

## Session Five – Hope in the Forgiver – Drama Script



This sketch is set at the fishmonger's market stall – Something as simple as an apron and a sign can show that. The Police Officer could use a hat or something to show who they are, and will need a note pad and pencil

- Fishmonger** Roll Up, roll up. Come and get your lovely fish here. Saarrdines! Tilapia! Come and get it
- Police Officer** [walking up to stall] Hello, hello, hello, What's going on here then?
- Fishmonger** Wanna buy some fish officer?
- Police Officer** Not today thank you
- Fishmonger** Come on, I've got some lovely Tilapia, landed fresh this morning!
- Police Officer** Well, that sounds a bit fishy to me
- Fishmonger** [puzzled] well er they're all fish
- Police Officer** No I mean there's something not quite right here
- Fishmonger** Erm, they look alright to me
- Police Officer** Well we've had reports that your supplier didn't catch anything last night. The other boats say that when they left them they had got nothing to show for their nights work. Nothing, zip, zilch, zero. So how come you have got so many fish to sell this morning eh?
- Fishmonger** [looking relieved] Oh, that's easily explained [the police officer gets out note pad and pencil ready to take notes] They were caught this morning just as dawn broke
- Police Officer** [writing in pad] Dawn. Broke. This morning you say? I have it on good authority that fish don't like being caught in the morning, certainly not in these numbers.
- Fishmonger** [slightly cheekily] well I am not sure that they like getting caught at any time of day!
- Police Officer** [disapprovingly] well that's as maybe but there is something suspicious going on
- Fishmonger** Not really. All that happened was just as the fishermen were about to give up, they saw Jesus on the beach and...
- Police Officer** By Jesus you mean the man that was put to death on the cross last week
- Fishmonger** Yes, but he's alive now....
- Police Officer** [writing in pad] Beach. Not dead, alive.

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- Fishmonger** Yes. And he asked them if they had caught anything. And when they said they hadn't he told them to put their nets down on the other side of the boat. And they did. And the nets were then full to bursting
- Police Officer** [writing in pad] Caught anything? No. Other side. Full. So, let me get this straight. A boat full of experienced fishermen catch nothing all night. A dead man turns up on the shore and tells them what to do, and they catch hundreds of fish
- Fishmonger** Well yes. Except Jesus is not dead. He came alive again. The disciples had seen him before. You ask Mary from the corner, she was one of the first.
- Police Officer** Er yes. I had heard rumours, but as a police officer I have to deal with facts and this simply doesn't make any sense
- Fishmonger** [laughing gently] That's what Peter said... only he was delighted
- Police Officer** A week's worth of fish in one night mysteriously appearing in his nets. Hmm, I am sure he was delighted. Delighted all the way to the bank I imagine
- Fishmonger** Oh no. He wasn't bothered about that. Well, he was pleased, but he was more delighted that he was friends with Jesus again
- Police Officer** He'd had a falling out with a dead man?
- Fishmonger** I keep telling you he's alive! But no, they hadn't fallen out. It was just that before Jesus was arrested, he told Peter that he would deny him three times. Of course, Peter said he would never do a thing like that, but when it came to it, he was so frightened that he would get arrested, tortured and killed too, when asked he said he had never met Jesus and didn't have a clue who he was.
- Police Officer** [writing in pad] three times. Not a clue. So your telling me that your mysterious bumper stock is all to do with events that happened a few days ago in Jerusalem?
- Fishmonger** Well yes. I suppose so. Peter said that he wasn't sure he could face Jesus again having let him down so badly, but he said that on the beach this morning, Jesus made it clear that he had not only forgiven him, but he trusted him to look after his followers. Perhaps that's why they had caught so many fish as a sort of sign or something
- Police Officer** [writing in pad] forgiven. Followers. Sign. Hmm. Not sure we really have got to the bottom of this. I am going to keep my eye on you and this place
- Fishmonger** Plaice! Ha ha. Good one [police officer doesn't get it and walks off leaving fishmonger shrugging his shoulders] Fish for sale! Come and get it!