

## CRUCIFY HIM

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** A man stumbles into the mob calling for Jesus' death and joins right in until he hears who the crowd wants to execute.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 4

**TOPIC:** Crucifixion, Biblical Times

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 27:11-26

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Easter

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Illustration, Sermon Starter

**CHARACTERS:**

MEL - a former leper

DAN, SARAH, LISA - members of the crowd

Other CROWD members (if possible)

**PROPS:** None

**COSTUMES:** Biblical or modern

**SOUND:** Four wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Pilate's courtyard

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*The crowd enters, chanting over and over, "Crucify him!" DAN, SARAH, and LISA are in front. MEL casually walks on, notices the commotion, and stands by DAN.*

**CROWD:** Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!

**MEL:** Hey, guys, what's going on?

**DAN:** There's going to be a crucifixion!

**MEL:** Really? Today?

**LISA:** Yeah, if we can get that lousy governor to listen to us. Crucify him!

**CROWD:** Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!

**MEL:** Oh boy, a crucifixion. Nothing like one of those to pick you up at the end of the week.

Crucify him!

**CROWD:** Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!

**LISA:** What's taking him so long? He's got an angry mob, and we're all in agreement on this one.

**DAN:** Lousy Imperial politics. If he was duly elected by the masses, he'd have him half way to Golgotha.

**CROWD:** Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!

**MEL:** Yeah, yeah, crucify him!

**SARAH:** And hurry it along! The Sabbath starts at six.

**DAN:** I didn't think about that.

**SARAH:** He's going to filibuster, and we're going to miss out on the fun.

**MEL:** Oh they'll crucify someone else next week.

**DAN:** We only get to Jerusalem once a year for Passover. Our camel leaves at nine Sunday morning.

**MEL:** Oh well, we better make this guy listen up then, right? Crucify him!

**CROWD:** Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!

**LISA:** And whip him with the 39 lashes, just for good measure!