfast that morning? I should have made sure he ate a good breakfast.

MARY

Martha ,stop blaming yourself. But right when I was beginning to think that Jesus was the Messiah he abandons us.

MARTHA

That doesn't mean he is not the Messiah. But if he had come in time..

MARY

Lazarus would still be alive.

MARTHA

But I wonder if, even now, if he would...

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EXT. HOME OF LAZARUS, MARY AND MARTHA.

7

Jesus is approaching the home of Mary and Martha , the disciples are with Him. Tobia and Simeon run up to Jesus.

TOBIA

Master, Lazarus is dead! He has been in his grave the last four days!

JESUS

Yes ,I know.

SIMEON

I will tell Martha you are here, Rabbi.

Simeon exits running off stage.

Martha enters with several of her loudly GRIEVING MOURNERS who are there to console her and Mary. Martha quickly goes to Jesus. The crying stops suddenly.

MARTHA

Lord, if only you had been here ,  
my brother would not have died. But  
even now I know that God will give  
you what ever you ask.

JESUS

Your brother will rise again.

MARTHA

Yes, he will rise again in the  
resurrection , at the last day.

Song "I Am the Resurrection" - sung by Jesus

1,2, chorus, 1,2,chorus,chorus

1  
I am the resurrection life  
He who believes in me won't die  
I have God's life in me  
I share eternity  
Who believes and lives in me won't  
die

Chorus

Put your faith and trust in me  
My burden's light my yoke easy  
In eternity you'll be with me  
I'm messiah son of God come to the  
world to set it free  
Just believe and be with me  
Evermore

2

I am the way the truth the life  
I will bring peace to you not  
strife  
Flowing springs of life I bring  
Full of joy your heart will sing  
Come find your peace in me and live

JESUS

Do you believe this , Martha?

MARTHA

Yes. Lord , I believe you are the  
Messiah, the Son of God , who is to  
come into the world.

Mary enters quickly. When Mary sees Jesus, she falls at his  
feet.

MARY

Lord if you had been here ,my  
brother would not have died!

Mary weeps. Jesus looks at her and at the mourners. A deep  
anger wells up in Him.

JESUS

Where have you laid him?

MARTHA

Come and see, Lord.

Jesus weeps.

SIMEON

See how much he loved him?

TOBIA

This man healed a blind man.  
Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from  
dying?

Jesus is still upset as he arrives at the tomb. He is with  
Mary , Martha and the mourners, Simeon, Tobia and disciples.

8

EXT. TOMB OF LAZARUS

8

JESUS

Roll the stone aside!

MARTHA

But Lord, by this time there is a  
very bad odor. He has been there  
four days!

JESUS

Did I not tell you that if you  
believe, you will see the glory of  
God?

Everyone covers their noses with their head shawls. Simeon  
and Tobia roll the stone to the side.

Jesus looks up to heaven.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Father , I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.

Jesus shouts.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Lazarus, come out!

Lazarus wrapped in sheets comes out of the tomb slowly. The mourners are shocked. Some cry out, some gasp.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Take off the grave clothes and let him go!

MARTHA

Lazarus! Darling brother!

MARY

Brother!

Mary and Martha quickly unwrap Lazarus. They are amazed .They embrace and rejoice. Jesus hugs Lazarus. All are rejoicing.

Song: "He Is Risen" - sung by all.

ch, 1 br , ch, 2 br , ch , 1, br,ch,ch

Chorus

He is risen  
Risen from the dead  
He is risen  
Full of life instead  
He is risen  
He's been raised to life  
He is risen, Hallelujah Amen

Bridge

He is risen, risen from the dead  
He is risen , he has life instead  
He is risen ,he's been filled with  
life  
He's risen Jesus raised him  
And now he is alive!

1

Jesus called and he came out  
Hallelujah!  
He came out at Jesus' shout

(MORE)

MARY (CONT'D)

Hallelujah!  
 Jesus raised him from the dead  
 Filled him up with life instead  
 Halle! Hallelujah!

