

# Feeding 5,000 & Walking on Water

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Andrew, Philip, Peter, Woman

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 6

ANDREW: Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee followed by a huge crowd who'd seen him healing the sick.

PETER: They were impressed by the signs that He was performing.

JESUS: The Jewish festival of Passover is near.

ANDREW: Jesus went up a mountain and sat down there with us disciples.

PETER: When Jesus looked up and noticed a huge crowd coming toward Him, He asked Philip,

JESUS: Where will we buy bread so these people can eat?

PETER: He asked this to test him, for He Himself knew what He was going to do.

PHILIP: Two hundred denarii worth of bread wouldn't be enough for each of them to have a little.

ANDREW: There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish—but what are they for so many?

JESUS: Have the people sit down.

ANDREW: There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down.

PETER: The men numbered about 5,000.

ANDREW: Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated.

PHILIP: So also with the fish, as much as they wanted.

JESUS: Collect the leftovers so that nothing is wasted.

PETER: We collected them and filled 12 baskets with the pieces from the five barley loaves that were left over by those who had eaten.

WOMAN 1: This really is the Prophet who was to come into the world!

ANDREW: Jesus knew that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king,

PETER: He withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

ANDREW: When evening came, we disciples went down to the sea,

PHILIP: got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum.

PETER: Darkness had already set in, but Jesus had not yet come to us.

ANDREW: Then a high wind arose, and the sea began to churn.

PHILIP: After we had rowed about three or four miles, we saw Jesus walking on the sea.

ANDREW: He was coming near the boat, and we were afraid.

JESUS: It is I. Don't be afraid!

ANDREW: Then we were willing to take Him on board.

PETER: and at once the boat was at the shore where we were heading.

# The Bread of Life

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Andrew, Philip, Peter, Woman 1, Man 1

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 6

ANDREW: The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea knew there had been only one boat.

PETER: They also knew that Jesus had not boarded the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone off alone.

ANDREW: Some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord gave thanks.

PETER: When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

ANDREW: When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him,

WOMAN 1: Rabbi, when did You get here?

JESUS: I assure you: You are looking for Me, not because you saw the signs,

ALL: but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

JESUS: Don't work for the food that perishes but for the food that lasts for eternal life,

ALL: which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal of approval on Him.

WOMAN 1: What can we do to perform the works of God?

JESUS: This is the work of God—that you believe in the One He has sent.

MAN 1: What sign then are You going to do so we may see and believe You?

WOMAN 1: What are You going to perform?

MAN 1: Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written:

ALL: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

JESUS: I assure you: Moses didn't give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the real bread from heaven.

ALL: The bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

WOMAN 1: Sir, give us this bread always!

JESUS: I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry,

ALL: and no one who believes in Jesus will ever be thirsty again.

JESUS: But as I told you, you've seen Me, and yet you do not believe. Everyone the Father gives Me will come to Me,

ALL: and the one who comes to Jesus

JESUS: I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

ALL: This is the will of Him who sent Jesus:

JESUS: that I should lose none of those He has given Me

ALL: but should raise them up on the last day.

JESUS: For this is the will of My Father:

ALL: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life,

JESUS: and I will raise him up on the last day.”

ANDREW: The Jews started complaining about Him because He said,

JESUS: I am the bread that came down from heaven.

MAN 1: Isn't this Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?

WOMAN 1: How can He now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?

JESUS: Stop complaining among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

ALL: It is written in the Prophets: And they will all be taught by God.

JESUS: Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to Me—

ANDREW: not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God.

ALL: He has seen the Father.

JESUS: I assure you: Anyone who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

ALL: Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

ANDREW: This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that anyone may eat of it and not die.

JESUS: I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

ALL: If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever.

JESUS: The bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.

ANDREW: At that, the Jews argued among themselves.

MAN 1: How can this man give us His flesh to eat?

JESUS: I assure you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood,

ALL: you do not have life in yourselves.

JESUS: Anyone who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day,

ALL: His flesh is real food and his blood is real drink.

JESUS: The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood lives in Me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father,

ALL: so the one who feeds on Jesus will live because of Me.

JESUS: This is the bread that came down from heaven;

ALL: It is not like the manna your fathers ate—and they died.

JESUS: The one who eats this bread will live forever.

