



Henrietta Iscariot

From *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*

By Stephen Adly Gergis

Age Range: Adult, Young-Adult

Style: Dramatic, Contemporary

Monologue:

"No parent should have to bury a child... No mother should have to bury a son. Mothers are not meant to bury sons. It is not in the natural order of things. I buried my son. In a potter's field. In a field of Blood. In empty, acrid silence. There was no funeral. There were no mourners. His friends all absent. His father dead. His sisters refusing to attend. I discovered his body alone, I dug his grave alone, I placed him in a hole, and covered him with dirt and rock alone. I was not able to finish burying him before sundown, and I'm not sure if that affected his fate...I begrudge God none of this. I do not curse him or bemoan my lot. And though my heart keeps beating only to keep breaking- I do not question why. I remember the morning my son was born as if it was yesterday. The moment the midwife placed him in my arms, I was infused with a love beyond all measure and understanding. I remember holding my son, and looking over at my own mother and saying "Now I understand why the sun comes up at day and the stars come out at night. I understand why rain falls gently. Now I understand you, Mother"... I loved my son every day of his life, and I will love him ferociously long after I've stopped breathing. I am a simple woman. I am not bright or learn-ed. I do not read. I do not write. My opinions are not solicited. My voice is not important... The world tells me that God is in heaven and that my son is in Hell. I tell the world the one true thing I know: If my son is in Hell, then there is no Heaven- because if my son sits in Hell, there is no God."

Play Synopsis:

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot centers around an imagined court hearing to determine the ultimate fate of Judas Iscariot. Set in a time-bending world between Heaven and Hell, it is by turns hilarious, poignant, and thought-provoking.

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