

# Oh Peter – The Easter Story

**Actors: ( All dressed in period costume)**

Jesus

Peter

Disciple 1

Disciple 2 (Thomas)

Disciple 3

Disciple 4

Judas

Two Soldiers (one speaks) – for Scene 2 and 3

Two women - scene 3/4

Two young men – scene 4 (can be the same people who played disciple 3 and 4)

## **How to use these dramas:**

There are four scenes depicted in this production. Each scene is designed to be set up at different places/ locations. The people travel from place to place. The audience views it as they are watching in or even a part of it, but silent. Over the years we have done the first three on the Saturday night. Beginning with dinner together and the drama of the last supper flows out of dinner together, moving to the garden to peer in and watch and then ending with a real fire and the drama played out with the people around the fire. Then people can leave or hang around the fire together and have supper and social time. The the final drama is held on the Sunday morning as a celebration service on Easter Sunday morning. There are many ways you can do this. Lighting and music makes this time very exciting and powerful.

Scene 1: The Last supper

Scene 2: The Garden scene

Scene 3: Denial in the Courtyard

Scene 4: The resurrection

## Last Supper – Around the table

*(Make sure that everyone leaves their shoes at the door when they enter) Set up a table at the end of the room with bread and wine set up like a last supper. Let people know the drama is about to start and make sure they can see the table. Once everyone is set, let the disciples come in and gather around the table, serving themselves food and wine and general chit chat till everyone is settled.*

Peter: (to Jesus)            seeing you on that donkey was so funny, you were so big and it so small

Disciple 2:                 But the crowds loved you, they were singing and crying, the atmosphere was exciting.

Disciple 3.                 Not something I will forget easily

Peter:                        I haven't seen you so angry as when you were in the temple, knocking over everything

Disciple 1:                 they will think next time they try to make money off God

Judas:                      Man I can't believe all that has happened the past few days.

Disciple 4.                 And this was all here just as you said it would be...the man carrying the jug was there as we entered the city and he showed us here.

Peter:                        It the perfect place to hang out together

Disciple 2:                 you sure have style..... Jesus

*(Jesus gets up and washes Peters feet) - Disciples are quiet and embarrassed. They start to refuse!*

Peter:                        Master, you wash my feet?

Jesus:                        you don't understand what I am doing now, but hopefully later you will!

Peter:                        you are not going to wash my feet....ever!

Jesus:                        If I don't wash you, you can't be a part of what I am doing!

Peter:                        master, then not only wash my feet, wash my hands, my head....

Jesus:                        **Oh Peter...** I don't need to do that if you have had a bath, it's not about being clean it about holiness ! It's about serving others!

Jesus -                        You have no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover with you all.....but I have something hard but important to say to you ...Now I have washed your feet you are clean ....but not everyone of you! One of your is going to hand me over to those who want to kill me

*(Disciples all respond / surprised / disbelief*

*All say in their own way: Surely it won't be me!)*

Peter (notions to 1): Ask him which one he means!

Disciple 1: Lord who is it?

Jesus - it is the one who I give this bread to when I have dipped it.....

In one way this is no surprise, this was always going to happen...I have to take this path of suffering .....this is what I must do as difficult as it is....but in another sense the one who does this, is better off not to have been born than to do this.

Peter: Well I don't know what he is talking about

Disciple 2: I love him and have served him faithfully this whole time

Disciple 3: I am sitting next to him, as if it would be me I have earned this spot!

Judas: what do you mean earned this spot; you think you are better than all of us!

Peter: Hey Hey, I walked on Water ....seriously I earned that spot more than you!

Jesus: Are you guys ever going to get it...it is not about being more important.....

Who would you rather be the who eats dinner or the one who serve the dinner? I have tried to live among you and show you that I come to serve! That is why I washed your feet! Be on your guard Satan has tried this best to separate all of you from me ....

*(Walks up to Judas with the bread and gives it to him)*

Judas – It isn't me that will do the wrong thing, is it Jesus!

Jesus – don't play games with me, Judas *(runs out)*

*Disciples respond.....*

Peter: I don't understand

Disciple 1: Surely he won't do this?

Disciple 2: After all Jesus has done after all we have seen

Disciple 3: Jesus why so gloomy

Disciple 4: What do you seem as if this is our last meal together, what is happening?

