

Passion Play – 2025 Lazarus Script (12.13.24)

ACT I—Scene 1: Raising of Lazarus

(Nate & Thad open the tomb)

MARTHA: Lord, he's been here four days.

JESUS: Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?

Father, I give thanks because you hear me. I know you always hear. I say it so those present will know You have sent Me Lazarus, come forth!

[LAZARUS emerges.]

MARY L.: He lives!

(Crowd sounds praising God for miracle)

MARTHA: Lazarus! *(running to Lazarus, then turning back to Jesus)* Oh, Jesus!

JESUS: Remove the grave clothes; and let him go.

WITNESSING MOURNER: We must tell the High Priests about this act of God. *(He goes down steps, thru gate 1, runs across to High Priest).*

ACT I—Scene 4c: Proclaimer & Jesus enters Jerusalem

PROCLAIMER: Jesus is coming, it is Jesus the prophet, and Lazarus is with Him.

[CHILDREN proclaiming; CROWD meets JESUS at Gate #1 and swells around Him as He proceeds on donkey. As soon as He dismounts, CHILDREN run to Him and surround Him as He approaches the Temple JUDAS rejoins the APOSTLE group. Layered voices: Who is this? ---Who is coming? ---It is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee! --- It is the man who raised Lazarus from the dead!]

CROWD: *Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in The Name of the Lord! Save us now! It is the man who raised Lazarus from the dead! Let us through! We must see him. (Children's voices and other voices as well layered, with mention of Lazarus as well)*

Healing of Dead Child

FATHER: We've come to see Jesus; our child has just died, and we heard He raised Lazarus of Bethany from the dead.

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LAZARUS: Yes, have faith! I am Lazarus of Bethany. I was dead, and now I'm alive! *(Turning toward JESUS)* Jesus! This man needs your help!

MOTHER: Help us, please!

JESUS: *(Taking dead CHILD)* Father! Glorify Your Name!

Act I—Scene 5: Anointing Scene

MARTHA: I give thanks to the Lord.

MARY LAZ: It's true; His faithful love endures forever.

JOHN: Yes, we have so much to be thankful for.

LAZARUS: He is my salvation. I will not die, but I'll live and proclaim what my God has done.

(Disciples & Jesus walk to Simon's house)

NATHANIEL: *(Excitedly)* Did you see the Look on that man's face when he opened his eyes and could see!

THADDAEUS: And who wasn't holding his breath when Jesus raised that child from the dead!

ANDREW: *(Speaking to JESUS)* It was a great day, Master.

SIMON: And what a welcome when we came!

JUDAS: *(Skeptically)* Well, I have a bad feeling about this whole thing.

JAMES: Why would you have a bad feeling? You saw how the crowd reacted.

JUDAS: *(Wondering)* It's the priests I'm worried about.

[The other DISCIPLES balk.]

ANDREW: *(Walking over to JUDAS and slapping him on the shoulder.)* Judas, There's nothing to worry about.

JUDAS: *(Coming in house)* This is wasteful. That oil could have been sold for 300 pieces of silver; and given to the poor.

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JESUS: Judas! Why must you make trouble for this woman? [*Judas backs away*]

It's a fine thing she's done for me. The poor will always be among you, but you will not always have me. Wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, what this woman has done will be told as her memorial. When Mary poured this oil on my body, it was her way of preparing me, for burial.

LAZARUS: (*Standing and placing a hand on Jesus shoulder*) For burial, Lord?

PETER: (*To JUDAS as he is leaving*) Where are you off to?

JUDAS: (*Turning as he is leaving*) I have some friends to see, some business to attend to.