

GOD IS . . . ALIVE

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE

KID #1
KID #2
MARY
MARY M.
EXTRA WOMEN AT CROSS
APOSTLE #1
APOSTLE #2
APOSTLE #3
APOSTLE #4
GUARD #1
GUARD #2
JESUS

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS

ANGEL

PROPS

CROSS
UPPER ROOM
LOW TABLE
WINDOW
TOMB WITH STONE
WHITE CLOTHES
MOUNTAIN
PUPPET STAGE
BIBLICAL ATTIRE
ROBE FOR JESUS
SWORDS, HELMETS, ETC. FOR 2 GUARDS
GOSSIMER DRAPING

SPECIAL EFFECTS

EARTHQUAKE

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[Empty rectangular box for drawing or writing]

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE

CUE SONG - HOPE OF HEAVEN

WORSHIP LEADER: Opening prayer and Introduction

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS & HOUSE

Kid 1 and Kid 2 up center aisle to portable stage.

KID 1: I'M SO MAD AT MY MOM AND DAD!

KID 2: HOW COME?

KID 1: THEY'RE MAKIN ME GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY. AND I DON'T WANT TO GO...

KID 2: BUT IT'S THE LORD'S DAY AND PRETTY SOON IT'S GOING TO BE EASTER!

KID 1: BIG DEAL! WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO CHURCH ANYWAY? WHO CARES ABOUT SOME DEAD GUY? IT'S NOT LIKE I KNEW HIM OR ANYTHING...

KID 2: BUT YOU DO KNOW HIM.

KID 1: HUH!

KID 2: IT'S JESUS CHRIST! AND HE'S NOT DEAD, HE'S ALIVE!

KID 1: *(sarcastically)* OH YEAH, RIGHT! HOW CAN A PERSON BE DEAD **AND** ALIVE!

KID 2: *(astonished)* DON'T YOU KNOW WHY WE CELEBRATE EASTER?

KID 1: WELL YEAH, SORTA. I KNOW THAT EASTER HAPPENS BECAUSE JESUS DIED ON A CROSS. BUT I NEVER REALLY CARED TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT, THE CANDY WAS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT!

KID 2: BUT JESUS DYING ON THE CROSS WAS JUST THE BEGINNING! IT'S WHAT HAPPENED AFTER HE DIED THAT'S IMPORTANT.

KID 1: WELL, WHAT HAPPENED?

KID 2: WELL GET READY, BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO HEAR MIGHT

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SEEM VERY INCREDIBLE.....(*fades out*) IT STARTED WITH THE CROSS.....

LIGHT CUE - DOWN PORTABLE, UP ON STAGE RIGHT & LOW STAGE LEFT

Several women stand huddled together at base of cross, stage left, crying and talking softly to each other. Opposite side of stage several disciples together in chamber where they had last dined with Jesus. They are discussing Jesus' death. They are greatly discouraged.

LIGHT CUE - DOWN STAGE LEFT

APOSTLE #1: I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAS HAPPENED! WAS IT ONLY A FEW SHORT DAYS AGO THAT WE ENTERED JERUSALEM?

APOSTLE #2: THE PEOPLE WERE WORSHIPING JESUS ONE DAY AND SCREAMING TO CRUCIFY HIM THE NEXT.

APOSTLE #3: WE WERE NO BETTER. WHERE WERE WE WHEN OUR MASTER NEEDED US? WE FLED LIKE THE COWARDS THAT WE ARE.

APOSTLE #4: NOT JOHN. HE STAYED WITH JESUS UNTIL THE END.

APOSTLE #3: (*sadly*) AT LEAST HE GOT TO SAY GOODBYE.....

All apostles ponder for a moment.

APOSTLE #1: (*frustrated, pounds fist on the table*) IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO END THIS WAY! HE WAS THE MESSIAH. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO **DELIVER** THE PEOPLE!

APOSTLE #2: HE PERFORMED MIRACLES BEFORE OUR VERY EYES, WHY DIDN'T HE SAVE HIMSELF?

APOSTLE #3: AND NOW WHAT WILL BECOME OF US? WHO WILL LEAD US?

APOSTLE #4: (*gets up and walks to window and begins peering out*) EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THE ROMAN SOLDIERS ARE LOOKING FOR US.

