

# Andrew Lloyd Webber, This Jesus Must Die

PRIEST 1

Good Caiaphas the council waits for you  
The Pharisees and Priests are here for you

CAIAPHAS

Ah gentlemen - you know why we are here  
We've not much time and quite a problem here

CROWD (outside)

Hosanna! Superstar!...

ANNAS

Listen to that howling mob of blockheads in the street!  
A trick or two with lepers and the whole town's on its feet

ALL

He is dangerous

CROWD (outside)

Jesus Christ Superstar - tell us that you're who they say you are

ALL

He is dangerous

PRIEST 1

That man is in town right now to whip up some support

PRIEST 2

A rabble rousing mission that I think we must abort

ALL

He is dangerous !

CROWD ( outside )

Jesus Christ Superstar....

ALL

He is dangerous!

PRIEST 2

Look Caiaphas - they 're right outside our yard

PRIEST 1

Quick Caiaphas - go call the Roman guard

CAIAPHAS

No wait - we need a more permanent solution to our problem...

ANNAS

What then to do about Jesus of Nazareth  
Miracle wonderman - hero of fools?

PRIEST 2

No riots, no army, no fighting, no slogans

CAIAPHAS

One thing I'll say for him - Jesus is cool

ANNAS

We dare not leave him to his own devices  
His half-witted fans will get out of control

PRIEST 1

How can we stop him?

PRIEST 2

His glamour increases

PRIEST 1

By leaps every minute

PRIEST 2

He's top of the poll

CAIAPHAS

I see bad things arising - the crowd crown him king  
Which the Romans would ban  
I see blood and destruction, our elimination because of one man  
Blood and destruction because of one man

ALL

Because, because, because of one man

CAIAPHAS

Our elimination because of one man

ALL

Because, because, because of one, 'cause of one, 'cause of one man

PRIEST 1

What then to do about this Jesusmania?  
ANNAS

How do we deal with the carpenter king?

PRIEST 1

Where do we start with a man who is bigger

PRIEST 2

Than John was when John did his Baptism thing?

CAIAPHAS

Fools! You have no perception!  
The stakes we are gambling are frighteningly high!  
We must crush him completely!  
So like John before him, this Jesus must die  
For the sake of the nation this Jesus must die

ALL

Must die, must die, this Jesus must die

CAIAPHAS

So like John before him, this Jesus must die

ALL

Must die, must die, this Jesus must,  
Jesus must, Jesus must die!