

THE TRIAL OF JESUS: TRUTH ON TRIAL

SUNDAY APRIL 20, 10:45AM

MT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
3445 WEST DOUGLAS BLVD
CHICAGO, IL 60623

Production Presented By
YOUTH OF MT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Autographs Page

"Thank you for celebrating with us! Join us downstairs in the Carter Auditorium for Refreshments. Our cast would love to leave a little memory for you. Be sure to collect signatures from your favorite Attorney, Judge, Witness, Bailiff, and Stage Hand! Happy Easter!"

PLAYBILL®



Director’s Note

To our incredible youth,
This play is more than a performance—it’s a ministry. Through your voices, your presence, and your creativity, you've delivered a powerful message of love, truth, and faith to our entire congregation. Whether you were speaking boldly on stage or supporting from behind the scenes, your contribution made this play a memorable celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

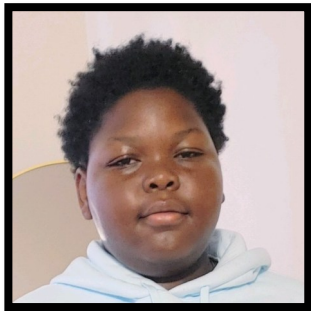
To the congregation, thank you for continually encouraging our youth. Your support shows them that their gifts matter and that their place in the church is vital—not just in the future, but right now.

As we celebrate Easter, may this experience remind us all that the Gospel is alive in every generation. Thank you for being part of this moment. To our youth: keep shining, keep growing, and keep using your talents for God’s glory!

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Keith

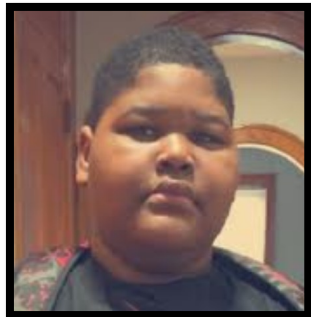
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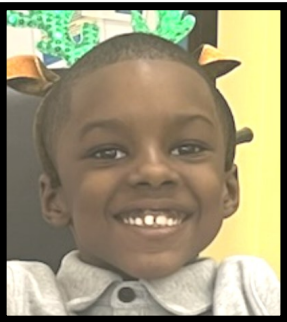
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Ramiro Lovett,
11yrs, 6th Grade,
Rowe Elementary
School



DEFENSE ATTORNEY:
Miles Keith, 10yrs,
5th Grade, Hamilton
Elementary School



BLIND MAN :
Amari McClain,
11yrs, 6th Grade,
DePriest
Elementary School



RISEN JESUS:
Grayson Davis
7yrs, 1st Grade
Wilma Rudolph
Learning Center



JUDAS:
Derrion Reeves,
10yrs, 4th Grade,
Leif Ericson
Scholastic Academy



JUDGE:
Amar’e Ross, 10yrs,
5th Grade, Kipp
Ascend Middle
School



STAGE HAND:
Shamaria Williams ,
15, 10th Grade,
Lindblom Math &
Science Academy



ROMAN SOLDIER:
Jason Heffner,
18yrs, Senior
Chicago Bulls
College Prep

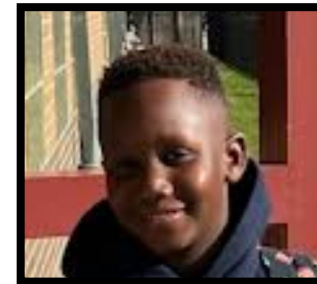
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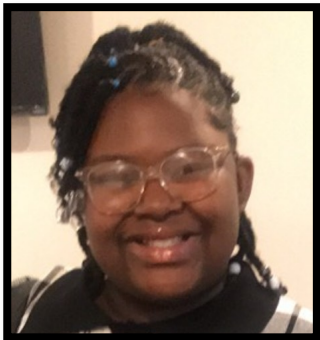
PROSECUTOR:
Aryanna Harris,
13yrs, 7th Grade,
Kipp Ascend Middle
School



