

## KING OF THE JEWS

- ALL: Hey King! You think you're such a friend of sinners. Where are all your friends now!?
- ALTOS: Yeah Jesus. You're not gonna win this time. You're gonna die! Know what it's like to die by being nailed to a beam of wood? You'll know soon.
- BASSES: Jesus, if you're our leader you don't look too great. (laugh) Kinda dirty . . . even bloody . . .
- SOLO: Hey guys, let's blindfold him!  
(slap, slap)
- SOLO: Who hit you oh leader? Was it one of your followers or one of us sinners? (laugh)
- GIRLS SOLO: And many other insulting things were done and said to Jesus. They led him off to Pilate and began to accuse him saying:
- TENORS: "We have found this man subverting our nation. He claims to be Christ - a King."
- GUYS SOLO: Pilate asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" and Jesus answered, "Yes, it is as you say."
- ALL GIRLS: Then Pilate announced to the chief priest, and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."
- ALL GUYS: But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.
- GUYS: He stirs up the people by his teaching. **(3 times)**
- GIRLS: He claims to be the Son of God. **(3 times)**
- GIRLS SOLO: After being sent to Herod and being ridiculed and mocked by him and his soldiers, He was returned to Pilate. Pilate said, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting people to rebellion, and I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him . . . therefore I will punish him and release him!
- ALL: But they cried out: AWAY WITH HIM! CRUCIFY HIM! KILL HIM! DESTROY HIM!
- SOPRANOS: Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.
- ALTOS: They put a purple robe on him.
- BASSES: They twisted together a crown of thorns and shoved it on his head.
- TENORS: Again and again they struck him on the head with a large stick and spit on him saying:
- ALL: HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!
- SOLO: Then they led him out to be crucified. He was nailed to a cross in humiliation and agony. Even as he was dying he said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."
- GUYS: At the sixth hour, darkness came over all the earth until the ninth hour.
- GIRLS SOLO: At the ninth hour he cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- ALL: With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. **(Heads bowed)**
- GIRLS SOLO: Following the death, a prominent man named Joseph brought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in linen and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.
- THREE GIRLS: After being in the grave for three days, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James and Salome, brought spices so they might anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb.

GIRLS: But when they looked up (**heads rise**) they saw that the stone which was very large had been rolled away.

GUY SOLO: As they entered the tomb, they did not see the body of Jesus.

ALL: What happened?? Could it be?? Is Jesus alive??

GUY SOLO: He said he'd arise from the dead.

SOPRANOS: Two men in shining clothes, obviously angels, stood beside the women. In their fright the women bowed their faces to the ground.

TENORS: The men said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!"

**(Excited shouts and disbelief: Jesus is Risen! He arose from the dead! Imagine!)**

ALL: JESUS HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! HE'S ALIVE, HE'S ALIVE, HE'S ALIVE, HE'S ALIVE, JESUS IS ALIVE!!!!!!