

There Should Be Spices.

Characters

Narrator
Mary
Woman
angel
Jesus

Scene: Some representation of the tomb and the stone.

The stone will need to be in place for the first part and then rolled away for the second part.

Nar: After Jesus had died, one of his friends, a man called Nicodemus, went to Pilate and asked if he could bury Jesus. Pilate asked the soldiers and they told him that Jesus was dead. So the soldiers took Jesus body down from the cross and gave it to him. Nicodemus and some of Jesus other friends carried him to a garden where they laid him in a small cave. They wrapped him in strips of cloth and then rolled a large and heavy stone across the mouth of the cave. Some women who had followed Jesus were watching.

Mary: There should be spices. He should be wrapped with spices and perfume. They're not doing it right. We should tell them.

Wom: Mary, Mary, don't upset yourself. There is no time now, it is nearly the Sabbath. Nicodemus is doing all he can. We can come back with spices and perfume later. We can make everything right then.

Mary: But nothing will ever be right again now that he is gone. Nothing can ever be right again ...

Wom: Mary, come lets go, there's nothing we can do now.

Mary: But ...!

Wom: Come ...

(She puts arm round Mary and they exit)

(During the following narration the stone is rolled away from the tomb)

Nar: Night fell in the garden and all was quiet. The next day all was quiet too. No one came and night fell again. But the next morning, very early, there were footsteps.

(Mary and woman enter)

Mary: Do you think we bought enough?

Wom: There is more than enough Mary, more than enough, and these are the very best spices, the very best perfumes.

Mary: He deserves the best, the very best. After all, he was the most special person ever.

Wom: Come on Mary, it's getting light, we need to hurry.

Mary: But .. but ... but what about the stone. How will we roll it away. It's far too heavy for us.

Wom: I'm sure we will find someone to help us Mary, but let's hurry, we need to be there before the sun rises.

(They make their way across the stage)

Mary: (Stopping suddenly) No! No! What's happened?

Wom: What's wrong Mary?

Mary: Look! Look! The stone! The stone has been rolled away! Someone else has already been here.

Wom: But that can't be. All the others are back at the house, we left them there.

(They approach the tomb and look inside)

Mary: He's gone! They've taken him!

Wom: But ... but .. who would do this? Who would take him, he's ...

(Enter Angel)

Angel: Who are you looking for women?

Mary: We're looking for Jesus, he should be here, but someone must have taken him.

Wom: We saw him put here. We saw the stone put in place, we know he should be here

Angel: Women, why are you looking for the living among the dead? Yes, Jesus was here, he was dead, but now he is risen, he is alive again. Don't you remember that he told you that he must suffer and die before he could rise again? Now go and tell the others. Tell them that Jesus is alive.

(Angel exit)

Mary: But ... But ... we saw him die.

Wom: We saw him carried here to the garden.

Mary: We saw him put in the tomb

Wom: We know he was dead.

Mary: But now ... now ... could he really be alive again?

Wom: Well he's not here. The tomb is empty, so what else could have happened.

Mary: Jesus is alive? He's alive! He really is alive! Quick let's go and tell the others.

(They go to run off stage but Jesus walks on toward them)

Mary: J... J... J ... Jesus?

Jesus: Yes Mary it is me

Mary: But how ? ... We saw you die

Jesus: It is just as I said Mary. I had to suffer, but now I am alive. But go now and tell the others. Tell them I will meet them soon. Tell them I will explain everything to them. Tell them that you have seen me!

(Jesus walks off. The Women stand staring toward him)

Mary: He's alive! He really is alive. (Running off) Peter, James, John! He's alive, we've seen him. Jesus is alive!

(They both exit)

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