

**THE LIGHT**  
**An Illustrative Easter Sermon**

## **SCENE 1: The Fallen Angels**

On the stage is a television monitor showing the beginning of Earth's ground and water. GOD stands beside the television monitor motioning His arms as He creates. GOD's movements and the video are synced. Simultaneously, symphonic music plays as the narrator reads Genesis 1:1.

**NARRATOR: In the beginning, GOD created the heaven and the earth.**

After a few more moments of creation, the music and the video come to a calming stop. Then, in dramatic form, GOD looks straight ahead at the congregation. Suspenseful and deviant music plays as Lucifer and his band of disobedient angels enter.

**NARRATOR: GOD paused creation. But why? Perhaps the answer can be found through the repulsive, utterly offensive, and unimaginably arrogant behavior of Lucifer and his band of angels.**

As they enter, they whisper among themselves. They point and shake their heads, with motions signifying a comparison of Lucifer to GOD. Lucifer stands with arrogance and pride, waving away at GOD and striking his chest as the others admire him. Then, the band of angels turn and bow down to him.

Suddenly, GOD turns toward Lucifer and his band of angels and declares:

**Because of your unrepentant pride and arrogance, I can no longer have you all here in My Holy Kingdom. The time has now come for your sins to be dealt with.**

With a motion of GOD's arms, Lucifer and his band of angels shake, wail and run off stage. The video shows them all crashing to Earth, and the narrator reads Genesis 1:2a...

**NARRATOR: And the earth became without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep.**

Lights out...

## **SCENE 2: God Thought About Us**

With GOD still on stage, Pastor Porter enters to preach the following points (3 minutes):

- The reason why GOD paused creation
- How GOD always works ahead of schedule on our behalf

Pastor Porter and GOD exit the stage.

### **SCENE 3: Mind Control**

**NARRATOR:** Banished to Earth, satan and the fallen angels room their new dark, cold, chaotic environment. It's absolutely nothing like where they come from – heaven. What will become of these fallen angels?

The fallen angels enter the stage grumbling and murmuring under their voices. As they walk, they gaze around their new space. Then, the devil speaks. And as he speaks, the fallen angels gather around him on the left side of the stage...

**devil:** Look what GOD has done to us. What kind of loving GOD would do this? What kind of merciful GOD would do this? Listen, I told you all GOD was scared that we would become just as great as HE is. That's why HE banished us away from heaven. You all know I deserved to be elevated. I was GOD's greatest creation, and now look at what HE's done to me. Look at what HE's done to us!

They fallen angels motion and speak in agreement. And the devil continues...

**devil:** But that's alright, because we're going to build our own kingdom. Here, we will have all of the power. And here, we will have all of the glory. And together, we will be a force that is greater than everyone who decided to stay with GOD. In fact, we will be a force that is even greater than GOD! For all of those heavenly flunkies, they're just angels....but we are gods!

The fallen angels begin chanting, and cinematic music begins to rise...

**fallen angels:** They are angels, but we are gods! They are angels, but we are gods! They are angels, but we are gods!

They clap and cheer, as the music climaxes. Then, suddenly, the music stops. The cheering immediately dies down. THE SPIRIT OF GOD enters the right side of the stage, and the fallen angels drop down to their knees with fear written all over their faces. Pastor Porter enters the center stage...

**Pastor Porter:** Do you know WHO that is? That is THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

He continues with making the following points (5 minutes):

- The first manifestation of God's Spirit on the earth
- John 16:13 explains why The Spirit comes to the earth
- This was likely the fallen angels final time to repent
- The amazing grace and forgiveness of God
- How the devil seeks total mind control

Pastor Porter walks off stage and THE SPIRIT speaks...

**SPIRIT OF GOD:** There is still mercy for you. Even you, Lucifer. My grace is sufficient for you, too. For all of you, there is still forgiveness. Repent and come back to ME. *The fallen angels sheepishly start to edge towards The Spirit.* That's it...come on back home.

Then the devil speaks...

**devil:** Don't forget what HE did to you!

The fallen angels stop and turn towards the devil, with their backs now facing THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

**devil:** You see how HE treated us. He just threw us out of heaven. What kind of loving, caring GOD would do something like this? Come on....think about it. GOD doesn't love us. After what we've done, GOD couldn't love us. But we don't need HIS love, because this is finally our time. Aren't you ready to be the gods you deserve to be? Aren't you ready to have your own kingdom? Don't go back to being mere angels. Let Michael and Gabriel be GOD's lowly servants. They'll be the angels, but we will be gods!

