

## Seeing Jesus

*Jesus puppet on stage quietly praying. Judas with a bunch of soldier puppets a few paces behind (yogurt pottles on head with a knife or a fork for a weapon) come on.*

Judas My friend... how good to see you. *(kisses Jesus on both cheeks loud and sloppy)*

Soldier1 So this is the Jesus guy... right arrest him *(Jesus puppet is arrested- soldiers put up a lot of noise and comments like... "watch it he's dangerous", "keep an eye out for concealed weapons, watch the left hook, etc until they realise he is not resisting)*

Soldier2 *(as they march him off)* Well he doesn't look that dangerous

Soldier3 That was easy and they said he's got thousands of followers  
*New scene before Pilate. Pilate and Jesus on stage.*

Pilate Look here fellow... are you the King of the Jews. I see you... you seem a good enough guy.... Just who are you?

Jesus As you say

Pilate Look these guys are after you... why don't you say more. Defend yourself!

*Jesus puppet just stands there*

*There is a knock*

Soldier1 Sir, a message from your wife. *(Pulls out a long, very long bit of paper.)* She says this guy is innocent. Had a disturbing dream about him.

Pilate As a SNAG...

Soldier 1 Pardon Sir

Pilate Sensitive New Age Guy SNAG... I always listen to my wife. You know its amazing how she can just get it right... why just the other day...

Soldier 1 The prisoner Sir... they want an answer outside

Pilate What oh yes... well.. OK

*They all exit off stage*

*Crowd comes on*

Crowd1 I hope they get Jesus

Crowd 2 Yeah, disturbing all our plans for control of the town

Crowd3 *(separate from others)* Oh Jesus... who are you? What is going on?

*Pilate comes out. The crowd noise dies down.*

Pilate I find this man innocent. What say since it is the Feast festival... I can release him for you.

Crowd No etc

Pilate But then what shall I do

Crowd Chanting crucify, execute etc, feed him to the sharks

Pilate Very well, I wash my hands of this whole matter

*Soldier2 throws cup of water at him*

*All exit*

*New Scene a puppet with a gas lighter glowing*

Jack The latest in portable fires.... Like it huh... hey mate come and join me *(Peter the disciple enters)*

Peter A little bit small isn't it... not quite the same as wood

Jack Ahh... the latest... revolutionary...like something from the 20<sup>th</sup> century... hey don't I know you... weren't you with that guy Jesus

Peter No way

Jack Yes I saw you with him

Peter You were mistaken

Jack I saw you and I saw him... amazing guy huh..

Peter Look mate,... he's been arrested is all I heard... I don't know him... got that

Jack OK, don't get heated up... *(they exit)* see these fires do work... you're hot and bothered and definitely hot under the collar...

*Three crosses on the stage with three puppets on*

Robber1 Well if you are the Son of God save yourself and me

Robber2 Hang on...Don't you fear God... this guy is innocent... not like us... Jesus... remember me is all I ask

Jesus Today you will be with me in paradise

*A black cloth emerges over the front of the scene as the three puppets on the cross move back. A soldier puppet comes on*

Soldier3 Incredible. I've seen him, I don't know Him but yet I do... Strange....He was the Son of God