

Biblical times meets the modern day when some famous figures from the Bible bring their counter parts on to a chat show to air their problems and get some answers.

This is a not-so-serious take on how things could go if The Jeremy Kyle show existed alongside different biblical themed events. What if Adam and Eve wanted to be Adam and Steve?, Does Lucifer deserve a second chance?, Why did God wipe out the Dinosaurs?, Is God jealous of all the attention Santa gets at Christmas?, Why did God abandon his son? These are just some of the questions that Jeremiah Kyle and his dedicated support staff will be facing.

In this scene, written for theatre performance in mind, Joseph has brought Mary on the show to get a DNA test done, he believes Mary could be lying to him about Jesus's parentage and he thinks one of the three wise men could be the real father of Jesus. Meanwhile the three wisemen show up to prove they are just innocent bystanders and have nothing to do with Joseph and Mary's family situation. Jeremiah is in the middle of it all, can he get to the truth?.

The stage set up to mimic that of the Jeremy Kyle show, with a big logo behind the guests seats while Jeremiah talks directly to the audience rather than into a camera.

List of Characters in the scene:

Jeremiah Kyle (JK)

Joseph

Mary

Wiseman1 (Billy)

Wiseman2 (Cas – as in Cassanova)

Wiseman3 (Mel) The "wisemen" are quite chav-like, wearing tracksuits, hoodies

Jesus - as a teenager but looks and dresses as traditional images of Jesus show him.

Voice/Bob

## Jeremiah Kyle show

**JK :** Good morning and welcome. We have a great show in store for you today, so let's get started. My first guest is Joseph who's here to get a DNA test done on his son to try to find out who the father is.

Here's the interesting part though. Joseph already knows that HE is not the father. Let's welcome Joseph to the show.

**JK:** So Joseph, tell us why you're here.

**Joseph:** Well Jeremiah it's like this. When my wife fell pregnant, she admitted straight away that I wasn't the father. There were some strange circumstances behind her pregnancy, but I gave her the benefit of the doubt and I was willing to believe her. However, when he was born. These three guys happened to show up, each with a gift.

Now some folk might say that it's just coincidence but how likely is it? Know what I mean? We've just arrived in a place we've never been in years and these guys just happen to show up, with gifts, at the time the kid was born. I dunno, something just seemed off to me, so I'm here to try to find out the truth

**JK:** You mentioned that something was strange about the pregnancy, what was so weird about it?

**Joseph:** Well, she claims that some ghost got her pregnant

**JK:** A Ghost?

**Joseph:** Aye, she called it something else, but it sounded like a ghost

**JK:** I've never heard that one before. Tell you what, why don't we get her out to explain it to us. Please, welcome Mary on

**JK:** So Mary, tell us about this pregnancy.

**Mary:** Well Jeremiah it's like this. One night I was alone at home, Joseph was out on the lash see, and there was this brilliant bright light, right in front of me. Well once it dimmed there was this guy who said he was an angel stood in front of me and he told me that I would give birth to a son, that he should be called Jesus and that he was going to be very important.

I found it kinda odd though. At the time I was still a virgin coz Joseph was suffering from a bit of brewers droop if you get my meaning.

**Joseph**<embarrassed>: Jesus Christ woman

<Jesus pops his head on to the stage>

**Jesus:** Yes dad?

**Joseph:** Not you, get back there until your called

**Jesus:** ok dad

< Jesus leaves the stage >

**Mary:** Anyway, that's pretty much it, 9 months later out he popped.

**JK:** So what about the three men that Joseph mentioned, how do they fit into things?

**Mary:** I don't know, I've never met them before.

We had arrived in Bethlehem and just managed to find somewhere with a roof in time to give birth and these strangers just, appeared.

I don't know if they had been smoking or drinking or something but they seemed friendly enough and even gave the baby some gifts. We're by no means rich, so I wasn't going to turn away freebies

**JK:** You must admit though, that it does seem a bit suspicious. These people showing up out of the blue just in time to celebrate the birth of your child, don't you think?

**Mary:** I guess so, but at the time I was shattered. I'd just given birth for crying out loud! I was in no state to be worrying about how paranoid Joe would be.

