

ADVICE ON COSTUMES AND MAKEUP

MEN: all bearded, dark (no blonds, use dark wigs if necessary), young (near the age of Jesus: 33), rough weave clothes, no pastel colors.

WOMEN: hair completely covered, no ornaments except on wealthy women (copper coin headbands, gold bracelets, rings).

JESUS: tall, muscular carpenter, enlarge eyes with eye liner, shadow under cheekbones and beside nose (thin-faced), turn eyebrows up in center for pensive look, offwhite seamless robe.

PETER: burley, suntanned fisherman, rough clothes, short robe, no cloak, sword in rope belt.

ANDREW: same as his brother Peter, except no sword.

JOHN: youngest disciple, suntanned fisherman, tall & thin like cousin Jesus.

JAMES: same as his brother John, but older.

MATTHEW: oily look of a used car salesman, slick back hair, rich clothes.

JAMES THE LESS: resembles his brother Matthew, but smaller and less rich in his clothing.

JUDAS: tall, thin, heavy brows meet in the middle and go up on the ends (satanic look), dark eye shadow, frown lines, hair oiled, slicked forward with oily curls around the face, rich clothing, money pouch in belt or thick sash.

SIMON THE ZEALOT: wild hair, sleeveless garment to show muscles, frown lines in forehead, sword in belt.

NATHANAEL: suntanned fisherman.

PHILIP: suntanned fisherman.

THOMAS: eyebrows arched (a doubter), tall, thin faced.

THADDEUS: ordinary, older man.

MARY OF NAZARETH: age 47, older but still lovely face, eyebrows turned up in middle, light blue robe (a concession to church tradition).

SALOME: age 45, resembles her older sister Mary, high eyebrows (proud of her sons), ordinary dress (wife of fisherman).

JOANNA: age 45, very wealthy widow.

MARY OF GALILEE: age 40, nicely dressed widow.

MARY OF MAGDALA: age 30, heavy makeup, tasteful rich clothes, bangles, jewels (formerly a high-priced harlot).

SUSANNA: age 25 or younger, white headcloth of maidenhood, may come bearing flowers (spring blossoms such as amaryllis).