

Passion Play – 2025 Martha Script (12.17.24)

ACT I—Scene 1: Raising of Lazarus

VOICEOVER of Isaiah 9:2 in Hebrew transitioning to English:

“The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.”

JAMES: Martha, the Master is here.

MARTHA: My Lord, if only you'd been here, my brother would still be alive. *(Pauses as if sorry for being vindictive)* Even now, though he has died, I know God will give you anything you ask for.

JESUS: Your brother will rise again.

MARTHA: *(Not seeing the requested miracle in His reply)* I know he will rise again, in the resurrection on the last day.

JESUS: I AM the Resurrection. I AM the Life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Martha, do you believe this?

MARTHA: I do Lord. I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God come to the world.

MARY L.: Lord, if you had been here my brother wouldn't have died.

JESUS: Oh, Mary ...*(Jesus wept)*..... Let's go to him.

JOANNA: See? He did love him.

MARY CLEO: He opened blind eyes; He could've healed Lazarus.

JESUS: Take the stone away!

(Nate & Thad open the tomb)

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

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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).*

[A BLIND MAN has approached from stage right and JOANNA has brought him forward.]

JOANNA: Jesus, this man is blind.

PRIEST 4: I know him; he comes to the temple every day.

BLIND MAN: Jesus, our Son of David, have mercy on me! I want to see!

JESUS: As you have believed, *(He touches him)* so be it to you.

BLIND MAN: I see! I can see! Blessed be our God and Father! I can see!

SMALL GIRL: Don't go anywhere Jesus, I'll be right back!

PRIEST 3: You have healed a drunken sinner! A drunken sinner!

JESUS: Who among you, having one hundred sheep and losing one, won't leave the ninety-nine in the open field and search for the lost one until he finds it? When he's found it, he rejoices over that one more than the ninety-nine that didn't go astray! In the same way, there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than for ninety-nine righteous who don't need to repent!

[Mary Laz. & Martha exit to prepare for anointing scene]

Act I—Scene 4F: Joseph and Nicodemus

JOSEPH: Nicodemus, as far as the high priests are concerned, Jesus might as well have said, "You won't see Me until you hail Me as King!"

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NICODEMUS: I know, Joseph. I don't understand Him, but, I sense God all around Him.

JOSEPH: Powerful words. Truthful.

NICODEMUS: Puzzling. When I first met him, he said that the Son of Man must be lifted up just as Moses had lifted up the snake in the wilderness.

JOSEPH: Yes, the children of Israel had sinned against God while wandering in the wilderness and venomous snakes came among them, and God told Moses to fashion a bronze snake and put it on a pole.

NICODEMUS: God said, "If anyone was bitten, they could simply look at the snake on the pole and by faith they would live." But, I still don't understand what he means...that the Son of Man must be lifted up just like that.

JOSEPH: Where's he going with all of this?

NICODEMUS: I can't tell. He once told me, "The wind blows where it will," and "You do not know where it's going."

JOSEPH: Nicodemus, let's hope the wind knows where it's going.

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!

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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.

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.