

## Podtalks: Josh Mostel & Barry Dennen of 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

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CHICAGO – In 1973, director Norman Jewison fashioned a radical film version of the rock opera/Broadway show “Jesus Christ Superstar,” and the cinematic innovations plus stellar cast equaled a timeless movie musical classic. Josh Mostel portrayed King Herod and Barry Dennen was Pontius Pilate in the iconic film.

Jesus Christ Superstar (JCS) began it's life as a rock opera, a concept record released in 1969 with Ian Gillan of the rock group Deep Purple singing the part of Jesus. Two key members of the album's cast went on to do the film ... Yvonne Elliman as Mary Magdalene and Barry Dennen as Pontius Pilate. The Broadway show adaptation opened two years later (again with Elliman and Dennen, the only two to do all three original versions), and the 1973 film followed with Ted Neeley as Jesus.



Josh Mostel as King Herod and Barry Dennen as Pontius Pilate in 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

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In 2013, Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com got the opportunity to interview the principle cast of the film – Ted Neeley and Yvonne Elliman, as well as Josh Mostel and Barry Dennen. For the first time, to kick off Easter weekend, the Mostel and Dennen interviews are published below for the first time, in two special the-interviewer-has-laryngitis Podtalks. The Neeley and Elliman interviews can be accessed by clicking links on Page Two. Joe Arce took the Exclusive Photos.

★ Josh Mostel, King Herod in JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

★ Barry Dennen, Pontius Pilate in JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR



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The cast of "Jesus Christ Superstar" appeared at "The Hollywood Show" in Chicagoland. [Click here](#) [24] for the next show date in Los Angeles.



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