

<b>Advent 2022 Week #1</b>	
<b>DRAMA</b>	
<b>Surprise!</b>	
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<b>Topic:</b>	Prophecy fulfilled
<b>Scripture:</b>	Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 33:15; Hosea 11:1; Micah 5:2.
<b>Synopsis:</b>	A man plans a surprise party for himself.
<b>Characters:</b>	Fabiana – a party planner Darryl – the guest of honor
<b>Props/Costumes:</b>	Fabiana should be dressed in bright/loud/over-the-top clothes and should have a phone or a tablet. Darryl should be dressed casually.
<b>Setting:</b>	A large banquet hall.
<b>Running time:</b>	3 minutes

[*Fabiana and Darryl enter looking around the room as they walk.*]

**Fabiana:** [*pointing as she enters*] And we'll have the fountain right in the center of the room with ice sculptures in each of the corners.

**Darryl:** [*trying to visualize*] Fantastic!

**Fabiana:** Now, did you want the balloon arch as you come into the room or by the dessert table?

**Darryl:** Oh, definitely as you come into the room. This is going to be the best surprise party ever. Thank you so much, Fābiana [*pronounced with a long 'a'*]

**Fabiana:** [*over exaggerating the 'ah'*] That's Fah-biana, darling. It rhymes with fah-bulous.

**Darryl:** Well, thank you, Fah-biana. Everything looks great.

**Fabiana:** You're very welcome, darling. Now, let's go over the menus one last time.

**Darryl:** Did you add those little sausage things? My mother really loves them.

**Fabiana:** Yes, I did. But that put you over budget, so we had to lose the fried mozzarella.

**Darryl:** Oh no, not the mozzarella! Aunt Kathy loves the mozzarella. I think I can come up with the extra money for the budget.

**Fabiana:** If you say so. [*enters info into tablet*] Is there anything else you'd like to add?

**Darryl:** No, I'm really pleased with the way this is shaping up. This is going to be the party of the year.

**Fabiana:** You certainly are going all out. I hope the guest of honor will be as pleased as you are.

**Darryl:** Oh, I am.

**Fabiana:** I know you're pleased. I meant the guest of honor. I hope he or she is excited. *[pause]* So how is the surprise going to work?

**Darryl:** Well, the guests will get here around 7:00 for the appetizers and general chit chat. Then at 7:15, the lights will dim, everyone will hide behind the indoor obstacle course, I'll walk in, and everyone will jump out and yell, "Surprise!"

**Fabiana:** So, you're bringing the guest of honor in with you?

**Darryl:** Of course... Wait, what do you mean?

**Fabiana:** The guest of honor. He or she is coming in with you.

**Darryl:** Why do you keep saying he or she?

**Fabiana:** Well, I don't know who your guest is, so I'm just generalizing.

**Darryl:** But I'm the guest of honor.

**Fabiana:** *[a bit confused]* You mean that you're bringing the guest of honor.

**Darryl:** If you mean that I'm bringing myself, then yes.

**Fabiana:** But you're planning this party?

**Darryl:** Yes.

**Fabiana:** A surprise party?

**Darryl:** Yes.

**Fabiana:** *[puzzled]* For yourself?

**Darryl:** Yes.

**Fabiana:** Am I missing something?

**Darryl:** I don't think so. *[pause]* So I'll see you Saturday?

**Fabiana:** Hang on. Let me get this straight: You're throwing a surprise party – for yourself?

**Darryl:** Yeah. Who did you think this was for?

**Fabiana:** Well, I assumed that it was for someone else. Surprise parties are usually given for someone not expecting a party – thus the surprise!

**Darryl:** Well, I'll act surprised.

**Fabiana:** [*in disbelief*] What?

**Darryl:** [*very excited, jumping up with hands in the air*] Is this for me?

**Fabiana:** But you're planning this.

**Darryl:** Yes.

**Fabiana:** And all the guests know you're planning this?

**Darryl:** Yes.

**Fabiana:** And they know it's for you?

**Darryl:** Yes.

**Fabiana:** You know it's not really going to be a surprise, don't you?

**Darryl:** Well, yeah.

**Fabiana:** Then why are you having a surprise party?

**Darryl:** Because I really like surprises.

**Fabiana:** But it's not going to be a surprise.

**Darryl:** I know. But I still like them.

**Fabiana:** Well, is it at least your birthday?

**Darryl:** No, that's not until April, but if you're not busy . . .

**Fabiana:** I'll let you know. I need to see how this thing works out.

**Darryl:** Great. I'll be in touch.

**Fabiana:** Is there anything else, darling?

**Darryl:** Nope. I think I'm good. See you Saturday?

**Fabiana:** I'll be here with bells on.

**Darryl:** Really?

**Fabiana:** You'll have to see. I don't want to ruin the surprise.

[*Blackout*]

*\*Optional segue*

The birth and ministry of Jesus came as a surprise to many of the Jewish leaders. But if they had been paying attention to the prophecies, they would have known that the long-promised Messiah had arrived.