



Biblical Drama based on Malachi 4:1-6 and Matthew 17:10-13
Character Parts: Narrator 1-3, Jesus, Matthew, Malachi, Peter, Andrew, James

Narrator 1: Many years before Jesus was born, the prophets of the Old Testament told that he would someday come. One of the prophets that spoke of the Day of the LORD was the prophet Malachi (*pronounced: MAL-ah-kai*).

Narrator 2: Imagine a scene, centuries later, when Jesus was with his disciples, teaching them about what the prophets had written.

Jesus: Go ahead, Matthew, read those verses from the end of the Book of Malachi.

Matthew: Yes, Lord, I will.

Malachi: "Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

Peter: Jesus, this "day of the Lord" sounds scary. Will God really destroy all those who are evil? What about me? I know I'm a sinner.

Matthew: Yes, Lord, what will happen to us?

Jesus: Keep reading. Malachi has a promise.

Malachi: "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts."

Jesus: You know how excited the young calves are when you let them out of the barn in the morning? That's how happy my believers will be on the Day of the Lord, when I rise from the dead!

Andrew: So how should we be ready?

James: Yes, what should we be doing?

Jesus: Malachi also talks about that. Keep reading.

Malachi: "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel."

Jesus: When you trust in God, you will want to do what is good and right!

Peter: But how will we know when all this is going to take place?

Jesus: Let's go back to Malachi; see what he wrote.

Malachi: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Andrew: But the prophet Elijah is dead. He was dead even before Malachi wrote this.

Jesus: That is true.

James: Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?

Jesus: Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased.

Matthew: Wait; I get it. You are talking about John the Baptist, aren't you!

Andrew: John always said that he came to prepare the way for you, Lord.

Peter: But he was rejected by the authorities, and King Herod put him to death.

Jesus: So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at the hands of the wicked.

Narrator 3: Jesus was letting his disciples know that, like John, he would be also killed by the authorities. But through his death on the cross, Jesus' promises forgive our sins, and in his resurrection, he will give life to all who believe! The "Day of the Lord" is the day of Jesus' return!