

*Biblical Drama based on Matthew 28:16-20**Character Parts: Narrators 1-3, Thomas, John, Peter, Matthew, James, Jesus*

Narrator 1: After hearing that Jesus had risen from the dead, the disciples traveled to Galilee to meet him, just as Jesus had commanded them.

Thomas: Hey, guys! Hurry up! I don't want Jesus to think we ignored his message.

John: Oh, he knows us better than that, Peter.

Thomas: That's just it! When Jesus came to all of you the first time, I didn't listen. But now the Lord has given me another chance. I don't want to miss it.

Peter: Thomas is right. We all let our master down. But he forgave us. We don't want to keep him waiting.

Matthew: We're coming, we're coming. Not all of us do physical labor every day like you do, Peter! Some of us need a break to catch our breath. We are climbing a mountain, after all!

Narrator 2: But before long, the disciples made it to the place where Jesus had told them to go. When they reached the mountain in Galilee, Jesus was there to meet them.

John: *(to Jesus)* Lord! Thank God, you are here!

James: Wait a minute, are you sure that's him? I don't remember Jesus wearing such white robes before.

John: Sure you do. Remember that time when Jesus took you and me and Peter to the mountain top and showed us his glory?

James: I wonder if he will reveal himself to all of us here in the same way!

(The disciples approach the risen Jesus.)

Jesus: Hello, friends. It's good to see you again.

Peter: Master! I would know you anywhere.

John: The women told us that you had risen from the dead! They also said that you wanted to speak with us here in Galilee.

Jesus: Yes. I am here to let you know that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. And now, I have a job for you to do.

Matthew: Anything you ask, Lord.

Jesus: I want you to go out into the world, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize people in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey all that I have commanded you.

Thomas: Um ... just one question. When you say, "Go out into the world," does that mean "Go to northwest Judah"? Or, are you saying we must go to places like Greece, or Africa, or even *(lowers his voice to a whisper)* the wild lands of the North?

Jesus: Yes. Go everywhere — to everyone! I came into the world that all people might have eternal life. But how can they believe if they haven't heard of me? That's why I am sending you out, even to the ends of the earth!

Peter: I will go, Lord! I can't wait to tell others what you've taught us.

James: I will go, too. But won't it be dangerous? I'm a bit frightened, to tell you the truth.

Jesus: I know. But don't be afraid. I will be with you always, wherever you go.

Narrator 3: The disciples did as Jesus asked. Because of their faithful words and deeds so long ago, the message of Jesus has come down to us. So now, even today, God is still making disciples through the message that we speak in his name!