

A WORLD WITHOUT JESUS

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GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: A reader's theatre scene describes what a world without Jesus would be like, but the world is very much like the world we live in, leaving the speaker to say that we haven't learned much.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 5

TOPIC: Easter

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 1:1-18

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Easter

SUGGESTED USE: Reader's Theatre

CHARACTERS:

ONE

TWO

THREE

FOUR

FIVE

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: None

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

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The SPEAKERS sit on stools on stage, scripts on stands in front of them reader's theater style.

ONE: Can you imagine a world without a resurrection? Imagine if there was no Jesus. No Christmas, no Easter... what would that be like?

TWO: A world without Jesus. What a strange thing to imagine. Think of all the things we take for granted that would change!

THREE: Bibles would be shorter, because there would be no New Testament.

FOUR: No one would wear crosses around their necks, because there would be no crucifixion.

FIVE: There would be no Easter eggs, no Easter bunnies.

THREE: No Easter grass all over the house.

All five speakers ad lib how nice that would be.

FOUR: None of those things would exist because there would be no resurrection.

ONE: I know we wouldn't have the holidays. But other than that, would there be a difference?

FIVE: Of course there would be a difference.

FOUR: Without Jesus, we would know nothing about mercy and grace.

THREE: We wouldn't know how to love our neighbor, much less who our neighbor is.

TWO: Just imagine what an awful world this would be without Jesus.

THREE: If there were no Jesus, we wouldn't be as loving as we are.

FOUR: I'm sorry, ma'am. I don't have any change.

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FIVE: But my baby is starving!

FOUR: Sorry, I wish I could help.

TWO: There would be no forgiveness of debts.

ONE: I just need a little more time.

THREE: You had three months to get the money. What did you do with all that time?