

He's Alive!
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Cast:

Followers of Jesus (variable number, just divide the lines among them all)

Peter

2 Women

2 Travelers (these can be played by 2 of the followers)

Set:

Followers can be sitting around on simple wooden benches, on the floor with cushions, or without any set pieces at all.

Lights up on Jesus' followers who are sitting together.

FOLLOWER: I thought Jesus was going to save us. I thought He was the one the prophets spoke of. I thought he was going to be our king.

FOLLOWER: He was so good. He was so kind. I miss Him so much.

FOLLOWER: I can hardly believe He is dead. It just doesn't seem right. Why did He let them kill Him? He could have stopped them!

FOLLOWER: He made blind people see. He made deaf people hear. He made sick people well and lame people walk.

FOLLOWER: He even brought dead people back to life. But now He's dead himself. I don't understand.

FOLLOWER: I wish I could see Him again. I wish I could feel him touch me again. He had such a gentle touch.

PETER: I can't believe Judas betrayed Him. I can't believe the soldiers really tied Him up and led Him away. I can't believe I didn't try to stop them. Instead I just ran away and hid. Why didn't I stand up for Him?

FOLLOWER: Why did Jesus let them beat Him and spit on Him? Why did He let them press a crown of thorns onto His head? Why didn't He stop them? Why didn't we stop them?

FOLLOWER: I can still hear the sound of the hammer driving the nails into His hands and His feet. It was such a terrible sound. Why did He let them do that?

FOLLOWER: I will never forget the sight of Jesus hanging there on that cross as if He was a robber or a murderer. He never did anything wrong, but they killed Him. He's dead! I just don't understand.

FOLLOWER: He was so loving. I remember the day all those mothers brought their children to Jesus so He could bless them. He had time for every single one of them.

FOLLOWER: I remember His stories. His wonderful stories. I remember when He told the story about the shepherd who had a hundred sheep and lost one. I remember His story about the sower who scattered seed.

FOLLOWER: I remember Him telling us not to worry.

FOLLOWER: I remember Him telling us to love our enemies.

FOLLOWER: I remember Him telling us to pray for them.

FOLLOWER: I remember when He taught us how to pray.

ALL ON STAGE:

Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FOLLOWER: I remember when we were in a boat with Him in that terrible storm. We were so scared. Jesus would have slept through it if we hadn't woken Him up. Do you remember what He said? "Peace. Be still." And the storm stopped.

FOLLOWER: If He could calm a storm, I know He could have kept them from killing Him.

Two women run onto the stage.

WOMAN 1: He's alive! He's alive!

FOLLOWERS: What?

WOMAN 2: The tomb was empty!

FOLLOWERS: Empty?

WOMAN 1: We left early to go and anoint Jesus' body. We wondered how we were going to roll away the stone that covered the tomb because it's so heavy. But when we got there, the stone was already rolled away!

WOMAN 2: Suddenly two men were there. Their clothes shone like lightning! They said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day rise again.'"

FOLLOWER: I don't believe you.

WOMAN 1: It's true!

FOLLOWER: It's impossible.

PETER: I'm going to see for myself.

Peter exits. Lights down. Two travelers exit. Lights up. Peter runs onto stage.

PETER: It's true! He really is alive! The tomb is empty! I saw Him with my own eyes!

FOLLOWER: Amazing!

Two travelers run onto stage.

FOLLOWER: It is true! The Lord has risen! He appeared to Peter!

TRAVELER 1: He appeared to us as well! We were walking to another village and He appeared to us on the road.

TRAVELER 2: At first we didn't recognize Him because, well, we thought He was dead. But it was Jesus! He is alive!

ALL (*shout*): He's alive!

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