ANDREW: He said these things while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

## Many Disciples Desert Jesus

CHARACTERS: Jesus, John, Andrew, Peter, All

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 6

PETER: Therefore, when many of His disciples heard this, they said,

MAN 1: This teaching is hard! Who can accept it?

ANDREW: Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were complaining about this, asked them,

JESUS: Does this offend you? Then what if you were to observe the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

ALL: The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all.

JESUS: The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. 64 But there are some among you who don't believe.

JOHN: (*aside*) For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray Him.

JESUS: This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted to him by the Father.

ANDREW: From that moment many of His disciples turned back and no longer accompanied Him.

JESUS: (*to the Twelve*) You don't want to go away too, do you?

ANDREW: Simon Peter answered,

PETER: Lord, who will we go to? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!

JESUS: Didn't I choose you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is the Devil!

JOHN: He was referring to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, because he was going to betray Him.

# Festival of Tabernacles, part 1

CHARACTERS: Jesus, John, Andrew, Jesus brothers James and Joses, Peter, Woman 1 & 2, Man 1, Pharisee, Caiaphas

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 7

JOHN: After this, Jesus traveled in Galilee, since He did not want to travel in Judea because the Jews were trying to kill Him.

PETER: The Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near.

ANDREW: His brothers said to Him,

BROTHER JAMES: Leave here and go to Judea so Your disciples can see Your works that You are doing.

JOSES: For no one does anything in secret while he's seeking public recognition.

BROTHER JAMES: If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.

ANDREW: (*sadly*) Not even His brothers believed in Him.

JESUS: My time has not yet arrived, but your time is always at hand. The world cannot hate you, but it does hate Me because I testify about it

ALL: —that its deeds are evil.

JESUS: Go up to the festival yourselves. I'm not going up to the festival yet, because My time has not yet fully come.

JOSES: We will. Let's go, James.

ANDREW: After He had said these things, He stayed in Galilee.

PETER: After His brothers had gone up to the festival, then He also went up, not openly but secretly.

ANDREW: The Jews were looking for Him at the festival and saying,

WOMAN 1: Where is Jesus?

ANDREW: There was a lot of discussion about Him among the crowds. Some were saying,

WOMAN 1: He's a good man.

MAN 1: No, on the contrary, He's deceiving the people.

ANDREW: Still, nobody was talking publicly about Him because they feared the Jews.

PETER: When the festival was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple complex and began to teach.

ANDREW: Then the Jews were amazed and said,

MAN 1: How does He know the Scriptures, since He hasn't been trained?

JESUS: My teaching isn't Mine but is from the One who sent Me.

ALL: If anyone wants to do God's will,

JESUS: he will understand whether the teaching is from God or if I am speaking on My own.

ALL: The one who speaks for himself seeks his own glory.

JESUS: But He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true,

ALL: and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

JESUS: Didn't Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law! Why do you want to kill Me?

MAN 1: You have a demon! Who wants to kill You?

JESUS: I did one work, and you are all amazed. Consider this: Moses has given you circumcision—

ALL: not that it comes from Moses but from the fathers—

JESUS: and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses won't be broken,

ALL: are you angry at Jesus because he made a man entirely well on the Sabbath?

JESUS: Stop judging according to outward appearances; rather judge according to righteous judgment.

WOMAN 1: Isn't this the man they want to kill?

WOMAN 2: Yet, look! He's speaking publicly and they're saying nothing to Him.

WOMAN 1: Can it be true that the authorities know He is the Messiah?

WOMAN 2: But we know where this man is from. When the Messiah comes, nobody will know where He is from.

ANDREW: As He was teaching in the temple complex, Jesus cried out,

JESUS: You know Me and you know where I am from. Yet I have not come on My own, but the One who sent Me is true.

ALL: You don't know Him;

JESUS: I know Him because I am from Him, and He sent Me.

PETER: Then they tried to seize Him.

ANDREW: Yet no one laid a hand on Him because His hour had not yet come.

PETER: However, many from the crowd believed in Him and said,

WOMAN 1: When the Messiah comes, He won't perform more signs than this man has done, will He?

ANDREW: The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Jesus.

CAIAPHAS: We chief priests and Pharisees must do something.

PHARISEE 1: Send the temple police to arrest Him.

JESUS: I am only with you for a short time. Then I'm going to the One who sent Me. You will look for Me, but you will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.

WOMAN 1: Where does He intend to go so we won't find Him?

