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Joseph and Mary

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It was the
year of our Lord.
Jerusalem was ruled by
King Herod the Great.
Ruthless and greedy, he
ignored the laws of God
and chose the favor of Rome
over his own people.

But from the darkness,
emerged light.

The time had come
to bear witness
to a two thousand
year old prophecy.

A Child of God
would be born.

Taxes!

Taxes for Harod
and Caesar.

Taxes!

You!

Taxes!

Taxes for Harod
and Caesar, come.

Taxes!

You, bend your ear.

Double.

Taxes.

- We need money to
- feed our children,
- Not to line the
- pockets of Rome!

If you cannot pay the taxes,
claim a monthly loan.

No one can ever recover
from such high interests.

Stop your sniveling,
pay your taxes.

It's easy for you.

- You just keep raising
- your prices.

Your family has
not suffered.

- This does not bode

- well, Joseph.

No, I fear that it will get worse as the crowd rages.

King Herod is

building a port

that will make Israel

the centre of trade.

- We will all benefit

- one day.

Build, build, build, that

is all that madman does.

At our expense.

- Come, Aaron

- let us go.

- Aaron please let

- us go home.

- I am not a servant

- to Herod.

- I will not be

- silenced...

- How dare you speak

- ill of the King!

Who speaks ill

of the King?

This man, my lord.

Let this man be made

an example of.

Cut off his hand!

- No I beseech

- you, no, no!

Such anarchy will

not be tolerated.

No please, please, please,

I beseech you, please!

Do it!

No, Aaron, Aaron!

Stop!

- Perhaps there

- is another way.

Who dare defies

me now?

Forgive me.

My name is Rabbi Elijah and I

am but a humble servant of God.

I mean no disrespect.

Yes, this man was

out of line,

- but he seems an

- honest citizen,

With a wife and

children.

How will he pay your

taxes with one hand?

You're offering me your

hand instead?

An equal restitution.

Allow him to work off his

debt, not once but two-fold.

That way you will collect

more than you came for,

and this man, this husband and

father, will remain whole.

No, an example must

be made.

Cut off his hand.

No, no, no!

No, no, no!

Let this be an example

to you all.

Guards on me!

We'll be back.

Aaron, Aaron,

Aaron, don't die!

Re-bekah.

You must protect

my wife and sons.

Do not exert yourself.

- Don't die, don't

- die, don't die.

Help, help, help!

Please...

Promise me...

No, no, no, help,

help, help!

Thank you.

Are you well?

Yes.

- God's messenger
- said that this Child
Will bring a great
light into this world.
I feel blessed, but I don't
understand why he chose me.
You will make a
wonderful father.
Good morning
Joseph, Mary.
Greetings Elijah.
- I see you have
- a new project.
I am well motivated.
Do you have any news
from yesterday?
Such a sad business.
How is she, the
poor widow?
Rebekah.
Not very well.
It's a tragic loss.
Tragic but inevitable.
You were right, Joseph, the
people have had enough.
- Herod has
- gone too far.
His vision comes
at a cost.
Wrongly or rightly, Herod
believes he is uniting Israel.
- If anything will
- unify Israel,
It is the hatred of
this common enemy.
Do you not
agree, Joseph?
I do not agree with
Herod's methods.
But hate only
fuels civil unrest.
- Even if it is against
- a common enemy.
What do you suggest?

I don't know.

Perhaps compassion, love?

- Is that what

- you believe?

Love an enemy?

My friends, the words 'love'
and 'enemy' are not compatible.

Love an enemy.

I fear the heat has finally
gotten to you Joseph!

Will you join us for
supper, Elijah?

Sadly not this time.

I'm on my way to Nazareth
to bring provisions to Rebekah.

Then let us offer you
these provisions.

- Do not trouble

- yourself.

Take care of you and your
own growing family.

- Rebekah needs it

- more than us.

And everyone needs
a helping hand.

You are very kind.

Thank you.

Safe travels.

This is most
generous of you.

My friends, Mary and Joseph
are always the first to help.

- Please thank

- them for us.

My daughter and I are most
indebted to you, Rabbi.

Please, it is
no trouble.

Is there anything
else you need?

Please.

Please, please.