2

He is feeling plenty fine  
 Hallelujah!  
 Raised by Jesus just in time  
 Hallelujah!  
 Jesus called and he came out  
 It is life God brings about  
 Halle, Hallelujah!

9

INT PHARISEES COUNCIL ROOM.

9

CHIAPHAS is sitting and writing. A TEMPLE GAURD enters.

TEMPLE GAURD

Rabbi, a woman is here to talk to  
 you about Jesus.

CAIAPHAS

Who is it?

TEMPLE GAURD

It is Tobia from Bethany.

CAIAPHAS

Bring her in.

Temple gaurd exits and returns with Tobia.

CAIAPHAS (CONT'D)

What do you want?

Tobia bows several times.

TOBIAS

Rabbi, remember you once asked me  
 to keep you informed of any  
 interesting events? I thought you  
 might like to know what has been  
 going on. Jesus of Nazareth has  
 raised my master Lazarus from the  
 dead! And now everyone is coming to  
 hear Lazarus tell about it and to  
 hear Jesus.

CAIAPHAS

What?! When did this happen?



TOBIA

Two days ago.

CAIAPHAS

Tell me exactly what happened.

TOBIA

I was with Lazarus when he became very sick out in the field. I tried to help him but..

CAIAPHAS

Get to the point woman!

TOBIA

I went and told Jesus, but he did not arrive until Lazarus had been dead for four days! Then Jesus went to the tomb and had them roll the stone away and he called out "Lazarus come out!" And Lazarus came out! I mean alive! It scared me. He was still wrapped in his burial clothes! I had to help unwrap him! I'll tell you I had no idea how he would look - but he was alive and well again!

She holds out her hand hoping for some money. Caiaphas ignores her, then changes his mind and gives her a coin.

CAIAPHAS

Thank you for taking the time to come here and tell me. Please be sure to let me know about any other suspicious, I mean, interesting things that Jesus does.

TOBIA

I will, thank you Rabbi!

CAIAPHAS

That will be all. You may go.

Tobia bows twice and exits. Caiaphas angrily swipes everything off the table. ASAF and GALIA come running in.

GALIA

What's going on?

ASAF

Are you all right?

CAIAPHAS

I will be when Jesus is out of the way! He raised Lazarus of Bethany from the dead!

ASAF

Did you see how few people were at temple yesterday? That must be the reason. They were all away listening to Jesus teach.

GALIA

What are we going to do? Jesus keeps performing miraculous signs. If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. The people will want to make him king! Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation!

CAIAPHAS

You don't know what you're talking about! Don't you realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed?

GALIA

I saw the thousands hanging on every word he says as if he were God himself! I even heard he multiplied loaves and fish for five thousand!

CAIAPHAS

I am sick of hearing about his miracles. It's time we did something about it! I am going to publicly order that anyone seeing Jesus must report it immediately so we can arrest him.

ASAF

I say let's organize a group and stone him.

CAIAPHAS

That's too obvious. We need to be subtle. The crowd would turn on us. We need a plan.

Song: "A Wicked Plan" - sung by Pharisees.

1 chorus ,2 chorus ,1 chorus,  
chorus

1  
I need a man who's looking for some  
money  
A man who'll do just what I say  
A man who'd sell his master for the  
money  
And then he'll look the other way

Chorus  
We need a plan so sneaky  
A plan that is so mean  
A plan that is so cheeky it will  
not be foreseen  
We need a plan so nasty  
A plan that is so base  
He'll never see it coming  
Til it stares him in the face

2  
We need a man who likes to have  
some honor  
A man who thinks that he is number  
one  
A man who would sell his very  
mother  
If he could get a goodly sum

INT. HOME OF MARY , MARTHA AND LAZARUS.

Martha is cooking and Mary is dusting.

MARTHA

What do you think I should make for  
supper tonight?

MARY

Oh, I don't know.

MARTHA

You do remember that Jesus is  
coming tonight don't you?

MARY

Yes.