MAN 1: He doesn't intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks, does He

WOMAN 1: What is this remark He made: 'You will look for Me, and you will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come'?

## Festival of Tabernacles, part 2

CHARACTERS: Jesus , Peter, Andrew , Pharisee 1, Caiaphas, Police, Woman 1 & 2, Nicodemus

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 7

ANDREW: On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out,

JESUS: If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink! The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,

ALL: will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.

ANDREW: He said this about the Spirit.

PETER: Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit,

ANDREW: The Spirit had not yet been received because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

PETER: When some from the crowd heard these words, they said,

WOMAN 1: This really is the Prophet!

WOMAN 2: This is the Messiah!

PHARISEE 1: (*disdainfully*) Surely the Messiah doesn't come from Galilee, does He?

NICODEMUS: Doesn't the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from David's offspring and from the town of Bethlehem, where David once lived?

ANDREW: So a division occurred among the crowd because of Him.

PETER: Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

ANDREW: Then the temple police came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them,

CAIAPHAS: Why haven't you brought Him?

POLICE: No man ever spoke like this!

PHARISEE 1: (*irritated*) Are you fooled too? Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him?

CAIAPHAS: This crowd, which doesn't know the law, is accursed!

ANDREW: Nicodemus, the one who came to Him previously, being one of them—said to them

NICODEMUS: Our law doesn't judge a man before it hears from him and knows what he's doing, does it?

CAIAPHAS: (*sarcastically*) You aren't from Galilee too, are you?

PHARISEE 1: Investigate and you will see that no prophet arises from Galilee.

ANDREW: So each one went to his house. But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

# An Adulteress Forgiven

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Peter, Andrew, Pharisee 1 & 2 (challenging, self-righteous voices), Woman

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 8

ANDREW: At dawn Jesus went to the temple complex again, and all the people were coming to Him.

PETER: He sat down and began to teach them.

ANDREW: Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, making her stand in the center.

PHARISEE 1: Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery.

PHARISEE 2: In the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.

PHARISEE 1: So what do You say?

ANDREW: They asked this to trap Him, in order that they might have evidence to accuse Him. (*JESUS stoops to ground*)

PETER: Jesus stooped down and started writing on the ground with His finger.

PHARISEE 2: Give us an answer!

PHARISEE 1: What is to be done?

ANDREW: When they persisted in questioning Him, He stood up (*JESUS stands*)

JESUS: The one without sin among you should be the first to throw a stone at her. (*JESUS stoops to ground*)

PETER: Then He stooped down again and continued writing on the ground.

ANDREW: When they heard this, they left one by one, starting with the older men.

PETER: Only He was left, with the woman in the center. (*JESUS stands*)

JESUS: Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?

WOMAN: No one, Lord.

JESUS: Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.



# The Light of the World

CHARACTERS: Jesus , All, Blind Man, Pharisee 1 & 2, Peter, Andrew

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 5 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 8

JESUS: I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.

PHARISEE 1: (*dismissive*) You are testifying about Yourself. Your testimony is not valid.

JESUS: Even if I testify about Myself, my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I'm going. But you don't know where I come from or where I'm going.

ALL: You Pharisees judge by human standards.

JESUS: I judge no one. And if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me judge together.

ALL: Even in your law it is written that the witness of two men is valid.

JESUS: I am the One who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.

PHARISEE 1: Where is Your Father?

JESUS: You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would also know My Father.

ANDREW: He spoke these words by the treasury, while teaching in the temple complex.

PETER: But no one seized Him, because His hour had not come.

JESUS: I'm going away; you will look for Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I'm going, you cannot come.

MAN 1: (*confused*) He won't kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I'm going, you cannot come'?

JESUS: You are from below; I am from above.

ALL: You are of this world;

JESUS: I am not of this world. Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.

PHARISEE 1: Who are you?

JESUS: Precisely what I've been telling you from the very beginning. I have many things to say and to judge about you,

ALL: The One who sent Jesus is true,

JESUS: and what I have heard from Him—these things I tell the world.

ANDREW: They did not know He was speaking to them about the Father.

JESUS: When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own.

ALL: But just as the Father taught Jesus

JESUS: I say these things. The One who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him.

ANDREW: As He was saying these things, many believed in Him.

JESUS: *(to the Jews who had believed Him)* If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples.

