



SERMON ON THE MOUNT BACKGROUND COSTUME GUIDE

Thank you for joining The Chosen, at Sermon on the Mount, in Midlothian Texas. Here are the guidelines for wardrobe you have volunteered to provide for yourself on the day.

FABRICS...Most fabrics used in the 1st Century were very slubby and nubby. Texture was visible with a very rough-hewn surface. Natural fibers such as flax (*linen*), hemp, and wool were used. Stripes were sometimes woven in but usually no bold patterns. The finer the weave the more drape.





COLOR PALETTE: We are using **MUTED** desert colors...

- Brown
- Tan
- Burgundy
- Dull Orange
- Rust
- Olive Green
- Sage Green
- Pale Blue
- Pale Aqua
- Ochre
- Dull Reds
- Some Black

What we can NOT use...

- No sparkle
- No Hot Pink
- No Neon
- No Solid White
- No Purple
- No Bright Blue

FOOTWEAR: Think Jesus Sandals...flat, no heels, comfortable (*you will be in these long days*).

For research and purchase options go to Holy Land Market or J-Slips... these brands are also available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).





ACCESSORIES: Very little adornment was worn on the masses. Some higher-class folks wore fancier jewelry and accessories...Metal with stones.

- Simple strands of wooden beads
- Simple strands of sea glass beads
- Bracelets made of wood or metal
- Scarves
- Sashes
- Belting...no contemporary buckles, usually tied with leather lacing
- Small & ethnic looking earrings
- Small pouches for cross body or attached at waist

SOME HELPFUL TERMINOLOGY:

SCHMATA = A dress...long, to the ankles or almost floor length for men & woman. Usually of poorer quality, a bit ragged. Children's can be mid calf length.

TUNIC = A short Schmata...worn by men and young boys. Usually hits to below knees.

OVER ROBE = A long or shorter vest with or without sleeves to be worn as a second layer over the schmata.

If you are going to cut and sew your own costume, patterns are available.

McCall's #M2060:



Simplicity #4213:



Simplicity #4795:



Simplicity #4797:



These were extremely modest times...

ADULTS...WOMEN: Legs were always covered. Heads were always covered with a head scarf or shawl. A wide stretch headband can help keep hair back off of face and then scarf covering added.

ADULTS...MEN: Older men wore longer schmata. Younger men wore long schmata or shorter tunics. Over robe as layer piece...this piece is optional. May be worn over long or short garments.

BELTS: Can be worn by women and men...these are optional. These may be thin or wide leather strips or a scarf or pieces of long fabric.

HAIRSTYLE: Contemporary hairstyles will need to be covered with turban or over scarf. No bright colors

BEARDS: Men, please, let your beard grow...beards were worn by most men. They do not have to be long...but facial hair is acceptable and preferred. Keep in mind that having just a mustache or a goatee is not period appropriate. We won't ask you to modify them if you arrive with either, but you will probably not be in a close up.

WOMEN: come with little to no makeup. Foundation, concealer, powder and little mascara is fine.

- NO filled in eyebrows
- NO eyeliner
- No false lashes
- No lipstick
- NO acrylic, gel or painted nails! If they are painted please keep them nude colors. Keep that in mind for toenails sandals also.

NO VISIBLE PIERCINGS

NO TATTOOS: please cover with a long sleeve or floor length costume piece or flesh-colored tights.

CAPS: These are NOT beanies that we wear today. They wore caps that were small, and mostly covered the crown of the head. Commonly made from the same cloth or strips of cloth as the schmata. They could be crocheted or knitted and in the same neutral color.



SERMON ON THE MOUNT PROP GUIDE

Thank you for joining The Chosen, at the Sermon on the Mount, in Midlothian, Texas. Here are a few guidelines and ideas for gathering props you can carry with you on the day. The props can be used to carry personal items or for snacks. You'll want somewhere to stash eyeglasses/sunglasses and your mask or face covering. Remember, all props should be First Century appropriate. Here are some ideas to help with that:

SLING BAG - Use loose weave fabrics, muted colors (*golds, rusts, gray, brown, brick red, tan, NO White*) that look hand woven or have a lot of texture to them, if possible (*jute, linen, hessian, burlap, hand woven, knitted, sheep skin, leather, rattan, slubbed*).



FOOD - If you would like to bring period snacks for your basket, these would include: pita bread, grapes, pomegranates, apples, dates, figs, nuts, & dried fruit.

MATS/BLANKETS We encourage you to bring an appropriate blanket to sit on. Again, they should be muted colors, and in the style of the First Century.

NO white, NO neon, NO Purple, NO bright pink, bright blue, etc. Print can be stripes, solid, Moroccan, Kilim (*NO floral, NO plaid, NO Southwest/Navajo/Aztec*). Appropriate blanket type would be Serape (*Falsa Saltillo Rasta variety best, again no multi bright colors*) wool, bamboo beach/yoga mat, sheep skin, burlap, or a grass mat.



KEYWORD SEARCHES:

BAGS - Sling bag, Woven Cotton Bag, Hippie Hobo bag, Boho bag, Shoulder bag, Messenger bag, Crossbody bag, Monk Bag, Rattan Bag, Whicker Bag, Beach Bag

BLANKETS/MATS - Kilim Blanket, Moroccan Blanket, Woven Blanket, Wool Blanket, Hand Woven Blanket, Rasta Serape, Falsa Serape, Saltillo Serape, Loose Weave Blanket, Bamboo Mat, Grass Mat Rug, Natural Beach Blanket

PREPARE YE FOR COLD WEATHER...PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, WEAR OR BRING A WARM BASE LAYER (TOP AND BOTTOM), A WARM BLANKET, OR WARM COAT WITH SLEEVES WIDE ENOUGH TO WEAR OVER YOUR COSTUME SLEEVES. If the blanket is suitable for an over robe, you may continue to wear it during filming. Please, refer back to the blanket section in this brochure.

A YouTube costume tutorial video is available.

Women's Costumes: <https://www.youtube.com/...>

Men's Costumes: <https://www.youtube.com/...>

Insert hyperlink once videos are uploaded

Thank you for your willingness to participate in these powerful scenes and for providing your costume parts and pieces. This is a tremendous help to the Costume Department and to The Chosen project.

