

PASSOVER PLAY- matthew 26, John 13, Luke 22

Characters: Jesus, Judas, Peter, John, Narrator,

extras: rooster, soldier(s), other disciples, a woman, “others”, a relative

Props: you may need: bread, olive oil, wine, sword, water to wash feet or a wipe, ear, robe, apron, beak/ feathers/ rooster, microphone

Directions:

Have the guests draw a character name out of a hat. Give 5-7 minutes to review their lines and hunt for any props they may need. Maybe set a timer?

Pick at least 1 worship song

Scene: Upper room

Narrator: Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. He continued to love his friends right to the end. The devil now had Judas in his grip.

Narrator: Jesus takes off his robe and puts on an apron. He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet.

Jesus washes everyone's feet (Peter goes last).

Peter: *(confused)* Master, you, wash my feet?

Jesus: You don't understand what I'm doing, but you will later.

Peter: *(upset)* You're not ever going to wash my feet- ever!

Jesus: If I don't wash you, you want be part of what I'm doing.

Peter: *(excited)* Master! Not only my feet, then. My whole body!

Jesus: If you've had a bath, you only need your feet washed now. My concern is holiness not hygiene. But not every one of you. *(looks at Judas but looks away)*

Narrator: everyone goes to the table

Jesus: So if I, the Master and Teacher washed your feet, you must now wash each other's feet. I've laid down a pattern for you. What I've done, you do. A servant is not ranked about his master.

Scene: Sitting around the table

Jesus: I have something important to say to you: One of you is going to hand me over to the conspirators

Narrator: Everyone wonders and asks if it is them.

Narrator: John is reclining on Jesus, closest to him, of course. He thinks he's the one Jesus loves the most. He calls himself, John, the beloved.

John: Master, who?

Jesus: The one who I give this crust of bread to after I dip it.

Narrator: Jesus takes the bread and hands it to Judas.

Jesus: Do what you must do.

Narrator: Judas, with the piece of bread, left.

Narrator: Jesus Takes the bread, says a blessing and breaks it handing a piece to each disciple.

Jesus: Take, eat. This is my body.

Narrator: Everyone eats.

Narrator: Jesus takes the cup.

Jesus: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, God's new covenant poured out for many people for the forgiveness of sins.

Narrator: Everyone drinks.

Jesus: I'll not be drinking wine from this cup again until that new day when I'll drink with you in the kingdom of my Father.

SING A SONG

Scene: Garden

Jesus: Before the night's over, you're going to fall to pieces because of what happens to me.

Peter: Even if everyone else falls to pieces on account of you, I won't.

Jesus: Don't be so sure, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.

Peter: Even if I had to die with you, I would never deny you.

Narrator: All chime in saying the same thing.

Narrator: Jesus goes ahead, falls on his face and prays.

Jesus: My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this. But please, but not what I want. You, what do you want?

Narrator: Jesus comes back to the disciples. They are asleep. Looking at Peter, Jesus said

Jesus: Can't you stick it out with me a single hour? Stay alert! Be in prayer!

Narrator: Jesus leaves to pray again.

Jesus: My father, if there is no other way than this! I'm ready to do your way.

Narrator: When he came back, he again found the sound asleep. He went back a third time to pray.

Narrator: Jesus comes back

Jesus: Are you going to sleep all night? My time is up, the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the hands of sinners. My betrayer is here!

Narrator: The betrayer had worked out a sign with the gang of priests and religious leaders saying the one I kiss, that's the one— seize him.

Judas: (walking in), How are you, Rabbi? (kissing Jesus on the cheek)

Jesus: friend, why this charade?

Narrator: Men came in with swords. Peter takes out his sword and cuts off a soldier's ear.

Jesus: Stop! No more of this.

Narrator: Jesus touches the ear and heals the guard.

Scene: Courtyard

Narrator: The soldiers take Jesus to the chief priest's courtyard.

Woman: (looking at Peter) aren't you one of Jesus's disciples?

Peter: No, I'm not.

Narrator: Around the fire

the others said: (to Peter) Aren't you one of his disciples?

Peter: Not me

A relative of the man whose ear Peter cut off: Didn't I see you in the garden with him?

Peter: nope, wasn't me

Rooster: crows