ALL: You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

PHARISEE 2: *(riled)* We are descendants of Abraham, and we have never been enslaved to anyone.

PHARISEE 1: *(angered)* How can You say, ‘You will become free’?

JESUS: I assure you: Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in the household forever, but a son does remain forever.

ALL: Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

JESUS: I know you are descendants of Abraham, but you are trying to kill Me because My word is not welcome among you. I speak what I have seen in the presence of the Father

ALL: therefore, you do what you have heard from your father.

PHARISEE 2: Our father is Abraham!

JESUS: If you were Abraham’s children, you would do what Abraham did. But now you are trying to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God.

ALL: Abraham did not do this!

JESUS: You’re doing what your father does.

PHARISEE 1: We weren’t born of sexual immorality.

PHARISEE 2: *(indignant)* We have one Father—God.

JESUS: If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I came from God and I am here. For I didn’t come on My own, but He sent Me.

ALL: Why don’t you understand what Jesus says?

JESUS: Because you cannot listen to My word.

ALL: You are of your father the Devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires.

JESUS: He was a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

ALL: When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of liars.

JESUS: Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Who among you can convict Me of sin?

ALL: If Jesus tells the truth, why don’t you believe him?

JESUS: The one who is from God listens to God’s words.

ALL: This is why you don’t listen, because you are not from God.

PHARISEE 1: Aren’t we right in saying that You’re a Samaritan and have a demon?

JESUS: I do not have a demon. On the contrary, I honor My Father and you dishonor Me. I do not seek My glory; ALL: the One who seeks it also judges.

JESUS: I assure you: If anyone keeps My word, he will never see death—ever!

PHARISEE 1: Now we know You have a demon. Abraham died and so did the prophets.

PHARISEE 2: You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death—ever!’ Are You greater than our father Abraham who died?

PHARISEE 1: Even the prophets died. Who do You pretend to be?

JESUS: If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. My Father—you say about Him,

ALL: He is our God

JESUS: He is the One who glorifies Me.

ALL: You've never known Him

JESUS: but I know Him. If I were to say I don't know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know Him, and I keep His word.

ALL: Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see Jesus' day;

JESUS: He saw it and rejoiced.

PHARISEE 2: (*sarcastically*) You aren't 50 years old yet, and You've seen Abraham?

JESUS: I assure you: Before Abraham was, I am.

ANDREW: At that, they picked up stones to throw at Him.

PETER: But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple complex.

# Healing a Man Born Blind

CHARACTERS: Jesus , All, Blind Man, Pharisee 1, Man 1, Woman1 & 2, Mom, Dad

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 9

WOMAN 1: As Jesus was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth.

MAN 1: Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?

JESUS: Neither this man nor his parents sinned. This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him. We must do the works of Him who sent Me while it is day.

ALL: Night is coming when no one can work.

JESUS: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

WOMAN 1: After He said these things He spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes.

JESUS: Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.

WOMAN 1: (*aside to audience*) which means "Sent"

M1: So he left, washed, and came back seeing.

WOMAN 1: His neighbors and those who formerly had seen him as a beggar said

MAN 1: Isn't this the man who sat begging?

WOMAN 1: He's the one.

WOMAN 2: No, but he looks like him.

BLIND MAN: I'm the one!

WOMAN 1: Then how were your eyes opened?

BLIND MAN: The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and told me,

JESUS: Go to Siloam and wash.

BLIND MAN: So when I went and washed I received my sight.

WOMAN 2: Where is He?

BLIND MAN: I don't know.

MAN 1: Let's go see the Pharisees since Jesus made the mud and opened your eyes on a Sabbath.

PHARISEE 1: How did you receive your sight?

BLIND MAN: Jesus put mud on my eyes, I washed and I can see.

PHARISEE 1: This man is not from God, for He doesn't keep the Sabbath!

MAN 1: How can a sinful man perform such signs?

PHARISEE 1: What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?

BLIND MAN: He's a prophet.

PHARISEE 1: I don't believe this about you—that you were blind and received sight.

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WOMAN 1: Summon his parents and ask them.

PHARISEE 1: Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? How then does he now see?

DAD: We know this is our son and that he was born blind.

MOM: But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who opened his eyes.

DAD: Ask him; he's of age. He will speak for himself.

MOM: (*aside*) We are afraid of the Jews, since the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Jesus as Messiah, he would be banned from the synagogue.

