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TITLE: MAZEL TOV AND CARPE DIEM, JESUS

7/11/2023 (Version #1)

CAST

JESUS - 13 Years Old, Male, Pre-Pubescent

MARY - Early 30s, Female, Long Island Accent

JOSEPH - Early 30s, Male, Long Island Accent

DJ/EMCEE - Mid-20s, Male, Douchey

PETER - 13 Years Old, Male, Pre-Pubescent

JUDAS - 13 Years Old, Male, Pre-Pubescent

MARY MAGDALENE (MM) - 13 Years Old, Female, Pre-Pubescent

INT. BANQUET HALL

The event of the millennium is about to begin: Jesus H Christ's Italian/Ancient Roman (it's hybrid) themed Bar Mitzvah. All of the decorations are hung, the guests are settled into their tables, and all that's missing is the guest of (holy) honor.

DJ/EMCEE

Hellooooo Party Rockers - or should I say Ciao Buongiorno to esteemed members of the "Roman Republic" tonight - and welcome to the event of the year when a boy becomes a man... JESUS' BAR MITZVAH! Without further adieu let's give a warm "shalom" to the guest of honor....MR JESUS H CHRIST!

Strobe lights and a sea of fog enwraps the entrance door. Billy Joel's "Only The Good Die Young" begins blasting. And through all the lights and smoke, a small figure emerges: Jesus sporting an on-theme toga yet still wearing his yarmulke and Tallit shawl. He steps onto an elevated surface that is filled with water, and proceeds to strut on the water to his table.

JESUS

(talking into a mic)
Shalom and bella notte to all. Thanks
to everyone for coming, and
remember...get crazy lit tonight but
don't do anything too scandalous or
I'll tell the big man himself, God!
Be deliberate with your sins now to
make my life easier (Jesus winks).

A strike of thunder can be heard (obviously it's God making
his intangible presence known at the Bar Mitzvah).

JOSEPH and MARY take the mic from Jesus for a quick speech.
You can see the brief disappointment on JOSEPH's face with
Jesus' mentioning his other "dad".

JOSEPH

(nervously chuckling
to himself)
Oh, the joy of blended families! And
Jesus, our son, always the man of
succinct yet poetic words.

MARY

We just wanted to thank you all for
coming out to celebrate our little
bubeleh becoming a man. We haven't
seen so many of you since little J's
B'rit Milah. And if you missed it,
his little foreskin is on display
near the photo album and trophy
grails table.

JESUS looks visibly embarrassed and horrified.

JOSEPH

Son, your mother and I our so proud
of you. It seems like just yesterday
you were learning to walk on water
without floaties. And NOW you can
cure the sick faster than Doogie
Howser, feed more people than the New
York Food Bank, and turn water into a
wine more potent than the best Napa
Valley has to offer.

JOSEPH raises his very full wine glass and takes a sip,
clearly feeling a buzz.

MARY

The bottom line is that we are so
proud of you sweetiekins.

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MARY (cont'd)

People thought you were meshuggeneh at times, but you put your chutzpah where your mouth was and proved them wrong. And while you had your father had us verklempt at times, we're so proud you found your schtick before manhood.

JOSEPH

And so let us all raise our glasses to the man of the evening, your mother and my's pride and joy, our son Jesus!

JOSEPH and MARY raise their wine glasses for a toast. Somehow the kids have wine too (after all it is Italian an themed Bar Mitzvah).

JOSEPH AND MARY

Mazel Tov!!!!

DJ/EMCEE

Alright now let's get this Roman Forum starteddddd.

The DJ begins playing Drake's "God's Plan".

At another table, Jesus' friends PETER, JUDAS, and MARY MAGDALENE are congregating over catered Little Caesar's pizza and Olive Garden pasta (with breadsticks of course).

JUDAS

Why does everything always have to be such a big deal with Jesus? Like he fed thousands people, big whoop. Oprah gave her entire studio audience Volkswagen Beetles one year ON Jesus' birthday just cuz.

MARY MAGDALENE

Judas, you shouldn't say that. One minute it's trash talking, the next it could be backstabbing him and he's your FRIEND.

PETER

Yeah dude, Mary is right. He's a schmoozer big time but if the man upstairs trusts him and has made him his right hand man - ON his 13th birthday - I don't think you want to go there...

Another strike of thunder can be heard - God is in agreement.

JUDAS

Whatever. You can all circlejerk with him if you want but don't come crying to me when he's too "busy" with his holy calling of manhood to join you for Wine Wednesdays. I'm over his "chosen one" gag like it's some Harry Potter crap.

MARY MAGDALENE

But he literally supplies the wine for us, he would never ditch us like that. We could never get fakes in this economy.

PETER

I think you're being a bit paranoid Judas.

MARY MAGDALENE

Yeah, Peter is right. We're like the four horsemen, but like, Jesus is SAVING us from the apocalypse.

"Hallelujah" (the version from Shrek) is played by the DJ/EMCEE.

Jesus approaches his friends' table.

JESUS

Hey guys! Hope you're enjoying the party!

JESUS gives JUDAS & PETER a cringey hormone-induced bro hug.

And h-h-hi M&M. I know you love this song and I-I didn't know if you'd want to dance together?

MARY MAGDALENE

Oh my gosh, Jesus I would LOVE to. And your party is like, so fun. I loved the little petting zoo with the Colosseum animals. Although the lion DID almost bit off Judas' arm.

JESUS

Oh man, that means Aslan likes you! He almost did it to me too earlier.

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JESUS (cont'd)

He has good taste but better you than me being God's chosen one and hahahah all am I right or am I right.

Another strike of thunder can be heard - God is in agreement.

JESUS gives JUDAS a playful slap on the arm. JUDAS does a fake smile. JESUS and MARY MAGDALENE walk to the dance floor but she looks back at JUDAS and mouths "I told you so, everything is fine".

JUDAS

The only reason it's the three of us here right now is because John, Lazarus, and James are grounded for breaking curfew with Jesus. But Jesus was the only one that got away with it because...

PETER

Yeah, yeah, yeah he's the "son" of God.

Another strike of thunder can be heard - God is in agreement.

PETER (cont'd)

I know with all the attention he's getting lately it can be a bit... overwhelming as a friend. Getting a front-page article in the town crier is one thing, but even I got a bit flabbergasted when we wanted to go to the beach to swim and he said he couldn't cuz he would just be "above the water and float". But the homie has to have a lot of pressure right now, and the least we can do is be supportive friends for him.

PETER double fists a piece of pizza and breadstick as he finishes his pep talk. JUDAS just shrugs in half-agreement. A remix of Lady Gaga's "Judas" and "Bloody Mary" begins playing and JUDAS' face lights up.

JESUS

(into the microphone
on a stage)

Alright, this is a special song for a special friend. Judie, this one is for you! L'Chaim, pal.

JESUS and JUDAS make eye contact across the banquet hall as they raise their glasses and salute each other. Everyone is too busy jamming to notice a faint "NOOOOOOO" from God outside the building in the stratosphere.

BLACKOUT.