

BUT EVENTUALLY, THE MONEY RUNS OUT. HIS CREDITORS TAKE HIS HOUSE. THE BOY TURNS TO HIS FRIENDS FOR HELP, BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN WITH A PENNLESS LOSER. AT LAST HE IS FORCED TO WORK TAKING CARE OF PIGS TO STAY ALIVE.

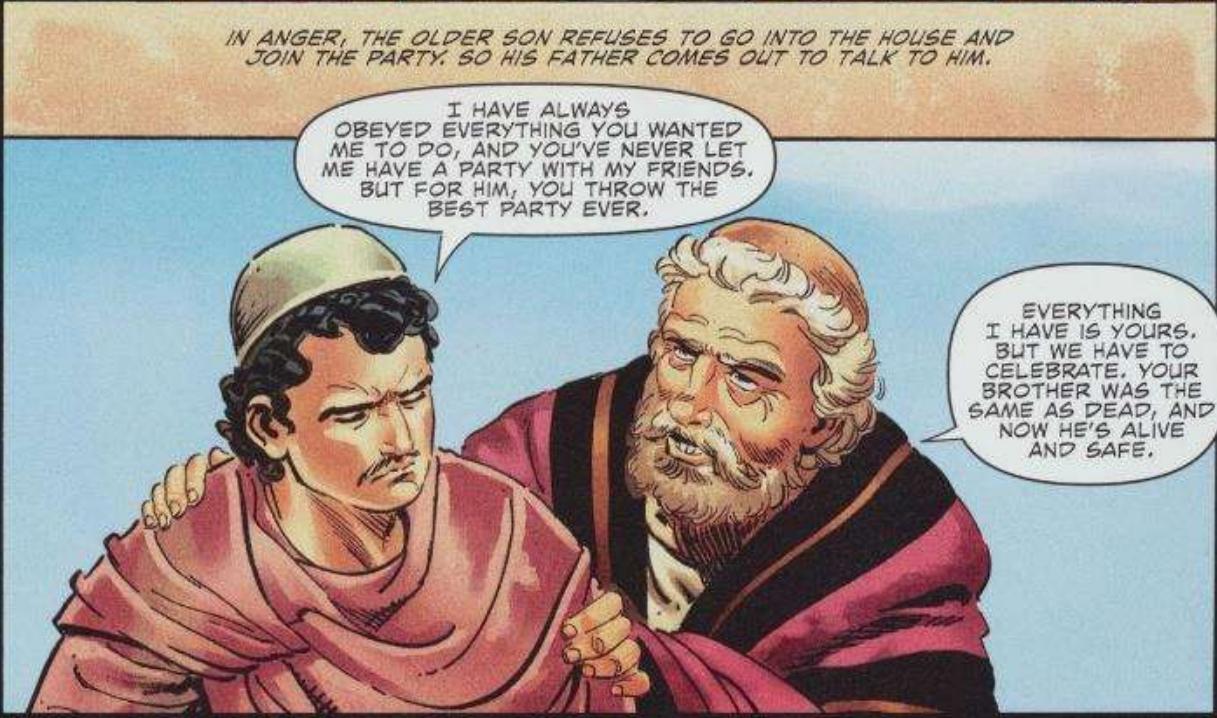
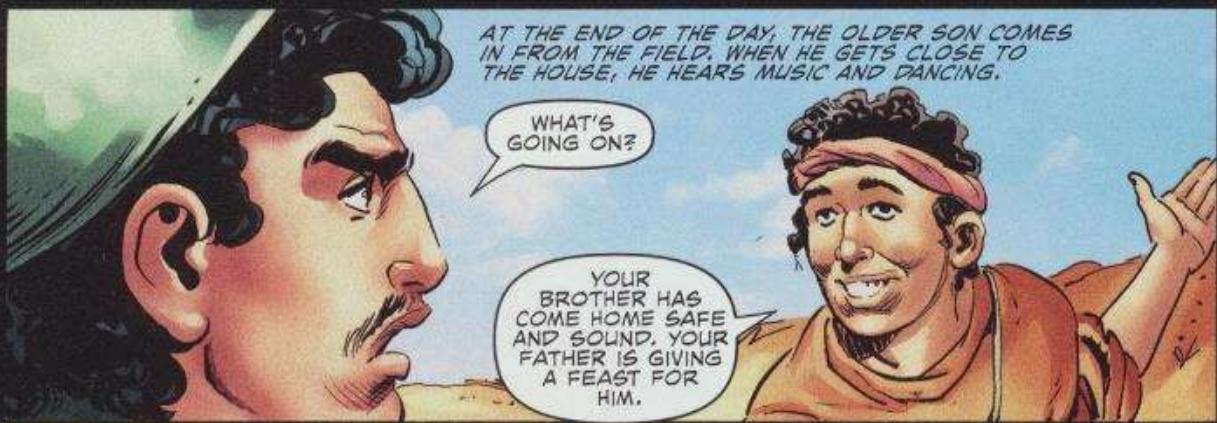
MY FATHER'S SERVANTS LIVE BETTER THAN THIS! I'M GOING HOME TO ASK MY FATHER TO LET ME WORK FOR HIM—NOT AS HIS SON, BUT AS HIS SERVANT.



