

A script from



“On the Way to the Cross”

A Reader's Theatre

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- What** Follow Jesus through His ministry as He makes His way to pay the ultimate sacrifice for you and me. (Themes: Easter, Cross, Sacrifice, Jesus, Ministry, Resurrection, Miracles, Personal, Relationship)
- Who** 4 Actors
*Note- Actors 1 and 3 are written with males in mind and Actors 2 and 4 are written with females in mind. Actor 1 has all of Jesus' lines. However, feel free to change this if you wish.
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** 4 black binders
- Why** Luke 19:10; John 3:16; John 14:6
- How** This is a Reader's Theatre piece, so the sky is the limit for blocking and movement. You can also use as many or as little actors as you want. Some other ideas are to use music in the background or place your readers in the aisles with a cross on the stage, having them move closer to the cross as they read.
- Time** Approximately 4-6 minutes

- Actor 1:** On the way to the cross Jesus stopped and took so many personal detours to show us the way, the truth, and life.
- Actor 2:** On the way to the cross Jesus gathered 12 students to teach and disciple.
- Actor 3:** These were the "rabbi rejects". No one wanted them...
- Actor 2:** ...but Jesus did. He called each one of them by name - made it personal and said,
- Actor 1:** "Follow me."
- Actor 4:** On the way to the cross Jesus was going to heal a sick child when a woman, who needed healing of her own, touched his robe. Although He was pressed for time, Jesus stopped and asked,
- Actor 1:** "Who touched me?"
- Actor 2:** Out steps this shy, apologetic woman explaining what she had done and hoping she was not in trouble. She was in a total state of shock when the Son of God made it personal and said,
- Actor 1:** "Woman, because of your faith, you're healed."
- Actor 3:** On the way to the cross Jesus went out of His way to comfort the mourning family and friends of Lazarus. Seeing their pain, Jesus wept too. The compassion he showed was astounding. But it didn't stop there...he called for him -
- Actor 1:** "Lazarus come out".
- Actor 2:** And Lazarus did just that-- walked out of the tomb alive and well. He called his name. You cannot get any more personal than that. Think of this, if he would have just said "come out," a bunch of dead people could have risen from the grave. Not only did he have the power to raise the dead, but he had the power to make a personal connection.
- Actor 3:** On the way to the cross Jesus experienced opposition from many religious leaders. One leader tried to stump him by asking, "What is the greatest of all the commandments?". Jesus had a simple response, but it gave us the most important personal responsibility we have as His followers:
- Actor 1:** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."