

## “The New ADVENTure: Joy”

### Script 3

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- What** In this modern-day, funny Advent skit, Moses, Obadiah, Isaiah, and Zechariah are excited about the impending era of peace they believe is coming as they look at the prophecies in Isaiah 61:1-7 and Zechariah 9:9-12.  
Themes: Christmas, Advent, Joy, Prophets, Prophecy, Messiah
- Who** Moses  
Obadiah  
Isaiah  
Zechariah
- When** Just before the birth of Jesus
- Costumes and Props** Tunics or robes for Prophets  
Table full of scrolls  
Door for prophets to enter is helpful, but not necessary
- Why** Isaiah 61:1-7; Zechariah 9:9-12
- How** If needed, the script can be written on the scrolls and the actors can reference their lines while perusing over the scrolls.
- Each prophet has their own characteristics and idiosyncrasies that should be played whenever possible. Obadiah is “normal.” Moses is wise, serious and respected. Moses is always seated. Isaiah should maneuver between supporting judgement but not celebrating it. Zechariah is an energetic and exuberant character. It may be best to start some of his parts straight and gradually grow in excitement. He could be like a southern preacher, but goofy dancing and other expressions may serve the character well. He should gradually work into a rage when discussing punishments. The excitement of something new and the mystery of the Father’s actions is the most important aspect of the skit. All prophets (especially Zechariah) should slow down and emphasize the phrases of the prophecies that indicate peace and joy.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Moses, Obadiah & Isaiah are studying through scrolls.*

**Obadiah:** Moses, do you think we can google it?

**Moses:** Don't be disrespectful, Obadiah.

**Obadiah:** No! It's like you type or say something into your phone and it tells you... *(notices Moses doesn't understand)* that you don't understand...it's a millennial thing.

**Moses:** Which one?

**Isaiah:** It doesn't matter. Were that you two were left abandoned on a snowy hill in naught but your under-tunics, with the walrus's licking the backs of your knees and the old women crying out "Oh the horror!"

**Obadiah:** Isaiah, will you stop already! Moses doesn't even know what a walrus is.

**Moses:** *(still salty)* One day I shall glaygle it...gorbal it...goggle it.

**Obadiah:** *(facepalms)*

**Moses:** Let's just get to work. Zechariah, Come in!

**Zechariah:** *(enters, surprised and excited)* How did you know?

**Moses:** *(smirks)* I'm a prophet.

**Isaiah:** *(growls in frustration)* RRRGH! That is NOT how it works!

**Zechariah:** Whoa! What's happening? How can I help?

**Obadiah:** You've heard everyone talking. We know the Father is doing something unprecedented.

**Isaiah:** We know that whatever happens, it's going to bring an era of peace.

**Zechariah:** That's awesome! Our people have been conquered by almost every country in the world. *(to Isaiah)* But didn't you write about judgement and payback and all?

*Isaiah looks at the floor.*

**Obadiah:** He hasn't fully accepted it all.

**Moses:** More importantly, we think God is going to start a new covenant.

**Zechariah:** No way! I read about this! Like The Father might bypass all the sacrifices and all and let us have direct access to him? Because that would be *(clap hands)* heavenly!

**Obadiah:** That's a possibility but we aren't sure.

**Zechariah:** I imagine some eggs got to be broken to get this omelet, right? Rome is crushing it right now. Someone's going to have to step up and take them down, right?

**Isaiah:** *(yells in jubilation)* YES! Our time has come! Our retribution awaits!

**Moses:** Just like the Promised Land, maybe heavy war will bring peace.

**Obadiah:** That would be logical, but Isaiah found a lovely nugget of peace and harmony just now.

**Isaiah:** While it's not my usual cup of cold revenge and destruction, I recall when I was shown *(reads)*:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning."

**Obadiah:** So, we were wondering what the Father showed you.

**Zechariah:** I mean, I saw a lot! Like a whole bunch of different things. Some was judgement, but some was like really, REALLY good news. Like stuff that will make you holler with happiness and scream with satisfaction and...

**Obadiah:** We get it! What did you see?

**Zechariah:** *(pulls out a scroll)* "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

**Obadiah:** I don't think anyone can bash many heads riding on a donkey. So much for epic retribution.

*Obadiah looks at Isaiah. Isaiah throws up hands.*

**Zechariah:** There's more: "As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to

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your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double."  
Moses: *(pauses briefly)* Sounds like a wonderful occasion.

*Obadiah begins searching through scrolls.*

Obadiah: There's more. Here. *(hands scroll to Isaiah)*

Isaiah: *(somewhat slowly)* Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

Moses: *(softly)* That sounds glorious.

Zechariah: *(loudly)* Hallelujah! *(chanting)* Amen, amen and sing that song! We gunna get our righteous party on! *(dances)*

Isaiah: Surely it can't be that easy and...joyful. Someone has to pay! How does the Father think he's going to make any changes without shaking things up? I just don't see how it can be done!

Zechariah: *(excited, getting more animated)* With the party of the millennium! It's only like year 5 you know? Party of the year, decade, century, and millennium, all in one!

Obadiah: I don't know. Irate Isaiah has a point. I mean, look at where we are. It's been 400 years since a prophecy, our people have been conquered by pretty much everyone except the Mongols—

Zechariah: Which is kind of impressive if you think about it because the Mongols...

*Isaiah bumps Zechariah to tell him to be quiet.*

Obadiah: *(continuing)* they've had local and foreign tyrants as leaders, been taxed out of their minds, and now with Rome, the most powerful army in the world ever, Rome has our people under their thumb. How are they going to get out of that?

Zechariah: What if the Mongols *did*...

Isaiah: *(getting angry)* Stop it! Be realistic! With our people in servitude and weakened, they are waiting for strong action from the Father! To send the warrior-leader and I had hoped **now** was the time. We can't expect some peaceful pacifist to stand up against all the power against our people right now! It's ludicrous to think that happy Christmas gifts will change their world!

**Zechariah:** What's Christmas?

**Obadiah:** It's not a thing yet.

**Isaiah:** The prophecies said—

**Moses:** *(gently cutting him off)* It seems pretty universal across all the prophecies. If the Father aims to fulfill them now, then His servant will come. The servant may bring a new covenant in which we relate to the Father in a whole new way. It may even eliminate sin.

**Obadiah:** If that's the case, a Messenger would also bring a new era of joy and peace. Like we said, he might be a Prince of Peace and a Shepherd...

**Zechariah:** *(perky)* And a heck of a nice guy! I mean, He's going to ride a donkey! That's a sign of making peace! Think it will be a cool color at least?

**Moses:** Isaiah, I understand your concern. I don't see how it's possible either. But you said it yourself, he's going to proclaim good news and freedom. He's going to bring comfort and gladness.

**Zechariah:** The goodest of goodness!

**Isaiah:** How can we be sure of what this is going to look like?

**Moses:** Angels have been sent down. A buzz is going on. Even Ezekiel is watching instead of looking at weird visions for a change. Something is going to happen very soon. Let's wait and see.

**Zechariah:** This is going to be the coolest thing that happened since bread with yeast!

*Lights out.*

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