Looking for a Sign

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Looking for a Sign.

Starts in a sign shop (“Signs are Us”, “Signs of the Times”?) … based around 0 AD, around Nazareth

Signs on display might include placards, road signs, restaurant signs, etc, suggestions include “Cheeses of Nazareth”, “Romans Go Home”, “Keep Calm and Eat Manna”, “Herods” (like Harrods, I have made a logo for this) …

note to self, UK signs are done in a font called “Transport” http://www.cbrd.co.uk/fonts/

Note: we need to give “John” the walk-about microphone, and have a stand up microphone for the “visitors”

John Hi, my name is John Hancock, and welcome to my Sign “Superstore”, we guarantee that we can meet all your signage needs, any size, from business cards to Crop circles, from Political Rallies to market traders, you name it and we have a sign for you!

John You sir, you look like you're looking for a sign!

First yeah, we're looking for direction, we want to know the right way to go.

John Well if it's direction you're after, you've come to the right place, we have lefts, rights, roundabouts, beware of the camels (double hump bridge sign?) … etc.

First no, not that kind of direction ... we're looking for something to happen … more like a big event.

John An event you say? Well you'll be looking for a sign like this! (hold up AA directions sign?)

First No, a big event, bigger, much bigger, life changing!

John Hmm … a Circus?

First No, that's not what I meant! … (thinks) ... How about a Teacher?

John A sign for a teacher? … You must need a school sign! … no? … how about a school Bus?

First No, that's not what we need really (First walks away to the stable scene)

John Well that was odd! … Hello Madam, I'm John Hancock, Sign Maker, are you interested in anything?

Second Well I'm looking for a saviour.

John You want a sign for savings? Is that for a Bank (bank sign, maybe the London Underground “Bank”) or for an Aldi (aldi sign)?

Second No a saviour! you know, someone who saves us!

John You'll be wanting a fire station then, or maybe a Police station, … or we do have this

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police box that just appeared one day ...

Second No, not that kind of saviour … I'm looking for more of a Healer, really!

John Ahh! You'll be wanting a doctor, or a hospital, or maybe an ambulance!

Second That's not what I meant either! (she walks away …)

John Well this looks like it's going to be a tough day, but we've only just started. As my old man used to say while there's oil in my lamp keep it burning … Now then, I see some young shepherds … You sir, I see a shepherd without sheep, do you need a sign for them (holding up cattle crossing sign?) ?

Shepherds Actually, no! We've been sent to look for a baby, we were told it would be a sign!

John Well you look a little young, but who am I to judge … a Baby sign you say, well we have a few of those ("baby changing", "parent and toddler parking", "baby on board")

Shepherds Ahh, no, that's not what we meant … and we can't afford to buy, we're not rich! (shepherds leave)

John Well no-one seems to mean what they say so far today, but never mind, I see some rich looking gentlemen arriving, I might have more luck with them

King We need a sign for a king!

John A sign for a King? … Well I've got signs for a parade … and signs for "King Kong" or "the Lion King" … oh I know, how about a royal crest?!

King I don't think so, we've been following a bright light, see?

Angel Appears …

Angel Come … there are signs of a stable!

John (almost desperate to sell at this point) Hey, I've got some of them, farm signs, Camel signs! … You name it we have signs for everyone!

Angel No, that's not what I meant … come and see!

Angel guides the kings and "John" to the stable scene, helpers move the "sign shop" away from in front of the stable scene) where "signs are held up showing the keywords that everyone has been looking for: "Life changing Event", "Teacher", Saviour", "Healer", "Baby" and "King" …

First I've found a sign for a Teacher
Second I've found a sign for a Healer
Shepherds we've found a sign for a Baby
Kings And we've found a sign for a king!

John I can't believe it … I've not sold a thing today, … but everyone still got the signs they were looking for.

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