

Audition Script 3 – Apostles Discussion

Peter: I just don't understand it.

Thaddeus: Neither do I, Peter. But surely you know by now that the Master speaks only the truth.

Peter: But He teaches about a Kingdom that will grow as a mustard seed. Or like leaven.

Thaddeus: Yes...

Peter: And He talks about the poor inheriting the earth. We don't have enough coins in Judas' bag to last a month, must less launch an army.

Thaddeus: But He also said that we weren't to worry about what we would eat or wear, or about tomorrow. Do you remember, Peter, how He pointed to the ravens only yesterday—the ravens that neither sow nor reap, and yet they have a storehouse of food. And how He pointed to the lilies and said that not even Solomon was clothed with such beauty?

Andrew: That isn't really what's bothering you, is it Peter?

Peter: *(shaking his head, pausing slightly before responding)* No, isn't.

Andrew: You're worried about what Jesus said to you about Jonah, aren't you?

Thaddeus: What did He say about Jonah?

Peter: He said that would be the sign to signal the arrival of the Kingdom.

Thaddeus: The sign of Jonah?

Peter: Yes, He said the Son of Man would be betrayed and

condemned to death—flogged and mocked.

Thaddeus: *(interrupting)* **Death?**

Peter: **Yes...and worse than that, Thaddeus. Death by crucifixion.**
(pausing to let the horror of the idea sink in) **Hanged on a**
cross for all to see.

Thaddeus: **But why?**

Andrew: **But He also said that He would rise again, Peter. Don't**
forget that.

Peter: *(cynically)* **Seems a strange way to launch a kingdom for the**
leader to die.

Peter gets up to throw another log on the fire. A couple of the apostles have prepared for sleep. One has put his head on Becky's lap. Matthew notices that Thomas is slow to prepare for the night. He is still standing, staring into the night away from the fire pit area.

Matthew: **Not ready for Jerusalem, eh, Thomas?**

Thomas: *(with a "humpph" attitude)* **We were nearly stoned to**
death the last time we were in Judea.

Nathaniel: **Who could have anticipated what would happen then,**
Thomas? We were all as surprised as you.

Matthew: **To think that Lazarus might live again after being dead for**
so long...

Thomas: *(with a sigh)* **It seems as if we were just there.**