

## The King of Kings

### First Night, Sunday, Aug. 5

A throne sits on the stage, hidden from the congregation by a panel. Someone sits on the throne, wearing a crown and holding a scepter. The panel is removed and a cue is given to the audience:

Audience in unison: "Who are you?"

King: (In a mighty voice) "I AM KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR."

Audience in unison: "Are you the King of Kings?"

King: I AM THE KING OF BABYLON, KING OF EVERYTHING FROM SEA TO FAR SEA! I HAD THREE MEN THROWN INTO A FURNACE WHEN THEY WOULDN'T WORSHIP THE FALSE GOD OF GOLD."

Audience in unison: "You aren't the King of Kings! Leave!"

The throne is hidden once again as the king exits.

### Second Night, Monday, Aug. 6

Throne is uncovered, revealing another person seated in it, wearing the crown, etc. Audience cue:

Audience in unison: "Who are you?"

King: "I AM BELSHAZZAR, GRANDSON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR!"

Audience in unison: "Are you the King of Kings?"

King: "I AM RULER OF BABYLON, BUT AN ARMY IS COMING TO DESTROY ME BECAUSE I WORSHIPPED THE FALSE GOD OF PRIDE, SO BRING ME THE TEMPLE CUPS. LET'S HAVE A PARTY!"

Audience in unison: "You aren't the King of Kings! Leave!"

Throne is hidden once more as king exits.

### Third Night, Tuesday Aug. 7

Throne is uncovered, revealing another person seated there, wearing the crown, etc.

Audience in unison: "Who are you?"

King: "I AM KING DARIUS."

Audience: "Are you the King of Kings?"

King: "I WAS KING CYRUS'S GENERAL WHO DEFEATED BELSHAZZAR! CYRUS MADE ME KING OF BABYLON. I HAD DANIEL THROWN INTO THE LION'S DEN BECAUSE I WORSHIPPED THE FALSE GOD OF POWER."

Audience: "You aren't the King of Kings! Leave!"

Fourth Night, Wednesday, Aug. 8

The throne has been removed. It has been replaced by a cross that remains hidden.

Three people march onto the stage and stand in front of the panel that hides the cross. They should be costumed elaborately with decorations and medals according to their positions.

Audience in unison: "Who are you?"

First person steps forward: "I AM ALEXANDER THE GREAT! (Steps back.)

Second person steps forward: "I AM XERXES! (Steps back.)

Third person steps forward: "I AM SADDAM HUSSEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ!" (Steps back.)

Audience: "Are you the King of Kings?"

First person steps forward: "I CONQUERED BABYLON!" (Remains forward)

Second person steps forward: "I DESTROYED BABYLON!" (Remains forward)

Third person steps forward: "I PLAN TO REBUILD BABYLON FOR MY OWN GLORY!" (Remains forward)

(In unison): "WE ARE MIGHTY RULERS!"

Audience: "You aren't the King of Kings! Leave!"

They exit. A fourth person enters, wearing a robe of cheap material, carrying a shepherd's crook in one hand, and a crown of thorns in the other.

Audience in unison: "Who are you?"

Jesus: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6 NIV)

Audience in unison: "Are you the King of Kings?"

Jesus: (holds up crook) "My scepter shows you that I am a shepherd who leads my flock to the path of heaven. My crown (holds up crown of thorns) shows you the sins of the world that I took upon myself. I was the fourth man in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. My father sent the angel to protect Daniel in the lion's den. (Jesus turns toward the cross as the panel is moved away from it, and the stage lights are turned off. A spotlight shines on the cross.) This is my throne, where my life was sacrificed so that each of you could live forever. Do you know my name?"

Audience: "Jesus!" You are the King of Kings!

Jesus: "If you love me, you will obey what I command." (John 14:15) "This is my command: Love each other." (John 15:17)

Audience: "Jesus, we praise your name!"