

Chester Cycle 1572/2010**Play 13****Lazarus; Simon the Leper; Entry; Judas' Plot**

Cast: JESUS, PETER, PHILIP, SIMON, LAZARUS, MARTHA, MARY, THE MAGDALENE, JUDAS, JANITOR, FIRST CITIZEN, SECOND CITIZEN, THIRD CITIZEN, FOURTH CITIZEN, FIFTH CITIZEN, SIXTH CITIZEN, FIRST BOY, SECOND BOY, FIRST MERCHANT, SECOND MERCHANT, CAIAPHAS, ANNAS, FIRST PHARISEE, SECOND PHARISEE.

MARY Ah, Lord Jesu, that me is woe
to know my brother sickly so~
In wretched time Christ went me fro. *from*
Happy were we if he were here!

MARTHA Yea, sister. About I will go
6 and seek Jesu to and fro.
To help him he would be throw *eager*
if he knew how things were. *stood*

Then Jesus shall come.

10 Ah, my Lord, sweet Jesus! Mercy!
Lazar, that thou loved tenderly, *Lazarus*
lies sick a little hereby *distress*
and suffers much teen.

JESUS Yea, woman, I tell thee certainly,
15 that sickness is not deadly
but God's Son to glorify.
Lo! I am him, as may be seen.

Then Martha shall go to Mary.

MARY Ah, Martha, sister, alas, alas!
My brother is dead since thou here was. *since*
20 Had Jesus, my Lord, been in this place,
this case had not befall. *happened*

MARTHA Yea, sister, near is God's grace!
Many a man he helped has,
Yet may he still do for us in this case
and him to life call.

MARY Here will I sit and mourning make *grieve*
26 Until that Jesu my sorrow slake.
My suffering to heart, Lord, thou take
and heal me of my woe.

MARTHA In sorrow and woe here will I wake, *watch*
30 and lament for Lazar my brother's sake.
Though I for cold and anguish quake,
hence I will not go.

Then they shall sit side by side beside the sepulchre weeping, and Jesus shall be far off.

JESUS Brethren, go we to Judea.

PETER Master, right now thou well might see
35 the Jews would have stoned thee;
and yet wilt thou go back again?

JESUS	Know you not well this is verrey, that twelve hours are in the day and whoso walketh that time on his way trespasseth not, the truth to say?	<i>true</i>
40		
	He offendeth not that goeth in spirital light; but whosoever walketh about in night, he trespasseth all against the right and light in him is none.	
45	Why I say this, as I have ticht, I shall tell you soon in height Heed it carefully through your might and think well thereupon.	<i>planned at once</i>
	To the day myself may likened be, and to the twelve hours all ye that enlightened be through following me that am most like the light. For world's light I am verrey, and whoso followeth me, truth to say, he may go no the darker way, for light in him is dight.	
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55		<i>set</i>
	Brethren, I tell you tiding; Lazar my friend is sleeping. Thither we must be going, upon him for to call.	
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JOHN	Lord, if he sleeps, safe he may be, for in his sleep no peril is he. Therefore it is not good for thee to go thither for something so small.	
JESUS	I tell you brethren certainly: Lazar is dead, and go thither will I. Happy I am, you know, that I was not there, so that you may see. Go we thither anon in hie.	<i>understand at once</i>
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THOMAS	Follow him, brethren, to his annoy, and die with him devoutly, for otherwise it will not be.	<i>to his peril</i>
70		
<i>Then Jesus shall go towards the place where Mary and Martha are sitting, and Martha shall go to meet him.</i>		
MARTHA	Ah, Lord Jesu, had thou been here led, Lazar my brother had not been dead; but well I know thou wilt us read, now thou art with us here. And this I believe and trust aright: what thing thou askest of God Almighty, he will grant it thee in height and grant thee thy prayer.	<i>brought advise at once</i>
75		
JESUS	Thy brother, Martha, shall rise, I say.	
MARTHA	That believe I, Lord, truly, that he shall rise the last day; then hope I him to see.	
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JESUS 85	Martha, I tell thee without nay, I am resurrection and life truly; which life shall last for ay and never shall ended be.	<i>certainly</i> <i>for ever</i>
90	Whosoever believeth steadfastly in me – I tell thee truly – though he dead be, and down lie, shall live and prosper well. Believe thou, woman, that this may be?	
MARTHA 95	Lord, I believe, and believe mon, that thou art Christ, God's Son, who has come into this world to won, Man's remedy for to be.	<i>must</i> <i>dwell</i>
100	This have I believed steadfastly; therefore on me thou have mercy, and on my sister eke, Mary. I will fetch her to thee.	<i>believed</i>
	<i>Then Martha shall go and shall call Mary.</i>	
MARTHA	Ah, Mary, sister beloved and dear, hie thee quickly and come near, My sweet Lord Jesu, he is here and calls thee him to.	
MARY 106	Ah, happy were we if it so were! But had my lord of lovely lere seen my brother lie on bier, some remedy might have been do.	<i>countenance</i> <i>done</i>
110	But now he stinketh, truth to say, for now this is the fourth day since he was buried in the clay, that was to me so lief.	<i>dear</i> <i>test</i>
115	But yet my Lord I will assay, and with all my heart him I pray to comfort us, if that he may, and amend all our mischief.	<i>misfortune</i>
	<i>Then Mary, seeing Jesus, prostrates herself at his feet, saying:</i>	
120	Ah, Lord Jesu! Had thou been here Lazar my brother, thine own dear, had not been dead in this manner. Much sorrow is me upon.	
JESUS	Where have ye put him? Tell-es me.	
MARY	Lord, come hither and thou may see, for buried now in this place is he four days now agone.	<i>passed</i>
	<i>Then the Jews shall come, the First of whom shall speak.</i>	
1 st JEW 126	See, fellow, for Cock's soul This fellow begins to weep and howl and make a great lament for a ghoull that he loved well before.	<i>God's</i> <i>idiot</i>