- Let me help

- you with that.

I wish I had the words to soothe
your daughter's suffering.
I would like to honor her
late husband's request.
If it pleases you.
We can use all the
help we can get.
Thank you Rabbi.
The baby is kicking.
He is strong.
Like his mother.
I have a surprise
for you
My friends Mary and Joseph will
soon have a child as well.
Want to help?
Please give this to
Mary for her baby.
Finished.
The crib looks
beautiful, Joseph.
Your finest
handiwork yet.
Are you certain you're well
enough to travel to Jerusalem?
We must go.
We have to register in the
City before the new moon.
I just wish the census did
not have to come at this time
but I will not leave
you here alone.
It will be as
it should be.
Ow, ow, ow.
It's kind of you to accompany
us to Jerusalem,
but, you'll need
better shoes.
Thank you.
I am much obliged...
It is nothing.
Rabbi, the people
have had enough.

We must do what
they ask us to do.
Ready for this?
Rebekah Welcome.
It's been far too
long brother.
Thank you for seeing my
brother's family here safely.
Will you not stay and break
bread with us, Rabbi?
I'm afraid I must
get back to my friends
They are with child.
But I will see
you all soon.
We have no
room here.
Thank you.
- Please, I beg you, we're
- exhausted.
- We've been
- traveling all day.
- The town is full because
- of the census.
- We'll take anything
- you've got.
There's nothing.
Thank you.
There's no room.
What?
- We've been to every inn
- in Bethlehem.
You're the last one.
If not for us, surely
for this lady.
If you would have come a few
hours earlier, perhaps.
Now, I have nothing
to offer but a stable.
We'll take that.
You cannot possibly
sleep with the animals!
- Your poor wife
- is with child.

She just needs rest, and
the stable will be fine.
Thank you Elijah.
Here, you
sit right there.
Here, sit here.
Sit there while I
make your bed.
There you go.
I know you're
tired, you rest.
Rest will do
you good.
Dear Lord, please grant
me the courage
and strength to
carry out your will.
I dedicate my life to serving
you and your Son.
I shall do my best to protect
Him above all else.
Thank you for the blessing
of Mary and this Baby.
I am truly humbled.
City?
Jerusalem.
City?
Jerusalem.
One.
City?
Nazareth, one.
City?
Nazareth, two.
It is time.
You honor us with
your presence.
We come to bear
witness to the child.
To the one who has been
born King of the Jews.
Disturbing words.
I am King
of Judea.
We have followed the

sign of the star.

And have come to
pay homage to him.

And where is this
Messiah to be born
and why was I
not informed?

- There are many
- prophecies, my Lord.
Not all are revealed.

- Yes well let's speak
- on this one.

Of the Messiah.

- Where is he to
- be born?
- My understanding of what the
- prophet had written

Is that it could
be in Judea.

Possibly Bethlahem

Well, then you must
go to Bethlehem,

- and search diligently
- for this Child;
- And when you
- have found Him,

Have word sent to me,
so that I may also go
and worship Him.

We bring you gifts.

Gold.

Frankincense.

And Myrrh.

He's expecting us to
report back to him.

- Who is Herod
- to us?

We are Kings
of Men.

We return home a safer way,
protecting the one true King.

We journey East.

- Well congratulations,
- Joseph!

- I cannot believe
- I missed it all.
My head pounds as
if a thousand sheep
- were being herded
- across it.
- Wine can be your
- best friend at night
But in the morning...
- We had quite the
- visitors last night.
- Did you not
- see them?
They seemed to be
men of importance.
He is beautiful.
Where are they?!
It's been three days!
I should have been
sent word by now!
How am I to know when this
so-called Messiah has been born?
Stop following me
and find out!
Your son is so alert
for an infant.
Have you decided
on a name?
Jesus.
Jesus of Nazareth.
What a fine, strong name
for a fine, strong boy!
This paranoia
runs rampant.
- I heard he has
- spies everywhere.
My neighbor, old Caleb,
opposed Herod.
He hated that our taxes
were being collected
to build a golden eagle in
front of our holy temple.
Such blasphemy.
Soon after, Caleb disappeared

without a trace.

