

I have myself immersed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. I was trying to figure out how to tell Jesus' story in a new way - a story that is so well known, believed and worshiped.

I stumbled upon a picture in an Oldies magazine that showed a picture of Simon the Cyrene bent over a fallen Jesus beside his cross. The picture was of two actors in the 1927 silent movie "King of Kings."

Well, I ordered it!

It is the story of the adult Jesus at the beginning of his ministry through his resurrection in 26 segments. I began going through the DVD again and again and again - how to show the story for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter? How to edit such a life!

It was an amazing view of Jesus. No words except those displayed occasionally to explain, and then they were almost all scriptural. Beautiful musical background. For Palm Sunday I picked four segments: "Jesus the Great Physician" - as he heals a little boy's leg, and gives sight to a little girl at the urging of his mother Mary; the segment "Suffer the little children" - the children are in an olive tree picking olives and when they see Jesus they rush to him. Judas tries to send them away. A little girl asks him to fix her doll's leg as he can heal. There is a sweetness about the exchange as Jesus is a little perplexed and disciples doubtful but he does it. The third segment "Den of thieves" shows Jesus in the Temple as he observes the money changers, begins turning tables over, releases doves, scatters sheep and even oxen. The fourth segment is "He is our King" and shows the excited people wanting to crown him, he tries to explain his Kingdom is not of this world as he scoops up a lamb.

It has been quite the journey as I reviewed and reviewed.

The Good Friday segments are difficult - "The Last Supper," "The Garden of Gethsemane," "The Crown of Thorns," "The Way of the Cross," and "Calvary."

I'm still deciding. The segments are tough to see. But that was Jesus' journey.

Easter will be "The Resurrection" - one segment - the stone rolled away, the soldiers flee, Mary Magdalene, Jesus' mother, the disciples, the ascension.

For a time, our journey will be as a witness of Jesus' journey.

May you have the blessing of witness, renewal and joy this Easter season.

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