

A script from



“He Is Alive: Responsive Reading”

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What This is a responsive reading to engage your congregation into worshipping our risen Savior through scripture. Themes: Easter, Jesus, Crucifixion, risen, resurrection, living

Who Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3

When Present

Wear (Props) Actors can wear all black or similar coordinating colors.
3 Notebooks or folders for Readers.

Why Luke 23, Luke 24, John 10:10, 1 Peter 1:3, Psalm 33:1, Matthew 28:16-20

How Note for Director and Readers: Reader 3 is our personal "conduit" to the telling of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Reader 3 needs to look at the audience more than the first two readers. Reader 3 may want to stand on one side of the stage as Reader 1 and Reader 2 stand together. "He is Alive" can come across "cheesy". Work on different ways of saying it each time. Let us (the audience) believe you when you say it. If the band or orchestra came in as Readers start reading about the resurrection and the tempo rises- it could be very powerful. With or without music, you get to relay scripture to the masses of what Jesus did for us!

Time Approximately 2-3 minutes; This script is 2 pages long.

Three Readers are on stage facing the audience.

READER 1: (Luke 23:3) So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

READER 2: (Luke 23:4) Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

READER 3: He is Alive! (1 Peter 1:3) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

READER 1: (Luke 23:23-24) But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand.

READER 2: (Luke 23:33) When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

READER 3: He is alive! (John 10:10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it to the fullest.

READER 1: (Luke 23:34) Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

READER 2: (Luke 23:36-38) The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

READER 3: He is alive! (Psalm 138:8) The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever- do not abandon the works of your hands.

READER 1: (Luke 23:44-46) It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

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