- Will Herod's oppression
- ever end?
- Perhaps sooner
- than you think.
- Rumor has it he
- is rather ill.

Ill or not, his greed
remains healthy.

And I fear a great
revolt is coming.

On that note, I had better get
back to my Rabbinical duties.

Leaving so soon?

My work at the temple
summons me.

- My thanks for
- your hospitality.

Nathan, I would like
to speak with you.

It's a matter of
some importance.

Later this evening.

It's a matter of
importance.

You said that already.

Yes, If I may?

Of course.

We look forward to
seeing you tonight.

Elijah.

I did not get the
chance to tell you
but, my boy asked about you
every day when you were away.

And you?

Did you think about
me every day as well?

Yes, a little.

That's a start.

Until tonight Rebekah.

Until tonight.

This moment is something
to treasure,

- our Son's first
- blessing.

The first of many,
as God wills it.

We must do right
by this Child.

Sometimes I doubt
myself as a mother.

There is no mother
who is finer.

And God knew it when
He chose you.

He chose us, Joseph.

This boy is our Son and we will
raise Him to grow strong,

to be filled

with wisdom,

and God's grace

will be upon Him.

Come.

Good day, I am Joseph

of Nazareth,

this is my wife Mary

and our Son.

We offer these two doves

in the law of the Lord.

You have come as we

knew you would!

I am Simeon, son of

Jacob, and this is Anna,

daughter to Phanuel, a

prophet in her own right.

I am surprised that you

were expecting us.

Yes, of course!

As our sovereign Lord had

promised we would witness this.

Praise God, this has

come to pass.

Have you named

your son?

Jesus.

Jesus of Nazareth.

May God watch over Jesus of

Nazareth and both his parents,
Joseph and Mary.

He is the light.

He can reveal God through
the glory of your people.

Israel!

We are humbled by your kind
words, blessings from you both.

But take heed.

This child is destined to
make many in Israel fall...

He has been sent from God as
an example for all of humanity.

But many will
oppose Him.

Thank you.

Joseph, Mary!

- What good fortune
- to see you!
- I can already see how
- much he's grown!
- Are you here for
- his first blessing?

Yes, we just finished.

Speaking of blessings...

- Have you mustered
- up the courage

To present the kettubah to
Rebekah's father yet?

Tonight.

- May good fortune
- be with you.

Thank you.

- Are you staying
- in town?
- Yes, at a
- nearby inn.

We set foot
at dawn.

I'll see you back in
Nazareth in a few days.

Tiberius.

Round up the Rabbi's.

They are the eyes and ears

of these people.

If anyone has heard
anything it will be them.

Yes my lord.

Yes, I hear you, I hear
you, I hear you!

- We have to
- worry about...

The taxes will be dealt with but
we have to remain calm.

I understand what
you're upset about.

But we have to be careful, Herod
has spies all over the city.

We must take heed.

Herod was appointed by the
Emperor himself as our King.

- Do not lose
- sight of that.

A king who murders
his own wife and sons.

Herod has no more royal
blood in him than you do.

- He's not
- even a Jew.

His mother was a daughter
of an Arabic Sheik,

- his father from
- Idumea.

But he is our leader...

- And our hands
- are bound.

All Rabbi's are ordered
to come with me now.

Where are you
taking us?

Thank you.

Welcome, Rabbis.

Do not be alarmed.

I have summoned you
here for some information.

Who amongst you has recently
journeyed to Bethlehem?

Tell me, on your travels, did

you happen upon the Magi?

And you, Rabbi who did
not answer yay or nay.

Come forward.

Yes?

- I only caught a
- glimpse of them.

So you saw them?

Yes, from a distance.

- They took pause
- at an inn.
- Who else was housed
- at this inn?
- Travelers for the
- census like myself.

Did you happen upon
a young boy?

Yes, there were several.

Did the Magi take
any special interest

- in any of
- these boys?

May I ask why you are interested
in these children?

No you may not ask.

Answer the question!

Did the Magi speak
to any of them?

- I could not say
- for certain.

I had an extra cup
of wine with dinner
and the rest of the
night is a blur.

Silence!

- The Magi have
- told me that

The Son of God has been
born in Bethlehem.

And yet none of you forewarned
me of this miracle!

