

“GONE FISHING”

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Synopsis

Death, Sin, and the Grave take time out of their busy day to go fishing and celebrate their victory over Jesus. Unfortunately, their celebration is cut short when they notice the risen Jesus on the shore frying fish.

Scripture(s)

1 Corinthians 15:55-57
John 21:1-9

Ministry Lesson

Through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ we have been freed from the bondage of sin, the sting of death, and the hold of the grave.

Ministry Focus

Impact of Jesus' Resurrection

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Death - Adult male
Sin - Adult male
Grave - Adult male

Costumes

Each character is wearing a tee-shirt with their character name printed on the front in large white letters.

Sin - Red tee-shirt
Death - Black tee-shirt
Grave - Green tee-shirt

Props

- Three chairs, center stage
- Three fishing rods
- One small personal cooler
- Three can sodas (Coke or any name brand)
- Pair of binoculars

Sound Effect

None

Time: 10 min.

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EXT. DAY - FISHING PIER

DEATH, SIN, AND GRAVE WALK OUT ON THE PIER PREPARING TO FISH. THREE CHAIRS ARE POSITIONED SIDE-BY-SIDE ON STAGE. EACH MAN HAS A FISHING ROD. SIN ALSO HAS THE SMALLER COOLER;CONTAINING A PAIR OF BINOCULAR AND SODAS. (YES, PUT THE BINOCULARS INSIDE OF THE COOLER)

SIN

Well guys here we are, fishing on the Sea of Galilee. Taking time to relax and celebrate our victory over Jesus. That was a Good Friday for us!

DEATH

(confused)

(fumbling with the fishing rod) Look, I can't figure out how to use this thing.

GRAVE

(holding rod upside down) This is the weirdness stick I've ever seen. What is it?

SIN

It's called a fishing rod. People use it to catch fish.

DEATH

I've never seen anything like this before. Is this from Rome?

SIN

(sarcastic)

No, it's from the future. I got it at a store called WalMart. One day, they'll sale millions of them.

DEATH
(frustrated) Look, I came out here to relax and celebrate, not to struggle with this fishing stick for 2 hours.

GRAVE
(jittery) Celebrate? (tries to act calm) Oh yeah, that's right, celebrate.

SIN OPENS THE COOLER.

SIN
Well, let's celebrate! Look what I got.
(pulls out a soda and hands it to Death)
This is for you. (pulls out another
soda for Grave) And this is for you!
(gets a soda for himself)

GRAVE
Is this from the future also?

SIN
Yep! Just 3 shekels, or \$1.49!

THEY TAKE A DRINK

DEATH
We'll never catch any fish fooling around with this thing (shaking the fishing rod) I'm starved to DEATH.

GRAVE
(still nervous) Hey guys, maybe we should go back to work. I have to keep an eye on everyone in the tombs.

SIN
Grave, relax, they're not going anywhere. They're dead!

DEATH

(To Grave) Yeah, you haven't never been the same since Jesus raised Lazarus.

GRAVE

Well, no one ever escaped from me before. (takes a drink)

SIN

That was before Jesus started showing off. It was bad enough He healed the sick, and cast out demons, but he went overboard when he brought Lazarus back to life. (beat) But you don't have to worry about that happening again, 'cause we took care of that!

DEATH GIVES SIN A HIGH-FIVE

DEATH

That's right, Jesus was tough, but I finally got him. Now, He's deader than a doornail.

SIN AND DEATH START LAUGHING, BUT GRAVE HAS A VERY "GRAVE" LOOK ON HIS FACE

GRAVE

Look guys, I...I got something to tell you...

SIN

Hey Death, remember when Jesus was hanging on the cross. Just before you arrived, I put all the sin of the world on him. (continue laughing)

GRAVE

(trying to interrupt) Hey Guys,
there's... there's something I really
need to let you know...

DEATH

(To Sin) I was surprised He lived
through the soldier's beatings. But on
that old rugged cross, with His arms
stretched out wide, he looked up to
heaven, hung His head and died.

SIN

I'll drink to that!

SIN AND DEATH TAP THEIR SODA CANS TOGETHER. THEY DRINK,
THEN GRAVE NOTICES ANOTHER FISHING BOAT IN THE DISTANCE.

GRAVE

(Looking out) Hey, isn't that Jesus'
disciples in that fishing boat over
there?

ALL LOOK OUT, CENTER LEFT.

DEATH

(Straining to see) Yeah, I think that's
Peter, so what? (takes a drink)

SIN

(Shouting) Hey, Peter, Peter, it's me,
Sin. (beat) Don't act you don't know
me. We were just talkin' a couple days
ago. It was just before you denied
knowing Jesus, remember?

DEATH

Oh he remembers.

DEATH AND SIN BURST INTO LAUGHTER.

GRAVE

(extremely nervous) Look guys, there's something I need to tell you!

DEATH

Now that Jesus is dead, His disciples don't know what to do (shouting to Peter) Hey Pete, catch any fish? (laughing) Hey, you better not fall out that boat and drown, cause' I'll have to come get you too.

SIN AND DEATH SHARE A LAUGH, HIGH-FIVE.

GRAVE

(puzzled) Hey, what is Peter doing? Seems like he's shouting to someone on the shore.

SIN

(curious) Why are they pulling up their fishing net? They didn't catch anything. Now they are casting it out on the other side of the boat.

DEATH

(sarcastic) Oh that's real smart. (shouting) Hey Pete, fish don't swim only under one side of the boat, duh!

GRAVE

Hey, looks like they caught something. (beat) Wow, look at all those fish. They can hardly pull up the net.

THEY LOOK DOWN AT THE FISHING RODS THEY ARE HOLDING IN THEIR HANDS, THINKING "THIS WILL NEVER WORK".

DEATH

(Upset) See, I told you these things
don't work. (Throws down his rod).

SIN

What in the world is Peter doing?
(beat) He just jump into the water.

DEATH

(the last straw)
(taking off his shoes) That's it, I'm
going after him. I tried to give him a
break, but I guess he wants to commit
suicide.

SIN

(Holds Death back) No, he's swimming to
that guy on shore. (Looking out center
right) Who is that? Looks like he's
cooking something. (Pulls out a pair of
binoculars)

GRAVE BEGINS TO ACT REALLY NERVOUS.

DEATH

(starring at binoculars) Let me
guess...WalMart!

SIN

(Looking through binoculars) Oh no, it
can't be.

DEATH GRABS THE BINOCULARS TO LOOK.

DEATH

It's impossible!

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