**JK:** Well, I suppose it's only fair we hear from the three strangers, lets welcome them to the show

**JK:** So guys, care to tell us your side of the story? Joseph here is concerned one of you might be the father.

**Billy:** Nah man, ya got it a'wrang

**Cas:** Aye, he must be oota his nut if he hinks wan O us got his missus up the duff

**Mel:** Too right Jere, it was aw just a conscientious, we wuldnae touch her wi a barge pole, she's married, that's askin fer trouble

**JK:** You mean coincidence?

**Mel:** Aye, sorry. I'm a wee bit nervous. Ah huvnae been in front of a crowd this big since my last court date

**JK:** So, tell us what happened and about these gifts

**Billy:** Well it was like this. We were oot on a bender, we'd had a bit too much to drink, at the time we thought it'd be great tae go an' chore some random stuff just for a laugh like.

**Cas:** Aye, so we went doon the high street an' just broke intae some random pound shop like and grabbed a few bits before leggin it

**Mel:** We woulda been a'right but the coppers shown up quicker than we thought, so we had tae scarper.

**Billy:** We ran about a bit before we bumped into these two, she had a wee Bairn so we thought it'd be a good place get rid o what we'd snatched

**JK:** and what was it you had taken?

**Billy:** I hud grabbed a gold necklace

**Cas:** A wee bottle of extra virgin olive oil

**Mel:** Er, some.. Erm... Anusol

**JK:** So you brought gifts of Gold, Olive oil and Haemorrhoid cream?

**Billy:** It was'nae like that, they wer'nae gifts. We just wanted rid a them before the coppers grabbed us

**JK:** and none of you had seen this woman before that night?

**Cas:** Naw man, nae scoobi who she is

**JK:** Well these guys seem pretty sure they're not father's, so why don't we get the results out.

<JK looks in a direction off stage and asks for the envelopes, they are handed to him and he walks back near his guests>

**JK:** We had everyone take a DNA test to see if we can find out who Jesus's father is

<Jk opens one up and reads out the results slowly in a way that will build a little tension>

**JK:** So, after testing we can confirm that Billy... Is Not the father.

<Mary smugly smiles, Joseph is looking nervous>

**JK:** Cas, you said you never touched her?

**Cas:** No even on accident, like that time I got mah willie stuck in the toaster when I fell doon on it

<Everyone on stage turns to look at him with surprised/confused looks>

<JK opens a second envelope>

**JK:** Err, okay.. moving on. The results say that, wiseman2 <pause>..is not the father

**Cas:** Told ya it wisnae me

**JK:** And lastly, Mel. Before I read this, Joseph. What will you do if it turns out Mel's the father?

**Joseph:** I don't know, I haven't given it much thought. I've been too busy just trying to get to the truth

**JK:** Well, our aftercare team will help you with whatever your next step might be

<JK opens up the last envelope>

**JK:** Mel, anything you want to tell us? I have the results but there's a note here. Do you know what it might say?"

**Mel:** If ah had tae take a guess, I'd say that it tells ye I canny be the Da because I'm a girl, just in case you lot bloody missed these <grabs breasts>

**JK:** Correct. Mel is definitely NOT the father, because she's a woman

**Cas:** That explains what you were trying to do the other night at the bus stop

**Billy:** Jesus Christ!

<Jesus pops His head on stage>

**Jesus:** Did someone shout me?

**Joseph:** "Not you!"

**Jesus:** ok dad, sorry

<Jesus leaves again>

**JK:** Mary, Joseph. What happens next?

<Before either can speak, lights dim, a bright light covers Mary and Joseph, a loud voice booms>

**Voice:** I AM THE FATHER!

<Everyone reacts>

<Lights go back to normal>

**Mary:** See I told you!

**Joseph:** bloody hell!

<Jk puts a finger to his ear>

**JK:** Sorry everyone, please stay calm, that was just Bob the sound guy having a laugh

**Joseph:** Jesus Christ!

<Jesus pops on stage>

**Jesus:** Yes dad?

**Everyone:** NOT YOU!

End scene