Mary goes to a shelf at the side of the room and picks up a clay vessel with perfume in it . It is sealed. She holds it lovingly and flicks off a bit of dust with her cloth.

MARY (CONT'D)

Remember when father bought this perfume for mother? She said she'd never gotten anything so lovely before. Then she died before she ever got a chance to use it.

MARTHA

Well we don't have use for expensive perfume. Just leave it alone.

MARY

All right.

Mary reluctantly puts the jar back on the shelf.

MARTHA

What's wrong with you, girl?

MARY

Nothing.

MARTHA

Come on , you can tell me. You have been moping around the house for days. What's going on?

MARY

I can't tell you.

MARTHA

As your older sister I demand that you tell me.

MARY

I don't want to.

MARTHA

I don't care if you don't want to. You are my sister and I love you. Tell me what's bothering you.

MARY

Oh Martha. I didn't believe that Jesus was going to save Lazarus. In fact, I was shocked when he raised him from the dead.

MARTHA

Oh! That's only natural..

MARY

Where was my faith? Didn't I sit at his feet listening to him teach? But when the time came for me to trust him.. I didn't.

MARTHA

I know, but that did not bother Jesus. Think of it. He raised Lazarus from the dead. Doesn't that tell you that he loves us?

MARY

I don't know if I can face him again.

MARTHA

Of course you can! Jesus is the most loving and forgiving person I have ever met. Just tell him you are sorry.

MARY

I don't think it's enough.

MARTHA

Honestly, Mary, I thought you knew Jesus. Remember how he forgave the sins of that man that they lowered down from the roof? Someone told me that man was a violent drunkard but Jesus forgave all his sins. Jesus is a friend of our family. He loves us. He loves you.

Mary begins to cry. Martha hugs her

MARTHA (CONT'D)

He loves you, dearest. He...Whoops, I forgot the leeks for dinner. I'll be right back.

Martha exits.

MARY

Dear Lord, is Jesus your son? Is he the Messiah? Let me know it in my heart. I want to believe in Him. I think ..

Song: "First I Saw Him" - sung by Mary

1, chorus ,2 chorus, 1 ,chorus, chorus

MARY (CONT'D)

1  
 First I saw him as a man  
 But now I see within  
 He is the gift of God to all men  
 I simply put my faith  
 Into his holy hands  
 My heart is resting there like a  
 child

2  
 I only knew his name  
 I only saw his fame  
 I did not realize who He was  
 But now I'm seeing clear  
 His love has made him dear  
 I put my faith in him and I can say

Chorus  
 Oh Jesus Messiah  
 I put my faith in you  
 You are Jesus savior  
 The one who loves us too  
 Oh Jesus messiah I put my faith in  
 you  
 No one else could ever be  
 All that you meant to me

At end of song Mary quickly goes and gets the perfume jar and exits. Martha enters holding her basket of leeks.

MARTHA

Mary? Mary! Now where did that girl  
 go?

10

INT. HOME OF LAZARUS, MARY AND MARTHA.

10

Jesus is sitting, as are most of the apostles and Lazarus and Martha. Judas is standing next to Jesus. Judas secretly transfers a coin from the bag on his belt to his personal money bag during the dialogue.

SIMON THE LEPER

Jesus, I got my life back thanks to  
 you. The leprosy is completely  
 gone.

JESUS

Simon, your faith has made you well.

SIMON THE LEPER

Tell me what can I do to follow you?

JESUS

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all of your mind and with all of your strength and love your neighbor as yourself.

Mary enters carrying the jar with perfume in it. She looks sad. She goes to Jesus and kneels at his feet. Judas angrily goes to stop her. John restrains him.

JUDAS

Now what is she doing?!

Jesus stops him with a gesture. Judas sits down again. He turns away from Jesus. Opening the jar, she gently anoints his feet with the ointment. She is crying softly. Then she wipes his feet with her hair. Judas stands up. He is angry.

JUDAS (CONT'D)

Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages!

JESUS

Leave her alone! It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me!

Jesus reaches and lifts Mary up. She hugs Jesus.