PHARISEE 1: (*to BLIND MAN*) Give glory to God. We know that this man Jesus is a sinner!

BLIND MAN: Whether or not He's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!

PHARISEE 1: What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?

BLIND MAN: I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't want to become His disciples too, do you?

PHARISEE 1: (*ridiculing*) You're that man's disciple, but we're Moses' disciples. We know that God has spoken to Moses. But this man—we don't know where He's from!

BM This is an amazing thing. You don't know where He is from, yet He opened my eyes! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him.

MAN 1: Throughout history no one has ever heard of someone opening the eyes of a person born blind.

BLIND MAN: If this man were not from God, He wouldn't be able to do anything.

PHARISEE 1: (*outraged and haughty*) You were born entirely in sin, and are you trying to teach us? (*to crowd*) Throw him out!

JESUS: Do you believe in the Son of Man?

BLIND MAN: Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?

JESUS: You have seen Him; in fact, He is the One speaking with you.

BLIND MAN: (*worshipping*) I believe, Lord!

JESUS: I came into this world for judgment, in order that those who do not see will see and those who do see will become blind.

PHARISEE 1: We aren't blind too, are we?

JESUS: If you were blind, you wouldn't have sin. But now that you say, 'We see'—your sin remains.

# The Good Shepherd

CHARACTERS: Jesus, All, Man 1, Pharisee 1, Woman 1

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 10

JESUS: I assure you: Anyone who doesn't enter the sheep pen by the door but climbs in some other way,

ALL: is a thief and a robber.

JESUS: The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

ALL: The doorkeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

JESUS: He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

ALL: When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them.

JESUS: The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.

ALL: They will never follow a stranger;

JESUS: instead they will run away from him, because they don't recognize the voice of strangers.

MAN 1: (*puzzled*) What does Jesus mean by this?

JESUS: I assure you: I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers,

ALL: but the sheep didn't listen to them.

JESUS: I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

ALL: A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy.

JESUS: I have come so that they may have life

ALL: and have it in abundance.

JESUS: I am the good shepherd.

ALL: The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

JESUS: The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and doesn't own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf coming.

ALL: The wolf then snatches and scatters them.

MAN 1: This happens because he is a hired man and doesn't care about the sheep.

JESUS: I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me,

ALL: as the Father knows Jesus

JESUS: and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep.

ALL: What of the other sheep that are not of this fold?

JESUS: I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice.

ALL: Then there will be one flock, one shepherd.

JESUS: This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life so I may take it up again.

ALL: No one takes it from Jesus

JESUS: I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father.

PHARISEE 1: He has a demon and He's crazy! Why do you listen to Him?

WOMAN 1: These aren't the words of someone demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

MAN 1: The Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

WOMAN 1: Jesus was walking in the temple complex in Solomon's Colonnade.

PHARISEE 1: How long are You going to keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly.

JESUS: I did tell you and you don't believe. The works that I do in My Father's name testify about Me.

ALL: You don't believe because you are not his sheep.

JESUS: My sheep hear My voice, I know them,

ALL: and we follow Jesus.

JESUS: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish—ever!

ALL: No one will snatch us out of his hand.

JESUS: My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all.

ALL: No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

JESUS: The Father and I are one.

PHARISEE 1: Pick up rocks! We will stone him!

JESUS: I have shown you many good works from the Father. Which of these works are you stoning Me for?

PHARISEE 1: (*angry*) We aren't stoning You for a good work, but for blasphemy, because You—being a man—make Yourself God.

JESUS: Isn't it written in your scripture,

ALL: you are gods?

JESUS: If He called those whom the word of God came to 'gods'—

ALL: and the Scripture cannot be broken—

JESUS: do you say, 'You are blaspheming' to the One the Father set apart and sent into the world,

PHARISEE 1: Yes, because you said you are the Son of God!

JESUS: If I am not doing My Father's works, don't believe Me. But if I am doing them and you don't believe Me, ALL: believe the works.

JESUS: This way you will know and understand that the Father is in Me and I in the Father.

WOMAN 1: Then they were trying again to seize Him, yet He eluded their grasp.

MAN 1: So Jesus departed again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier,

ALL: and He remained there. Many came to Him and said,

WOMAN 1: John never did a sign, but everything John said about this man was true.

MAN 1: And many believed in Him there.