

1. Intro Music (You Are Great)

2. DRAMA: Narration: The Story Begins

Rebekah : We've gathered to praise the name of Jesus, our great Redeemer.
We've come to share His Story...

Jesus, how can we say thank You for what You did on the cross...for what You still do today? We can't comprehend fully what it cost You, but we understand enough to know that any gift that we could bring is too small, and any praise that we offer is too weak compared to what You deserve. All that we can do is to keep the cross before us to constantly remind ourselves how far You were willing to go to rescue us.

Jon Anthony: It was Jesus' remarkable compassion that inspired devotion from His first followers. Each of them had a story as well, a story of their own miracle: a sudden call to a new life, an answered prayer, an undeserved forgiveness, the realization of their most private, **almost-abandoned**, dreams.

LaShondra: Mary Magdalene was a woman said to have been possessed by not one, **but** seven demons. Her pain was unimaginable, the abuse...unthinkable, and her sense of isolation and abandonment...devastating. **But for Mary Magdalene**, meeting Jesus meant more than deliverance.

Everett: **In Him**, she found acceptance and purpose. He gave her a reason to live and a cause worth dying for. And when the others fled, she was there at the cross **and** at the tomb. She never left Him, for He was her truest Friend.

Rebekah: In one way or another, that was their story. Like us, they were wounded people who in turn had perhaps wounded others. Like us, many of them did not feel worthy of acceptance. Like us, many of them were lost. Yet, here was a Man who accepted them as they were, and offered them the free gift of wholeness and salvation.

Toraze: The very words Jesus spoke had a power of their own. With mere speech, Jesus calmed external storms and met internal needs. His words alone changed hearts, opened closed minds, and inspired people of all walks of life to alter the direction of their lives.

3. DRAMA: Narration: Jesus' Ministry Years

LaShondra: She was not a woman who was welcomed at polite gatherings. On good days, she simply ignored. On bad days she was ridiculed and spat upon. But somehow, this woman found her way to Jesus as He was dining at the home of the Pharisee. She was so desperate to reach Him that she risked the contempt of the other guests.

Even Simon, the host of the party, was saying to himself that Jesus would have nothing to do with her if He only knew what kind of woman she was. But she didn't care what anyone thought or said. She knelt at Jesus' feet in love and repentance. And Jesus responded as He always does to those who come to Him broken and willing.

4. MUSIC: There's No One Like You

5. DRAMA: Narration

Rebekah: Long before they had gotten their first glimpse of Him, people had heard stories About Jesus and his miracles. They'd heard of the story of the madman constantly cutting himself, but was set free from the legion of demons. They heard of the paralyzed man who now walked from town to town Without so much as a limp; just to show people that he could. They heard Accounts of how families had welcomed home sons and daughters, family And friends, who had been sent away as lepers, but returned home without any sign of disease. They were made speechless to hear of a widow's son, a Centurion's daughter, and a man named Lazarus, all of whom had been Pronounced dead, but who were alive and well, telling their stories to anyone Who would listen.

Never before did a man have such power..yet with such passion and tenderness. How he seemed to truly care and understand. His heart was so moved by the suffering and pain of the people, that He would extend His tender touch to cure The disease and maimed.

He spoke with authority as He offered forgiveness and salvation. No one had heard these words before. No one had offered such comfort and hope. Jesus had not only come to heal their infirmities, but He came to bring healing for their Souls as well.

6. DRAMA: Passover Week

Toraze/Peter: It was Passover Week..

We were with near Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives. We were in the towns Of Bethphage and Bethany. Jesus sent me and another, saying, "Go into The town ahead of you. As soon as you there, you will find a donkey tied there. No man has ever sat on it. Let the donkey loose and bring it to me. If anyone Asks you, "Why are you doing that?" say " The Lord needs it. He will send it back Soon."

Rebekah: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. A large crowd Gathered and spread their clothes on the road, while others cut branches From the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds shouted,

(Music begins)

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" " Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"" Hosanna in the highest heaven!" You are great!

7. MUSIC : You are Great

(Jesus enters on a Donkey- TRIUMPHAL ENTRY)

8. DRAMA : Peter

Toraze/ Peter: a week filled with verbal confrontations from the religious leaders in the Temple.. a week when Jesus seemed especially focused on teaching us what It truly meant to be His followers. On one occasion when we were having an Evening meal we began to argue with each other. What can I say? We were a A group of competitive, boisterous men. We argued about who was the best.. Who's most deserving.. who would lead when Jesus came into His Kingdom.

While we were arguing, Jesus quietly took off his robe.. wrapped a towel Around his waist.. took a basin of water...got down on his knees before each of Us.. and washed our filthy, grimy feet. The Master's humble act reminded us That in His Kingdom, the first would be last... the greatest would be least, and the leader mut be the servant of all.

He was aways turning what we had come to expect and believe, upside down. Instantly, our disagreements seemed be pretty and stupid. More so, shame is What we felt, and silence is all that was heard the duration of the meal.

9. DRAMA: The Last Supper

(Jesus takes the bread, gives thanks and rakes it, and gives it to them)

Jesus: This is my body given to you; do this in remembrance of me.”
(in the same way) This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which
is poured out for you. But the hand of Him who is going to betray me
is with mine on the table.

Jesus: (to Judas) What you are about to do, do quickly.

(Judas takes the bread and exits)

Jesus: Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. My children, I will be
With you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I
Tell you now: Where I am going, you can not come.