Sire, if we were certain that
such an event had come to pass,
we would say.

You, did you see such a
child of God at this inn?

I really couldn't say.

- But I do remember

- something.

Yes?

- The Magi journeyed

- south before sunrise.

South?

Yes.

- Not North, here

- to Jerusalem?

Or East to their

homeland?

No, they journeyed south.

Get them out

of my sight!

You summoned me?

Fetch Tiberius.

Tiberius, wake up.

Get up.

Wake up!

What is it?

Harod.

Harod!

You summoned

me my lord?

I have been betrayed.

This ends tonight.

Slay Him, slay

the Child.

Slay all the male children

under two years of age.

No!

Joseph, what is it?

We have to go.

- But it's the middle

- of the night!

Pack everything, we must

leave for Egypt now!

Joseph, what's wrong?

I had a dream.

Jesus is in peril.

In peril?

What kind of peril?

Herod is searching
for him.

- He wants to
- kill Jesus.

Tonight.

There!

What is happening?

- The Magi betrayed
- the King.

They were to tell Herod where
to find the infant boy

- that they believe is
- the Messiah.

So Herod believes them?

Apparently.

- And as long as
- this child lives,
- Herod sees him as a
- threat to his throne.

He is but a boy.

The boy will
become a man.

Herod has given word to slay
all the boys in Bethlehem
and its vicinity who are two
years old and under.

All the boys?

Rebekah!

- Get out of
- my home!

Step aside.

All boys under the age of
two are to be terminated,

- by order of King
- Herod the Great.

No, no, no!

No!

No, my baby, no!

My baby, no!

Stop!

No, no, no!

No, no, no,
no, no!

No, no, no, no.
I will never forget
those cold eyes.
I will avenge
their deaths.
- An eye for
- an eye.
Tooth for tooth.
When we find that Roman Soldier,
he will meet his retribution.
This, I vow.
Just as I served your father,
so I shall do for you, my King.
Sire, your people
wish to see you.
I wonder what
became of Rebekah?
Maybe she moved.
Let's go.
Come on Jesus.
The Scriptures have no room
for misinterpretation.
Death is death.
This is final.
- You are being
- too literal.
There is room for
interpretation.
There is an afterlife!
Where God punishes the wicked,
and rewards the righteous.
Nowhere does it say
so in the Torah,
You are wrong!
Tell me something.
If a widower remarries
seven times,
which wife would greet you
in your afterlife?
The widower's
favorite, of course.
I disagree.
God will decide.
Why cannot all the

wives be there?
You speak so freely and
confidently for one so young.
Tell us your thoughts
on this matter.
Since God loves
all His Children,
I would think all seven of
the widower's wives
- would be accepted
- into his Kingdom.
- By that logic, are you
- saying that even
- The widower's enemies
- should be accepted
Into the Kingdom
of God?
Shall we not love our enemies
as we love our neighbors?
Tell us your name.
Jesus.
Jesus of Nazareth.
A thousand
- pardons, Rabbis.
We are looking
for our Son.
Where have you been?
- Your father and I have
- been anxiously searching
For you.
Why were you
searching for me?
Did you not know I had to
be at my Father's house?
- This is not
- our house.
Passover has finished.
We must journey home.
Of course, Father.
Apologies for the
interruption.
- Jesus, we were
- so worried.
Sorry, father.

Joseph?

Mary?

Elijah?

- It has been
- so long.

Where have you been?

Where have I been?

Where have you been?

When you disappeared I
was so worried.

- We were in Egypt
- for a while,

But we've been back in
Nazareth for years.

Are you well?

Your farm stands empty.

Mine is rather a long story and
one to be told another day.

Do you have plans
to Nazareth soon?

- Yes, with my
- wife Rebekah.

You remember her?

Of course.

- It will be nice
- to see her again.
- She'll be happy to
- see you as well.

We've been staying in
Jerusalem with her uncle.

- But with his recent
- passing,

We are making plans to
return to Nazareth.

We are sorry to hear
of your loss

but it will be good to have
you back home again.

Tell us, have you been
blessed with children?

Sadly not as yet.

Your son has grown!