Jesus

*(Takes the bread) -*

We have eaten together, we have prayed together, we have walked together...go on take and eat some more.....and remember this is like me body....

(Pick up the cup)

And we have drunk together....continue to do this and each time you do remember this is like my blood , it is important that you remember this time together and what I have said.

I will not be drinking with you again until I drink with you in kingdom of my father

Disciple 2: but we don't understand

Disciple 3. Jesus I am scared

Jesus; stay on your toes, (turns to peter) I have prayed for you in particular that you will not give in or give up....

Peter: I am ready for anything with you, I'd go to jail for you. I'd die for you....

(All the others agree)

Jesus: **Oh peter....** I sorry to tell you this but even tonight before the rooster crows you will have three times denied that you know me.

Jesus: (To all) There is so much I still want to say.....do not look so sad ....in my father house there are plenty of rooms , I go there to prepare a place for you , I will come back and take you with me

Disciple 2(Thomas): Lord we don't know where you are going, how we can know the way

Jesus: I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except by Me., but when I leave you I will send the spirit to guide you. A time is coming when you will all be scattered, each to your own home, you will leave me alone! But take heart.....I have overcome the world.

I have tried to teach you to travel light, to take only the things you need. There is so much we think that is important but it really isn't.....trouble is ahead ....know how to fight the right fights...be ready to deal with whatever comes up. Be armed and ready

Peter: Look master two swords (*pulls out two swords*)

Jesus - **Oh Peter** ...you don't understand ....ok enough sword talk ....you must know where our real strength comes from...

Have someone lead a worship song ..... blessed be the name of the Lord Hopefully people will join in.

(Ps 115-118 – traditional hymn sung at Passover)

Jesus: Let's go out to the garden

*(The disciples all leave and have someone talk to the audience, giving them instructions that we are going to go to the garden and see what happens next. Have someone to lead the people the right place for them to view the next drama)*

## SCENE 2 - The Garden Scene

The Scene: A garden (natural if possible) with some rocks and tree stumps the actors can sit on. Flame torches around the outside to create atmosphere and the speakers situated so the music and actors can be heard but the speakers cannot be seen.

(Lighting and music is key to this scene. Music from the passion is very effective to have playing in the background. The lighting needs to be dim and maybe using torch lights will be enough. If you have a big crowd it is important that the actors have microphones so they can be heard over the music. It is also important to have the crowd positioned far enough away to see the scene being acted out but not right up close, distance helps the actors as it is a very intense scene.)

All the actors (except Judas) walk in carrying lanterns

Jesus: we have been here so often, but tonight are different. Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray that you do not fall into temptation.

(Move a little further into the bush)

Jesus : **(troubled)** My soul is weary and heavy tonight ....**(really restless) ... (moves deeper in again )** I feel bad enough right now to die, papa ..father you can cant you ? get me out of this ?

*Returns to disciples they are all asleep!*

Jesus: Can't you men stay awake and keep watch with me for one hour?  
**(To peter) Oh Peter.....** Please stay awake ....watch out for trouble ! Don't be naive; part of you is eager ready for anything but another part is lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire.

*(Leaves again)*

Jesus My father if it is possible takes this task away from me....but please not what I want, what you want?

*Returns to disciples they are all asleep!*

Jesus: asleep again ....are you going to sleep all night? PLEASE try harder ....I need you to stay awake!

Jesus: **(Prays again / deep despair)**

**(Goes back to see they are asleep again – leaves them .....Walks a little way and drops to the ground)**

Jesus: it is too late...times up ...I will be taken and put into the hands of sinners...lets go...get up...my betrayer has arrived

**(Just then Judas and two guards will be coming up the hill as well as a crowd)**

Jesus: Who is it you want?

Guard: Jesus of Nazareth

Jesus: I am he

Judas: *(walks up and kisses Jesus)* Rabbi

Jesus: friends, why are you playing games like this!

**(The guards grab Jesus and start to rough him up)**

Jesus: leave the others it is me you want) what you come with swords like I am some dangerous criminal...