11

INT PHARISEES COUNCIL ROOM.

11

Caiaphas, Galia, and Asaf are talking quietly. A TEMPLE GAURD enters the room.

CAIAPHAS

Don't worry. We will figure this out.

TEMPLE GAURD

High priest, there is someone to see you.

CAIAPHAS

Who is it?

TEMPLE GAURD

He says his name is Judas and he knows something that might interest you about Jesus.

CAIAPHAS

Judas? Isn't he a disciple of Jesus? This is interesting. Send him in.

Temple gaurd exits and returns with Judas.

CAIAPHAS (CONT'D)

What do you want?

JUDAS

I have a proposition for you.

CAIAPHAS

Go on.

JUDAS

I am,.. was a disciple of Jesus. Perhaps I could be of service to you.

CAIAPHAS

We have been wanting to arrest him for some time, but we have not been able to locate him when he is alone.

JUDAS

I can help with that. For a fee.

GALIA

Why would you want to betray Jesus?

JUDAS

I have my reasons.

ASAF

How long have you been his disciple?

JUDAS

Three years.

CHIAPHAS

And now you suddenly want to get rid of him?



JUDAS

I do.

CHIAPHAS

Interesting. So what can you do for me?

Song: sung by Judas. "In the Darkness of the Night".

1 chorus ,bridge, 2, chorus, bridge, 1 chorus

1

In the darkness of the night  
 Jesus prays to God til light  
 His disciples standing ready for a  
 fight  
 I can figure out the day  
 When he will come your way  
 To make an easy target for your  
 men

Chorus

I am sick and tired of his love for  
 every man  
 Stead of ruling he is serving the  
 poorest in the land  
 Not a king he is a servant to  
 everyone and all  
 He could have ruled all Israel  
 instead he'll have a fall

Bridge

How can I believe in him?  
 Foolish as he is  
 Why should I have faith in him?  
 He's Messiah , not a King

2

I will come up with a plan  
 For some money in my hand  
 I don't care what Jesus thinks of  
 me  
 It's me people will respect  
 I have no regret  
 Only doing what I know is right

CAIAPHAS

So you think they will fight for  
 him. Very well I will bring plenty  
 of armed guards. What is your  
 price?

JUDAS  
Fifty pieces of silver!

CAIAPHAS  
Too high! Twenty pieces of silver!

JUDAS  
Forty pieces of silver!

CAIAPHAS  
Thirty pieces of silver!

JUDAS  
Done!

Caiaphas holds out a sack of money to Judas. Judas reaches for it. Caiaphas pulls it back. Judas's hands are still reaching for the money.

CAIAPHAS  
When will you deliver him?

JUDAS  
Within the week. It will have to be at night.

GALIA  
It will be dark. How will we know which one of you he is?

Judas pauses thinking.

JUDAS  
He will be the one I kiss.

Caiaphas hands Judas the money bag.

CAIAPHAS  
Excellent. You won't regret it.

Judas exits fondling the money bag.

ASAF  
A bargain for us.

CAIAPHAS  
Indeed.

GALIA  
I am looking forward to this.

CAIAPHAS  
The Jesus problem is solved!

All laugh wickedly.

12

EXT JERUSALEM NEAR THE TEMPLE

12

Jesus is praying. PHILIP comes up to Jesus. Simeon is nearby praying. Judas is nearby listening.

PHILIP

Jesus , some Greeks would like to speak to you. I think it would be good to show the people that you show no favoritism.

JESUS

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

VOICE OF GOD

I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.

PHILIP

Was that the voice of an angel?

JESUS

This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now it is the time for the world to be judged. Now the prince of this world will be thrown out. But I am going to be lifted up from the earth. When I am, I will bring all people to myself.

SIMEON

We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

JESUS

You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.

Jesus looks directly at Judas.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.

Judas stands looking angrily at Jesus then exits quickly.

13

INT HOME OF MARY , MARTHA AND LAZARUS.

13

Martha is stirring something in a bowl. Mary enters running. She is frightened.

