

CROSS POINT Holiday SCRIPTS

Easter 2003



Stage Setup:

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Audience

Pre-Owned Tomb, Hardly Used

Synopsis: Cemetery manager struggles to stem a growing tide of curiosity seekers and disciples who want to see the rumored empty tomb. His efforts to sell the tomb as “pre-owned” go nowhere.

Time: 4 minutes

Characters: This monologue could be performed by either a male or female. In either case the person needs to have a salesperson’s smooth, almost slick, approach. Start out courteous and friendly and gradually drive toward the “sale.”

Props: None required. Biblical garb is optional.

Topics: Easter, Resurrection.

Direction

Script

0 minutes

Well, good morning. Can I help you with something? Ok, just feel free to browse around. We’ve got about every shape and size you’d ever need. The larger ones start down there on the end, and these over here, these are for... the more budget conscious. Tell me, do you have an immediate need? Or are you just thinking ahead?... Thinking ahead, well that’s very good. Not many people have the foresight to plan their own funerals. They leave it to whoever survives them. But I can see you’re not like the average- what? You want to see the tombs? Why certainly. I’d be happy to show you. At least the empty ones. Can’t really barge into the ones already occupied- if you know what I mean.

Of course, if we don’t have what you like, there’s lots of rock here. We’ll just cut you your own custom tomb. We even have customized grave markers. And at a price to fit any budget.

1 minute

Author's note: Scene opens on the cemetery owner greeting an imaginary shopper. He should have the various tombs “placed” in his mind so he can lead the tour. The “tombs” should be out in the audience so they get the brunt of the demonstration.



Blocking: Allow enough time for the salesperson to move comfortably from one tomb to the next. But keep the sales talk going almost constantly.

Devotional Thought:

It's intriguing to imagine what happened during the days after Jesus' resurrection. Certainly everybody didn't put everything together overnight. To many people, all the rumors were just distractions from the more "important" matters of making a living. Ironically, those rumors ended up changing the world. How about us? Is Easter just another distraction from ordinary life? Has it changed our "worlds?"

Date Performed: _____
 Actors Used: _____



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▶ Now this one here, this is what we call our King Royale Deluxe. It's got the over-sized entry with the step-down feature, and the double interior resting area. It's the top of the line and actually two tombs in one. Of course we can add custom engraving to any interior wall.

This is our mid-priced model. You can see it has really the same functionality, just smaller and without all the interior features. And this... this is our entry level tomb. Economical, yet still solid and secure. I think if you compare our tombs with any out there, you'll find you can't beat the combination of value and quality. Cheaper? Well... I might have one more option for you. I know this sounds crazy, but I seem to have acquired a sort of... used tomb. Actually, it's not used. Did I say "used?" I meant... pre-owned. Here, follow me... Watch your step.

2 minutes

Ok, there you have it. Technically, it was used. But only for 3 days. Actually only parts of 3 days. Really only hours. Only hours used. You'd never really know. You can see it's still all here, and it's in great shape! Reconditioned, you might say, and I'll even throw in the original factory warranty. Look, even the original stone for the door. Look, I don't know how it got moved all the way over there, but it's all here complete. What happened? I don't know, really. I mean I'm sure you've heard the rumors. All I know is, it was occupied on Friday. When I came in Sunday it was empty. The soldiers were here. You'd have to ask them. But all that is beside the point. The real issue for you is not what happened here, but whether or not it might turn out to be a good deal for you! I mean it's virtually brand new! So whatta you think? Whatta I have to do to put you in a tomb today?...Whatta you mean it's not just a tomb?

3 minutes

Oh don't start with me. You're like all the rest, aren't you? Come in poking around at tombs when all you really want... fine. Look, if you're not ready to buy a tomb, I'm afraid our time is up. **(The imaginary shopper starts to exit)** I'm not running a museum here! And tell your friends to stop coming! I can't get anything done!

(To himself as he watches the imaginary shopper leave) I should start charging admission. Yeah! You know I'd probably make more doing that than... Yes, it's a tough business. Never thought I'd get stuck trying to unload... a used tomb.

Lights Out