

Drama – *Fishing for People*

by John Walsh

[Simon, James, and John cleaning nets.]

- James: Look at it this way guys. The fish were nowhere to be found last night, but they have to come up for food sometime. Tonight will be a whole different story.
- John: Yeah, that's what you said about last night, and we got [slang for 'nothing'].
- Simon: Oh look, here comes a crowd. (pointing to back of auditorium) I bet I know what that is all about.
- John: Oh really? What?
- Simon: They are the people who crowd around to listen to that new rabbi from Nazareth.
- James: (ha) You mean ex-rabbi from Nazareth. I've heard he got kicked out of that town.
- John: Isn't he the one that Andrew is following?
- Simon: Yeah, ... that's fine for him.
He always was a bit religious.
- James: Yeah, unlike you – huh Simon?
- Simon: *[glares at James and maybe throws something at him – the other two laugh. Finally Peter says:]*
Well, it's been good for Andrew. I wish him all the best.
- John: Say, didn't I hear that the rabbi changed your name?
- James: Right John. Let me introduce you to "Peter." (ha, ha)
- Simon: [shaking fist] Keep that up and they will change your name ...
to "Scar Face."
- James [after laughing] Say, didn't the rabbi go to your house the other day?
Wasn't it kind of hard – being good for so long?

Simon: All kidding aside – that was really something. You know my wife’s mother has been pretty sick. Well, he just took her by the hand – and she was instantly better.

John: Was that a good miracle, or a bad one? [laughs}

Simon: Don’t let my wife hear you say that, or you will have to go to the rabbi for healing.

[After laughing, all three get serious and look in the direction of the rabbi (back of auditorium)]

James: Hey Simon, he is getting into your boat.
What’s going on?

Simon: I don’t know. I better go check it out. I don’t care if he is a rabbi; he needs to be careful with other people’s property.

James *[as Simon walks down the aisle]* Say, (ha) don’t let him talk you into going fishing. Remember (ha) they aren’t biting.