MARY

Martha, Martha!

Martha drops the spoon.

MARTHA

Oh no! What's happened?!

MARY

Jesus has been arrested!

MARTHA

No! When? Where?

MARY

He was praying with the disciples in the olive grove and the temple guards came with a crowd of armed men. They arrested him and took him away!

MARTHA

How do you know this? Who told you?!

MARY

Simeon.

MARTHA

When did it happen?

MARY

Late last night.

MARTHA

But how did they find him?

MARY

Judas betrayed him!

MARTHA

I **never** liked that Judas!

MARY

He used a kiss to show the guards it was Jesus.

MARTHA

A kiss! That traitor! All right. Let's stay calm! What do we need to do next? Let me think.. We need Lazarus to go to...

MARY

Lazarus left for Jerusalem as soon as he heard. I'm going too! Jesus needs our help!

MARTHA

I'm coming too.

As Mary and Martha start to exit they are met at the door by Aunt and Uncle.

AUNT

Here are my darling girls!

UNCLE

Shalom dear nieces.

AUNT

Girls , you aren't going anywhere are you?

(MORE)

AUNT (CONT'D)

We just heard that Jesus was arrested and we don't want Roman soldiers showing up at your door.

UNCLE

That's right!

MARY

Jesus is our friend. He needs us!

MARTHA

Quiet, Mary.

MARY

I'm not afraid to admit I follow Jesus!

MARTHA

Mary, please!

AUNT

Don't tell me you were going to Jerusalem!

MARY

Yes, we are.

MARTHA

Oh, no.

AUNT

Let's all sit down and have a nice little chat.

UNCLE

Uh, That's right!.

The girls look at each other despairingly.

EXT JERUSALEM TEMPLE

Asaf and Galia are standing together talking. Judas enters holding his bag of silver. He is frightened.

JUDAS

Here's your money back!

GALIA

What ever for?

JUDAS

I have sinned because I have betrayed innocent blood.

ASAF

What's that to us? That's your responsibility!

JUDAS

Here take it back!

Judas throws the sack of money down and exits quickly.

GALIA

It's against the law to put this back into the treasury since it's blood money.

ASAF

We could use it to buy the Potter's field we had talked about.

GALIA

Jesus arrested and our money back! That's what I call a good deal!

ASAF

I say good riddance to him.

GALIA

He's a thing of the past!

Both laugh.

14

INT. HOME OF LAZARUS, MARY AND MARTHA.

14

Mary and Martha are still in the house with Aunt and Uncle. They are all sitting in silence looking at each other when Lazarus enters. Mary and Martha jump to their feet and go to Lazarus.

MARTHA

Lazarus, tell us!

MARY

Is Jesus all right?

AUNT

Well, it's about time you got back to your responsibilities. We arrived just as your sisters were about to leave for Jerusalem alone!

LAZARUS

I'm sorry. I didn't think. It's over.

MARTHA

What do you mean "it's over"?

LAZARUS

Jesus is dead. They crucified him early this morning and he was dead by this afternoon.

MARY

No!

MARTHA

But what about a trial? How could they have executed him with out a trial? And a crucifixion? That's a Roman execution!

LAZARUS

Thomas told me they arrested Jesus in the night. Judas betrayed him.

MARY

Why didn't the disciples fight for him?

LAZARUS

Peter tried, he took out a sword and cut off the ear of the chief priest's servant! But after that Thomas said they all ran away.

MARTHA

They ran away? How could they?

LAZARUS

They took him to the high priest. The chief priests and elders then took him to Pilate who tried to save him. He even offered to let Jesus go, but the crowd wanted that murderer Barabbas freed instead of Jesus. The crowd kept shouting "Crucify him, crucify him"! I had arrived by then and I yelled "Save Jesus, save Jesus" but nobody heard me, the shouting was so loud.

MARY

How horrible!

LAZARUS

Pilate was so angry he wanted nothing to do with it.