BUT WHEN THE SON REACHES HOME, HIS FATHER RUSHES OUT TO MEET HIM.

FATHER! I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND AGAINST YOU. I'M NOT WORTHY TO BE YOUR SON.

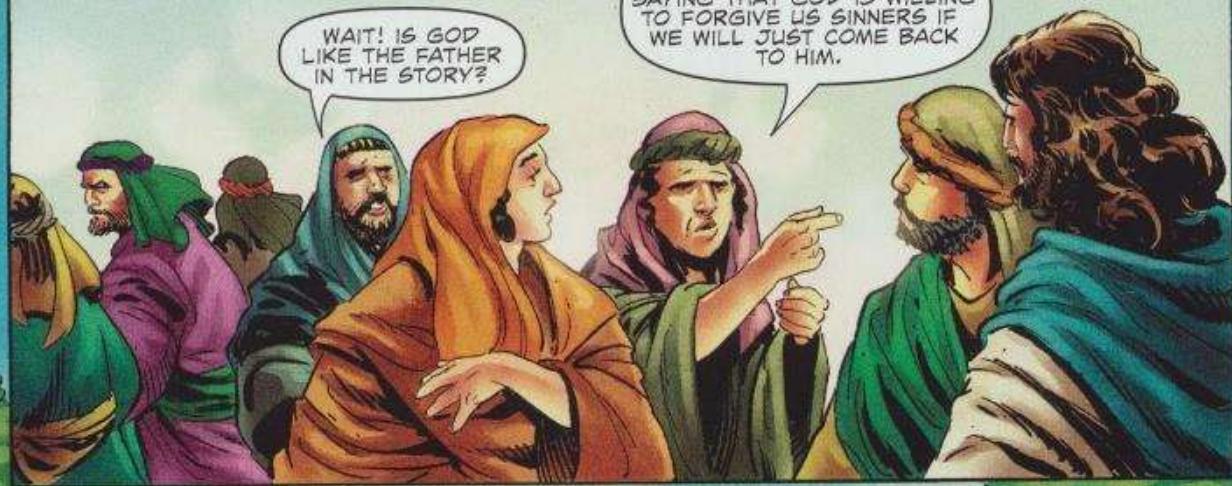




WHEN JESUS FINISHES TELLING THIS STORY, THE PEOPLE TURN TO EACH OTHER IN WONDER.

WAIT! IS GOD  
LIKE THE FATHER  
IN THE STORY?

YES! I SEE IT. YOU'RE  
SAYING THAT GOD IS WILLING  
TO FORGIVE US SINNERS IF  
WE WILL JUST COME BACK  
TO HIM.



# Jesus Wept

BASED ON JOHN 11; MARK 10:13-22

WHILE JESUS IS TEACHING IN  
PEREA, WORD COMES THAT MARY  
AND MARTHA'S BROTHER,  
LAZARUS, HAS DIED. JESUS  
DECIDES HE MUST GO TO BETHANY.

BETHANY?  
THAT'S TOO CLOSE TO  
JERUSALEM, WHERE THE  
PHARISEES WANTED TO  
STONE YOU TO DEATH. ARE  
YOU SURE WE SHOULD  
GO BACK THERE?

OUR FRIEND  
LAZARUS HAS FALLEN  
ASLEEP. I'M GOING  
THERE TO WAKE  
HIM UP.