2 nd JEW 130	If he had power, methink he might from death have saved Lazar by right, as well as sending that man his sight that which so blind was bore.	<i>rightly</i> <i>born</i>
JESUS	Have done, and put away the stone.	<i>stop</i>
MARTHA 135	Ah, Lord, four days be agone since he was buried, blood and bone. He stinks, Lord, truly.	<i>passed</i>
JESUS 140	Martha, said I not to thee, if thou fully believed in me God's grace soon shalt thou see? Therefore, do as I thee say!	
<i>Then they shall lift the stone from the sepulchre, and Jesus, turning his back and with hands upstretched, shall say:</i>		
145	Father of Heaven, I thank it thee, that so soon has heard me. Well I know, and truly see, thou hearest mine intent. But for this people that stand hereby speak I the more openly, that they may believe steadfastly from thee that I was sent.	<i>my will</i> <i>believe</i>
	Lazar! Come forth! I bid thee!	<i>Lazarus</i>
LAZARUS 151	Ah, Lord! Blessed may thou be which from death to life hath raised me through thy mickle might. Lord, when I heard the voice of thee, all Hell failed in their posty, so fast from them my soul can flee; all devils were afraid.	<i>great power</i> <i>power</i> <i>fled</i>
JESUS	Loose him now, and let him go.	
MARTHA 160	Ah, Lord, honoured be thou oo that us has saved from much woe as thou hast oft before. For well I know it should be so, when ye were very far us from. Thee, Lord, I honour, and no moe, Kneeling upon my knees.	<i>for ever</i> <i>no others</i>
MARY 166	Ah, Lord Jesu, much is thy might! For now my heart is glad and light to see my brother rise in my sight here before all these men. Well I believed that soon in height that when thou came it should fare aright. Thee. Lord, I honour with all my might, kneeling upon my knees.	<i>at once</i> <i>work out well</i>
175	Ah, Lord Jesu, I thank thee that on my brother has pity, By very sign now men may see that thou art God's Son. With thee ever, Lord, will I be	

