

Passion Play – 2025 Mary Cleo 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.

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!

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[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 IV—Scene 6: Empty Tomb

JOANNA: Why is the stone rolled away?

MARY MAG.: I don't know! Are the guards alright?

MARY LAZ.: *(Rising from looking at one of the guards)* They appear to be fine, and no sign of fighting.

MARY MAG.: Then where's the body? Has someone taken it? Who has taken it?
[ANGEL steps forward.]

ANGEL: Why do you look for the living among the dead? You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. Do not be afraid. He is not here; he is risen, just as he said.

Go and tell this to his disciples and Peter. **Jesus will appear to them as well. For He was raised from the dead so** that whosoever believes in Him shall have victory over death and shall have the gift of everlasting life.

Act IV—Scene 7: Outside Upper Room (I want to see it)

JAMES: Mary! What's happened? What is it?

MARY MAG.: *(Bursting)* Brothers, we have come from the tomb, just now; the stone was rolled away, and the body of Jesus was gone! Then, an angel appeared and told us He's alive...

MARY CLEO.: *(interrupting)* Raised from the dead!

MARY MAG.: Yes! And the angel told us to tell you! Well, say something!

PETER: Mary, I don't think that He...

MARY MAG.: *(Interrupting)* You don't believe us! Well, it doesn't matter, the angel said Jesus would appear to you.

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JOHN: I want to see it.