

Remember Me

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The drama is performed throughout the sermon time. The cast acts out the story in four sections. The drama for each section is only a few minutes long, with the pastor teaching/preaching about that section. Center platform is set up with reclining table.

Preparation Time

Jesus to his disciples (on one side of platform): “We will celebrate Passover together. After that I will be given to those who will crucify me.”

Disciples look at one another like they don’t understand.

Religious leaders are on the other side of the platform. There is small talk about how they must get Jesus and have him killed – somehow.

Judas comes out from backstage – halting, unsure of himself.

He says, “What will you give me if I deliver Jesus to you?”

The rulers were delighted. They first confer among themselves and then say, “We will give you thirty pieces of silver.”

The rulers go off stage laughing among themselves. Judas stands there holding his bag of money

Jesus speaks to two disciples: “Peter, John, Go into the city. You will see a man carrying a water jug. Follow him until he enters into a house. Talk to the owner of the house and tell him, ‘The Lord says his time has come, and he will eat the Passover in your guest room.’ He will show you an upper room. Prepare the meal there and get everything ready for us.”

They leave the platform and go to the side door of auditorium.

Jesus lead the others the other way, pass Judas, and off the stage. Judas joins them as they go pass.

— **Pastor speaks about this section** —

Washing Feet

Jesus come to platform and prepares water and towels. Disciples come in. Jesus takes off his outer robe and puts a big towel around his waist. He kneels down and tries to wash Peter’s feet.

Peter: “Lord, are you about to wash my feet?”

Jesus: “Peter, you don’t understand, but you will some day.”

Peter: “No Lord, I won’t let you wash my feet. I should be washing yours.”

Jesus pauses and then says: “If I don’t wash your feet, you cannot be a part of what I am doing.”

Peter: “Oh master, if that is the case, then wash me all over, my feet, hands, and head.”

Jesus: “No, Peter. When a person takes regular baths, only his feet get dirty and need washing.”

Jesus starts washing the disciple’s feet. Do not rush this part. Pastor starts speaking as Jesus is washing each person’s feet. Once they are done (and pastor still speaking) they go sit at the reclining table. Once pastor know they are all there, he pauses and Jesus says, “You have seen what I have done. A servant is not better than his master. If I have humbled myself before you, you are to humble yourselves before each other.”

— Pastor continues speaking about this section —

Am I the one?

Jesus: “One of you sitting at this table will betray me. It has to be – because it was foretold from ages past. Still, it would have been better for that person if he had never been born.

The disciples were shocked and start asking “Lord, is it me? Am I the one?”

Jesus: “During this meal, I will dip some bread in the broth and hand it to the person who will do this.”

Judas leaned over and says (other seem not to hear): “Am I the one, Lord?”

Jesus: “You know you are,”

Jesus hands him the bread dipped in broth. Judas take it, looks at it, looks at Jesus, then stands up. He starts to walk off, but stops and looks back.

Jesus looked up at him and said, “Go do it quickly.”

Judas turns and walked off side stage.

— Pastor speaks about this section —

Remember Me

Pastor moves the service into a communion service. With each part, Jesus says the words first to his disciples at the table, then the pastor repeats them (in his own word and with comments) for the congregation.

Jesus: “Take this and eat it. It is my body, which I give for you. Remember me as you eat.”

Pastor leads that portion of communion.

Jesus: “All of you drink from this. It is my blood, which will be poured out for the forgiveness of sins. I will not drink wine again until I sit with you in God’s kingdom.”

Pastor leads that portion of communion.

Jesus: “Lets sing a hymn, and then we will go to the Mount of Olives.”

Congregation sings a hymn as Jesus and disciples leave the stage.