

2025 PASSION PLAY INTRODUCTION

Welcome, Kevin Sorbo here. I'd like to thank you for attending The Great Passion Play.

You are about to experience a dramatic reenactment of the last days of the life of Jesus Christ on earth, including his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

This is the "Greatest Story Ever Told." Jesus' death is the greatest act of love and sacrifice that the world has ever known. And His resurrection is the greatest moment in all of history.

Because of this, The Great Passion Play is devoted to remaining true and faithful to the Biblical Account. The script of the Play is taken from and inspired by the Bible. It's comprised of passages throughout the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John as well as Isaiah, Psalms, Hosea, and 1 Corinthians.

As we gather on this hillside from all walks, journeys, and stages of life, we need to look reverently upon this production, see the love of Christ, and remember that we're all equally culpable for Jesus's death. No one people group was or is solely responsible. It was the sins of the world—our sins—that put him on the cross. But Jesus didn't stay dead. As it's written in 1 Corinthians 15, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" And it continues, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Our prayer tonight is that the One who created the world, who hung the moon and the stars, who has woven His love into creation through the sacrifice of His Son, would speak to you, your families, and all who've gathered here.

Join us now as we step back in time to the city of Jerusalem under the rule of Tiberius Caesar in Rome.

PASSION PLAY CLOSING

Tonight, you have witnessed the account of the greatest act of love the world has ever known so that everyone may receive the gift of eternal life.

In just a few moments there will be a time of benediction and worship in the amphitheater. All are welcome to stay and pray during this time. We ask that as you exit the amphitheater please do so quietly as a courtesy to those who remain praying and worshipping in their seats.

If you do not believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you can receive Him right where you are and leave this place forever changed. Jesus paid the debt for our sin and God raised Him from death to life.

The Bible says in Romans 10:9: "if you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

If you need to pray with someone, our prayer team is at the top of the stairs ready to pray with you.

For those here who already believe, we pray this performance strengthens your faith and is an encouragement to your spirit wherever your journey has taken you and that it will inspire you to continue sharing the love of Christ everywhere you go.

Thank you for attending The Great Passion Play— "May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."