

## THE EVICTION

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy/Light Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** A group of demons lose their secure way of existence when Jesus arrives on Earth and commands them to leave the hosts they've possessed.

**DIRECTOR'S CUT:** There should be a decided mood change in the scene when Jesus enters, from light comedy to a more serious, powerful moment. Have fun with the first part, but don't upstage the focal point of the story.

**TIME:** Less than 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 5M, 1F

**THEME:** Spiritual Warfare; Spirituality

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 8:29

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Starter/Illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

Rotten, Sleazy, Filthy—demons  
Hector and Donna—possessed people  
Jesus (voice only)

**PROPS:** None

**COSTUMES:** Biblical costumes for Hector and Donna; fantasy demon costumes for the others.

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones (optional)

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Outside a city in Jesus' time

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*HECTOR enters with ROTTEN hanging on his back. DONNA enters with SLEAZY on her back. The demons may either be actually riding piggyback on the actors or just hanging on with their hands or chains. HECTOR and DONNA are downtrodden, sad. They stand somberly, as if they were zombies.*

**ROTTEN:** Heh heh, hey, Sleazy, how's it going?

**SLEAZY:** Rotten, you old devil, what have you been up to?

**ROTTEN:** Same as always. Tempting, possessing, running amok!

**SLEAZY:** Me too, man!

**ROTTEN:** Isn't it great, possessing humans?

**SLEAZY:** Oh it's the best, man! I love it!

**ROTTEN:** Hey, you know what does stink about possessing a human?

**SLEAZY:** What's that?

**ROTTEN:** Nothing! Ha ha ha!

*FILTHY runs on, screaming.*

**FILTHY:** Help! Help! I need help!

**SLEAZY:** Filthy? What are you doing here?

**FILTHY:** I need somewhere to hide! You got room in there?

**ROTTEN:** Sure, hop on!

*FILTHY grabs on to HECTOR.*

**FILTHY:** Thanks, pal, I owe you one.

**ROTTEN:** Say, what are you doing on this side of town? Weren't you working that fortune-telling girl?

**FILTHY:** I'm in trouble. I am in so much trouble!

**SLEAZY:** What's the matter with you? You look as if you've seen an angel.

**FILTHY:** No, man, this was no angel! Not at all!

**ROTTEN:** Who was it?