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DISBELIEF

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: Two servants discuss the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, and one tells how Peter's denial changed her belief in him as the Messiah.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: When two servants discuss the crucifixion of Jesus, one tells how Peter's denial brought about a change in her opinion of the man. A convicting call to stand in the midst of persecution, as we never know who may be watching.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Crucifixion, Biblical Times

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 26:69-75

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Easter

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

ESTHER - servant of a Pharisee

MARTHA - servant of a Pharisee

PROPS: Furnishings for a biblical home

COSTUMES: Biblical attire

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A house in early A.D. Jerusalem

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The scene takes place in the home of one of the members of the Jewish ruling council. ESTHER is drying some dishes as MARTHA enters. ESTHER pauses and looks up, then resumes drying.

ESTHER: Some storm out there.

MARTHA: Yes, it was.

ESTHER: Is he still out there?

MARTHA: No. He died right before the storm hit.

ESTHER: Ah.

MARTHA: It was bizarre, Esther. He cried out, his head fell, and he was gone. One of the soldiers pierced his side to be sure, and the next thing we knew, there was the storm and an earthquake.

ESTHER: Interesting.

MARTHA: I heard one of the soldiers right after saying, "Surely this man was the son of a God." It really made me wonder if the stories aren't true.

There is a pause, as ESTHER doesn't reply.

MARTHA: But then...if he was the son of God, why would he allow mere men to kill him like that?

ESTHER: Exactly my thought.

MARTHA: Listen to you. Just like the rest of the mob that was crying for his death today. You believed in him once.

ESTHER: I... I didn't know what to believe.

MARTHA: You saw him perform miracles. He healed the crippled, the blind—even raised the dead.

ESTHER: So we heard.

MARTHA: We witnessed him healing the blind and lame with our own eyes, did we not?

ESTHER: Maybe so. But that does not make him the son of God.

MARTHA: Esther, you were the one who first believed. You convinced me that it might be possible. Why is it so hard to believe now?