

Audition Script 2 – Temptation of Jesus (Satan & Jesus)

Lights are out on the camp site and up on the rocks. Jesus is seated on a rock. Satan has entered scene and is seated on ground several yards away. Jesus head is held in His hands, His elbows on His knees.

Satan: *(speaking somewhat tauntingly, in an affected style)* I see you've been out here for what...**40 days, 40 nights?** By now, you must desire something to eat after being out here in the wilderness for so long. *Satan casually picks up a small flat rock and tosses it casually toward Jesus.* **Because...if you ARE indeed God's Son, simply change these stones into loaves of bread, and you shall hunger no more.**

Jesus: *(simply and directly, never looking at Satan, but using a stick to scratch at the ground in front of Him)* **It is written that Man shall not live by bread alone, but instead, by the Word that comes from the mouth of God.**

Satan: *(point up toward the light)* **Do you know what that is? It's the highest point of the Temple! If you truly are the Son of God, then throw yourself down! After all, it...is...written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Surely that will prove to all who you say you are!**

Jesus: *(again, not looking at Satan or the shaft of light)* **It is also written that the Lord God is not to be tempted.**

Satan: *(moving close to Jesus—toward stage exit side—and crouching just at His elbow, he speaks with a sweeping gesture toward the audience)* **Take a look around you...Breathtaking, is it not? There's so many people that walk this earth. They would have so much to offer you: the finest clothes, palaces, women, countless gold. The power of the kingdoms of this world, and all their riches...is mine. I will give this all to you so that YOU will be the most renowned, you'll have all the fortune you want, all of your desires to be fulfilled...I**

will give this all to you...If...you bow down and worship me.

Jesus rises abruptly and swings the stick away...

Jesus: *(boldly, with authority)* **Away from me, Satan! For it is written, the Lord God alone shall be worshipped and obeyed! The Lord God alone!**

Satan: *(starts to walk off stage)* **THIS...is NOT over. We WILL meet again.**

Immediately as Jesus begins to speak, Satan cringes back and offstage. As Jesus concludes statement, lights down on the Temptation scene.