

Whether we get our daily news in print, from broadcast media, or on the Internet, it's plain the Middle East can be a volatile place—torn at times by religious conflicts, political tensions and partisan violence. This is nothing new.

At another such time—almost two thousand years ago—some of the most remarkable and far-reaching events in human history unfolded in the Middle East amid similar conflicts, tensions and violence.

The Romans have conquered the known world. But nothing like the Pax Romana (Roman peace) has come to Israel with the occupying legions. Deprived of civil authority, the Jewish leaders scramble for political leverage in Rome. Locally Zealot insurgents wage a bloody campaign of assassination against Romans and Jewish collaborators alike.

Suddenly, from the north, come troubling rumors of a carpenter-prophet, claiming to be Messiah, the long-awaited heir to King David's throne. Millions of pilgrims have gathered in Jerusalem for the annual Feast of Passover and now this mysterious teacher is said to be making his way toward the Holy City.

The stage is set for the week that will change our world forever. We're glad you are here to witness it.

ACT I

- OVERTURE -

Scene 1 - The Past

God announces the coming of the Christ through the prophets Naham, Isaiah, and Zechariah, among others.

Scene 2 - The Village of Bethany

30 A.D. and Jesus concludes his public ministry by bringing his disciples and his message to the Holy City, Jerusalem

Scene 3 - The Mount of Olives

Sunday - East of Jerusalem, along the road from Bethany to the Holy City

Scene 4 - The Temple in Jerusalem

Tuesday - Jesus visits the Court of the Gentiles, where money changers & vendors have created something like a bazaar

Scene 5 - Solomon's Portico

Wednesday - Jesus teaches in another part of the Temple compound

Scene 6 - The Residence of Annas

Thursday - Judas is persuaded that Jesus must die for the good of all Israel

- INTERMISSION -

ACT II

Scene 1 - The Upper Room

Thursday - Jesus and His disciples gather in a private home to eat the Passover meal

Scene 2 - The Garden of Gethsemane

That same evening, Jesus retreats to a favorite spot on the nearby Mount of Olives to pray about the ordeal he faces

Scene 3 - Pilate's Quarters

The High Priest, Caiaphas, insists upon an unscheduled audience with Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea

Scene 4 - The Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus continues in prayer even as Judas leads His enemies to arrest Him

Scene 5 - The Residence of Annas

Jesus is interrogated privately by Annas, and then brought to trial before hastily-assembled members of the Sanhedrin, Israel's high court

Scene 6 - Pilate's Quarters

Friday - Before dawn, Pilate's wife is awakened by a disturbing dream about Jesus

Scene 7 - Courtyard of Pilate's Palace

Friday morning, Jesus stands trial before Pilate, and briefly Herod. Both allow Him to be wrongfully condemned to death

Scene 8 - A Hill Outside Jerusalem

Friday forenoon through mid-afternoon, Jesus is crucified and thus dies by request of the Jews, at the hands of the Romans

Scene 9 - Near a tomb nearby

Sunday, a group of women coming to His tomb to anoint the body discover He has been raised from the dead

Scene 10 - The Upper Room

A week later, His apostles are all together when Jesus appears in their midst.

Scene 11 - Today

Jesus continues calling everyone to turn back to God, to be forgiven and to receive the gift of eternal life through faith in Him.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

PROPHETS

NahumLynn Stechschulte
IsaiahGwen Leach
Zechariah.....Mallory Wilson

JESUS.....Phil Nagy

APOSTLES

Judas Tony Katko
Peter..... Jeff Nygren

Andrew Annie Bobbitt
Bartholomew Stephanie Hill
James Sam Moody
JohnDavid Bowen
MatthewJennifer Daughters
PhilipRachel Roys
SimonErik Bobbitt
Thomas.....Gwen Leach

WOMEN

Mary, Mother of Jesus..... Lindy Bobbitt
Mary MagdaleneAnnie Williams
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Salome.....Lynn Stechschulte
Joanna..... Emily Clark
Susanna Rachel Borden
Peter's Mother-in-law..... Megan Loftus

SADDUCEES

CaiaphasJason Fullen
Annas.....Paul Stechschulte
Alexander Andrew Martin
Johannes Ian MacDonald

PHARISEES

Nimrod Aaron Bruns
Jeribai Tim Nagy
Phineas Geoff Brown

ROMANS

Pilate..... Matt Bowersox
Claudia Megan McGowan
Adina Abby Fullen
Manlius..... Grant Dilley
GuardsAndrew Klinksick (Capt.)

Derek Dimitrovski
Michael Starr
Jay Morehart

SANHEDRIN

Joseph of Arimathea Ashley Hyatt
Nicodemus.....Anna Leach
Rich Young Ruler..... Joanna Morehart

OTHERS

Herod.....Katie Riddle
BalakAnthony Price
Rachel.....Keely Heyl
LydiaNikki Loscocco
Barabbas.....Mike Marian
Simon of Cyrene.....Nic Kabealo
The Angel..... Dave Fullen

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2005 PERFORMANCES

Saturday March 5 at 7:30 p.m. & Sunday March 6 at 3:30 p.m.

First English Lutheran Church
53 Park Avenue West (at Mulberry), Mansfield (419/522-0662)

Saturday March 12 at 7 p.m. & Sunday March 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Epiphany Lutheran Church
6430 Far Hills Avenue, Centerville (937/433-1449)
(Just North of the 675 Alexander/Bellbrook Rd Interchange)

Thursday March 17 at 7:00 p.m. & Friday March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
1801 Saint Paris Pike, Springfield (937-399-6257)

Saturday March 19 at 7:30 p.m. & Sunday March 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Monday March 21, Tuesday March 22, Wednesday March 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Upper Arlington Lutheran Church - The Church on Lytham
2300 Lytham Road, Upper Arlington (614/451-3736)