Jesus: A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must
love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you
love one another.

Peter: Lord, where are you going?

Jesus: Where I am going, you can not follow now, but you will follow later.

Peter: Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you

Jesus: Will you really lay down your life for me? Truly, I tell you, before the rooster
Crows you will disown me three times?

Jesus: Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you..

Disciple: Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?

Jesus: I am the way and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except
through me.. Peter, James and John.

Peter: With the heaviness of His words weighing on me, we left for Gethsemane, where
Jesus often went to pray. He was in pain...so burdened and in distress. He took
us into the Garden. He asked us to watch and pray. And then He went on
ahead. I saw Him fall to his His knees and then on to His face and begin to pour
His Heart out to His Father.

10. DRAMA: Garden of Gethsemane

11. MUSIC: The Garden

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; .. yet not my Will, but Yours be done.

Jesus: Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Do what you came for, friend.

Jesus: Peter, put your sword away! For all who live by the sword will die by the Sword. Do you think I can not call on my Father, and He will at once put At my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in his way? No more of this!
(Jesus and Judas exit)

12. MUSIC: Trials and Execution

Everett/ High Priest 1: These men testify against you. You said you would destroy the Temple of God and build it in three days. What is your defense?
(pause) Do you not have an answer? (pause) I adjure You by the Living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the son of God! (pause)
Oh really? We will see You seated at the right hand of Power and coming On the clouds of heaven? (tearing his robe) He has uttered blasphemy!
What further witnesses do we need?

Voice: Prophecy to us, Christ!

Voice: Who just hit You?

Voice: Who just spit on You?

Voice: Prophecy to us, Messiah!

Voice: What is your Judgment?

Choir: Death

High Priest: Take Him to Pilate!

Rush/Pilate: These men say that you have been misleading the people by forbidding Them to pay tribute to Caesar. They say you claim to be Christ, a King.

(pause) Are you the King of Jews? (pause, then to the Chief priest) I find no guilt in this Man.

Voice: He incites dissension!

Voice: He stirs up the people!

Pilate: I repeat. I find no guilt in this Man! (beat) If He's a Galilean, then take Him to Herod!

Jon Anthony/

Herod: So... you're Jesus. Do you know how long I've wanted to meet you? And now, here you are. I have heard about your signs and wonders. Is there a miracle you could do for me right here, you know, without any rehearsal (laughs crazily at Him) So, I hear you're a King? Is that right? Are you a King? (pause) Strip Him! Give Him my robe. The purple robe with the gilded tassels. (laughs)

Voce: He teaches blasphemy!

Voice: He is worthy of death!

Jon-Anthony/

Herod: Death? For pretending to be a King? (Chuckles) I see no reason to sentence Him To death. But I will bow to Him. (He bows quickly, then laughs) Take Him back To Pilate! Away with this King of the Jews!

(High Priest and Herod exit stage right and stage left, respectively)

Pilate: You say you bear witness to the truth. I ask you this: What is truth? I told you Before, and I will say it again. I find no fault in this Man. I have had him flogged To the point of death. Your king wears a crown of thorns. Is this not enough. You have a custom that I should set one prisoner free for you at the Passover. Who do you want me to release Barrabas the robber or Jesus the Christ.

Choir: Barrabas!

Pilate: And what would you have me to do Jesus?

Pilate: Take Him away and crucify Him!

13. MUSIC : Oh the Blood

14. DRAMA: Crucifixion

Rebekah: There were two other men, both criminals who were also led out with Jesus To be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals- one on His right, the other on His Left. One Of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him;

John S./ Thief 1: "Aren't you the Messiah?" " Save yourself and Us!"

Rebekah/ Narrator: But the other criminal rebuked him,

Reggie/ Thief 2: Don't you fear God? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our Deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me When you come into your Kingdom.

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: Truly, I tell you; today you will be with Me in paradise.

15. MUSIC : How Love Wins

16. MUSIC: The Blood will Never Lose Its Power

17. DRAMA Narration:

Rebekah: Jesus Died and was buried on Friday. The next day was the Jewish Sabbath, And a guard was posted to prevent any tampering wit the body. As customed, on the First day of the week, Sunday, those who mourned Jesus came to pay their respects.

When the Sabbath was over, some women brought spices so that they might anoint Jesus's body.

18. MUSIC: That Name

19. MUSIC: Don't Cry

LaShondra: There has never been a message more extraordinary, more eternally significant than this. Jesus has come to provide salvation for us all! The entirety of God's story has led up to this ultimate news that we can experience and share with others. But now we look forward to the future, when the last chapter will be written. Soon after this story opened in the book of Genesis, God's battle against evil became evident in the Garden of Eden. [And when the last days arrive], the final battle will be engaged. When it's over, all the oppression, injustice and grief caused by

Satan's side will be wrapped up and consigned to a place far from God's home. All the world's destruction and brokenness will give way to Jesus' promise of a new creation. It is here that we will enjoy the glory and holiness of God Himself...forever.

Rebekah: The Story has come to an end, and God's message rings loud and clear. The Good News has gone out to the world. It has survived for thousands of years, marching forth to all cultures and peoples, leaving behind an incredible wake of transformation! And now God's triumphant Word has found its way to you. You've heard the truth. You've come face to face with the most important message you will ever hear: Jesus, God's Son, came, lived, died and rose again. What will you do with this Story? The chapter bearing your name is about to be written.

19.MUSIC: FINALE MEDLEY – Take Me To The King/ I Can Only Imagine/ Worth