

40 DAYS

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EXT - MUDDY RIVER - DAY

A muddy brown river, the current flows quickly, impossible to see what's beneath the surface.

Suddenly, bubbles appears on the surface, then more, something is coming up. The water explodes in a million drops and a bearded man, dressed in a white robe, emerges from below. He gasps for air. Looks up to the sky, opens his arms. Then shivers and hugs himself.

JESUS

Damn, it's so cold!

TITLE - 40 DAYS

EXT - DESERT - DAY

Jesus walks into the desert, a small shape in the vast horizon.

TITLE - DAY 1

As Jesus walks, he looks at his surroundings as if this is the first time he sees any of the objects in front of him, appreciating the skills of his Father. He opens his arms and, as he walks, he talks to the skies.

JESUS

Oh, Father, here I am before You,
ready to follow Your-- Ouch!

Jesus stumbles onto a rock and nearly falls to the ground. He grabs his foot.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Ouch, ouch, holy ouch!

Jesus looks around and he can only see rocks, a sea of rocks. He looks up to the sky.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Rocks. I wouldn't have minded a
road or something.

Jesus looks at his foot. The toe is bleeding. He grimaces. He looks around, sees no one, he crouches so nobody can see, not even Father. He points at his toe with his finger. Focuses. Then thinks better... no, he cannot do that.

DEVIL (O.S.)

Hello stranger!

Jesus jumps, startled, grabs a rock in self defense.

JESUS
I wasn't doing anything! I was
just...

The DEVIL looks at Jesus, curious. He's an old man wearing rags.

DEVIL
So you were...

Jesus looks at the rock, doesn't know what to say.

JESUS
I was...

DEVIL
You were...

JESUS
I was... talking?

DEVIL
... to the rock?

JESUS
Er... maybe?

DEVIL
Don't feel bad, I do that all the
time, there's not much to do here,
but talking to the rocks. Look
here, this is my best friend.

The Devil opens his robe and exposes a shiny, sparkling rock.
Jesus looks at it, impressed. Reflections all over his face.

JESUS
Your rock is very nice indeed,
Stranger.

DEVIL
Call me Dev-- Dem-- Desmond!

JESUS
May the Peace be with you, Desmond.
I am Jesus, but my friends call me
J.C.

DEVIL
May the Peace be with you. I guess
J is Jesus. What does the "C" stand
for?

JESUS

I think it's because I have a very
big...

The Devil opens his eyes, cannot help look at Jesus' crotch.
Jesus blushes.

JESUS (CONT'D)

Charisma!

An awkward moment. A rolling bush passes in front of them.

JESUS (CONT'D)

So, this rock...

DEVIL

Oh, yes, this is no ordinary rock.
See? This is a diamond.

The Devil passes Jesus a huge shiny diamond rock.

JESUS

This is beautiful. What is it for?

DEVIL

This is a very valuable rock, it
can influence people's minds.

Jesus looks interested. Turns the diamond in his hand.

JESUS

This little thing? Oh, my!

DEVIL

You cannot imagine what people can
do to get one of these.

JESUS

I wish I could influence people so
easily. You know, I have a mission--

Jesus shuts up, not sure if He can trust this stranger.

DEVIL

Oh, but you could. If only you
could make more of this. I heard of
someone able to turn common rocks
into diamonds.

Jesus thinks.

JESUS

It would be really helpful if it is
as you say. Maybe I could...

DEVIL
Excuse me?

JESUS
Well... em... maybe I could try.

A devilish smile on the Devil's face.

DEVIL
Be my guest.

Jesus grabs a rock and puts it on the palm of his hand. He focuses, closes his eyes. The Devil looks at the rock, excited. The rock suddenly disappears. Jesus opens his eyes. The Devil is surprised.

DEVIL (CONT'D)
Where did it go?

Jesus looks around. A surprised look in his face.

JESUS
I have no idea. Never did this before. Maybe I should try again.

The Devil brings him another rock. Jesus focuses again. ZAP, the rock disappears.

JESUS (CONT'D)
Maybe it's too strong. Bring me another one!

As the day goes by, the operation repeats: the Devil passes rocks to Jesus and he can only make them disappear, until there's a wide clearance of rocks around them.

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