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APOSTLE #2: THEY SEEK TO KILL US JUST AS SURELY AS THEY
KILLED JESUS.

APOSTLE #1: IF ONLY JESUS WERE HERE.....*(they shake heads in agreement and
then leave the stage area talking quietly)*

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE RIGHT , UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE

CUE SONG - HE NAILED IT

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS & PORTABLE, UP ON CENTER STAGE

*The two Marys walk up to the tomb. Two Roman soldiers are guarding either side of the
tomb.*

GUARD #1: CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS? WE'RE GUARDING A DEAD MAN!

GUARD #2: HAH! *(laughs)*

GUARD #1: LIKE HE'S GONNA GET UP AND WALK AWAY!

MARY M.: MARY, THE STONE WILL BE SO HEAVY, HOWEVER WILL WE
MOVE IT?

MARY: I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE MUST FIND A WAY! WE MUST SEE OUR
MASTER! *(puts hand on Mary M.'s shoulder -- signals earthquake)*

SOUND CUE - EARTHQUAKE

They reach the tomb and stand before it.

*Puppet angel appears and rolls the stone away from the opening of the tomb. The guards
begin shaking and fall down like dead men.*

ANGEL: DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE. COME AND SEE THE
PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

MARY: *(Both Marys peer inside tomb & see white clothes laid as if body had been
there)* HE'S NOT HERE!

MARY M: BUT WHERE DID HE GO? PLEASE, YOU MUST TELL US WHERE
OUR MASTER IS!

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ANGEL: HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID. NOW GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND IS GOING AHEAD OF YOU INTO GALILEE. THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM. NOW, YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD....

The two Marys quickly head off to tell the disciples the news, talking to each other rapidly and in disbelief as they go.

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON CENTER STAGE , UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE

SONG CUE - LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS & PORTABLE, UP LOW STAGE RIGHT

Disciples are hurrying to go to the mountain where they were told they would see Jesus..

APOSTLE #1: DO YOU THINK WE WILL REALLY SEE JESUS?

APOSTLE #3: THE WOMEN SEEMED SO SURE OF WHAT THEY HAD SEEN.

APOSTLE #2: WE MUST BELIEVE AND ACT IN FAITH.

All disciples nod in agreement and continue walking to base of stage. There they face the mountain.

LIGHT CUE - BLUE SPOT ON GOSSIMER DRAPE

Jesus appears to the apostles. All begin to worship Him.

APOSTLE #1: JESUS!

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VOICE OF JESUS: PEACE BE WITH YOU. ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.

LIGHT CUE -BLUE SPOT DIMS, THEN FADES OUT

APOSTLE #4: BUT WHERE WILL YOU GO?

VOICE OF JESUS: I GO TO BE WITH THE FATHER, IN HEAVEN. NOW GO AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL CREATION.....

APOSTLE #3: WE WILL! (*Disciples all speak in agreement.*)

APOSTLE #2: HE HAS RISEN!

APOSTLE #4: PRAISE BE TO GOD! JESUS IS ALIVE!!!

APOSTLE #1: WE MUST GO AT ONCE. THERE IS MUCH TO DO! (*disciples leave, nodding in affirmation and discussing their plans*)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE LEFT, UP ON PORTABLE

KID #2: AND THAT'S WHY WE CELEBRATE EASTER.

KID #1: WOW, EASTER REALLY IS AN IMPORTANT HOLIDAY!

KID#2: IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT HOLIDAY WE HAVE..

First kid turns and starts leaving quickly

KID #2: HEY, WHERE YOU GOIN'?

KID #1: I'VE GOT TO GO MAKE SURE THAT **ALL** MY FRIENDS KNOW.

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KID #2: ABOUT JESUS' DEATH?

KID#1: NO. THAT JESUS IS A L I V E !!! LET'S GO TO CHURCH AND LEARN ABOUT JESUS NOW SO WE'LL BE READY FOR EASTER.

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing Comments.

REPEAT AFTER ME:

JESUS SAID TO HER,
"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME,
THOUGH HE MAY DIE,
HE SHALL LIVE.

JOHN 11:25

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing prayer

SONG CUE - TELL THE WORLD