

# Jesus Take My Throne

CHARACTERS: A, B, C, D, E and Jesus

PROPS: chair, 2 phones, Bible

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME:

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Romans 12:1-2

At rise: A is sitting in chair. JESUS is standing off to the side, arms outstretched.

A: Today's Bible reading is Romans 12: 1-2. (*reading in Bible or on phone*) Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. (*puts Bible down*)

Jesus, I want you to be Lord of my life. Here (*patting chair*), come sit on the throne of my heart. I am going to put you and your kingdom first. (*JESUS does, B & C enter*)

B: Hey! Wassup?

A: Not much. What are you guys doing?

B: We are going camping. And best of all, everything is paid for.

C: Yeah, you know (*mention someone's name*)? They made all these reservations but can't go because they have pink eye or something so they gave us the trip. (*B & C ad lib where they are going, how fun it will be and invite A*)

A: Sure. I'm in. When?

C: Saturday.

A: What time?

C: 7

A: That's early.

B: 7 pm.

A: There's not enough time to (*mention the fun things from earlier*)

C: That's for Sunday.

A: I have church on Sunday.

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B: You can skip this once.

C: How often do you get to take an awesome camping trip like this? Think about how much fun (*mention something they will be doing*)

A: (*wavering*) I don't know.

B: Besides you'll be out in nature – God's creation. That's like going to church.

C: Maybe even better. We can sing some praise songs.

A: (*wavering*) I don't know.

B: It's just this one time. You go to church 51 other times a year. You can skip just this once.

A: (*pushing Jesus off the chair and sitting in it*) I guess just this once couldn't hurt.

C: Great. See you Saturday at 7! (*B & C exit. A looks at JESUS, standing with arms outstretched. Rather ashamed.*)

A: Sorry about that. (*Gets up*) Look. I'll cancel. I really want you to be number one in my life. Please, come back on the throne. I mean it. (*JESUS does; D enters*)

D: Hey, how's it going?

A: Just great. How about you?

D: Terrific. Things at the store are really going great.

A: Good.

D: And you're like our number one employee. In fact, you got employee of the month.

A: Cool. I get the parking space, right.

D: Absolutely. And this Employee of the Month pin. (*hands her pin*) And a raise.

A: A raise?!

D: Yes. And to go with that raise, I want to give you more hours.

A: Great.

D: Starting this Wednesday night.

A: Oh, I can't work Wednesday nights. I teach a Bible class at church.

D: But we need you. I had to let several people go and I need you to cover Wednesdays for us.

A: Let people go? Why?

D: They just weren't ... YOU. We need you because you're the best.

A: Thanks. I mean, I do my best. (*wavering*) But I don't know.

D: Just for a few weeks.

A: Well, I guess. (*Pushes JESUS off the chair and sits down*) I guess someone else could teach the little kids for a while.

D: Great. See you Wednesday. (*Exits*)

A: Wow. Employee of the Month. (*Turns and sees JESUS, standing with arms outstretched*) I can't believe I did it again. (*Gets up off chair*) Look. I'll call her. I really do want you to be number one in my life. Please, come back on the throne. I mean it. Really and truly. (*JESUS does; E enters holding phone to ear, phone ringing sound*) Let me grab this call, Jesus. (*into phone*) Hey.

E: (*best gossiping voice*) Did you hear what happened to Carrie Jo?

A: No.

E: She got fired at work. Can you believe it?!

A: Ummm ...

E: I guess the boss is really shaking things up. Did you have any idea?

A: (*wavering*) Ummmm. (*weakly*) Not really .....

E: Do you think it was because (*whispers into the phone*)

A: Ummmm. I really don't think we should be talking about that behind her back.

E: You are too funny. What a hoot. Also, I heard (*whispers into phone*)

A: (*surprised*) Really? She said that about me?

E: That's what Evie told me Kristen told her. (*A moves to chair, pushes, Jesus out and sits down as E and A whisper back and forth with an occasional "She didn't" or ""Wait til Jenny hears this." JESUS stands, arms outspread*)

E: I gotta go. Call me if you hear anything else. (*Exits*)

A: You bet I will. (*Ends call. Talks to Jesus in an upset, copping an attitude tone*) Can you believe what Carrie Jo said about me?

*Silence for a beat.*

A: (*serious and ashamed*) I guess you can. People said some horrible things about you. Did horrible things to you.

*Silence a beat.*

A: Because of me, huh? Because you had to die for my sins. You offered yourself as a sacrifice for me. I'm sorry Jesus. This living sacrifice stuff is just too hard for me.

JESUS: It is. It is too hard for you (*Beat*) alone.

A: Can we try again, together this time? *JESUS nods and A leads Jesus to the chair. JESUS sits. Lights out.*