

“Maybe” by Joanna Ruth Wirtz

Cast: Jesus, Pete, Cindy, Tyler, Tour Guide, Mom, Tour Group (Tour Group includes at least 2 people)

(Jesus is standing on stage right. Tour Guide walks up on stage left with Tour Group, Cindy, Pete, and Tyler following behind her. She stops to face audience and her group faces her.)

Tour Guide: It's another lovely day on our Holy Land Cruise, and today we're in the middle of the Lake of Galilee. In the distance on my left—your right—you can see Gennesaret right over there.

(Tour group oohs & ahhs & takes pictures.)

Tour Guide: And on my right—your left—you can see the divine Son of God walking on the water. Ahoy, there!

(Tour guide points and waves. Tour group oohs & ahhs & takes pictures)

Jesus: Come out and meet me.

Tour Guide: Oh, no, sorry. We're on a tight schedule. See you later, Jesus!

(Tour group exits. Cindy stays behind.)

Cindy: Is it really you?

Jesus: Yes

Cindy: Can I walk on water, too?

Jesus: Yes, if you'll just get out of the boat.

(Cindy sticks a toe into the water and jumps back.)

Cindy: Eek! It's cold! Maybe another time when it's a little warmer.

(Cindy runs off. Pete walks up.)

Pete: So is that you, Jesus?

Jesus: Yes. Come out and meet me.

Pete: You want me to grab a rowboat?

Jesus: No, just get out of the boat.

Pete: You want me to swim?

Jesus: No, you can walk.

Pete: Yeah, right. Let me grab a life vest first.

(Pete walks off. Tyler walks up.)

Tyler: So, Jesus... what's it like, walking on water?

Jesus: Good. You should try it.

Tyler: I don't know. It looks dangerous. What about sharks? Are there any sharks down there?

Jesus: Maybe.

Tyler: Maybe? Don't you know?

Jesus: I want you to trust me.

Tyler: I'm not going out there unless you promise there's no sharks.

Jesus: Then I guess you won't come walking with me.

(Tyler walks off. Pete comes back, wearing a life vest.)

Pete: I'm ready now.

Jesus: The lifejacket won't help you.

Pete: But I'm new at this. I can't just waltz out there like a pro. Maybe I should try practicing in the kiddie pool first?

Jesus: No, that won't work. You have to trust me and do it. "Do or do not, there is no try."

Pete: Ha, ha. I don't know if I can do that, Jesus.

Mom: *(offstage)* Pete!

Pete: I think I hear my mom calling me. Will you be here later?

Jesus: Maybe.

Pete: Maybe? Don't you know?

Jesus: This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, Pete, and it may never come back.

Pete: But you're Jesus!

Jesus: And you're you! Do you expect me to put the universe on hold just for you because you may—or may not—take a step of faith that could change your life?

Mom: *(offstage)* Pete!

Pete: I gotta go, Jesus. Maybe I'll catch you later. Maybe...