

AUDITION SIDE – PILATE

A courtroom. Pilate is seated at his bench, a tense atmosphere fills the room as the trial begins. A jury is present, and Jesus is brought before Pilate, standing beside Barabbas.

BALIFF: All rise, court is now in session, the Honorable Pontius Pilate is presiding.

PILATE: Let's get right to it, bring them in.

Enters Barabbas and Jesus. Dressed in jail clothing. Escorted in by Officer Hodges

PILATE: Jesus, step forward. Are you the King of Kings? Are you the son of God? LOOK AT ME! ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD?!

**Jesus doesn't answer. He looks at Pilate
Jury begin to shout "Kill Him", "Crucify Him", "He's no King"**

MARY: Please Judge Pilate my child IS the King of Kings and he has done nothing wrong.

JURY LEADER: Your child ain't no King, matter of fact he NOTHING. You ain't nothing and he ain't NOTHING. And Nothing from Nothing leaves NOTHING!

PILATE: Order! Order! Order In My Court! That is enough!

PILATE: Another outburst and I will hold you all in contempt.

PILATE: NOW, Jesus! Look at me! Don't you realize I hold your life in MY hands? I have the power to set you free or to kill you ?!

JESUS: You have no power over me, sir! My Kingdom doesn't belong to this world! I was born for one purpose and that is to speak the truth! All power comes from God!

PILATE: Truth!? What Truth?! (angry) Fine! since you won't defend yourself. I will leave your fate in the hands of the people.