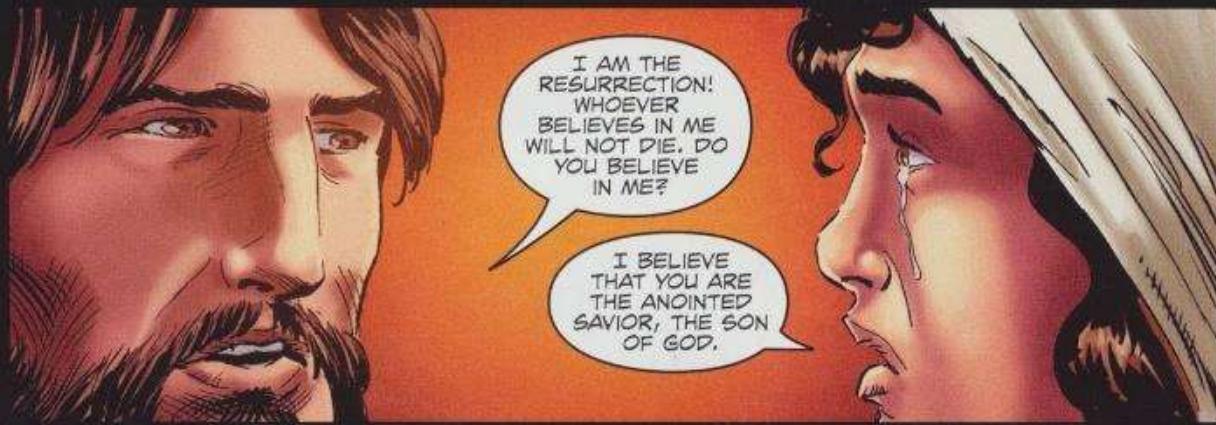


BY THE TIME JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES GET TO BETHANY, LAZARUS HAS BEEN DEAD FOR FOUR DAYS. MARTHA COMES OUT TO MEET JESUS, GRIEVING FOR HER BROTHER.

LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, YOU COULD HAVE HEALED MY BROTHER.

YOUR BROTHER WILL LIVE AGAIN.

I KNOW HE WILL, ON THE RESURRECTION DAY.



THEN MARY RUNS OUT AND THROWS HERSELF AT JESUS' FEET, WEEPING.

LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, OUR BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED!

I KNOW!

JESUS WEEPS ALONG WITH HER.

WOW, HE REALLY CARED ABOUT LAZARUS.

THEN WHY DIDN'T HE HEAL HIM?

MARY AND MARTHA TAKE JESUS TO WHERE THEY BURIED LAZARUS. A HUGE CROWD FOLLOWS THEM. THERE JESUS ASKS THEM TO ROLL AWAY THE STONE.

OH NO, LORD. HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR DAYS. THE SMELL WILL BE HORRIBLE.

BELIEVE IN ME.

TWO STRONG MEN HELP ROLL THE STONE AWAY FROM THE TOMB. IN A POWERFUL VOICE, JESUS PRAYS ALOUD TO GOD, THEN SPEAKS COMMANDINGLY:

LAZARUS, COME OUT!

LAZARUS IS ALIVE AGAIN! THEY QUICKLY TAKE THE FUNERAL CLOTHS OFF HIM.

THIS IS JESUS' GREATEST MIRACLE YET!

UNBELIEVABLE!

THE PHARISEES CALL AN EMERGENCY MEETING.

IF HE KEEPS DOING MIRACLES, THE PEOPLE WILL TRY TO MAKE HIM A KING.

IF JESUS STIRS UP A REBELLION, THE ROMANS WILL BLAME US. WE'LL LOSE OUR POSITIONS AND OUR NATION WILL BE DESTROYED.