- I can hardly believe this
- is the same Jesus

- I held once in
- my arms.
- How old is
- he now?

12 years.

- Time has passed
- so quickly,
- We can scarcely
- believe it ourselves.
- Well he certainly
- delighted the temple

With his original
way of thinking
Does he have plans
to become a Rabbi?
If it is God's
will.

Well, we look forward to
seeing you back home.

- Please give our
- blessings to Rebekah.
- Yes, we'll be
- home soon.

You have barely spoken two words
since you were last at temple.

Sorry, I keep thinking
about something
Herod said to me
a long time ago.

Do not speak of
that madman to me.

Nothing he said or
did ever made sense.

You're right.

- Seems that moving
- back to Nazareth

Is bring back memories
that are hard to dismiss.

Welcome

- back home!

Please, please, come in,
thank you for coming.

Rebekah, it is so good
to see you again.

Joseph and I were saying how
so many years have passed.
This is our
son, Jesus.
- Should I go
- to her?
She just
needs a moment.
- It's been a very
- difficult time.
What with her
uncle's passing.
The truth is her grief
runs much deeper.
Twelve years ago,
her father
and two boys were slaughtered
by Herod's men.
It's become our life's mission
to find the soldier responsible
and avenge their deaths.
Seeing your son is
just a reminder
of how old her boys
would have been.
But I am glad, as I am
sure my wife is as well
to find that some boys
survived the slaughter.
Like Jesus.
We can't imagine the pain and
suffering you've endured.
- How did you
- get away?
I saw you at the temple just
hours before the slaughter.
Herod's arms were
long that day.
How did you
get away?
I apologize, I am
sorry for earlier.
Your son warms my heart
in ways that I cannot explain.

Come, these
are for you.

Thank you.

Please.

I must set an example
that dissidence
will not be tolerated.

Where was the
revolt this time?

There were several,
my lord.

In Betharamptha and more
recently in Nazareth.

The Publican was killed by
a mob of angry Nazarenes.

I cannot lose favour
with the emperor.

- If they would just
- pay their taxes

And stop challenging
the Romans.

They need to be
taught a lesson.

Tiberius, you are the
only one I can trust.

I am promoting you as the
new publican to Nazareth.

Collect the money and debts
that are owed to me.

And use whatever
force is necessary.

Go!

That's good.

Okay.

Alright son, now go grab some
of the twigs over there.

We need to stuff them underneath
the larger pieces of wood.

There we go.

It does not
seem fair.

I know I should not covet
from my neighbor,

but I cannot help feeling

envy for what they have.
Then it makes both of
us sinners, my wife.
I do not know if it is because
I miss your boys
but there is something
special about Jesus
that I cannot ignore.
Be careful, Rabbi.
I know the
path well.
Just follow in my footsteps
and you will not fall.
- You know the path
- well, then?
Yes, my Father showed
me the way as a child.
We travel it together.
It seems you two,
are very close.
He has taught me everything
I know, about life and love,
and that love will always
flourish and pay you in kind.
Not always.
Sometimes you can love and still
suffer for the sins of others.
- Are sins ever
- to be forgiven?
No.
But my Heavenly Father
forgives us of our sins.
No he does not.
It is clearly written
in the scriptures
that God shows no
mercy to the guilty.
But He sends rain and
feeds both the righteous
- and the unrighteous,
- does He not?
That is different.
Who is teaching you such
blasphemous thoughts?

My Father, of course.

I will have a word
with Joseph.

You are mistaken.

- I did not mean

- Joseph.

- I meant my

- Heavenly Father.

What did you say?

My Heavenly Father.

Be careful, Jesus.

- Talk like this will

- get you into trouble.

You speak of our Lord as
if He were your very own.

It seems we are at the
crossroads, Rabbi.

Are you coming
with me?

Not this time.

- I must take my

- leave, Rabbi.

My Mother awaits
me at the market.

You are thirsty.

Come, let me get you
some fresh water to drink.

- Come with me,

- it's okay.

It's okay.

Come.

It's okay.

I am unclean.

I cannot.

You are all equal
in God's eyes.

Unclean!

Unclean!

Drink from the animal
trough, you filthy wretch.

But she is like us.

- What are you

- doing, boy?

