

The Security Guard and the upper room

Plot: A security Guard has previously been detailed to watch a tomb. But the tomb has been vacated right under his eyes. He has come to the upper room to see if the apostle Clive knows anything about it. The Apostle Clive is a bit suspicious.

Characters: Security Guard (SG)
The Apostle Clive

[Curtains up on empty stage. Stage left is a puppet theatre with a Gorilla (Clive) sitting on it. There is a column slightly to one side of the puppet stage.]

Clive: Hello. Alright? Today - ladies and gentleman, boys and girls - I am the Apostle Clive. You may not have heard of me before, but that is because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John forgot that I was 'ere. 'cause as I am so quiet. Like.

Let me fill you in on the story so far.

You see, Jesus had gone an got imself killed on a cross. Right?
And he had been buried in a tomb. Right?
And the tomb had been all closed up wiv a big stone... Right?
And there had been a couple of burly brutish Security Guards, posted on it. Right?
And well, we all fought that that was that. Init.

But it weren't. You see Jesus. On the day after the day after the day that he got dead-ed. Well, He got raised-ed didn't he!

And not only that. But now that he was raised-ed, he could do some weird stuff like appearing in locked rooms. David Blaine ain't got nothin' on Jesus.
An you know what? He appeared right here in the upper room only last night.

It were amazin, there we were the 13 Apostles, all sat there moping around, feelin sorry for us selves, when who should show up? Jesus of course. Now most of us didn't bat an eyelid. After all, he'd done the same thing the night before. So we was getting used to it.

But Thomas! Well, he didn't believe us the first time. So can you you image the shock...?

SFX: [doorbell - bing bong]

Clive: [Jumps] Gordon Bennett, that gave me a start.

SG: [Offstage] Open up! ... Is anyone there? ... Hello?

Clive: [To Audience] Shhh. It's one of em big brutish security guards! He'll have our guts fur garters! And me fur for a winter hat!
Don't tell em I'm here, he'll have us all locked up in prison!
[Clive hides behind a column that is obviously too narrow.]

SG: Open up!

[No answer]

SG: Right. I'm coming in!

SFX: [Crash as door broken down]

SG: Sorry, Door handle was a bit loose.

[Enter SG]

SG: I'm sure I heard voices!

[to audience] did you hear voices? [ad lib: eventually spots Clive hiding.]

Hello Hello. You're the Apostle Clive aren't you?

Clive: Who sir? Me sir? No sir. Not I sir. Me thinks sir, you have me confused with another person of simbliger stature. I couldn't possibly be the Apostle Clive, because he does not talketh as posh as I!

SG: You're not fooling me with that old trick. Who else but the Apostle Clive would try and hide behind a column that was not big enough?

Clive: Ah. That's true. You got me on that one. I'll come quietly. Just please let me keep my fur. I've grown quite attached to it over the years. [Sighs] Which way to the station?

SG: I don't want to take you to the station. I just want to ask you some questions.

Clive: Go on on then. Better get it over with.

SG: [Assumes interrogating type stance] Did you, or did you not, on the night of the night before last, meet here in the upper room with the other Apostles.

Clive: [cautiously] yes...

SG: And furthermore, did you or did you not later claim that you had seen Jesus?

Clive: [warily] Yes...

SG: In that case, Apostle Clive, I have no further option that to ask you my last question.
[Pause]

Can you help me?

Clive: I did it! It was me! I admit every...
What?

SG: Can you help me?

Clive: What do you mean?

SG: Can you help me to understand what is happening?

Clive: Well, I...

SG: This last week has been a real struggle for me. I just can't make head or tail of what is going on!

Clive: OK. I think you had better start at the beginning.

SG: OK. I was there at the tomb and had just finished rigging up a security camera. one minute I was at the top of the ladder, then the next minute I was face down in the mud, and the tomb was open! I think I've done something to me back!

I dashed inside to make sure that all was well. But there was nothing there! Just the grave clothes all neatly laid out like they had just come back from the laundrette.

So what did I do? I went back to the control room, and got the tape from the camera and replayed it over and over. And there's me, stood there. And then....

There's only one way in and one way out....

Number one security guard in the country, no one gets past me...

And yet...

This was no ordinary man.

Clive: You are right.

Let me tell you about Jesus. You see, He is the Son of God. Which makes him quite High and Mighty. But you know what? He came to take away all the bad things that we have done, so that we could then live with Jesus in eternal life.

You can't get more extraordinary than that.