

**Act 1 Scene 7a | Pilate and Assistant  
The Governor's Quarters**

**Setting:** The Governor's Quarters

**At Rise:** Pilate and Claudia slowly cross downstage and share a private moment together. Pilate's assistant interrupts.

**Pilate's Assistant:** There's trouble stirring in the city. They've arrested some prophet and want you to settle the matter.

**Pilate:** At this hour? Who did they arrest?

**Pilate's Assistant:** They call him Jesus.

**Pilate's Wife:** The Nazarene? I've heard of him...

**Pilate:** Let us finish. *(Claudia begins to interject)* Let us finish. *(Claudia slowly exits)*

**Pilate's Assistant:** What should I tell them?

**Pilate:** *(Sighs)* Send them in.

**Act 1 Scene 9 | Pilate and his Wife  
The Governor's Quarters**

**Setting:** The Governor's Quarters

**At Rise:** Pilate begins to exit as his wife enters. He stops at the sound of her voice.

**Pilate's Wife:** You can't do this. *(Pauses)* You should have nothing to do with this.

**Pilate:** What are you saying?

**Pilate's Wife:** I had a dream and....

**Pilate:** A dream, I can't take back what I've said because of some dream.

**Pilate's Wife:** This wasn't just some dream, this was real.

**Pilate:** Claudia, it is my responsibility to keep order in this jurisdiction. You have to understand my position. I don't want to hear anything else about this dream.

**Pilate's Wife:** But you're overlooking the fact that he's innocent. I do understand your position, it's to protect the people. This man is holy, isn't he worth your protection?

**Pilate** Yes, but what about me? If I let this man go it's going to cause a riot and Caesar will have my head.

**Pilate's Wife:** Sometimes a sacrifice has to be made in order for others to be set free.

**Pilate** What are you trying to say Claudia?

**Pilate's Wife:** Just stop and think about this. Make the right decision.

*(Pilate and Claudia stare at one another then embrace.)*

*(Fade To Black)*

### **Act 1 Scene 7b | Jesus before Pilate and Herod The Governor's Quarters**

*(They walk Jesus back to speak with Pilate. Pilate enters from the back side of his platform.)*

**Pilate:** What allegations do you bring against this man?

**Caiaphas:** With all due respect governor, this is no light matter. He's a criminal and he's worthy of death.

**Pilate:** That's not what I asked you. Take him and judge him yourself.

**Caiaphas:** It's against the law for us to put any man to death.

*(Realizing that this is true, Pilate motions for officers to bring Jesus closer to speak privately.)*

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**Jesus:** Does this question come from you or are you asking because of what you've heard others say?

**Pilate:** Am I a Jew? Your own people have brought you here, they want me to have you executed. Tell me what you've done? *(Pauses)* Are you a king?

**Jesus:** My kingdom is not of this world: if it were I would not be standing here before you.

**Pilate:** So, you are a king?

**Jesus:** That is why I was born. I came to testify of the truth. All who know the truth recognize that what I say is true.

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