

a script from



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"Who is this Man?"

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What All through Jesus' ministry, people asked who he was: His purpose. His mission. His divinity. In this impactful Reader's Theater, scripture is used to highlight these moments, ending with a challenge for us today.

Themes: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Week, Reader's Theater

Who Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3
Reader 4

When Present day

Costumes Muted dark colors

Props Stands for scripts (optional)

Why Isaiah 53:3, Matthew 8:27, Mark 2:6-7, Matthew 26:63-64, Luke 7:19,
John 18:33-38, Matthew 16:15

How Readers are spread out from stage right to stage left. Each holding a folder with the script or on a music stand in front of them. As in all effective Reader's Theater, scripts should be memorized as much as possible.

Use of relevant projected images is also suggested. Also consider using music beds to underscore the mood.

Time 2 minutes

Lights up. **Readers** enter and take their places. Then, after several beats-

Reader 1: Who is this man?

Reader 2: John the Baptist asked his disciples to go to Jesus and ask:

Reader 3: Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?

Reader 4: After Jesus calmed the storm, the terrified disciples asked it:

Reader 1: What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!

Reader 2: The high priest asked it:

Reader 3: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God?

Reader 4: The teachers of the law asked it:

Reader 1: Who can forgive sins but God alone?

Reader 2: *(pause, then quietly)* Pilate asked it:

Reader 3: Are you the king of the Jews?

Long pause.

All: Who is this Man?

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah answered this way-

Reader 2: A man of sorrows, acquainted with-

Reader 3: -bitterest grief.

Reader 4: We despised him and rejected him-

Reader 1: We turned our backs on him-

Reader 2: -and looked the other way when he went by.

Reader 3: He was despised-

All: -and we didn't care.

Long pause.

Reader 4: Today (*or tonight*) we ponder.

Reader 1: A question

Reader 2: for us all.

Reader 3: Is He-

Reader 4: He-

Reader 1: This man-

Reader 2: This Jesus-

Pause.

All: Worthy?

Reader 3: And-

Reader 4: -do we care?

Pause.

Reader 1: Jesus once asked his followers-

Reader 2: Who do people say I am?

Reader 3: They replied:

Reader 4: John the Baptist.

Reader 1: Elijah.

Reader 2: Jeremiah.

Reader 3: Or just another prophet.

Reader 1: Jesus answered them:

Reader 2: Who do *you* say I am?

Pause.

Reader 3: In this moment, when we contemplate...

Pause.

Reader 4: Reflect.

Reader 1: Consider.

Reader 2: Watch and-

Reader 3: Pray.

Reader 4: His question lingers, addressing us all-

All: Who do *you* say I am?

Pause.

Reader 1: Your answer...

Reader 2: our answer...

Reader 3: today and going forward...

Reader 4: makes all the difference.

Reader 1: For He is worthy.

Reader 2: Giving his life

Reader 3: for a ransom for us-

Reader 4: All.

Reader 1: Jesus.

All: You are.

Lights down.