

FAMILY PORTRAIT  
Costume Plot.

NOTE: Costuming of this play should be the peasant clothing of Middle-Europe. The actors must definitely not use beards, headcovering, or Biblical costumes as the spirit of the play is one which must be both timeless and dateless.

ACT I, Scene 1. The courtyard of a simple carpenter's house in Nazareth. Summer. Early morning.

MARY.....Simple peasant dress, apron  
DANIEL.....Child's shorts with braces, shirt  
SHEPHERD.....Pants, shirt, hat  
NAOMI.....Youthful peasant dress, apron, shawl  
JUDAH.....Pants, shirt, vest, hat, carpenter's apron  
MARY CLEOPHAS.....Dark character lady type peasant dress, sweater  
REBA.....Youthful peasant dress  
JOSEPH.....Pants, shirt, vest, hat, carpenter's apron, cloak  
SIMON.....Pants, shirt, jacket, cloak  
JAMES.....Black pants, jacket, shirt, tie, hat, cloak  
MORDECAI.....Dark pants, shirt, tie, coat, vest, hat

ACT I, Scene 2. A wine shop in Capernaum. About noon. The following spring.

SELIMA.....Bright colored peasant dress, apron, white kercheif on head  
EBEN.....Dark pants, short jacket, shirt, hat, scarf  
WOMAN.....Peasant dress, shawl  
AMOS.....Shirt, pants, apron  
MARY.....Same dress, add cloak with hood, bag  
JAMES.....No change  
JOSEPH.....No change, drop apron, add hat, tie  
SIMON.....No change, drop apron, add hat, tie  
JUDAS.....Pants, long coat, shirt  
MATHIAS.....Merchant type jacket, pants, shirt, tie, hat  
FISHERMAN.....Work type clothes

ACT II, Scene 1. The house in Nazareth. One year later.

REBA .....Peasant type dress, apron  
NAOMI.....Peasant dress, apron  
MARY.....Peasant dress, apron  
MARY CLEOPHAS.....No change, drop sweater, add shawl

HEEZIBAH.....Character lady type peasant dress, fancy shawl  
 JAMES.....No change  
 JOSEPH.....Repeat I-1 work clothes  
 APPIUS HADRIAN.....Judphurs, puttees, military tunic, helmet  
 DANIEL.....Little boy pants, shirt, hat  
 ANNA.....Bright peasant dress  
 EBEN.....No change (Carries blue scarf for Mary)

ACT II, Scene 2. The same. One week later.

HEPZIBAH.....No change  
 ANNA.....No change  
 DANIEL.....No change, add vest  
 MARY.....No change  
 JOSEPH.....Repeat I-1 work clothes  
 SIMON.....Repeat I-1 work clothes  
 MARY CLEOPHAS.....No change  
 JAMES.....No change  
 RABBI.....Long black coat, black pants, shirt, tie, black flat hat  
 MENDEL.....Dark suit, shirt, tie, black flat hat  
 JUDAH.....Repeat I-1 costume, drop apron

ACT III, Scene 1. A street in Jerusalem. The same night.

MARY.....No change (Prop: Cloak for Jesus)  
 MARY CLEOPHAS.....No change  
 MARY MAGDELAN.....Plain dress but with a slight flair  
 NATHAN.....Pants, shirt, vest

ACT III, Scene 3. The house at Nazareth. Eight yeats later Late afternoon.

NAOMI.....Peasant dress, jacket  
 DANIEL.....Pants, shirt  
 SIMON.....Shirt, jacket, pants  
 REBA.....Peasant dress, sash  
 ESTHER.....Light colored peasant dress, bridal veil  
 JOSEPH.....Pants, jacket, shirt, apron  
 MARY.....Dress, shawl  
 BEULAH.....Dark dress and head scarf  
 JUDAH.....Pants, vest, shirt  
 MARY CLEOPHAS.....Dress, shawl  
 MENDEL.....No change  
 LEBAN.....Merchant type jacket, pants, shirt, hat  
 JOSHUA.....Good jacket, pants, hat, shirt  
 RABBI.....No change