Peter: **(grabs his sword and cuts off a guards ear)**

Jesus: **Oh Peter**, put your sword away, All who use swords are destroyed by swords.....If I wanted to I could call 12 companies of angels to fight for me.....do you not understand I have to do this ....this is what has to happen...oh Peter ..... **(He wriggles free of guards and goes to the man with the ear cut off – heals it and helps the man up)**

**(The rest of the disciples scatter but Peter +Disciple 1)**

**(They haul Jesus away, he does not fight)Peter + 1 slowly follow ...and get everyone to follow along slowly behind.)**

### Scene 3: Denial in the Courtyard

*(The firepit – with Peter warming himself by the fire – the disciple 1 goes into the house - one woman comes out to tell what is happening as they warm themselves by the fire)*

Woman 1: It is not looking good in there; there are so many people speaking, saying horrible things about the man accused. But that Jesus bloke..... he won't say a word.....he just stands there in silence..... **(Looks at peter)**

Woman 1: This man was with him

Peter: Excuse me I don't know him

**(Silence and everyone uncomfortable)**

**(Another woman comes from the house and starts to warm herself by the fire)**

Woman 1: What is happening? Has Jesus said anything yet ?

Woman 2: Yeah, he is talking now, but no one is happy, he seems to be claiming that he is like the...'Son of God'.....

WOMAN 2: I saw you in the garden before you must know who he is; men you are one of them aren't you?

Peter: I am not, man...

**(The other disciple comes from the house area)**

Thomas: He has been sentenced to death, they are going to kill him ... (saying like a whisper to Peter) ...I couldn't stay any longer; they are hitting and spitting on him. *(Peter really sad)*

Woman 1: I am sure you were with Jesus, for aren't you from Galilee?

Peter: I don't know what you are talking about; I never laid eyes on this man.

**Sound FX:** ***(Cock crows) - Jesus is brought out by two guards and walks straight past him and eyeballs Peter***

Peter: Oh my Gosh, he said this would happen **(crying and walks away)**

**(Once this scene has been played out, there will need to someone to briefly say that what we have witnessed tonight is a true account of the final scenes of Jesus life before he was crucified. You are very welcome to stay have some supper and reflect and talk to each other. We hope to see you tomorrow morning as we will celebrate what Jesus did on the cross for us. Thank people for coming.)**

## Scene 4: The Resurrection:

(Elements of a Celebration Service on Easter Sunday you might like to use)

*(AS people enter have quiet reflective music playing ....given each person a black armband as they enter.)*

### **Death**

1. Video: Jesus death on the cross! (Narnia)
2. Song: Blessing, Honour - Hillsong

### **Resurrection**

1. Drama: 2 woman running from the tomb
2. .New Life / New Color – exchange of the black armband with the colour one - given to all!
3. Song: The stones been rolled away - Hillsong
4. Drama Monologue : Thomas (Doubting)
5. Communion
6. Drama Monologue: Two kids perspectives (Amazement)
7. Song: My Saviour , My God - Hillsong
8. Drama Monologue : Peter (oh peter) (forgiveness) ( Jesus voice not seen - saying “Oh Peter”)
9. Song: My redeemer lives - Hillsong

## **Monologues and Dialogues for Resurrection Celebration**

### **2 Women running from the tomb**

Woman 1: The stone, the stone was rolled away

Woman 2: We went to put oil on Jesus body and we were only saying to one another who was going to roll the stone away

Woman 1: But we got there and it was already done....I was so scared...I mean ...what has happened here.

Woman 2: Me too, me too and then we saw a HUGE white figure with really white hair...I figured I was seeing things so I didn't say anything until....

Woman 1: I wondered why you were quiet, I felt like I was imagining things to until him, it spoke to us!

Woman 2: I know ...it...he said “do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here...he is raised....”

Woman 1: Then she said we could go and check for ourselves!

Woman 2: So we did and there was no body....he was gone.....

Woman 1: He said to come and tell you all.....but I am not sure what exactly we are supposed to tell you.....

Woman 2: I am sure it is just that he is not dead; he has come back from the dead.....

Woman 1: I am not sure whether to laugh or cry.....

Woman 2: Come on we must go and tell the disciples....

(Run away)

### **Monologue: Two men on their way to Emmaus**

Man 1: I can't believe we didn't recognise him.....I feel so embarrassed.