OTHER MARY:
Dakota Reeves,
9yrs, 4th Grade, Leif
Ericson Scholastic
Academy



PETER:
Bryce Tate, 8yrs,
3rd Grade, Chicago
Westside Christian
School



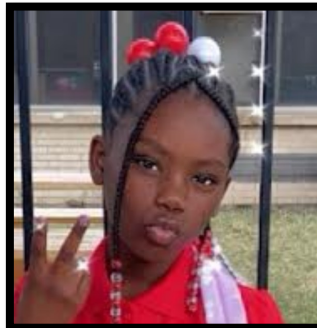
SCIENTIST:
A'moray Seals,
11yrs, 5th Grade,
Berger-Vandenberg
School



COURT BAILIFF:
Ariyah Ross, 7yrs,
1st Grade, Kipp
Ascend Primary
School



PHARISEE:
Markyla Seals, 18,
Senior, HS South
Suburban College



MARY MAGDALENE:
Nahlia Phillips,
8yrs, 3rd Grade,
Lief Ericson
Scholastic
Academy



PRODUCER
Tara Bennett, many
thanks to Tara for
working with the
youth during
rehearsals and
readying the youth

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Video – “My Liberty”

Call to Worship

Lord’s Prayer (Video)

Announcements

Tithes & Offerings

Altar Call

Intro Theme Music

Opening Scene

Scene 1: Opening Scene – The Bailiff calls court into session; Judge, Prosecution, and Defense introduce the case.

Voir Dire – Six congregation members are called and selected as potential jurors.

Scene 2: Prosecution’s Case

Scene 3: Musical selection by Ambassadors For Christ Song - “The Blood Still Works”

Scene 4: Defense’s Case

Scene 5: Musical selection by Ambassadors For Christ Song – “The Blood”

Scene 6: Closing Arguments – Prosecution and Defense give final persuasive speeches.

Scene 7: Verdict Scene – Jurors deliver decision; Judge delivers final word and invitation to Christ.

Scene 9: Final Scene — JESUS IS ALIVE!

Curtain Call

Remarks—Pastor Keith

Benediction/Closing Song – “Because He Lives”

PLOT SUMMARY

In a creative and modern-day courtroom drama, Jesus of Nazareth stands on trial to determine if He truly is the Son of God, the prophesied Messiah, and the Savior of the world. The play is set in a modern-day American courtroom scene with judge, trial lawyers, witnesses and jury.

The prosecution, representing religious tradition and skepticism, presents witnesses from history and modern science who deny Jesus' divine identity.

The defense, representing the followers and eyewitnesses of Jesus, passionately argues for the truth of the Gospel using compelling testimonies and scriptural insight.

As the courtroom proceedings unfold, a humorous jury selection, dramatic witness testimonies, and soulful musical interludes from "Ambassadors For Christ" invite the audience into a decision of their own—What's your verdict about Jesus? This production reminds us all that while Jesus may be on trial in the play, the real trial lies in every heart deciding what to believe.

Cast of Characters

Judge:

Prosecuting Attorney (Represents Jewish Leadership)

Defense Attorney (Represents Jesus' followers)

Prosecution Witness #1: A Pharisee

Prosecution Witness #2: A Roman Soldier

Prosecution Witness #3: Judas, the Betrayer

Prosecution Witness #4: A Modern Skeptic (Scientist/Forensic Expert)

Defense Witness #1: Blind Man Healed by Jesus

Defense Witness #2: Mary Magdalene

Defense Witness #3: Peter, the Disciple

Defense Witness #4: Doubting Thomas

Defense Witness #5: The Other Mary

Six Unaware Congregation Members as Jurors

Choir/Soloists: Ambassadors For Christ

Court Bailiff

Jesus is Alive

Stage Hand