

AUDITION SIDE USED FOR PRISONER 1 OR 2

A jail cell. Jesus has been arrested and sharing the cell with the prisoners that will share the cross at Calvary. Tense atmosphere as the prisoners' question Jesus before their inevitable fate.

PRISONER 1: Man, this is messed up. Three of us, huh? Three dead men walking. Ain't no appeals left, no hope.

PRISONER 2: Yeah, well, I earned it. I'm not even gonna lie. Been running the streets my whole life, hurting people, stealing, doing whatever I had to. Guess this is where it ends.

PRISONER 1: Same here. I've done things I don't even wanna think about. But this guy over here... *(gestures to Jesus)* ...he don't even look like one of us. You don't belong here, man.

PRISONER 2: Yeah, what'd you do? Tax fraud? Jaywalking?

JESUS: I didn't do anything wrong.

PRISONER 1: *(laughing bitterly)* Oh, here we go. Another guy claiming he's innocent. Man, we're all guilty of something. Just admit it.

JESUS: I'm not here because of what I did. I'm here because of what you did.

PRISONER 2: What? You blaming us now? We didn't ask for you to be here.

JESUS: I'm not blaming you. I chose to be here—for you, for them, for everyone who's lost their way.

PRISONER 1: *(chuckling nervously)* For us? Yeah, okay, preacher man. I've heard a lot of crazy stuff in my life, but that takes the cake. What, you think you're some kinda savior?

JESUS: I don't think it. I know it.

PRISONER 2: Alright, let's say I believe you for a second. Why? Why would you do that? Why would you carry all this weight for guys like us?