

2 Kings 1

Jesus: Welcome back to our show and welcome to 2 Kings. When we last left off... *(Jesus looks at his notes while the Actors playing Jehoram and Ahaziah get in place)* Ah yes, Jehosaphat has just died and his terrible son Jehoram has taken over. And on the North side, we've got Ahab's son Ahaziah. Well, he falls through the balcony railing at his house and never recovers. Since he had no son, his brother takes over. His brother... Jehoram... yes, that's right. The king of the North is ALSO named Jehoram – we'll call you JN – Jehoram North, and the king of South is named Jehoram, we'll call you JS. Not only did they have their names in common but *(he points the buzzer SR and buzzes it. Then he points his bother SL and buzzes it)* they both stunk. But for a moment, we're going to take a break from kings and focus on these two: Elijah and Elisha. You remember Elijah? He was the one who fought 400 prophets then ran from the evil queen Jezabell, then need a nap and a snack to recover. God gave him an assistant named Elisha, who was awesome. We're jumping back into their story near the end of Elijah's life. *(Those 2 actors step forward, Elisas is wearing a cloak)*

2 Kings 2

Elijah: Now, Elisha, you and I both know that God is going to take me soon.

Elisha: Noooo! You can't leave me. I don't know what I'm doing.

Elijah: You're going to be fine. I'll tell you what, what do you want me to leave you for after I go?

Elisha: I want to have the same spirit of God that you do. Wait, no. I want to have DOUBLE what you did.

Elijah: Oh wow. Really good request! Solid, solid choice. Unfortunately, that's not up to me. But *(pauses and looks up to God)* I think that if you see God take me away, then God will grant you your request. If you don't see what happens to me then it's a no.

Elisha: Fair enough. *(They start to exit and Elijah drops his cloak. When Elijah is off stage but Elisha is still on stage, he stops)* Hey Elijah, what's that behind you? Is that... whoa is that a chariot and horse made of... of fire?? Oh, you're getting into the chariot. I guess this is.. aaaand you're gone. Wow. That was something to behold. Wait... I saw it... that means.... I wonder how I'll know. *(He sees the cloak)* Master left his cloak. *(He picks it up and walks to the other side of the stage)* How am I going to get back across the Jordan River? *(He looks at the cloak)* I guess now is the time to find out if I have God's spirit with me. Now what did Elijah do to part the Jordan before? *(Pause)* I think he... rolled the coat up *(he does that)*. Ok, God. Show me if you are with me. *(He hits the cloak on the ground, towards off stage, then looks off stage as if he's watching the Jordan part in front of him. Or feel free to get clever with stage crew holding blue material and having that part in front of him)*. IT WORKED! God and I just parted the Jordan!!!

2 Kings 3

Jesus: And that was the first of MANY miracles God did through Elisha. Now when the king of Moab heard that Ahab was dead, he tried to revolt against JN. He goes over to the South side to ask help from... oh, umm... *(He shows JS the script, he shrugs his shoulders and walks back to the actor who played Jehosaphat)*.

Jehosaphat: But I'm dead.

Jesus: The bible back tracked. I don't know what to tell you.

(Jehosaphat shrugs and takes his place DS)

JN *(cups his mouth with his hand as if he is yelling a long distance and yells across the stage)*: King Jehosaphat, I beseech you to join me in fighting the Moabites who are trying to come against me.

Jehosaphat *(doing the same motion)*: Yeah, ok. How should we get there?

JN: Through Edom.

Jehosaphat: Cool. Let's go! *(They meet center stage, then walk together for a bit and then stop)* I think we're lost.

JN: Yes. God has gotten us lost and now we will die. Oh, the humanity!

Jehosaphat: Let's not get dramatic. Hey, isn't that Elisha? He'll help us! *(Elisha stands/enters)*

JN: Please help us!

Elisha: Go ask your dead idol gods to help you. I don't want anything to do with you.

JN: It's the God of All Armies who got us here, I just know it. I demand help from you!

