

(ALL begin “making up” with their enemies in a general love fest that gradually gets noisier during the following. By the end, ALL have gotten into a group circle and are shouting “Love-love-love” as they jump up and down, or some equally disruptive and ostentatious display of how much they “love” one another. As this is occurring, JESUS continues his lesson.)

START

(JESUS)

If you love only those who love you, what is there extraordinary in that? Even the heathen do as much. No, your goodness must know no bounds, just as your Heavenly Father’s goodness knows no limit.

(By now, the “love fest” has become so noisy, JESUS has to cross USL, pick up saw-horse, and slam it down to get their attention, or get their attention some other way. ALL fall silent and turn to look at him.)

But, be careful not to make a show of your religion before men.

ALL

(They hang their heads in shame.)

~~Oh-----~~

JESUS

Because if you do, no reward awaits you in the kingdom of my Father. When you do some act of charity, don’t announce it with a flourish of trumpets, as the heathen do in the synagogues and in the streets. I tell you they do it just to win admiration from men. No, when you do some act of charity...

(JESUS takes out magic scarf.)

...don’t let your right hand know...what your left hand is doing.

(JESUS changes color of the scarf.)

[NOTE: In the 2012 Broadway Revival, the trick involved JESUS pouring what appeared to be colorless water into another glass of water and “changing” it into wine, which he then drank.

ALL

(As if this is the most wonderful magic trick they have ever seen)

~~Ohhhhhhh-----~~

ONE DISCIPLE

(To audience)

~~Did you see that?-----~~

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JESUS

Your good deed must be in secret.

END