My Son is just doing

what we should.
Offering a hand of kindness
to a thirsty woman.
Have I offended
you, woman?
- Why do you stare
- at me so?
Have care.
This is our new
publican Tiberius.
Come, let us
go home.
Are you not well,
Rebekah?
You're trembling.
- Who was that
- man to you?
That man is the reason that I
don't have any children.
- And that I likely
- never will.
That man killed
my boys.
I must go.
Bethlahem.
Ruler over Israel.
Prophecy.
King of the Jews.
Messiah.
He's here, he's here.
Who?
Tiberius.
- The man who sleighed my boys,
- the new Publican.
- Eligah, he's here, he's
- here in Nazareth
Go, go, kill him.
He's here?
How do you know this
Tiberius is the one?
I would not forget
that face.
Or those eyes.
Or that voice.

He bears the scar
that I left upon him.
- Did you not
- hear me?
Yes, I...
Eligah, go, go kill
him, go now!
Soon.
I promise I will give you
the peace you seek.
Rabbi, may I ask
you something?
Certainly, how
can I help you?
I need the advice of
a more learned Rabbi.
If the Messiah were born
today, how would we know?
How would He
present Himself?
Micah's prophecy?
That's interesting.
I believe you would know in your
heart if you laid eyes upon Him.
What if your heart
is telling you one thing
- but your head is
- telling you another?
- Why are you so
- interested?
Has something
come to pass?
If for example a child were
born with a wisdom
and clarity beyond His years,
in Bethlehem under
the brightest of stars,
would that be enough?
Possibly, it meets the
prophecy's criteria.
But the bigger question
is how do you feel
when you are
with him?

If it were true I
would say
that my eyes have seen it
and my heart has felt it.
When I am with Him I feel the
pure grace of God all around me.
Then I think you know
your answer.

Joseph.

Oh, Elijah, you've come
at just the right time.
Could you help me place
this beam please?

Of course.

Oh, the rope.

Thank you.

So, have you mended
your fence yet?

I can come help
you with it later.

You look like you've worked
enough for today, my friend.
Speak for yourself.

I'm as strong
as an ox!

So, to what do I owe this
most pleasant visit?
Your son saved me yesterday
from a great fall.

Oh.

He spoke nothing of
this last night.

Were you hurt?

I am well,
but it's strange the way life
works, wouldn't you say?

I do not quite
follow.

I never told you this, but
twelve years ago,
Herod questioned me about the
birth of a boy in Bethlehem.
Around the time of
Jesus' birth.

Questioned you
about what?
A child of God,
he called him.
Herod questioned me about
the Magi, and I lied to him.
I told him they went
in another direction.
I don't know
why I did that.
I have thought about that
moment for years.
But you know why,
do you not, Joseph?
The prophecy has
come to pass.
- I did not know
- for certain.
Until now.
Is it done?
Is Tiberius dead?
Of course.
Tiberius.
Have you forgotten
my boys already?!
- Rebekah if you
- only knew,
- Something extraordinary
- has happened.
Elijah, all of this searching
and all of this waiting!
Nothing matters but
justice for my boys.
Take it!
Take it!
Thank you.
Oh no, thank you.
Let us help you
my friend.
Here, I'll carry
those, thank you.
- Thank you for
- your kindness.
Rebekah, Rebekah.

12 years gone and I
still see their faces
everytime I
close my eyes.
Have you forgotten the
teachings of our father?
And our father's father?
Have you forgotten
your vow to me?
I've not forgotten.
Lord, grab me the courage and
the strength
to right the wrong done to
my Rebekah.
Show me the way and I
shall not fail you.
That's quite a
formidable blade.
Necessary for a
formidable foe.
Perhaps it is best to turn
the other cheek, Elijah.
Elijah, you don't
have to do this.
This does not
concern you.
Killing Tiberius will not
bring back the boys.
Rebekah told Mary that
Tiberius killed her children.
Then you understand
what I must do,
what any man
must do.
You are my friend.
I am deeply concerned
for your salvation.
I am correcting a wrong
according to scripture.
Or do you not subscribe
to them anymore?
Your inner peace can only
come from forgiveness.
Forgiveness?!