Jehosaphat: Please?

Elisha: Ugh. Fine. But only because I like him *(Points to Jehosaphat and they do a fist bump)* Someone play music while I speak! *(JN motions to another actor who runs over with a toy instrument. A sound effect of lovely music comes on softly)* Dig ditches all around you. You won't hear the wind or see the rain, but tomorrow morning all the ditches will fill up with water. You can give your animals water. And then you can go kick some Moabite Boo-tay.

Jesus: So with no proof that it would work, with only the word of the Prophet of God, they dug the ditches. Hint hint. The next morning the ditches were full of water. And even better than that, when the sun hit the water, it looked red. Like pools of blood. The Moabites thought all the people had killed each other so they ran to get all the loot. And walked right into a trap. Isreal defeated the Moabites with almost no effort on their part. (*JN and Jehosaphat did a high five.*) You guys can sit down now. (*Elisha is standing DS by himself. Poor Woman and Poor Woman's Sons 1 and 2 come over to him*) I should also point out that the land had been hit by a very bad famine. The famine lasted 7 years, we're only at the beginning of it.

2 Kings 4

Poor Woman: Please, Man of God. Please help me. My husband died owing people money and now they want to sell my boys. I'll have nothing. I'll be left to die.

Elisah: Do you have ANYTHING?

Poor Woman: I have a tiny bit of oil.

Elisha: Ok, have your sons go around and gather as many empty jars from your neighbors as they can find. Then go home, lock your door, and start pouring oil into each jar.

Poor Woman: Ok...?

Elisha: Go! (*They run off stage. Elisha looks out into the audience and says hello or winks or does something silly. PW runs back onstage*)

Poor Woman: That. Was. Awesome. The oil just kept coming. Jar after jar was full.

Elisha: Go sell what you need to pay off your husband's debt and keep the rest to live on.

Poor Woman: Thank you so much!!

Elisha: No problem.

Jesus: one day, Elisah was passing through Shunem, which is a city in the land allotted to the tribe of Issachar. (*Elisah walks across stage whistling*) While there –

Margaret: You're the prophet, Elisah, aren't you!

Elisha: I am. And you are?

Margaret: My name is Margaret.

Jesus: That probably wasn't her name.

Margaret: My husband and I would love to serve you dinner.

Elisah: That sounds great. I could eat.

Margaret: This way. (*They exit*)

Jesus: And that became the custom. Whenever Elisha passed through Shunem, he would stop and eat with Margaret and her husband. He travelled there so often that – (*Elisah and Margaret enter*)

Elisha: So you're telling me that you and your husband are going to build a room on the top of your house for me to stay in when I'm in town?

Margaret: Yup. Even if you just need a quick nap. It's all yours.

Elisha: Why?

Margaret: Well, we're super rich and you're a very important guy and we don't have any kids so we might as well spend our money on you.

Elisha: Wow. That's awesome. Thank you! I would like to do something for you.

Margaret: Nah. I've got everything I need. (*She smiles and exits*)

Elisha: Gary!

Jesus: Gary's name is actually Gehazi, but we thought we'd simplify. Gary was Elisha's assistant.

Gary: What's up, boss?

Elisha: Can you think of anything we can do for Margaret? She's been really great to us.

Gary: Well, she doesn't have any kids and her husband is super old.

Elisha: Gary, you're a genius! Margaret!

Margaret: Do you need something?

Elisha: I want to offer you a gift. God said it was ok. By this time next year, you'll be nursing an infant son.

Margaret: Oh, Holy Man. Please don't play games with me. I don't want to wish for such a thing.

Elisah: I would never do such a thing. Trust me. (*The all freeze*)

Jesus: Elisah went on his way and sure enough, Margaret had a baby. The bible doesn't always play nice with timelines. The next chapter starts with "The boy grew up. And died." Don't worry. Elisha handled it. (*They unfreeze. Margaret is out of breath as if she's been running*)