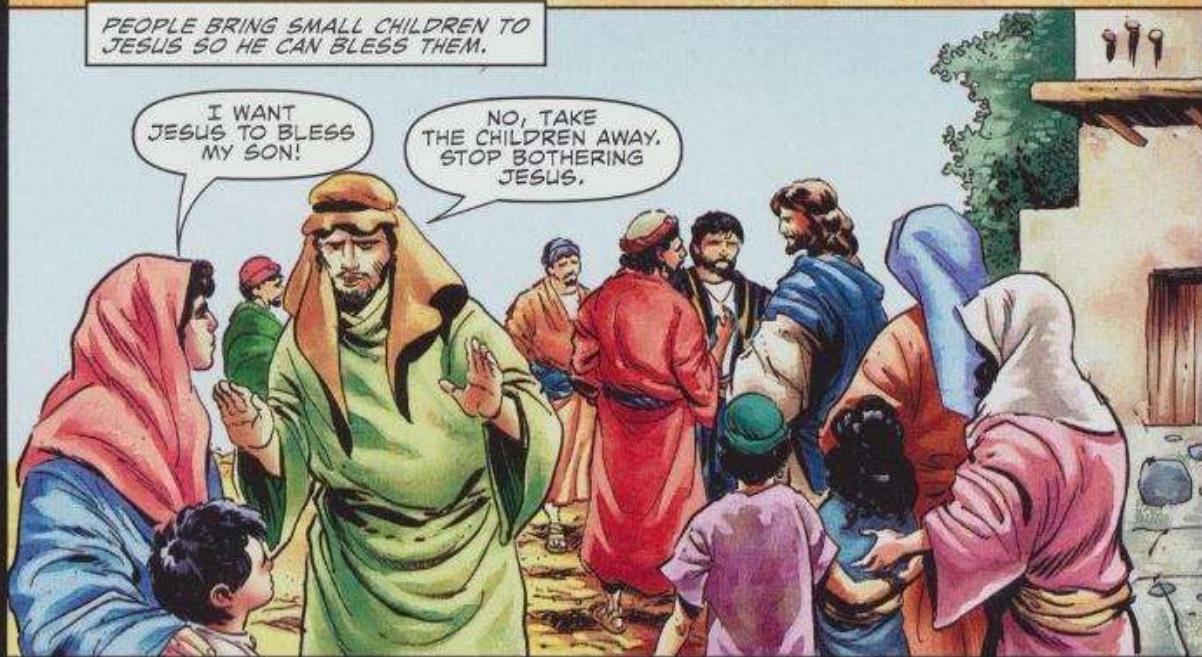
DON'T YOU SEE? IT'S BETTER TO KILL JESUS THAN TO GET THE WHOLE COUNTRY IN TROUBLE. FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION, THIS JESUS MUST DIE.

WHEN JESUS HEARS ABOUT THE JEWISH RULERS' INTENTIONS, HE GOES TO A QUIET PLACE TO WAIT FOR THE TIME TO COME TO FACE HIS ENEMIES. AS THE TIME FOR THE PASSOVER FEAST GETS CLOSER, PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM, AND JESUS JOINS THEM.

PEOPLE BRING SMALL CHILDREN TO JESUS SO HE CAN BLESS THEM.

I WANT JESUS TO BLESS MY SON!

NO, TAKE THE CHILDREN AWAY. STOP BOthering JESUS.



BUT JESUS WELCOMES THE CHILDREN.

LET THE LITTLE ONES COME TO ME. DON'T KEEP THEM AWAY. GOD'S KINGDOM IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE LIKE THESE CHILDREN.



LATER, A YOUNG MAN STOPS JESUS TO ASK A QUESTION.

TEACHER, WHAT SHOULD I DO TO RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE?

KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

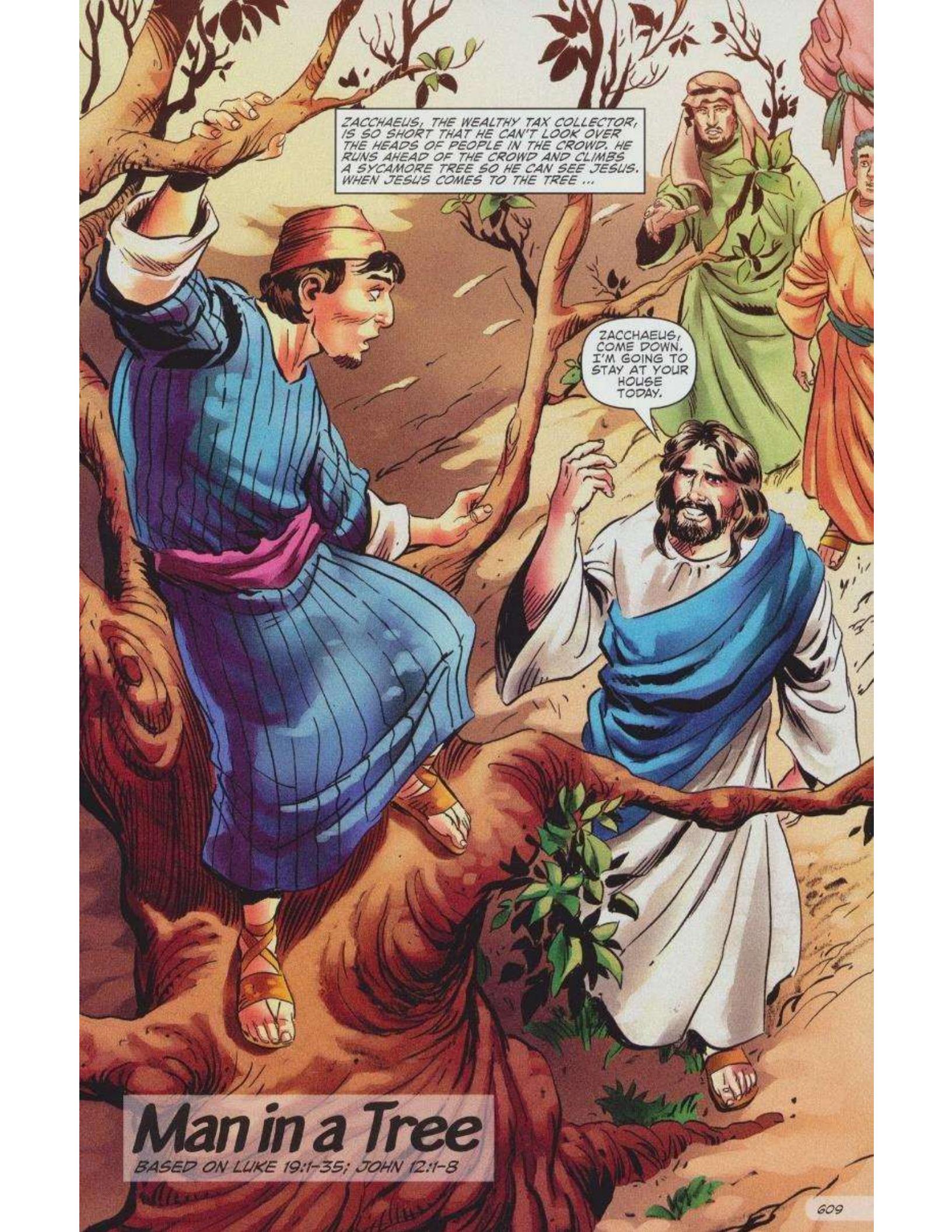
I ALREADY DO THAT—EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE BOY.

YOU ARE STILL MISSING ONE THING. SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND GIVE THE MONEY TO THE POOR. THEN FOLLOW ME.

BUT THE YOUNG MAN GOES AWAY SAD, BECAUSE HE IS QUITE WEALTHY. THE TRAVELERS KEEP MOVING TOWARD JERUSALEM. IN JERICHO ...

PLEASE, LET ME THROUGH!

HA! ZACCHAEUS, THE CROOKED LITTLE TAX COLLECTOR, WANTS TO SEE JESUS.

