

GOOD FRIDAY

Characters to be chosen:

- Jesus
- Eleven followers, including Peter and John
- Judas
- Annas and Caiaphas, High Priests.
- Servant of the High Priest and group of Temple guards
- Pilate
- Roman soldiers
- Herod
- Simon of Cyrene
- Servant Girl at High Priest's house
- Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
- Mary, mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and a group of women
- Scribes and Pharisees. Small crowd.
- Two Thieves

Props to have on hand:

Painting of Golgotha cliff face/ or photo

White sheet, head cloth, and strip to tie up the jaw

Shawls for the women

Bag of coins for Judas

Notices: "High Priest's House", "Herod's Palace", "Pilate's House",
"Garden of Gethsemane", "Calvary".

Piece of wood for cross bar (optional)

Large circle of cardboard to represent the tomb stone

Sequence of events:

1. Jesus praying in the garden, disciples sleeping.
2. Arrival of Judas and the Temple guard –
Greeting and arrest.
Servant's ear severed by Peter.
Young man escapes minus robe.
3. Peter follows to the courtyard of the High Priest's house.
Servant girl recognises him.
Three denials follow.
Cock crow.
4. Jesus at the High Priest's house.
5. Taken off to Pilate.
6. Sent back to Herod, ridiculed and mocked.

7. Sent back to Pilate. He washes his hands.
Crowd clamours for Barabbas.
Jesus flogged and sentenced.
8. Walk to Calvary.
Simon of Cyrene compelled to help.
Crowd following.
9. Crucifixion.
Gambling soldiers.
Mary given to John's care.
Thieves call to him.
10. Timing:
 - 9 a.m. (the 3rd hour) Jesus crucified.
 - 12 noon to 3 p.m. Darkness.
 - 3 p.m. Jesus dies.Temple curtain splits from the top.
Earthquake.
Tombs open and some people resurrected.
11. Joseph of Arimathea goes to Pilate to request the body of Jesus.
12. Pilate's soldier sent to check. Spear thrust.
Jesus' body released for burial.
Haste to complete the job before 6 p.m when Sabbath starts.
Nicodemus helps Joseph.
The women follow to see where it is then go to prepare spices.
13. Judas returns the 30 pieces of silver.
14. High Priest asks Pilate for a guard.
Pilate replies "You have a guard" i.e. "Use yours".
The Servant of the High Priest (i.e. His right hand man) takes a group of Temple Guards to the tomb, where it is sealed and they remain on duty.
15. 6 p.m. All must be completed and people return home for Sabbath to begin.

Note: "On the third day*..... in Aramaic the expression "In three days" was the idiomatic way of saying "in a short period of time". From the time the tomb was sealed to the time it was opened was about 33 hours.

For Bibliography of sources see www.korky.info Book 2, "Jesus – Faith and Fact" esp. Chapter 10 on the Resurrection.