(MORE)



## LAZARUS (CONT'D)

He had someone bring a bowl of  
water and he washed his hands in  
front of the crowd.

Song "I Saw Him"- sung by Lazarus .

1 chorus, 2 bridge ,1 chorus, 2 bridge, 1

1

I saw him from afar at first  
And then I pushed on, through the  
crowd  
I saw the trickling blood upon his  
face  
Carrying his cross on shoulders  
torn  
I could see the sorrow borne  
The sorrow that he bore for you and  
me

Chorus

There was nothing I could do  
To stop the agony I saw  
Stumbling as he walked along  
Laughter at his fall

2

When I saw him hanging on the cross  
I stood away and filled with fear  
But I saw the love shining in his  
eyes  
I should have run and brought him  
down  
Saved him from his thorny crown  
Stopped the crucifixion with my  
life

Bridge

Why didn't he help himself?  
Why didn't he save himself?  
Why didn't I run to help  
The one who gave me life?

MARTHA

Oh , Lazarus.

Martha runs to hug Lazarus. Mary quietly exits while all are looking at Lazarus.

AUNT

I am sorry to hear it. He was a good man. But at least we don't have to worry about the children running after Jesus anymore. Come Uncle, let us go.

Looking around.

AUNT (CONT'D)

Where is Mary?

MARTHA

She must be indisposed. I'll let her know you're leaving.

AUNT

Don't bother. We will see you tomorrow.

Aunt and Uncle exit.

MARTHA

Lazarus, where is Mary?

LAZARUS

She's gone!

MARTHA

Oh, no!

15

EXT. JERUSALEM

15

MARY MAGDELENE is excited and running onto stage as Mary enters sadly walking from the opposite direction.

MARY

Mary Magdelene!

Mary Magdelene stops to talk with Mary. She is out of breath from running.

MARY MAGDELENE

Mary! He's alive!

MARY

What?! Who?

MARY MAGDELENE

Jesus!

MARY

How, what?

MARY MAGDELENE

I went to the tomb with the other women, but when I got there the tomb was empty and the stone was moved from the entrance. We ran and told the disciples. Peter and John saw that the tomb was empty and they left, but I was so sad. I stayed in front of the tomb crying and a man came up to me. He said "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" I assumed he was the gardener so I said "Sir, if you have carried him away tell me where you have put him and I will get him. Then he said "Mary!" And suddenly I realized it was Jesus!". I tried to hug him but he told me that he had not yet ascended to the Father. And to go and tell the disciples that he is ascending to his Father and your Father and to his God and my God.

MARY

Alive! I can't believe it! Thank you God! Come on. I'll go with you!

Mary and Mary Magdelene run off stage.

16

INT. PETERS HOME

16

Peter and the other disciples are distressed. Peter is angry with himself for betraying Jesus. They are all worried that the Romans will come and arrest them. Mary and Mary Magdelene arrive. They are both excited and happy.

MARY MAGDELENE

I have news! Listen!

PETER

What is it? Are the Romans on their way here?!

MARY MAGDELENE

No, I have seen Jesus and he is alive! He is risen!

PETER

Jesus appeared to you? Are you crazy? You've been crying for hours. You probably imagined it.

MARY

No it's true she saw Jesus and she talked to him!

PETER

Did you see him too?

MARY

No, but I believe her! You should be rejoicing!

THOMAS

I'll believe it when I see it. Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

JOHN

I believe you. How did he look, what did he say?

MARY MAGDELENE

He looked wonderful! The way he always looked but somehow more, more ..alive! He said to tell you that he is ascending to his Father and your father and to his God and your God.

JOHN

His father and my father. Why hasn't he shown himself to us?

THOMAS

Weren't we the ones with him every day?

PETER

Let's go back to the tomb! Maybe he's still there!

All exit quickly.

A few days later. The Disciples, Mary Magdelene and Mary, Martha and Lazarus are together. JONATHAN AND CLEOPAS have returned from being with Jesus and are telling of their encounter with Jesus.

JONATHAN

So while we were walking with him he said to us, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to us what was said in all the Scriptures about himself.