	to serve thee with heart free that this day has gladdened me, and always with thee won.	<i>willing heart made me joyful dwell</i>
180		
JESUS	Have good day, my daughter dear. Wherever you go, far or near, my blessing I give you here. To Jerusalem I take the way.	
185	Simon the Leper hath prayed me to his house to take hospitality. With them now it pleases me a while for to lend.	<i>pleases stay</i>
PETER 190	Lord, all ready shall we be in life and death to go with thee. Great joy they may have to see thy coming into their place.	
PHILIP 195	Lazar thou raised through thy pity, and Simon also – leprous was he -- thou healed him, Lord, that know we, and helped them through thy grace.	
	<i>Then they shall go towards the house of Simon the Leper.</i>	
SIMON 200	Welcome, Jesu, full of grace, that to me most foul and leprous was all whole, Lord, thou healed has, over all to show. Happy am I that I may see thy face here in my house, this poor place. Thou comforts me in many a case and that I full well know.	<i>display it situations</i>
LAZARUS 206	Welcome, Lord, sweet Jesu, blessed be the time that I thee knew. From death to life through thy virtue thou raised me not yore. Four days in earth when I had lain thou grantedst me life, Lord, again. Thee I honour with all my main now and evermore.	<i>long ago power</i>
210		
MARTHA 215	Welcome, my lovely Lord and lere! Welcome, my beloved darling dear! Happy may thy friends be together to see thy noble face. Sits down, if it your wish were, and I shall help to serve you here as I was accustomed in good manner before in other place.	<i>beautiful fittingly</i>
	<i>Then Jesus shall sit, and all the rest with him; the Magdalen shall come with a box of ointment and shall speak in sorrowing fashion.</i>	
MAGDALEN 221	Welcome, my lovely Lord of leal! Welcome, my heart! Welcome, my heal! Welcome, all my world's weal, my boot, and all my bliss! From thee, Lord, may I not conceal my filth and my fault-es fele.	<i>truth health prosperity remedy</i>
225		<i>many</i>

Forgive me that my flesh so frail
to thee hath done amiss. *sinned against*

230 Ointment I have here ready
to anoint thy sweet body,
though I be wretched and unworthy,
send me not away from thy wone. *dwelling*
Full of sin and sorrow am I,
but for it, Lord, I am sorry.
235 amend me through thy great mercy
who makes to thee my moan. *who*

*Then she shall open the box, and shall give an indication of anointing;
and she shall wet Jesus's feet with tears and shall dry them with her hair.*

SIMON Ah, Judas, why doth Jesus so?
Methink that he should let her go,
this woman full of sin and woe,
for fear of world's shame. *public scandal*
240 if he a true prophet were,
he should know her life here
and suffer her not to come him near,
for damaging of his good name.

JUDAS Nay, Simon, brother, truth to say,
246 it is not at all to my pay. *pleasure*
This ointment goeth too fast away
that is so much of price.
250 This same box might have been sold
for three hundred pennies all told
and dealt to poor men, whosoever would,
and whosoever had been wise. *in total*

JESUS Simon, take good heed to me,
I have a message to say to thee.

SIMON Master, what your will may be
256 say on, I you beseech.

JESUS By a parable I shall you show,
and to this company on a row. *together*
260 By what I say, thou may know
how to reply to my speech.

Two debtors sometime there were
owed money to a usurer.
The one was in his power
265 for five hundred pennies all told;
the other fifty, as I say here. *entreaty*
For they were poor, at their prayer
he forgave them both together,
and nought take from them he would. *from*

270 Which of these two, guess if thou can,
was more beholden to that man?

SIMON Lord, as best as I know thereon,
shall say before I pass. *go*
275 Five hundred is more than fifty.
Therefore I think skillfully
that he that he forgave the more party
more beholden to him he was.

