

January 6, 2022

Dear Colleague,

Greetings! I am the pastor of St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis, IN and am writing to you as the pastor or person who works with the discipleship resources for your church to recommend a resource, I created that is based on the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany. This is the longest running Passion Play in the world, offering the once-a-decade series of performances for nearly 400 years, and as you probably know, started because of a vow church members made during a vicious pandemic.

Of course, this material was designed for use in 2020 concurrent with the next season of performances, but due to Covid the Oberammergau play was postponed to 2022. And though the resource is now two years old, I find the content even more meaningful and powerful because of our own pandemic. The six chapters deal with spiritual needs that speak to where people are right now.

Ideally designed as a Lenten resource, *The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days* is appropriate for any season. The small group DVD companion was filmed on location and features spectacular scenery of the village and surrounding Alpine regions along with interviews of Passion Play participants and residents of Oberammergau. This is a great resource for groups of all ages or can be used as an all-church experience. Please use the attached media information to learn all the ways to access information and related materials.

If your church or any groups in your congregation decide to use this resource and would like a personalized video greeting from me, just let me know using my email address below.

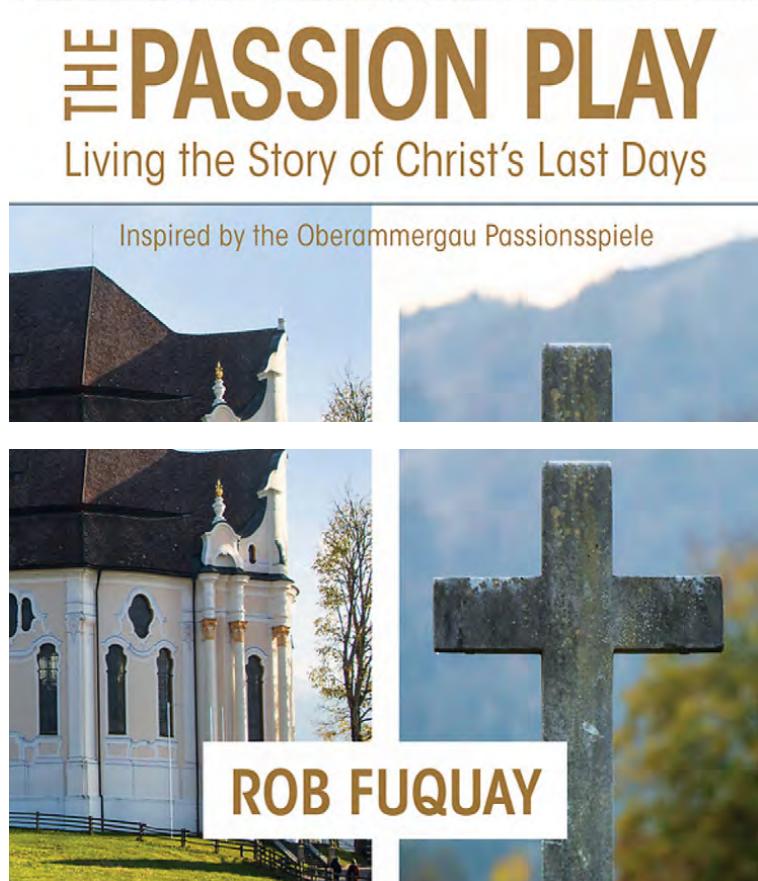
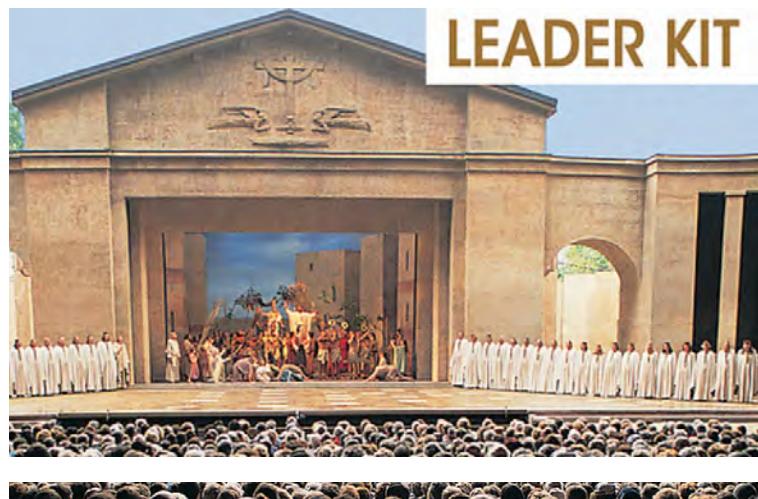
Thank you for considering and may you and your congregation have a hopeful, faith-building 2022!

