

Outside the Praetorium — Audition Side

(The stone courtyard outside Pilate's hall. Voices echo from inside.)

LEAH

They're still arguing?

MARCUS

They've been arguing since sunrise. They'll argue through sunset if it lets them avoid saying what they actually want.

LEAH

Which is?

MARCUS

You already know.

LEAH

I know what they're afraid of. That's not the same thing.

MARCUS

Fear usually wears a better costume.

LEAH

You think he's dangerous.

MARCUS

I think men who make crowds feel brave are always dangerous.

LEAH

He doesn't make them brave. He makes them... awake.

MARCUS

That's worse.

LEAH

They didn't plan for this. I can tell.

MARCUS

No one ever plans for a man who won't defend himself.

LEAH

He could stop this if he wanted.

MARCUS

So could your priests.

LEAH

They believe they're protecting God.