JESUS	Simon, thou judges truly, iwiss. Sees thou this woman that here is?	
280	Certainly, she hath not done amiss to act in this manner. Into thy house here thou me get;	<i>invited</i>
285	no water thou gave me for my feet. She washed them with her tears wet and wiped them with her hair.	
	Kiss since I came thou gave none, but since she came into this wone she hath kissed my feet each one; of weeping she never ceased.	<i>dwelling</i>
290	With oil thou hast not me anoint but she hath done, both foot and joint. Therefore I tell thee one point, much sin from her released.	<i>anointed</i> <i>fact</i>
	<i>To Judas Iscariot:</i>	
295	And, Judas, also to thee I say: whereto wouldst thou thee mispay with this woman by any way that comforted me thus has?	
300	A good deed she hath done today, for poor men you have with you ay, and me ye may not have, truly, except for a short space.	<i>always</i> <i>time</i>
	<i>To Mary Magdalen:</i>	
305	Therefore, woman, certainly, for thou hast loved so tenderly, all thy sins now forgive I; faith hath saved thee. And all that preach Evangely through the world by and by of thy deed shall make memory that thou has done to me.	<i>Gospel</i> <i>in due course</i> <i>shall recall</i>
MAGDALEN	My Christ, my comfort and my king, I worship thee in all thing, for now my heart is in liking, and I at mine above.	<i>happiness</i> <i>my highest point</i>
311	Seven devils now, as I well see, thou hast driven now out of me, and from foul life unto great lee released me, Lord, for love.	<i>happiness</i> <i>released</i>
315		
	<i>The Jesus shall stand up, and as he stands, he shall speak as follows:</i>	
JESUS	Peter and Philip, my brethren free, before you a castle you may see.	<i>noble</i>
320	Go you thither, and fetch at once to me an ass and foal also. Loose them, bring them hither anon, If any man object to you as ye gone, if you say that I will ride thereon, soon will they let them go.	<i>at once</i> <i>go</i> <i>on it</i>
325		
PETER	Master, we shall do your bidding	

and bring them soon for anything
Philip, brother, be we going
and fetch those beasts two. *regardless of
let us be*

PHILIP 331 Brother, I am ready boun.
Make haste that we were at the town.
Great joy in heart have we mon
on this errand for to go. *all ready
make haste
may*

Then they shall go into the city, and Peter shall speak to the janitor. (i.e. keeper of the city gate)

PETER How, how! I must have this ass. *Hey there!*

JANITOR 336 Here thou gettest nothing more nor lass
unless thou tell me before thou pass
whither they shall gone. *nothing
go*

PHILIP 340 My master Jesu, believe thou me,
thinks to come to this city
and bade both brought to him should be,
himself to ride upon.

JANITOR 345 All ready, good men, in good fay!
and since he will come today,
all this city I will say
and warn of his coming.
Take ass and foal and go your way,
for each man at him marvel may
Lazar, that four days dead lay,
he raised at his calling. *indeed
tell
Lazarus*

Then the Janitor shall go to the citizens.

350 Tidings, good men every one!
The prophet Jesus comes anon.
Of his disciples yonder gone
two that just now were here.
For his marvels believe always upon
355 that he is very God's Son
although he in this world may won
for otherwise it wonder were. *immediately
there go
dwell
would be*

1st CITIZEN 360 Ah, Lord, blessed may thou be!
Him will I go now and see;
thus I propose, that all we
thitherward take the way. *thus I propose*

2nd CITIZEN 365 Fellows, I believe that Christ is he,
come from God in majesty;
otherwise such marvels, as it seems to me,
he would not have done day for day. *come
daily*

3rd CITIZEN Lazar he raised, as God me save,
that four days had been in grave,
Therefore devotion now I have
to welcome him to this town.

4th CITIZEN 371 Branches of the palm-tree
each one in hand take we,
and welcome him to this city
with fine procession.

5 th CITIZEN 375	With all the worship that I may I welcome him will today, and spread my clothes in the way as soon as I him see.	
6 th CITIZEN 380	These miracles proven apertly that from the Father Almighty he is come, Mankind to buy; it may none other be.	<i>clearly</i> <i>redeem</i>
1 st BOY 385	Fellows, I heard my father say Jesu the prophet will come today. Thither I suggest we take the way with branches in our hand.	
2 nd BOY	Make we joyful music all that we may pleasant to that Lord's pay. "Hosanna!" I suggest, truly, to sing that we fand.	<i>pleasure</i> <i>try</i>
<i>Then the boys shall go towards Jerusalem singing "Hosanna!" with branches of palm-trees in their hands. And the citizens shall lay out their garments in his path: "Hosanna, filio David! Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini! Hosanna in excelsis!"</i>		
<i>Then Jesus, sitting upon the ass, seeing the city, shall weep and shall say:</i>		
JESUS 391	Ah, Jerusalem, holy city! Unknown today it is to thee that peace thou hast – thou canst not see – but bale thou shalt abide.	<i>misery</i>
395	Much must thou suffer still some day when woe shall fall on every way, and thou deluded, truth to say, with sorrow on all side --	<i>everywhere</i> <i>deluded; truth</i> <i>sides</i>
400	destroyed, dolefully driven down. No stone with other in all this town shall stand, for that they be unbelieving to observe Christ's coming. and God's own visitation, done for Mankind's salvation;	<i>sadly cast down</i> <i>unbelieving</i> <i>observe; coming</i>
405	for they have no devotion, nor dread not his doom.	<i>reverence</i> <i>judgements</i>
<i>Then Jesus shall ride towards the city and all the citizens shall lay down their garments in the way. And when he comes to the temple, he shall say to the merchants as he descends from the ass with a whip:</i>		
	Do away, and use not this thing, for it is not my liking. You make my Father's wonning a place of merchandise.	<i>pleasure</i> <i>dwelling-place</i> <i>trade</i>
1 st MERCHANT 411	What fellow is this that makes this fare and casteth down all our ware? Came no man hither full yare that did us such annoys.	<i>disturbance</i> <i>for very long</i> <i>harm</i>
2 nd MERCHANT 415	Out, out, woe is me! My table with my money is scattered abroad, well I see, and nought dare I say.	

