

Great Passion Play – 2025 Nathaniel Script (12.20.24)

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.

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?

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

Act II—Scene 2: Last Supper

PETER: *(As soon as he knows it's his turn)* You, my Lord? Washing my feet?

JESUS: You do not understand, but one day you will.

PETER: I will never let You wash my feet!

JESUS: If I don't wash you, you'll have nothing with me.

PETER: Then Lord, not my feet only! Wash my hands and head as well!

JESUS: You have been washed, only your feet were not. *(Rising, addressing all)* Now, you are clean, though not every one of you. Do you know what I have done? You call me "Teacher" and "Lord," indeed that is who I am. Since, then, your Lord has washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have done this as an example, you must do the same.

JESUS: Now, I must tell you something before it happens, so you'll believe in me when it does. It's written, "He who eats with me has lifted his heel against me." *(Pause)* I say now, in truth, one of you here with me shall betray me.

JAMES: *(After pause)* Which of us? Is it me?

NATHANIEL: Could it be me?

THADDEUS: Or me?

SIMON: Is it me?

PETER: *[stands and beckons to John]* John, ask him who he means.

JOHN: Who is it, Lord?

JESUS: *(To JOHN, alone)* It's the one I will give this piece of bread.

JUDAS: Lord! Is it me?

JESUS: You've said it. Now, quickly, do what you are set to do!