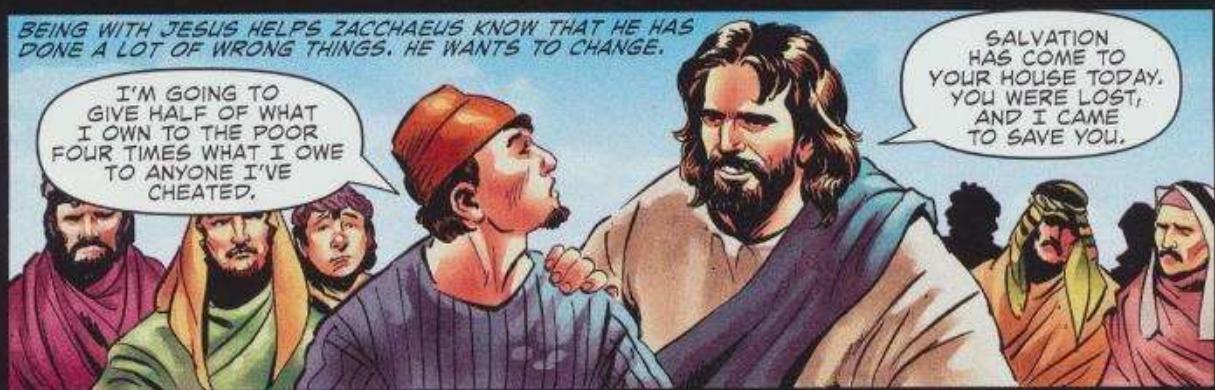
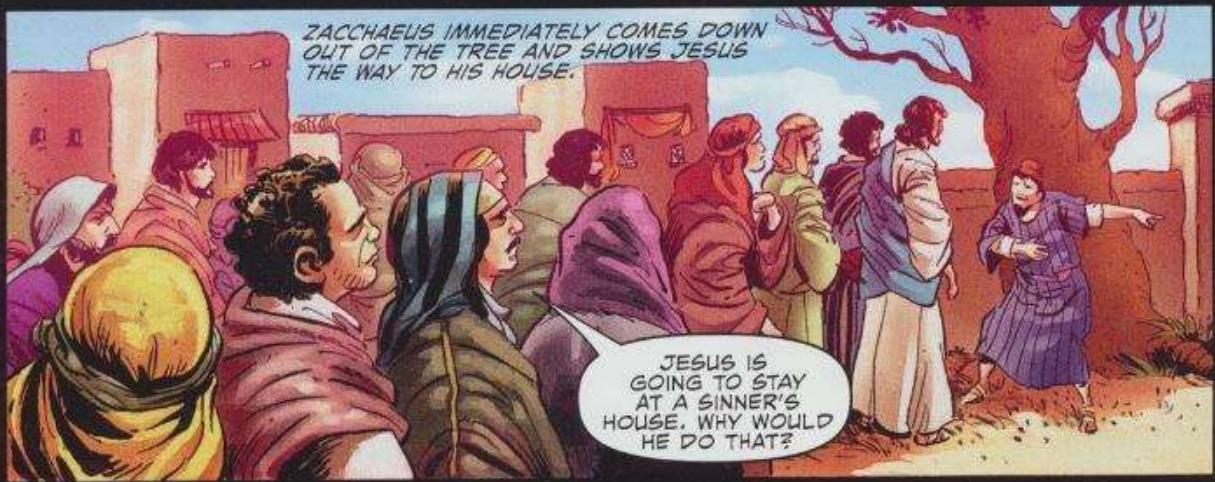


ZACCHAEUS, THE WEALTHY TAX COLLECTOR, IS SO SHORT THAT HE CAN'T LOOK OVER THE HEADS OF PEOPLE IN THE CROWD. HE RUNS AHEAD OF THE CROWD AND CLIMBS A SYCAMORE TREE SO HE CAN SEE JESUS. WHEN JESUS COMES TO THE TREE ...