420	Now it seems sure that he would attain royalty; else thus bold durst he not be to make such a display.	
1 st MERCHANT 425	It seems sure he would be king that casts down thus our things and says his father's dwelling in this temple is. Say, Jesus, with thy jangling what evidence or tokening showest thou of thy reigning, that thou darest do this?	<i>idle talk sign</i>
2 nd MERCHANT 431	What signs now showest thou here that proves such power to destroy our wares in such manner masterly, through thy main?	<i>power</i>
JESUS 435	This temple here I may destroy and through my might and my mastery in days three it edify and build it up again.	<i>power build</i>
1 st MERCHANT 440	Aha, Jesus! Wilt thou so? This word, as ever may I go, shall be repeated before moe. Caiaphas I shall tell.	<i>more people</i>
	<i>Then Jesus shall eject the buyers and sellers with his whip.</i>	
JESUS 445	Hie you fast this temple fro, for trading shall be here no moe. In this place, be you never so throw, shall you no longer dwell.	<i>hasten; from no more fierce</i>
JUDAS 450	By dear God in majesty I am as angry as I may be, and some way I will avenge me as soon as ever I may. My master Jesus, as men might see, was rubbed head, foot and knee with ointment of more dainty than I see many a day.	<i>finer quality</i>
455	And now as I do see his wrath moved him to destroy goods worth three times our treasury and his dame's, too!	<i>moreover</i>
460	Had I of it had mastery, I would have sold it soon on hie and put it up in treasury as I was wont to do.	<i>control at once accustomed</i>
465	Whatsoever was given to Jesu I have kept since I him knew; for he thinks I am true his purse I always bear. Him had been better, truly, had spared ointment that day for revenged I will be some way	<i>revenged</i>