MARTHA

How wonderful! I wish I could have been there.

CLEOPAS

Then later when he was at the table with us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to us. Then suddenly our eyes were opened and we recognized him, it was Jesus and he disappeared from our sight.

MARY MAGDELENE

See, that's what happened to me too! I did not recognize him at first either!

JONATHAN

Then we asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

CLEOPAS

So we got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.

LAZARUS

Will Jesus show himself again?

PETER

Will he show himself to me who denied him three times?

MARY

He forgave me when I didn't have  
faith in him. I know he forgives  
you too.

Mary begins to sing REPRISE: When You Find It. All join in.

1  
When you find it you will know it  
And your heart will be set free  
When you find it you will know it  
in your soul  
When you find it you will know it  
It's been waiting there for you  
All you have to do is seek the Lord

Chorus  
And you'll rejoice in his love  
Filled with his grace  
Happiness will overflow ,  
your heart has found it's place  
When you find it, when you find it  
You will never go away again

2  
Mary found a peace with in her  
When she listened to the word  
She found that God was reaching out  
to her  
And the love she felt within her  
Was filled with holy grace  
All she had to do was seek the Lord

Jesus enters at the last line and sings it solo.

JESUS

Peace be with you.

MARY

Jesus!

When the group sees him they are startled and frightened.  
Some gasp or step back. Mary Magdelene falls in worship at  
his feet, Martha next to her. Mary goes to his side.

JESUS

Thomas ,put your finger here; see  
my hands. Reach out your hand and  
put it into my side. Stop doubting  
and believe.

Thomas falls to his knees.

THOMAS  
My Lord and my God!

JESUS  
Because you have seen me you have  
believed; blessed are those who  
have not seen and yet have  
believed.  
Why are you troubled, and why do  
doubts rise in your minds? Look at  
my hands and my feet. It is I  
myself! Touch me and see; a ghost  
does not have flesh and bones, as  
you see I have.

Jesus shows them his hands and feet. Some are still not  
convinced.

JESUS (CONT'D)  
Do you have anything here to eat?

Martha gives him a small piece of fish. While he is eating it  
all are watching him carefully.

JESUS (CONT'D)  
This is what I told you while I was  
still with you: Everything must be  
fulfilled that is written about me  
in the Law of Moses, the Prophets  
and the Psalms. This is what is  
written: The Messiah will suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third  
day, and repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins will be  
preached in his name to all  
nations, beginning at Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.  
I am going to send you what my  
Father has promised; but stay in  
the city until you have been  
clothed with power from on high.

JOHN  
Glory to you Lord!

MARY  
Hallelujah!

All joyful now. All go to Jesus. Some hug him. Some kneel  
down. The all rise for song.

Reprise: "He is Risen" - Sung by all.

ch, 1, br, ch, 2 br, ch 1 br, ch, ch

## Chorus

He is risen  
 Risen from the dead  
 He is risen  
 He has life instead  
 He is risen  
 He's been raised to life  
 He is risen, he is risen amen

1

Jesus died upon the cross  
 Hallelujah!  
 Took our sins upon himself  
 Hallelujah!  
 Raised himself up from the dead  
 Banished death, took life instead  
 Halle, Hallelujah!

## Bridge

He is risen, risen from the dead  
 He is risen , he has life instead  
 He is risen ,he is filled with life  
 He's risen God has raised Him  
 Yes, he is filled with life

## Chorus

He is risen  
 Risen from the dead  
 He is risen  
 He has life instead  
 He is risen  
 He's been raised to life  
 He is risen, he is risen amen

2

All our sins he took away  
 Hallelujah!  
 Made a way through heaven's gates  
 Hallelujah!  
 By the blood he shed that day  
 Jesus has made straight our way  
 Halle!, Hallelujah!

## Bridge

He is risen, risen from the dead  
 He is risen , he has life instead  
 He is risen ,he is filled with life  
 He's risen God has raised Him  
 Yes, he is filled with life



THE END