

Passion Play – 2025 Herodias Script (12.10.24)

PILATE: Herod is here in Jerusalem at this very time! Take him to Herod. Don't trouble me further. I (have no time) (don't have time) for such foolishness.

Act III—Scene 4b: Jesus tried by Herod

HEROD: What is this? What do we see here? Do we see John the Baptist here? Salome, Herodias, look this is John the Baptist. He's risen from the dead.

[LAUGHTER]

PRIEST 2: Your Excellency.

HEROD: Silence! No one must speak. We must examine this man more closely. Are you John come back from the grave to haunt us? No, no, no...this is not John, we know that. (*almost laughing with amusement*). This is the man called Jesus.

Thank you for bringing him to us. We are greatly pleased to meet him at long last. So, you are Jesus of Nazareth. We hear that you perform miracles...that you heal the sick and the lame...that you make the blind see. The deaf hear. The dead live again!

[LAUGHTER]

Is all of this true? As you are a Galilean and under my jurisdiction, we are indeed very interested in seeing these miracles performed in our presence.

Salome, wouldn't you like to see a miracle performed?

SALOME: Yes! Oh yes! [*SALOME clothes Jesus with purple mantle.*]

HEROD: Oh, and you Herodias?

HERODIAS: Very well.

HEROD: You see we are not alone in our curiosity. So perform for us! Entertain us with your miracles.

[*Crowd voices of affirmation*]

What's wrong? Why is he not doing anything?

Wait, I have it. Is there water in that jug?

HEROD SERVANT: Yes, Excellency!

HEROD: Well, then bring it to us. Set it there in front of him. Now, stay there! Change this water into wine for us. Can you do that? Well, we're waiting! (*waits a moment for Jesus*) You, taste it!.....Well?