**The Cross**

As each person speaks their name comes up on the screen. Each biblical character is dressed in something reminiscent of how they would have been dressed in the first century. The three ‘persons’ are dressed in their normal clothes and their real first names come up. The background is a distant view of three crosses on a hill. As a crowd everybody faces the cross. One by one they turn to the audience and say:

Barabbas: It should have been me wot hung there. But ev'ryone shouted to let me go and crucify him instead.

Mary: It should have been me hanging there. Anyone but my perfect boy. No-one should have to watch their son die in such awful, awful pain.

Centurion: It should have been me, not the son of God, who was crucified. I was the one who beat him, who spat on him, who mocked him. He didn't deserve that punishment. I did; after what I'd done to him.

Peter: It should have been me hanging there. Instead, I denied him, I swore I didn't know him to save my own neck. But what had he ever done to deserve that from me? Nothing, he'd done nothing wrong.

Mary Mag: It should have been me there, not the master. You see he'd rescued me from the kind of person I had been, he'd given me a new life. But there wasn't a thing I could do to stop this.

Judas: It should have been me hanging there. I betrayed a good man. I betrayed the best man I ever knew. And now he's dead, and it's all my fault.

Person 1: It should have been me hanging there. Suffering for my sins. But he gladly took my place.

Person 2: It should have been my punishment, but he was punished by God so that I never have to be.

Person 3: It should have been me. But it wasn't. It was Jesus.