

EXT: GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. JUDAS STANDS STAGE RIGHT.

**Judas: Daniel**

**Jesus: Cody**

**Jonda: Gabe**

**Jamie: Molly**

**Petra: Noa**

**Martha: Sarah**

**Thomasina: Kechi**

JUDAS

Welcome back to The Messiah. We're at the beautiful Garden Of Gethsemane and it's time for our Messiah to meet his possible apostles. But first, let's learn a little bit more about Jesus.

Lights come up on Jesus in front of the Stage Right door.

VO - JESUS

I'm just a simple kind of guy. I want everyone to be cool with each other, I don't like a lot of conflict, you know? I'm a carpenter, and I do a lot of volunteer outreach with the sick and the poor. My hobbies include cooking, wine-tastings, and water sports. I have a close-knit family: my mom and dad and my fantastic Godfather, and I'm looking to settle down with someone who shares my passion for helping others.

Jesus walks over to meet Judas.

JUDAS

Are you ready, Jesus?

JESUS

I don't have a lot of time to waste!

JUDAS

Then let's meet your apostles. First up, Jonda!

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When VO's play, all apostles stand in front of Stage Left Door. When VO completes, they walk to meet Jesus.

VO - JONDA

I'm Jonda, and no one loves life more than I do! I'm very competitive, and I'll stop at nothing to be the absolute best! I can be humble too-I love my friends and want to see them succeed too! I'm also very loyal, and if you're mine, I'll never stop telling people how awesome you are.

JONDA

Hi, I'm Jonda, so nice to meet you.

JESUS

Nice to meet you too.

JONDA

I brought you something. I heard through the grapevine that you really love it!

JESUS

Oh, it's...Myrrh. Thank you.

Jonda shouts over her shoulder to the other apostles.

JONDA

HEAR THAT, BITCHES? I'M THE ONE WHOM JESUS LOVES ALREADY. GET AT ME.

Jonda kisses Jesus on each cheek, and exits stage right.

JUDAS

Let's meet our next apostle, Jamie!

VO - JAMIE

I'm Jamie, and I'm the older sister of Jonda! We both love to fish, and we're both fiercely loyal to our men. I love my sister, my family, and most of all, being a Rabbi. I'm not a girl who messes around with just any old Messiah, I'm looking for my one true king.

JAMIE

Hi, I'm so excited to meet you, I'm Jamie! I think we've met before,

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JAMIE (cont'd)  
and I brought you something to  
remind you.

JESUS  
Oh, a fish! I remember you!

JAMIE  
I figured we could have it for  
dinner tonight. There's only one,  
but I think you're the kind of  
scrappy guy who could make sure  
everyone gets their fill tonight.  
Especially me.

Jamie winks and kisses Jesus' hand. Exits stage right.

JUDAS  
And now we meet Petra!

VO - PETRA  
I'm Petra, and my hobbies include  
fighting and telling jokes! I love  
to mess around with my friends and  
pretend that I don't know them when  
I've gotten them into trouble.  
Watch out, I'll keep you on your  
toes! I'm not everyone's cup of  
water, but I'm sure I could be your  
wine.

PETRA  
I'M SO EXCITED TO MEET YOU.

Petra runs and almost tackles Jesus in a hug.

JESUS  
Whoa there, careful. I'm a  
touchy-feely kind of guy, not a  
punchy-kicky kind of guy!

PETRA  
That's not what the moneychangers  
in the temple told me.

Petra fakes like she's gonna hit Jesus. He flinches, and she  
exits stage right.

JUDAS  
Moving on from...that, let's meet  
Martha.

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VO - MARTHA

I'm Martha, a recently retired tax collector. I used to live the high life--I love having money for sandals, and robes. Now, I'm hoping for something a little simpler. I just want to live on a mount and listen to sermons--I'm hoping Jesus can be my Messiah.

MARTHA

Hello Jesus, it's an honor to finally meet you.

JESUS

Oh wow! I didn't think the producers would let you come--I invited you personally. I know that's not really kosher.

MARTHA

Look, I brought you something. I've been keeping tabs on the other apostles, and I thought you'd like to learn a little more about them.

Martha hands him a notebook and exits stage right. As Martha leaves, Jesus reads the notebook and Judas gives her a look. Martha does the, "i'm watching you" gesture and exits.

JUDAS

Well we're running short on time, so let's meet our final apostle, Thomasina!

Jesus sets the notebook down.

VO - THOMASINA

I'm Thomasina, and I love to travel! I just got back from a three-year trip through the middle east, where I learned so much I can hardly believe it! I hope to find a traveling companion who can join me for a long, long time.

THOMASINA

I can't believe it's really you!

JESUS

Come over here, gimme a hug, you'll see that it's really me!

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THOMASINA

It's really you. Thank you--I'm  
sort of a gotta-see-it-for-myself  
kind of girl.

JESUS

I like that in a woman.

Thomasina hugs him again, and exits stage right.

JUDAS

Alright, Jesus, you've met your  
apostles. Are you ready to go in  
and have supper with them?

JESUS

I can't wait.

Jesus moves to exit stage right, and turns back.

JESUS

I don't have to keep my eye on you  
around these apostles, do I?

JUDAS

Oh you, such a kidder.

Jesus smiles and exits. Judas moves to the center of the  
stage and addresses the audience.

JUDAS

C'mon, you all know how this is  
gonna end. Judas out.

Judas drops the mic.

BLACKOUT.