**fallen angels:** *chanting...* They'll be angles, and we'll be gods! They'll be angels and we'll be gods!

As they chant, THE SPIRIT OF GOD slowly walks off stage.

## **SCENE 4: The Creation of Light**

The fallen angels continue to chant, and the lights dim to dark. Then the narrator reads Genesis 1:3-5a...

**NARRATOR:** *And God said, “Let there be light”. Suddenly, JESUS steps onto center stage and a bright light shines on HIM. And there was Light. And GOD saw The Light, that it was good. And GOD divided The Light from the darkness. Now, JESUS moves to the right side of the stage. And God called The Light “DAY”, and the darkness HE called “night”.*

**Pastor Porter enters center stage, and brings out these points:**

- Sun, moon & stars were created later
- The Light is JESUS
  - On this cue, Jesus recites John 8:12...

**JESUS (The Light):** *I AM The Light of the world. He that followeth ME shall not walk in darkness, but shall have The Light of life.”*

*As HE refers to darkness, HE points at the fallen angels.*

**Pastor Porter continues with these points:**

- God created The Light to save Adam, Eve & humanity from darkness
- God always protects us and clears the way for us!

*And that’s not all GOD did to protect us from the fallen angels...*

**NARRATOR:** *And GOD said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” This firmament rid the Earth of the darkness, who are the fallen angels, the provided a safe space for GOD to continue HIS creation plan.*

As the narrator is speaking, those carrying the fabric (which symbolizes the firmament) enter the stage and force the fallen angels to the back of the stage. The fabric is then set in place to demonstrate the barrier between the fallen angels and those living on Earth. While doing so, dramatic music plays.

Pastor Porter & JESUS exit the stage.

## **SCENE 5: Adam & Eve**

The dramatic music calms to a peaceful, tranquil, nature-filled sound. Waves are crashing, birds are chirping, etc.

**NARRATOR:** After the darkness was removed, GOD created the sun, the moon and the stars. HE separated the dry ground from the waters. He made the plants and land vegetation. HE made the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and the animals on the ground. And in HIS image. In HIS likeness. With HIS breath. God created Adam & Eve.

Enter Adam & Eve, enjoying each other's company. A bright light shines on them.

After a while, the music turns to a more deviant sound. Behind the firmament, the devil and other fallen angels are showing frustration at Adam & Eve...

**devil:** Look at them. They think they'll so special. And GOD made them in HIS image? Why do they get to be so honored and beloved by GOD? I'll tell you what. By the time I'm finished with them, GOD won't even know who they are! With a sinister smirk on his face.... And I think I have the perfect plan.

The devil stoops down and up comes a serpent (stage prop). Hissing and rattling sounds are heard. Then, the devil moves around like a serpent and approaches Eve.

**devil:** Did GOD say you couldn't eat from every tree in this garden?

**Eve:** GOD said we can eat from every tree, except the one in the middle of the garden...*she stutters a little*....or else, we'll die.

**devil:** Oh, Eve. You're so innocent. You're so pure. You're so trusting. You're so easily fooled. Don't you get it? GOD doesn't want you to eat from that tree because HE knows the moment you do – you shall become like the gods!

Eve stares at the tree and contemplates on what the devil says, while the devil slithers around gesturing her towards the tree. Then the narrator reads from Genesis 3L6-7a, as Eve & Adam act out the Text.

**NARRATOR:** And when the woman say that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

The music suddenly intensifies as Eve bites the apple that on the tree. It continues as she gives an apple to Adam, and he eats as well. Once they do, the devil dances and smiles, celebrating their sin. And the lights turn off of Adam & Eve. Rejoicefully, the devil returns to the other side of the firmament. Adam & Eve go off stage with embarrassment and shame.

**Enters Pastor Porter who explains:**

- Darkness re-entered the Earth through Adam & Eve
- The devil used the same tactics on them as with the fallen angels
- The devil uses the same lines and tactics on us today
- The made clothes: seeking a physical solution to a spiritual problem
- Reminder: The Light is our physical and spiritual solution



## **SCENE 6: The Light Has Come**

Video footage shows THE LIGHT coming as a baby in the manger. Then it goes to HIM as a teenager among the rabbis.

