

PART 2 PALM SUNDAY AND THE ARREST

Memory Verse

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Story Characters

Jesus
Boy
Jarius' Daughter
Jairus
Rabbi (Reuben)
Crowd
Angry Crowd
Children's crowd
and Pilate

Narrator

It's the beginning of Passover week and Jairus, along with his family and friends from Galilee, is approaching Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. As he nears the city he meets his friend Reuben, a rabbi serving in the Temple in Jerusalem. *(SFX - Large outdoor excited crowd. Animals, carts on dirt road. Village sounds in BG. Summer day in Palestine. Children playing.)*

Rabbi

(annoyed) I wonder what is going to happen during this Passover week.

Jairus

What do you mean?

Rabbi

Jairus, you should know all about it. It's this fellow from your region. That Galilean... Jesus.

Jairus

(sarcastic) He seems to draw a crowd where ever he goes. Doesn't he?

Rabbi

This is serious my friend. Jerusalem isn't Galilee. Many on the council are tired of all his kind of trouble. And if he comes to Jerusalem, they fear for the security of our nation. No one wants Rome to notice this "Son of David", if you know what I mean.

Jairus

Reuben, you shouldn't get so upset. Can't you see God is at work?

Rabbi

I can see a trouble-maker at work. That's what I call someone who upsets the workings of the temple and threatens our way of life.

Jairus

You mean driving the money-changers out of the temple courts. I was glad to see them go. And have you heard about the miracles?

Rabbi

Be careful what you say my friend. This Jesus has gone too far. I'd hate to see your reputation hurt by thoughtless words.

Children

(running left to right calling out) Hosanna to the son of David.

Crowd

Walla: Chanting "Hosanna" Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Jairus

What is going on?

Rabbi

I don't know. *(calling out)* Boy!

Boy

Me?

Rabbi

Yes you. Why are you running around and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David?"

Boy

Jesus, the prophet from Galilee is coming. He's coming up the hill. You'll see him soon. He's riding a donkey.

Rabbi

Do you hear that? Jesus is coming. And ... who would let their children run in the streets shouting things like that?

Girl

(running past) Hosanna to the son of David...Hosanna! Oh, Daddy. I didn't see you. Shalom Rabbi.

Rabbi

(angry) auh!

Jairus

That's alright my dear. Run along with your friends.

Girl

(running on and fading out) Hosanna to the son of David...

Rabbi

Jairus, consider yourself fully warned. Supporting Jesus isn't child's play.

Jairus

Reuben, I know. *(Music transition)*

Narrator

Later that week Jesus is arrested and brought to trial before Pilate the Roman governor.

Crowd

Here comes Pilate. Now we'll finally get rid of Jesus.

Pilate

I find no just cause to execute Jesus. I will have him flogged and released.

Crowd

Release Barabbas. We want Barabbas. Away with this man. Bring out Barabbas.

Pilate

You would want a murderer instead of Jesus?

Crowd

Barabbas. Give us Barabbas. Crucify Jesus. *(Music fades in)*

Pilate

Crucify your king?

Crowd

Walla: We have no king but Caesar! Take him away! Crucify Him!

Pilate

Very well then. Jesus will be crucified. Guards, take him away.

Crowd

chanting of "Crucify Him" fading out with music. (*Music - Up and out*)

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