Sincerely,

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THE PASSION PLAY

LIVING THE STORY OF CHRIST'S LAST DAYS



ABOUT THE BOOK

Jesus' Passion story is presented each Lent in countless churches every year. But one play presented by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, Germany, may be one of the longest-running performances of all. Staged every ten years since 1634, the play makes an impact not only on the villagers who portray the characters but on all who see it as well. In *The Passion Play*, Rob Fuquay follows the biblical story of the Passion and shows how this amazing play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. The book makes a perfect six-week Lenten group study when paired with the additional Leader Guide and DVD that was filmed on location in Germany and includes behind-the-scenes footage of the production.

RESOURCE USE

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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE KIT

- The Book - \$9.95 (normally \$16.99)
- Leader Guide - \$7.99 (normally \$14.99)
- Passion Play DVD- \$34.99 (normally \$37.99)

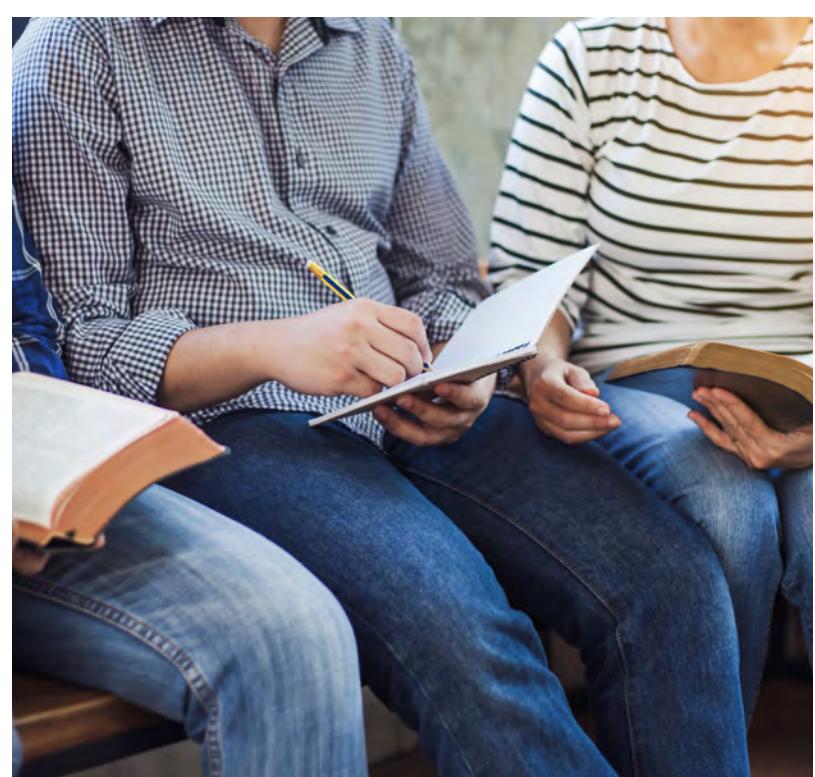
HOW TO BUY

All materials can be purchased by visiting:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/9781501884535-The-Passion-Play-Leader-Kit?refq=the%20passion%20play%2oleader%20kit>

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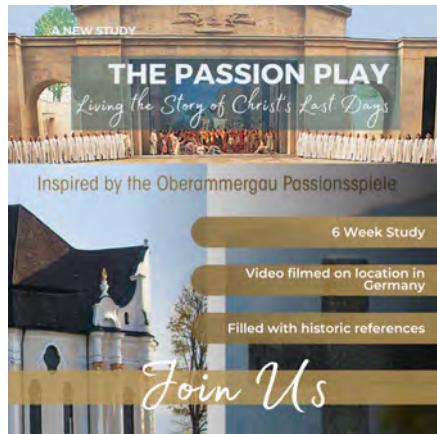
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SOCIAL RESOURCES

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[DOWNLOAD SOCIAL IMAGES HERE:](#)



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rev. Rob Fuquay is senior pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, IN. As a pastor to one of the largest churches in the denomination, Rob says as he studies Jesus, he sees someone who shows grace to all people, and he wants to be a part of a church that models that understanding. Fuquay has degrees from Pfeiffer University and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He and his wife, Susan, have three daughters — Julie, Sarah, and Anna. Rob is the best-selling author of *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Statements of Jesus*.