**NARRATOR:** Finally, THE LIGHT came to rescue humanity from the darkness. HE was born in a manger, while on the run from Herod who sought to kill HIM. HE showed up in the temple with the elders and rabbis, astonishing them with HIS knowledge of Scriptures at the tender age of 12. And when HE officially started HIS ministry in adulthood, there was no mistaking WHO HE WAS! HE was indeed, The Light of The World.

Enters Jesus with a crowd of people following behind HIM.

**BLIND WOMAN:** Shouting over the crowd... **Jesus! Have mercy on me. Please touch my eyes so that I can see.**

**JESUS:** Reaching over and touching the woman...**Be healed, My daughter! Receive your sight.**

**BLIND WOMAN:** Startled, yet with utter joy.... **I can see! I can see! Jesus has healed me! He truly is our promised Messiah! There is no way you can make me doubt Him. Who else can do this but God among us? I can see!**

The crowd erupts in praise, as...

**LAME MAN:** **Jesus! Jesus! I need you. I can't walk. Please, have mercy on me.**

**JESUS:** **Do you want to be made whole?**

**LAME MAN:** **Yes, Jesus, I do.**

**JESUS:** **Then, take up your bed and walk!**

**LAME MAN:** **Slowly, the lame man staggers up. Then he begins walking in circles. I'm healed. I'm healed. Everybody, look at me. Jesus healed me!**

The crowd erupts again in praise, and then...

**JESUS:** Who touched me?

Everybody stops, looking a bit puzzled.

**JESUS:** I felt the healing anointing flow out of Me. Who touched me?

**WOMAN w/ ISSUE OF BLOOD:** Me. It was me, Jesus. I'm sorry. I meant know harm. I just knew that if I all I could do is touch the hem of your robe, I would be made whole.

**JESUS:** Woman, your faith has made you whole.

**WOMAN w/ ISSUE OF BLOOD:** Slowly gets up, holding her stomach. It's stopped. The bleeding has stopped. Do you hear me? The bleeding has stopped. Twelve years and....and...now it's over. I'm healed. Oh, thank You, Jesus! My Savior & my Healer!

The crowd erupts again in praise as everyone exits the stage. Triumphant music ends the scene.

## **SCENE 7: The Birth of Darkness**

The triumphant music turns into a more sinister selection.

**NARRATOR:** It seemed everyone was excited about Jesus Christ, The Light of The World, finally being here. Well, everyone except...The Pharisees.

Enter, the Pharisees.

**PHARISEE #1:** We must do something about this Jesus. He is single-handedly taking everyone form under our authority with HIS messages and miracles.

**PHARISEE #2:** Our money is low because the people aren't coming to synagogue like they used to – they're going to sit under Jesus. They'll even walking dozens of miles to just sit and listen to HIM all day. Sometimes, they don't even have food with them.

**PHARISEE #1:** Yeah, and then JESUS turns around and performs a miracle, feeding everybody with next to nothing. And then they even have the nerve to have leftovers! I'm telling you, if we don't put a stop to HIM – our jobs, our respect, our honor, our income, our way of living – it will all be over.

From behind the firmament, the devil speaks...

**devil:** The only way to stop Jesus is to kill HIM.

**PHARISEE #2:** I've got a thought. You know, the only way to stop JESUS is to kill HIM.

**devil:** But you can't assassinate Him, or that will cause a riot. His death must look legal.

**PHARISEE #1:** But we can't assassinate HIM, that will cause a riot. HIS death must look legal.

**devil:** Build up a case against HIM, and then have HIM crucified.

**PHARISEE #2:** I've got an idea, let's build up a case against HIM and then have HIM crucified.

**devil:** And to make sure everything goes as planned, gather your own witnesses and have them say whatever it takes to ensure HE is crucified.

**PHARISEE #1:** And to make sure everything goes as planned, we'll gather our own witnesses and have them say whatever it takes to ensure HE is crucified.

**Pharisees, devil & demons:** Oh, this is the perfect plan! The devil and demons have wild laughter and dances in celebration of the plan.

Everyone exits the stage.

**Pastor Porter closes the message with the following points:**

- The killed the right Man for the wrong reasons.
- Who is man that God is mindful of us?
- We have the privilege and power to walk in The Light