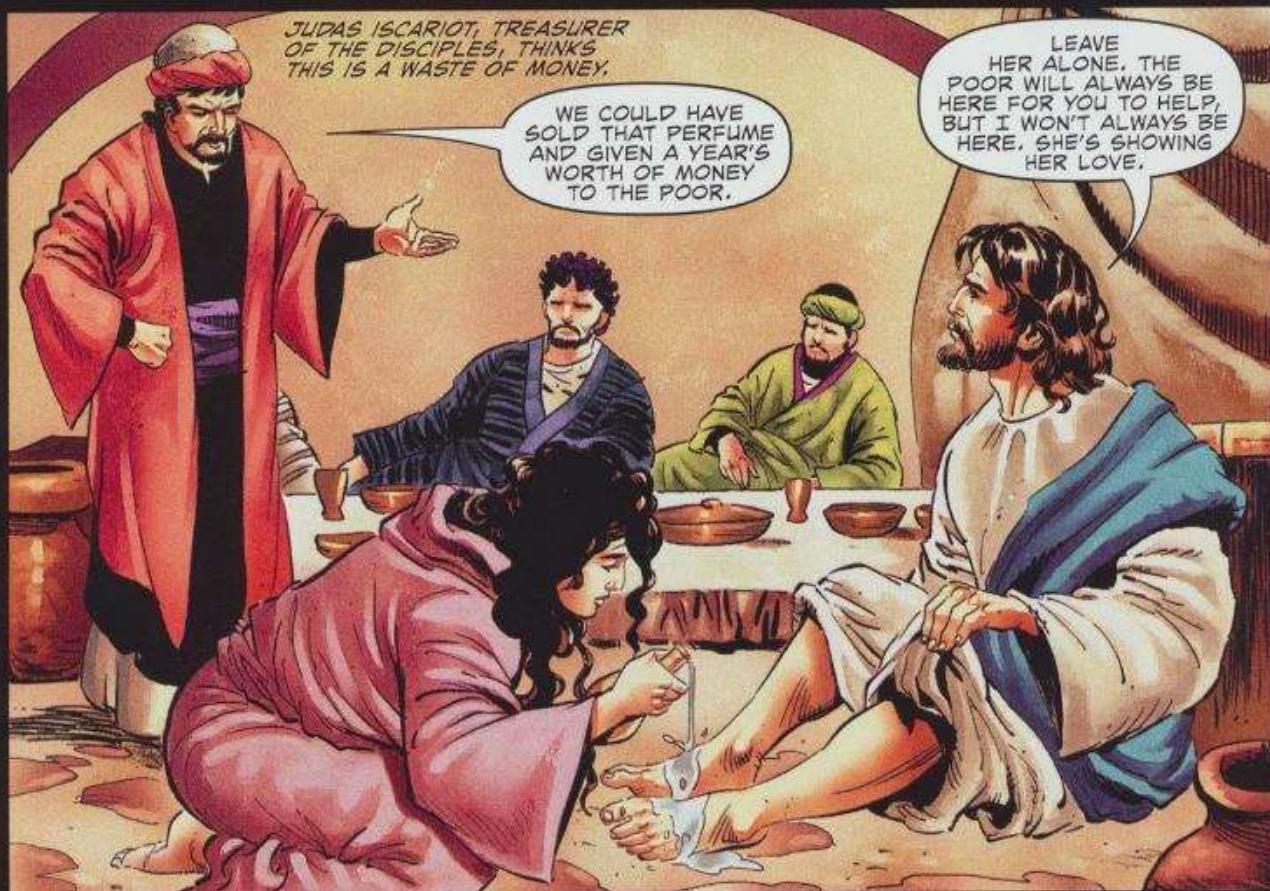
ZACCHAEUS,  
COME DOWN.  
I'M GOING TO  
STAY AT YOUR  
HOUSE  
TODAY.

