Star Search 2019 Drama Troupe A - Minimum 4 actors - Ages 6-14

Who Do You Say I Am? By Major Paul Cain

(For groups 4 or larger. This version is for 7 people. For larger groups – double up on some of the lines. For smaller groups – give out dual parts)

- All Who do you say I am?
- 4 The prophet said.. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

- 7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
- 2 And he will be called Wonderful Counselor
- 3 Mighty God
- 5 Everlasting Father
- 6 The Prince of Peace.
- All Who do you say I am?

(Tableau** of the visit of the Angel to the shepherds)

4 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, (Release Tableau)

- 2 "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Christ, the Lord.
- All Who do you say I am?
- (Tableau Jesus and His Disciples)
- 6 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples

(Release Tableau)

- 1 Who do people say that I am?
- All And they said,
- 3 John the Baptist
- 4 Elijah
- 5 Jeremiah
- 6 One of the prophets.
- 1 But you (pointing at others) who do you say that I am?
- All (not 1) (Pointing at 1) You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

(Tableau – Jesus Hosanna)

6 Later, Jesus and His disciples came toward Jerusalem with great fanfare and shouts of joy. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this who comes to Jerusalem in this manner?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

(Release Tableau – one at a time)

2-7 Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!==> Crucify! Crucify! Crucify!

(Stage Direction: one by one, numbers 2-7 stagger start shouting randomly 'Hosanna!' 3-4 times. When finished, each follows with shouting randomly 'Crucify!' 3-4 times. The effect is a growing joyful cheer of "Hosanna!" That gradually turns in to the angry riotous chant of "Crucify!" The whole effect should take about 15 seconds. While this is happening - #1 moves about randomly until he is center stage with arms stretched out. Troupe freezes as they each say their last "Crucify!)

(Tableau – Crucifixion)

3 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said,

7 "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

(All – Heads down and pause)

(Release as each say their line)

- 4 But the story was not over
- 2 Jesus was buried, and was raised on the third day
- 3,6 Maranatha! He is Risen!
- 5 He appeared to the women at the tomb –
- 7 Then to Peter and then to the Twelve.
- 1 They called him –
- 3 Adoni!
- 4 Master!
- 6 Savior!
- 7 My Lord and My God!
- All And He lives today!
- 1 He lives in heaven ruling over all the world with grace and peace
- 4 He lives in the hearts of those who have called on his name the life-saving name of Jesus!
- 7 He lives in our past, present, and future and is most worthy to be praised
- 3 Jesus stands among us and before us waiting for us to answer the call
- All Who do you say that I am? (Point to audience)

(Adapted from Isaiah 9, Luke 2, Matthew 3, 16, 21, Mark 15, John 20, 1 Corinthians 15 – New International Version)

Director notes:

• ** This piece uses the technique of tableaus that move from one to another. A Tableau in drama is a theatrical technique in which actors freeze in poses that create a picture. Where indicated, start that section with the troupe frozen while the intro line is given. Then move into action for the rest of the lines.