

“I Can’t See the Cross (Because My Mask is in the Way)”

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What Can our own attitudes cause us to miss celebrating Easter? See how a woman who is more concerned with fashion and comfort misses out on the importance of worship. What barriers keep us from focusing on God?

Themes: Easter, Cross, Focus, Pride, Church

Who Jen (wife)
Brett (husband)

When Easter Sunday; Present

Wear (Props) This is set in a church. You can either use pews or chairs. The mask for Jen should be as outlandish as possible in design and could include flowers, bows and other features to cover the face (like an Easter bonnet as a mask). It could match other clothes. Brett’s mask is more typical and plain.

Why Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 15:33-39, Proverbs 21:3-4

How Keep the dialogue energetic. Be sure to rehearse with the masks on so you’ll avoid surprises during a performance.

Time Approximately 2-3 minutes

Jen and Brett hurry to their seats in a worship service.

Jen: Whew! I was afraid someone might have gotten our seats!

Brett: *(picking up a sign in seat)* We can't sit here. See the sign...no one allowed in this row for safety.

Jen: Here, give me that sign. *(moves to another seat)* We have sat in this seat every Easter for years! *That spot can be empty (points to where she moved the sign), but we are sitting here! (motions to sit)*

Brett: I hope we don't get reprimanded by the head usher!

Jen: We are fine! We could have been here a lot earlier if you hadn't spoken to Steven.

Brett: He's our neighbor, and I haven't seen him in a while. I was just wishing him a Happy Easter.

Jen: Next time, just send him a text. It's important to get to church early on Easter!

Brett: Well, this is turning out to be a "special" day!

Jen: Ssh...the pastor is getting ready to speak. *(pulls down her mask)*

Brett: You can't pull your mask down. You have to keep it up the entire service.

Jen: I can't see what everyone else is wearing today if I do that.

Brett: Well, if you had left off a few of the flowers, I think you would be able to see fine.

Jen: I couldn't do that. This is Easter. You have to dress nicely on Easter!

Brett: I think you might have overdone it a bit with the decorating.

Jen: No way. I always want to look my best on Easter! *(looks through purse)* Maybe if I just put on my glasses, I will be able to see better.

Brett: *(sighs)* I think I will pull my mask up over my face so no one can recognize me.

Jen: *(uncomfortable)* Now my glasses are fogging up. I can't see anyone. You are going to have to tell me what everyone is wearing.

Brett: Not a chance. I'm here to worship, not to be the commentator at a fashion show!

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Jen: Who is that sitting four rows up?

Brett: I don't know. It's hard to see their face.

Jen: Well, they are wearing a purple and yellow mask. Who wears those colors together? Terrible.

Brett: Why don't you pray or something?

Jen: I need to know who that is. Raise your hand!

Brett: What?

Jen: Raise your hand and get an usher over here. We can ask him who is sitting up there.

Brett: I don't need an usher for anything.

Jen: Tell him you need to have your temperature checked!

Brett: You have gone nuts!

Jen: I think my allergies are starting to act up. The flowers in my mask are bothering me.

Brett: Well, take them out.

Jen: I can't do that. I would look terrible when we get our picture made in front of the cross after the service.

Brett: Can you even see the cross?

Jen: *(moves her mask around)* You're right. I am having trouble seeing it. *(removes mask)* Here, swap masks with me for a while.

Brett: No! I'm not wearing that floral monstrosity!

Jen: Come on, just for a few minutes. That way I can check out what everyone is wearing while I catch a glimpse of the cross. Oh, and also if I wear your mask, the pastor will be able to recognize me and know that I am here for the Easter service.

Brett: I think he already knows! *(Jen and Brett switch masks)* All right, just for a minute. *(Brett should look very uncomfortable in Jen's mask)* This is crazy!

Jen: Oh, yes, I can see everyone much better.

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Brett: *(kneels and hides)* I'm going to pray. I don't want anyone to see flowers sticking out of my nose.

Jen: I might just keep this mask for the rest of the service.

Brett: *(standing)* I'm leaving. *(stumbles)* I can't see with this thing on.

Jen: You can't go. I haven't finished checking everyone—I mean we haven't heard the sermon yet.

Brett: I think I can remember it from last Easter. *(sneezes)*

Jen: Oh no, here comes the usher! He heard you sneeze and he's going to check us out. Here, take my hand and I'll lead you out.

Brett: OK.

Jen: Just hum "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today". Everyone will think we are doing a recessional!

Brett: What an Easter!!!

Jen leads Brett out as she hums loudly.

Blackout