

“RESURRECTION POWER”

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Synopsis

Sin, Death, and the Grave think they have finally defeated Jesus as he is being crucified. However, they are surprised when he rises on the third day.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:55

Ministry Lesson

Because Jesus conquered sin and death when He rose from the grave, we too have been given the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministry Theme

Resurrection

Genre: Dramatic Reading

Cast/Readers

Reader 1 - Death (uncompassionate, merciless)

Reader 2 - Sin (sly, cunning)

Reader 3 - Grave (powerful, strong)

Prop

Thin 3-ring notebook (black)

Costumes

All readers are dressed in black

Time: 4 min.

Sound EFX

A recording of thunder or a rumbling-type sound. Piano or organ can also be used to produce rumbling sound.

Director's notes

Script is color-coded to facilitate identification of parts when reading.

Readers stand side-by-side. Sin is positioned in the middle. They go through dramatic changes of emotion; from satisfaction, to frustration, to anger, to confusion, to helplessness. The pronouns He/Him are used throughout the script to refer to Jesus. Jesus is never acknowledged by name until he rises from the dead. Therefore, the readers never identify their character until the end. The reader's job is to convince the audience of their identity (Sin, Death, and Grave) through the dialogue.

Death: (victoriously) We got him! We got him! Soon he will be in my grip and I will not let him go.

Sin: (vengefully) For 33 years I have followed him, to tempt, to discredit, and to kill.

Grave: Ah yes, for 33 years, I have waited for him, to lay him down for eternity.

Death: Look at him as he hangs there on the cross. Soon I will go to him, and I will replace his life with mine.

Sin: When I entered him, he cried out "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani; My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Grave: Like the prophets before him, I will hold him tight and he will be no more.

Death: I'm coming to him.

Sin: I'm in him.

Grave: I'm waiting for him.

Sin: It was hard to enter him, because I was not there at his birth.

Death: When he was a child, I searched for him, but I could not find him.

Grave: I received many children in substitute of him, but they were not him.

Sin: How could I lose him?

Death: Where did he go?

Grave: How did he escape?

Sin: I saw him again 12 years later.

Death: His parents lost him. They feared I had him. I wish I'd had him.

Sin: He was teaching in the temple. He was teaching those whom I taught, those whom I knew and who knew me.

Grave: Many years later I nearly had him. For 40 days and nights I waited for him in the wilderness.

Death: I weakened him in the wilderness, but he was strong and he withstood me.

Sin: I tried to enter him there. He was tempted to accept me, (*slow pace*) but he used the word of God to shield himself from me.

Grave: (bewildered) Who was he?

Death: What was he?

Sin: For he was like no other.

SHORT PAUSE - EMOTION CHANGE - FRUSTRATION

Death: My sting lost its power. The first was a young girl. He said "Talitha Cumi, little girl get up", and I could hold her no longer (*opening a clenched fist*).

Sin: The next was a widow's son. He said "Young man, I say unto thee, arise" and the man sat up and began to speak.

Grave: And finally, He called Lazarus from my arms. "Lazarus, Lazarus come forth", He said. And I did not have the power to hold him.

Sin: My power also did not last. For He forgave men of their sins.

Death: The woman caught in adultery was to be given to me, but none remained to accuse her.

Sin: He told her to go and sin no more.

Grave: A man possessed with legions of demons lived with me. All of the people were afraid of this man. But He came, and demanded the demons to flee. Immediately, the man was made whole and lived with me no longer.

SHORT PAUSE - EMOTION CHANGE - REVENGE

Death: The hour is near. His body bleeds on the cross.

Sin: People are jeering and taunting him, "If thou be the Christ come down from the cross."

Grave: Good news, Judas is home.

SHORT PAUSE - EMOTION CHANGE - CONFUSION

Sin: He constantly spoke against me. His words had power that I could not refute.

Death: Not only his words, but his deeds.

Grave: He often said, "If you do not believe my words, then believe the deeds that I do."

Sin: Many did believe...

Death: (grateful) ...many did not.

Grave: (concerned) ...many never heard.

Sin: I've tormented him for nearly 6 hours. Now he whispers from the cross, "It is finished". What does he mean?

- End of Preview -

Do you want to know how this script ends?
There's a powerful ministry message at the end.