Man 2: I know it was so weird, I mean one minute we are walking to Emmaus and talking about all the sad things that have happened, seeing Jesus whipped and hurt and hung on the cross.

Man 1: Hmm... Watching Him die and be taken off the cross and carried away was bad enough but now it seems his body is taken from the tomb and no one knew where it was !

Man 2: Suddenly as we were walking along another man appeared alongside of us and seemed to be from out of town, he didn't know what had been happening over the weekend.

Man 1: He sure knew his history but, all about God, starting quoting old scriptures and saying there was lots of proof to say that we should have known all this was going to happen. He was fascinating.....wasn't he!

Man 2: Come to think of it HE was to....I was so upset I just couldn't see what he was saying then.

Man 1: How about him pretending to be going on down the road, here I am thinking me being neighbourly and asking him to eat with us all the time he knew exactly what he was doing.

Man 2: Man, and I am not the blonde one either....he sucked us right in

Man 1: How could we not have recognised that it was Jesus all along.....?

Man 2: I didn't realise until he picked up the bread and broke it and then it all came flooding back.....

### **Monologue: Thomas (Doubting)**

I missed it....I was not there when Jesus showed himself to my mates.....they were all together in a room and just as confused as I was.....when I finally got there ..They ran to me and said "we've seen

him, Jesus was here". They said they thought it was a ghost at first too...I mean I saw him die....it was so horrible...I missed him so much ....they all did....it is amazing what your mind can do when you are so upset...you start seeing things....I mean they said it was liked he walked through the wall.....so I must admit ....I didn't believe....I made one of those statements that you wished you could take back as soon as you say it.....you know ..I am not the only one who has doubts.....who needs to see things to believe them.....but you had better be careful what you say.....you might end up wishing you could eat your words.....I said "I would not believe until I could put my fingers where the nails went in his hands and put my hand into his side...well sure enough ....Even though the doors were locked...I saw him appear in the room and he walked right up to me.....he held out his hand and ask me to put my finger in his wounds.....he wasn't angry , he just said ....stop doubting and believe....I feel to the ground...My Lord, My God, My saviour.....He was right you know ....I got to see Him with my actual eyes....but blessed are those who believe and yet did not get to see like i did....

### **Monologue: Peter**

I know I have don't some silly things lately, and things that haunt me , I will never feel easy again when I hear a cock crow...it is funny how something so small can bring back so many memories, good and bad....when Jesus died I went back to fishing, it was clear that I mess up being a friend of Jesus....he said I would deny him and I did, so I went back to what I knew I could do ....fish.....for fish....couldn't even do that well....You know when I first met Jesus I was fishing we hadn't caught anything until Jesus told us to throw our nets over the other side.....man that was a funny day.....that was the day I followed him and stopped fishing.....but three years later I find myself back to fishing....Jesus has doe amazing things and me ..I just feel like a failure.....he had so many hopes for me...I messed up on all of them.....but the other day while we were having another bad day fishing.....out all night and caught nothing I mean can life get any worse.....I hear a voice from the beach say "friends haven't you got any fish, well throw your net on the other side and you'll find some?" ..It is the little things that you remember...I will never forget the first time I heard that.....so I knew who it was...I didn't even hesitate.....I jumped into the water.....and waded to the shore.....there he was with a little fire.....last time I was at a fire...it was bad news.....here i am standing with Jesus again near a fire...he is cooking fish for me .....he took the fish broke it gave it to me , took the bread broke it and gave it to me....man I was dying inside.....Inside I was saying I get it I get it ....I am so sorry....then he says ...Peter do you love me more than these....I knew he was talking about the fish, my job, the things I know how to do? I looked into his eyes and said "yes", He asked again...Peter do you love me...I answered again ....yes master you know I love you...he said shepherd my sheep....I know he asking me to live and serve him with everything I have ...then he asked a third time.....Do you love me .....Not three times...why did he have to ask me three times....I could hardly look at him.....but I know why he did it...I looked at him and said "Master, you know everything there is to know , you have got to know that I love you". He said that the road would be tough and he needed to know if I was going to run away when it got tough this time.....with love in His eyes...he said "follow me" .....

Jesus voice..... **(Not seen)** OH PETER