

Historical Reenactment of Good Friday 2025

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SCENE ORDER 2025

- 1) PROLOGUE 4'03"
- 2) ANNOUNCEMENT 3'05"
- 3) NATIVITY 8'47"
- 4) BAPTISM OF JESUS 5'15"
- 5) HEROD AND THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
8'06"
- 6) SERMON ON THE MOUNT 5' 32"
- 7) RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS 4'48"
- 8) ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM 5'32"
- 9) CENTURION SERVANT 1' 50"
- 10) BETRAYAL OF JUDAS 3'05"
- 11) PASSION START 1'19"
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- 17) DAMNATION OF JUDAS 1'24"
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- 19) CROSS RAISED 1'45"
- 20) CRUCIFIXION and DEPOSITION 9'11"
- 21) PITY 1'36"

01 PROLOGUE (Disciples of Emmaus)

Voice of two

men: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he spoke to you while he was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day be raised.'

Cleophas: Stay with us Lord!

Jesus: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go! and make disciples of all nations. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

02 ANNUNCIATION

Evangelist: On that day the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The Virgin's name was Mary. The Angel entered to her and said:

Angel: Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

Evangelist: At these words she was troubled and wondered what such a greeting could mean.

Angel: Do not be afraid, Mary! For you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Maria: How can all this happen if I do not know man?

Angel: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, so the child to be born will be called the Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing will be impossible with God.

Maria: Behold! I am the handmaid of my Lord! Let it be to me according to your word!

03 NATIVITY

Evangelist: At that time a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And all went to be registered, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee to Judea, to the city called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered along with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the days came for her to conceive, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because they had no other room in the room.

Now there were in that region shepherds living in the fields keeping watch over their flock for the night, and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and they were filled with fear. But the angel...

Angel: Do not be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring joy to all the people: today in the city of David a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

evangelist: And when the angel left them, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

They went away and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger and when they had seen it they made known what had been told them about this child.

Evangelist: When eight days had passed after which the child was to be circumcised, he was named Jesus, as the angel had called him before he was conceived in the mother's womb. When Mary and Joseph had fulfilled all that was required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

04 BAPTISM OF JESUS

Evangelist: In those days John the Baptist, son of Zechariah, appeared preaching in the wilderness, and came into all the regions around the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. He was dressed in camel skins and ate locusts and wild honey. The inhabitants of Jerusalem, from all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him and, after confessing their sins, were baptized.

John: The voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths, and every valley will be exalted, and every mountain and hill will be made low, and the crooked ways will be made plain, and all flesh will see the salvation of God. He who has two tunics, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him give food to him who has none. And you, tax collectors, do not exact more than your due, and do not oppress anyone, nor slander, and be content with your wages.

1st Publican: And who are you if you are not the Christ!

2nd Publican: Are you Elijah?

3rd Publican: Are you a prophet?

4th Publican: Tell us who you are, so that we can bring an answer to the one who sent us.

5th Publican: Why do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor a prophet?

John: Brood of vipers! Who will save you from the wrath that is to come? Repent and do not say, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. The ax is already laid, and every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I baptize you with water, but among you stands one you do not know, stronger than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He will thoroughly clear his threshing floor and gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes upon himself the sins of the world. I am the one who needs to be baptized by you, and you come to me?

Jesus: It is right that what is written be fulfilled.

God (voiceover): This is my beloved son. In him I am well pleased.

John: This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes one who is preferred to me because he was before me. You must follow him now, not me!'

05 HEROD AND SALOME – MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John: Herod! It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife as your wife!

Herod: Dance for me, please! Dance for me! And I will give you everything you ask for! I swear that everything you ask for, I will give you! Even if it's half my kingdom!

Salome: Mother, what should I ask?

Herodias: The head of John the Baptist!

Salome: I want you to give me immediately on a silver platter the head of John the Baptist. Remember that you swore: "Whatever you ask of me, I will give you."

Herod: Do as she asked!

