

“Nothing but Smooth Sailing: Holy Week Hope”

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What In this Palm Sunday monologue, Peter looks forward with great anticipation (and irony) to the week ahead as the Messiah is celebrated.

Themes: Palm Sunday, Jesus, Messiah, Peter, Hosanna

Who Peter

When Time of Christ (could also be played as a modern-day sketch)

**Wear
(Props)** Palm leaf
Biblical robes if set in Bible times
Casual, neutral tones if modern

Why John 5:8

How It will take a strong and confident actor to play Peter, coming down the aisle with excitement and enthusiasm. Keep the energy up.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

At lights up, Peter comes up from back, shouting and running towards platform—very excited.

Peter: That’s right, Hosanna! Hosanna! Shout it people! I can’t *hear* you! Come on! If these rocks could speak, they’d be singing praises too! That’s right kids, you too! The Messiah is here!!

Peter now on stage—watching Jesus and crowd ‘move away’. To himself, celebrating personal triumph now...

Yes!! Yes!! I *knew* this would happen. It’s finally paid off. After these 3 years of wandering around with him and the brothers. Three years of sacrifice. Turmoil. Persecution from the Pharisees. We’ve arrived!

My family, just 3 years ago, literally in my face when I decided to follow him. “What are you, crazy??! This...this...man plays a magic trick on you, brings some fish into your nets and you’re walking away from it all...from us? For him?? You’ll waste your life! Ahh, it’ll never last. You’ll be back.”

Well, look at me now, family! Doubters! My risk paid off. Big time! Success! Jesus is getting His proper recognition. And so am I! (*catches himself*) We, I mean. We. We.

I can see it now— (*looks around to make sure no one hears him, then blurts out*) Petra Ministries! I foresee...lecture circuit. I see...logos on everything. Key chains! T-shirts! Chariot stickers! Product placement on palm leaves. The sky’s the limit! Wow, these are great ideas. (*searching himself*) Where’s a quill and papyrus when you need one?

That’s right, Jesus. This isn’t the end. Just the beginning. This coming week is going to be special. I can feel it.

With most of the country here in Jerusalem for Passover, what an opportunity. I see more rallies. Maybe we plan something big for the temple later this week...like a meet ‘n greet with the merchants there.

Maybe even an ‘insiders’ dinner on Thursday night...followed by some informal interviews with the press...in a garden close by or something.

Yeah, then a really big rally on Friday! I bet I can even get those old men from the Sanhedrin to get involved. Maybe the Romans, too. Might be smart. Maybe even...dare I think it...get Pontius Pilate himself to make an appearance. Have him get to know Jesus better. You know. Maybe he could even do an interview with Jesus. Wow. Pilate could open for Jesus at this rally! Yeah...yeah. Note to self, get Judas working on this.

PURCHASE
Yeah...big crowds. Noise. Emotions at a fever pitch. Everyone yelling. Screaming His name. And then we end up on some...some small hill right outside the gates, to accommodate the crowds. Someplace high enough so everyone has a view of Him.

And at the end, with the crowd's intensity at the highest, He'll be lifted up for all to see! *(stretches his arms out to make it look like the crucifixion—holds pose)* We'll...He'll have arrived!

Pause, then drops arms.

Well, I better catch up with them. That reporter from the Jerusalem Times might need some quotes, and I better start getting some talking points together.

Starts to leave, picks up a palm leaf and studies it.

Waste my life. Humph. Finally found it, you mean.

Lights out.

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