	for waste that was done there.	<i>for</i>
470	Three hundred pennies-worth it was that he let waste in that place. Therefore God give me hard grace but himself shall be sold	
475	to the Jews, before I sit, and for the tenth penny of it; and thus my master shall be quit my grief an hundredfold.	<i>before</i> <i>paid back for</i>
480	Sir Caiaphas and his company conspire Jesus to annoy. Their counsel at once I will espy, with falsehood to foul him.	<i>harm</i> <i>do him down</i>
485	And if they gladly will me pay, I shall direct them to him in hie, for Jesus plan well know I, I may best betray him.	<i>at once</i>
	<i>Then Judas shall for a time go away, and Caiaphas shall speak.</i>	
CAIAPHAS	Lordings, guardians of the law, harkens hither to my saw. To Jesu all men have drawn and liking in him has.	<i>what I say</i>
490	If we allow him to continue long, all men will believe him upon; so shall the Romans come anon and deprive us of our place.	<i>take pleasure</i> <i>allow; to go about</i> <i>believe in him</i> <i>at once</i> <i>deprive</i>
495	Therefore it is fully my read we think how he best were dead; for if he long on life be led our Law will go all to nought.	<i>advice</i> <i>might be</i> <i>may continue</i>
500	Therefore, let each speak his counsel, what manner of way will best avail this same shrew for to assail -- some sleight there must be sought.	<i>cunning trick</i>
ANNAS	Sir, you say right skillfully; but we need men on him to spy. in him we catch no villainy we try and foully fail.	<i>most reasonably</i> <i>necessarily</i> <i>get no scandal</i>
505	For you know as well as I, oft have we tried to do him annoy; but ever he hath the victory -- that no way we may avail.	<i>tried; harm</i>
1 st PHARISEE	Yea, sir, in temple he hath been, and troubled us with much teen, and when we thought and did ween of him to have had all our will, before ever we knew, he was away.	<i>misery</i> <i>expected</i>
511	This maketh the people, truly, to believe that he is Christ verray, and our law for to spill.	<i>before; knew</i> <i>truly</i> <i>destroy</i>
515		
2 nd PHARISEE	Yea, lords, one matter may us gain; that rascal Lazar should be slain for he raised him up again	<i>matter; help</i> <i>rascal Lazarus</i>
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	that four days had been dead. For that miracle much of main, to honour him each one is fain; and Lazar, that dead was, will not lain if he on life be led.	<i>of great power everyone; eager lie continue alive</i>
525		
CAIAPHAS	No more, indeed, will many moe that he has made to speak and go; and blind that have their sight also love him steadfastly and follow him both far and near, preaching to the people his power. Therefore my mind is in a were, to suggest a remedy.	<i>more confusion</i>
530		
ANNAS	And remedy must ordained be before this great solemnity, or else may others as well as we pack up and take our way. For when he came to his city, all the world, as you might see, honoured him upon their knee as if God had come that day.	
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1 st PHARISEE	Also, lordings, you saw there how that he treated our chaffer – cast it down, God give him care, that was of so great price! And also, loudly he can lie – called the temple openly his Father's house, full falsely, right as if it had been his!	<i>trade worth lied</i>
545		
2 nd PHARISEE	Lordings, there is no more to say -- but lost is our Law, I dare lay, if he should come on our Sabbath day that now approacheth nigh. If he heal any, less or more, all men will believe on his lore. Therefore it is good to slay him before, if that he will be sly.	<i>wager teaching in advance secretive</i>
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CAIAPHAS	Among our wits let us see to take him with some subtlety. He shall have silver, gold and fee, this thing that would fulfill.	<i>wealth accomplish</i>
560		
JUDAS	Lords, what will you give me and I shall soon help that he slyly betrayed be right at your own will?	<i>sirs if just as you desire</i>
565		
CAIAPHAS	Welcome, fellow! As have I row, that bargain eagerly would I go to.	<i>peace accept</i>
JUDAS	Let see what ye will do -- and lay down silver here! For the devil cut off my swire if I do it without hire, either for sovereign or for sire. It is not my manner.	<i>neck payment knight way</i>
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CAIAPHAS 575	Say on. What shall we give thee to help that he may taken be? And here is ready thy money to pay thee before thou pass.	<i>go</i>
JUDAS 580	As ever may I thrive or thee, if I show my subtlety, thirty pennies ye shall give me and not a farthing less.	<i>prosper cunning trick</i>
1 st PHARISEE 585	Yes, but thy troth thou must plight for to serve us aright to betray thy master through thy might, and have here thy money!	<i>pledge properly</i>
JUDAS	Have here my troth, as I have tight. On Friday when it be night I shall bring you to his sight and tell which is he.	<i>promised</i>
1 st PHARISEE 591	Ye are brethren on a row. Which is he I cannot know.	<i>together</i>
JUDAS 595	No? A true sign I shall you show. Watch who I kiss, and that is he, truth to say. Take him manfully as you may, and lead him secretly away wherever your liking is.	<i>true watch truth pleasure</i>
CAIAPHAS	Now look thou serve us truly, thy master's coming to espy.	
JUDAS 601	Trust well thereto and certainly that he shall not eschew. And would God Almighty the King of France might such folk see in this realm and barony that they were all so true!	<i>on that escape</i>
605		<i>i.e. England</i>
610	On Friday in the morning keep watch on my coming, for where that he is walking I will go and espy. With him I think to eat and drink; and after, tidings to you bring where he plans his dwelling, and come and tell you quickly.	