06 SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Evangelist: Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. His fame spread throughout the whole region. His disciples followed him, and from among them he chose twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, his brother Andrew, James, John, Judas the brother of James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealous, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.the.

And there followed him a great multitude from Galilee,Decapolis, from Jerusalem, from Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

One day Jesus saw the crowd and went up the mountain and sat down:

Jesus: Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, they will obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile you and persecute you and falsely say all sorts of evil against you for my sake. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions like the Gentiles, who think that they will be heard because of their many words; do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This is how you should pray, therefore:

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

07 RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

Evangelist: Now a man named Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha, had fallen ill. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. Lazarus was her brother.

The sisters sent to him, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” Jesus replied, “This is not a deathly illness, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified.”

When Martha heard that Jesus was approaching, she went to meet him, but Mary sat in the house. And Martha said to Jesus:

Martha: Lord! If you had been here my brother would not have died! But I still know that whatever you ask of God, He will give it to you!

Jesus: Your brother will rise again!

Martha: I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.

Jesus: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he were dead, will live; and he who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

Martha: Yes, O Lord! I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.

Evangelist: When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had followed her also weeping, his spirit was moved, and he was troubled within himself, and said, “Take away the stone!”

Jesus: Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the people's sake, so that they may believe that you sent me.

08 ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Evangelist: As he approached Jerusalem he came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, called two disciples and said to them:

Jesus: Go into the village opposite you, and as soon as you enter it, find a colt tied that no one has ever ridden; untie it and bring it here to me. If anyone asks you why you are untying it, say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here immediately.’ ”

Priestess: Rejoice, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you! He is just and victorious, humble, riding on a donkey; on a colt he will drive away the chariots of Ephraim and the horses from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be broken, he will proclaim peace to the nations, his dominion will be from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Priestess: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

09 CENTURION SERVANT

Centurion: Lord! Lord, one of my servants is lying at home paralyzed, suffering terribly!

Jesus: I will come and heal him!

Centurion: Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a servant, with soldiers under me. If I say to one of them, 'Go,' he goes; and if I say, 'Come,' he comes. And if I say to a servant, 'Do,' he does it.

Jesus: Truly I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel. Go! And as you have believed, let it be done for you!

A servant: Your servant! He is healed!

10 BETRAYAL OF JUDAS

ONLY MUSIC

Beginning of PASSION and LAST SUPPER

Evangelist: On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?” “Go into the city. There you will find a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him. And wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, with carpets and cushions, already prepared. There, prepare for us.”

They did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. In the evening Jesus came with the twelve and sat down to eat.

Peter: Lord! You wash my feet!

Jesus: What I do, you cannot understand now, but you will know in the future.

Peter: You will never wash my feet!

Jesus: If I do not wash your feet, you have no part with me.

Peter: So Lord, not only the feet but also the hands and the head.

Jesus: He who has bathed only needs to wash his feet.

Jesus: Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher, Lord. And you are right, for so I am. If then I, the Lord, the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

An apostle:What do you mean, Master?

Jesus: You are pure, but not all of you... You are not all pure. Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me!

Peter: Is it I, Lord?

An apostle:Or me?

Another apostle: Me, maybe?

Jesus: He who dipped his hand into the bowl with me: he is the one who will betray me! The Son of Man goes as it is written. But woe to that

one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed...! It would have been better for him if he had never been born.

Judah: Is it me, Master?

Jesus: You said it! What you have to do, do it quickly!

Jesus: You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you into Galilee.

Peter: Even if everyone is scandalized because of you, I will never deny you!

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will have denied me three times.

Peter: Even if I have to die for you, I will never deny you!

Jesus: Take and eat! This is my body!

Jesus: Drink from it, all of you! This is my blood! Which will be shed for many for the forgiveness of sins!

I tell you, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

13 GETHSEMANE (Garden of Olives and arrest of Jesus)

Evangelist: Then Jesus, with all his disciples, crossed the Kidron Valley and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives. Then he took with him Peter and John and James, the sons of Zebedee, and went with them to a place called Gethsemane.

