

FAREWELL TO JUDAS

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: Before the last supper, Jesus shares a final, private conversation with Judas.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: As the only one who knows all that is coming, Jesus' tone is very serious. PETER and JOHN are mostly oblivious to the danger ahead, while JUDAS is secretive... though afraid JESUS might see right through him.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Crucifixion, Biblical Times

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 26

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Easter

SUGGESTED USE: Easter Service, Sermon Introduction

CHARACTERS:

JESUS

PETER

JOHN

JUDAS

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Biblical attire

SOUND: Four wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A roof of a house outside Jerusalem

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JESUS is on a rooftop, praying. PETER and JOHN enter.

JOHN: Master? Everyone's had breakfast.

JESUS: Good.

JOHN: Do you want to go to the temple today?

JESUS: *(Smiles)* You think the Pharisees want me paying another visit?

PETER: You have to do your Father's work, right?

JESUS: I must stay here until evening.

JUDAS enters.

JUDAS: Master?

JESUS: What is it?

JUDAS: The Passover is in a few hours. Someone should go and prepare a place for us to eat.

JESUS: *(Nods)* Peter, John? Go into the city. You'll see a man carrying a jug of water.

PETER: A man?

JESUS: Follow him to his house, and tell his master I have sent you. He will show you a room prepared for us. Get the food and make the room ready for us.

JOHN: You got it.

JESUS: Judas, they will need some money.

JUDAS: I could go with them, Lord. As the group treasurer, shouldn't I be the one to make the purchases anyway?

JESUS: Give them the cash. Your time of preparation will come soon enough.

JUDAS: All right. *(Pulls out some money for PETER and JOHN)* I want receipts. And change!

PETER: Hey, when have we ever let you down?

PETER and JOHN exit.

JESUS turns, looking out over the roof and not at JUDAS.