- Should welcome this
- murderer into my house
With open arms?
Of course not.
- But I have
- to say this.
You do not have
slay your enemy.
Pity Tiberius instead.
And let the hand
of God tend to him.
And who took pity
on Rebekah's boys?
Where is your husband?
He will be
back soon.
Is there something I
can help you with?
I have come to
collect your taxes.
My King does not
tolerate tardiness.
I will come
back at dusk,
You better have
it ready for me.
Aaron, it has been far too
long since our last visit.
I am well
enough, but...
It is Elijah.
- I sense a
- change in him,
And I know not what it
is but it nags at me.
Perhaps he is not strong
enough to do this.
But if he cannot or will not
seek retribution for our boys,
I promise you
that I will.
Father, you're back!
Hello Jesus.
Joseph, the publican

came by earlier.

He'll be back later.

- Are you and

- Jesus all right?

Yes, yes we're fine.

- But you don't

- look well.

- Joseph, you

- need to rest.

- You've been working

- tirelessly.

I just have to finish fixing
the door and then I will rest.

I promise.

- Please, father,

- let me do it.

Okay son.

I'll take this respite but

I have much work to do.

I promised Elijah that I would
help mend his fence.

The fence can wait.

Elijah will understand.

I hate that I am

a burden to you.

Stubborn perhaps,

but never a burden.

Now rest while I make

you something to eat.

Take heed!

What happened?

- The new publican will

- not be trifled with.

We should just pay him and
then he will leave us alone.

No, the more we pay,
the more he will demand.

I say we fight!

- Where is he, where

- is the Publican?

He went west.

It will not end.

How much more blood
needs to be shed?

You go that way.
You go that way.
Elijah?!
Elijah!
Where are you off
to in such a hurry?
- You know, I've been
- thinking about you
Since I ran into you
in the market.
I have a good
eye for faces.
And yours has stuck
with me all day.
Tell me your name.
Rebekah.
Rebekah.
I see.
Tell me, Rebekah, have you
ever lived in Jerusalem?
Because you look very much like
a woman who wronged me.
I suffered greatly before
this healed.
And now, there's no
feeling on my face.
Touch it.
No.
Go on.
No.
- It hurts, does
- it not?
What would a monster like
you know about pain?
I will show you pain
and we shall see.
You cannot hurt me more
than you already have.
We'll see about that.
Kill him!
We have been waiting for this
day for a long time.
You may be a soldier of Rome
but I am a soldier of God.

And I would take my odds
against yours any day.

- Would you punish
- a mere soldier
- For following the
- command of a king?

Her child was five!

- There was no royal
- order for that.

And you know it.

Kill him!

Stop!

This is not the way.

This does not
concern you.

Choose forgiveness
over retribution.

- Elijah, you don't
- listen to him!

Do not listen
to him.

Elijah please,
look at me.

You know this is wrong,
you know that.

Elijah, kill him,
kill him now!

You will leave Nazareth
and never come back.

What are you doing?!

He's doing

God's will.

How dare you call
this God's will.

Your son lived!

Do you understand me?

- I have spared
- your life.

You must respond
in kind.

No.

A life for
a life.

No, no, no,

no, no
Killing him would not bring
your children back.
No!
Father.
My son.
I'm sorry, I won't be able to
protect you any longer.
You must leave your mother and
Galilea immediately.
Where shall I go?
Go out into the world, go to
your Uncle Joseph of Arimathea.
You can trust him.
And when should
I return?
Your Father in Heaven
will guide you.
My work as your earthly
father is done.
I will always
love you.
And I you, father.
Joseph, Joseph!
Joseph!
Joseph.
Mary.
I'm dying Mary.
No, shh, you just
need to rest.
I want you to know
that I've loved you from the
moment I layed my eyes upon you.
And being your husband
and father to our son have
been my greatest gifts.
And you, you have
been mine.
How can I face what lies
ahead without you?
Please, please don't
leave my alone.
You won't be alone.
And so Jesus

explored new lands,
he grows, he learns,
he becomes a man.

And eighteen years later, Jesus,
through His three year mission
and crucifixion will inspire
and change the course
of mankind forever, leaving
the single greatest impact
On humanity the world
has ever known.