

Elymas and Sergius Skit

Scene: Position Elymas in the room seated at a desk. On the desk, place jelly beans, nuts, a cup of dark maple syrup, a baby carrot, and magic trick items. Dress Elymas as a sorcerer and Sergius as a Roman governor. Proconsul Sergius is pacing back and forth.

Elymas: Proconsul, you are concerned about a decision?

Sergius: Yes, Elymas. I have been hearing stories of a Paul of Tarsus. He is teaching a strange new religion. There are reports of the blind seeing, lame walking, pain healing, visions, spirits, control over the earth, changed lives, prophesy, and eternal life.

Elymas: Do not trouble yourself, sir. For with the help of your dear friend Elymas, you too can do these things you hear reported.

Sergius: Really? I don't know, Elymas, this Paul seems to have some great power in him.

Elymas: Sir, let me show you. Let's start with these so called healings. I too have heard stories of making the blind see. Here my friend, try this root. (Elymas gives a carrot to Sergius) It will make you see much better.

Sergius: (Takes the carrot and eats it) Ah, yes, I do see better now. Perhaps this Paul is not so powerful after all. Show me more, friend Elymas.

Elymas: I've also heard stories of lame walking. Here try this pill. It will make you run like the wind. (Elymas gives Sergius a jelly bean)

Sergius: (Eats the jelly bean and begins to dance around) Ah, I see what you mean. You have given me great energy for running and dancing. But what about my pain?

Elymas: Sir, your pain can be removed to the ends of the world without Paul. Here try this. (Elymas gives Sergius a Tylenol)

Sergius: (Takes the Tylenol) Ah, yes I see. My pain is gone. I owe you much, dear Elymas. But I hear that Paul has seen visions of God and angels. Surely there is some great power within him.

Elymas: My friend, Sergius, you too can see God with the help of your friend Elymas. Here take this potion. (Elymas gives Sergius the cup of dark maple syrup.)

Sergius: (Takes the cup and drinks the syrup. Wait a few seconds.) Dear Elymas, I see a bright light. Is this God? And I feel powerful and calm, as if I am in heaven! You have great power, Elymas! But can you call down fire from heaven?

Elymas: Sir, if it pleases you, I can make fire restart where it has been extinguished. (Do the magic trick "Burned Matches")

Sergius: Wow! Elymas, your power is great! But I have heard of spirits removing chains. Can you also control the spirit world?

Elymas: Dear friend Sergius, with my help, you can control the spirits. Here, sir, let me help you. (Elymas gives Sergius the bottle of water and ketchup packet.)

Sergius: (Do the “Cartesian Ketchup Packet” trick.) This is wonderful, Elymas. I too can control spirits! You are a very good friend to have in my court.

Elymas: Yes, I am, sir. But I have heard the story of Paul escaping from being chained in prison. I too can do this. Watch, sir, as I remove this scarf from my neck like a chain being removed. (Do the “Scarf Through The Neck” magic trick.)

Sergius: Wow! So the escape may not be such a big deal after all. But what about the story Paul tells of Jesus turning water into wine. Surely a physical change like that is very powerful.

Elymas: Yes, that would be a tremendous feat. But you can also do this with my help. Just pour the water in this glass into the other glass and you can create blood! And you can turn water into ice, like controlling the weather! That will be even greater than this Jesus did.

Sergius: (Perform the “Wine to Water/Blood” and “Water to Ice” magic tricks.) Wow. You really can make me powerful! You have shown me much, dear friend. Still, I think I should hear this Paul.

(show the video “Elymas and Paul”)

Sergius: Not even Elymas can make someone who sees to be blind! Now I am convinced. I believe the Word.