Jesus: My soul is sorrowful even to death. Stay here and watch with me.

My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.

You could not watch with me one hour. Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass away unless I drink it, your will be done.

Evangelist: And when he came again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weary. And he came again the third time to pray; and being in agony he prayed more earnestly, so that his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Jesus: Arise! Behold, he who betrays me is coming!

Judah: Greetings, Master!

Jesus: Friend, what purpose are you here for?

Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

Who are you looking for?

Misander: Jesus of Nazareth!

Jesus: It's me! Who are you looking for?

Misander: Jesus of Nazareth!

Jesus: I told you that it is I! If therefore you seek me, let these others go. You have come out to take me with swords and clubs, as against a criminal.

I sat daily in the midst of the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but all this is done that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

14 SANHEDRIUM

Evangelist: Those who had arrested Jesus led him first to Hannah, who was Caiaphas' father-in-law, and then to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the chief priests and the scribes and the elders had gathered. Peter followed him at a distance, to the side of the high priest's palace.

Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin sought testimony against Jesus to condemn him to death, but they found none, although many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and said:

Witness: This man said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days."

Caiaphas: Do you not respond to what they testify against you?

Jesus: I have spoken publicly, to the world. I have always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, where all the Jews come together, and I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I have said to them; they know what I have said.

Misander: Is this how you answer the high priest?

Jesus: If I spoke badly, prove what I said badly, but if I spoke well, why do you slap me?

Caiaphas: Finally, I adjure you by the Living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!

Jesus: You said it. I am it! But I tell you, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Caiaphas: He blasphemed, he blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses! Have you now heard his blasphemy? What do you think...?

A priest: He is guilty of death!

Another priest: He is guilty of death!

15 PETER'S DENIAL (bivouac)

Woman: You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

Peter: I don't know what you're talking about!

Woman: Yet this man was with Jesus of Nazareth!

Peter: I swear to you: I don't know that man!

Henchman: Surely you too must be one of them, your speech makes it clear.

Peter: I tell you I don't know that man!!

Voice of Jesus: ...truly I say to you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will have denied me three times...

Peter: Lord! Lord! Forgive me....

Peter kneels down asking for forgiveness. The lights go out. They exit the scene from the wings of the hut.

16 PILATE'S TRIAL

Longinus: Hail, Pontius Pilate!

Pilate: Hail, Longinus! I seem to have noticed a different animation than usual, today, among the people in the city. Can you tell me what is happening?

Longinus: They have arrested a certain Jesus. A certain Jesus, the son of a carpenter from Nazareth, who calls himself the Messiah. The chief priests have condemned him to death. They will bring him here so that you too can condemn him.

Pilate: What do you want from the Governor of Rome?

Caiaphas: We found this man inciting our people to revolt. He urged them not to pay tribute to Caesar, saying that He is Christ the King.

Pilate: Is everything they say true? Are You the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say it.

Caiaphas: If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

Pilate: Don't you hear how many things they accuse you of? Are you the King?

Jesus: Are you saying this yourself or did others tell you this about me?

Pilate: Am I a Jew? Your nation and the chief priests have delivered you into my hands. What have you done?

Jesus: My Kingdom is not of this world. If my Kingdom were of this world, certainly my guards would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But my Kingdom is not from here.

Pilate: So, you are King!

Jesus: You have said: I am a King! For this I was born and for this I came into the world: to bear witness to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth listens to my voice.

Pilate: What is... the Truth!

Pilate: I find no guilt in him; therefore take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

Caiaphas: We are not allowed to kill anyone and He must die.

People: Yes: to death, to death, to death!

Caiaphas: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout Judea from Galilee where he began, all the way to here.

Pilate: Ah, he is a Galilean.

Caiaphas: Yes: he is from Galilee.

Pilate: But then the judgement belongs to the Governor of Galilee. Herod is here in Jerusalem for the Passover celebrations; bring him to him.

Caiaphas: All right: we will go to Herod.

Procula: Hail, Pontius Pilate! I heard the crowd tumult. I heard shouts: Kill him! What is happening?

Pilate: Nothing that concerns us. Nothing that concerns Rome. Rome has nothing to fear from these fanatics, from this King covered in rags.

Procula: A King, you say? Speak!

Pilate: They have arrested a certain Galilean who claims to be a king. The chief priests want to have him killed. Since he is a Galilean, I have sent him to Herod to judge him.

Procula: Have nothing to do with that righteous man because today, in a dream, I suffered a lot because of him.

Pilate: I told you that he is a Galilean. This is Herod's concern, not mine.

Caiaphas: Pontius Pilate! Herod did not want to express any judgment and so we bring it back to you who are the Governor of Rome, the Governor of this people.

Pilate: You brought this man to me as one who was inciting the people to sedition, but I examined him in your presence and found no fault in this man with regard to your charges. Indeed, I did not find any fault with Herod, for he sent him back to us. So He has done nothing deserving of death. I will have Him flogged and send Him away.

Caiaphas: If you free him you are not a friend of Caesar: whoever makes himself king goes against Caesar!

People: To death! To death! To death! To death! To death! To death!

Pilate: Isn't it enough that He is scourged and mocked? Listen: you know that it is your custom to release a man at Easter. There is Barabbas in prison. Who do you want me to release for you: Jesus called Christ or Barabbas?

People: Barabbas. Free Barabbas. Barabbas. Free Barabbas. Free Barabbas.

Pilate: So be it! Bring him back here!

Pilate: Look! Here comes the Man!

People: Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!

Pilate: Who are you? Where are you from? Do you not speak? Do you not know that I have power to set you free or to crucify you?

Jesus: You would have no power over me unless it had been given to you from above. Therefore he who handed me over to you is more guilty than you.

People: Enough! Crucify him!

Pilate: Must I then crucify your King?

Caiaphas: We have no king but Caesar!

People: Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!

Pilate: So be it! I wash my hands of it. I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man. You see to it!

People: May his blood be upon us and our children!

Pilate: Go! Go! Take him away!

17 DAMNATION OF JUDAS

Judah: I have sinned! Because I have betrayed innocent blood!

Caiaphas: Who cares, you think about it!

It is not permissible to put them in the sacred treasury because they are the price of blood.

18 VIA CRUCIS

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION TO THE SCENES FOR THE VIA CRUCIS 2025

Group of criminals

THIEVES AND HENRIKINS

BARABBA AND COMPANIONS

Representation

CENTURION

2 GUNS

SIGN HOLDER

LITTORS

Pilate Group

CENTURION

ROMAN SOLDIERS

LONGINUS

PILATE AND PROCULA

PILATE'S HANDMADE MAIDENS

CENTURION

ROMAN SOLDIERS

CENTURION

ROMAN WOMEN

Herod Group

HEROD'S SOLDIERS

HEROD and HERODIAS

COURTIERS AND PAGES OF HEROD

Priests Group

PRIESTS

NICODEMUS

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Jesus Group

JESUS and MINIONS

CYRENEUS with CHILDREN

VERONICA

MADONNA and the TWO MARYS

PIETY WOMEN

APOSTLES with MAGDALENE

PEOPLE

19 CROSS RAISING

Just music.

20 CRUCIFIXION

Caiaphas: You! Who destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!

Jesus: Father! Forgive them, for they know not what they do!

Caiaphas: He saved others and doesn't want to save himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him come down from the cross and we will believe in him. He trusted in God. Let him deliver him now if he wants him, since he said: "I am the Son of God".

Jesus: Hey! Hey!

Caiaphas: Behold, he is calling Elijah! Let us see if Elijah comes to deliver him.

Jesus: My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?

1st thief: Jesus, are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!

2nd thief: Do you not fear God? You who suffer the same condemnation? We receive a worthy punishment for our crimes. But He has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you return to your Kingdom.

Jesus: Today, you will be with me in Heaven!

----- STABAT MATER-----

Jesus: Woman, behold your Son! John, behold your mother! I am thirsty...

It is finished! Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit!

21 PIETY

Just music