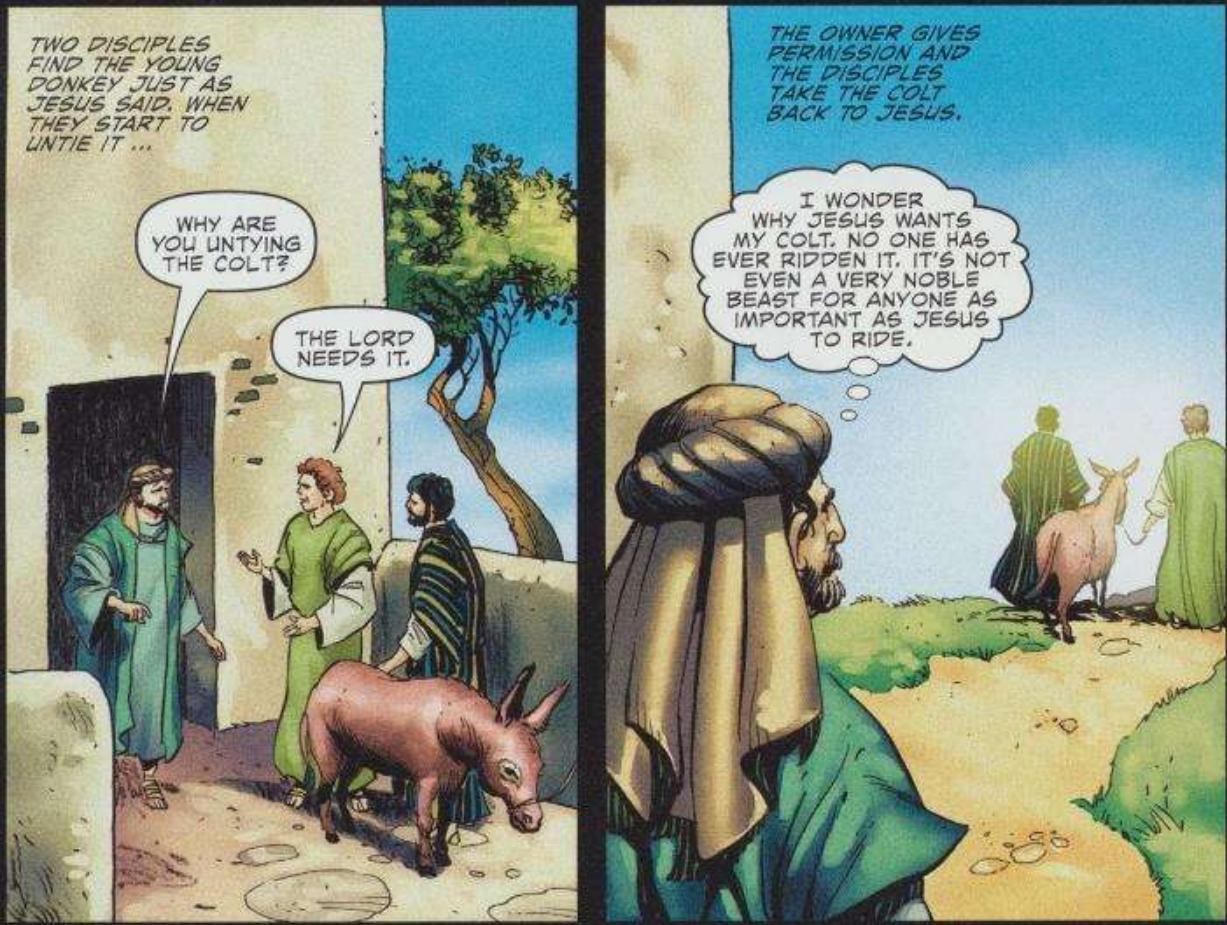
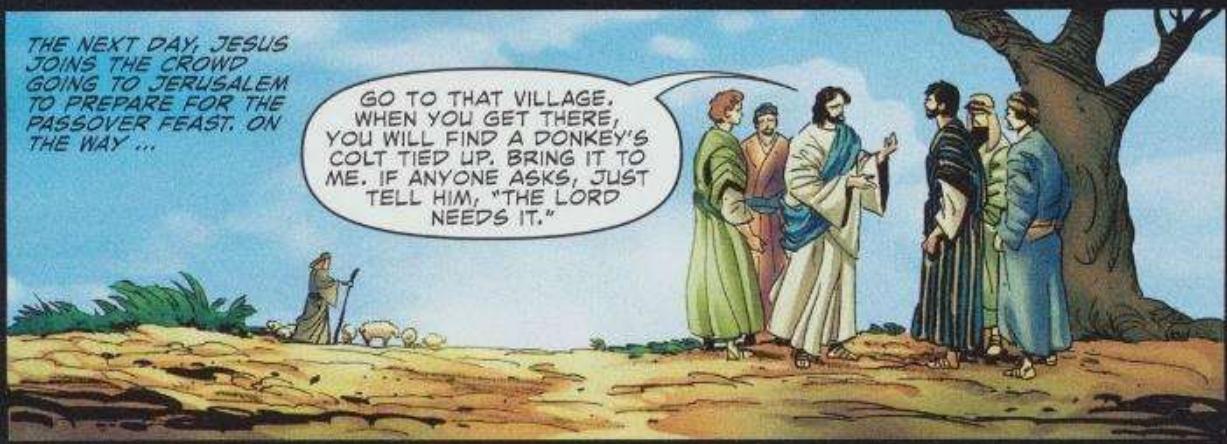
## Man in a Tree

BASED ON LUKE 19:1-35; JOHN 12:1-8



FROM JERICHO, THE CROWD CONTINUES THE TRIP TO JERUSALEM FOR THE GREAT PASSOVER FEAST. THE FESTIVAL IS STILL SIX DAYS AWAY, SO JESUS STOPS IN BETHANY TO VISIT HIS FRIENDS MARY, MARTHA, AND LAZARUS. AT A SUPPER IN THE HOME OF SIMON THE LEPER, MARY KNEELS AND POURS EXPENSIVE OIL OVER JESUS' FEET. THEN SHE WIPES HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR.

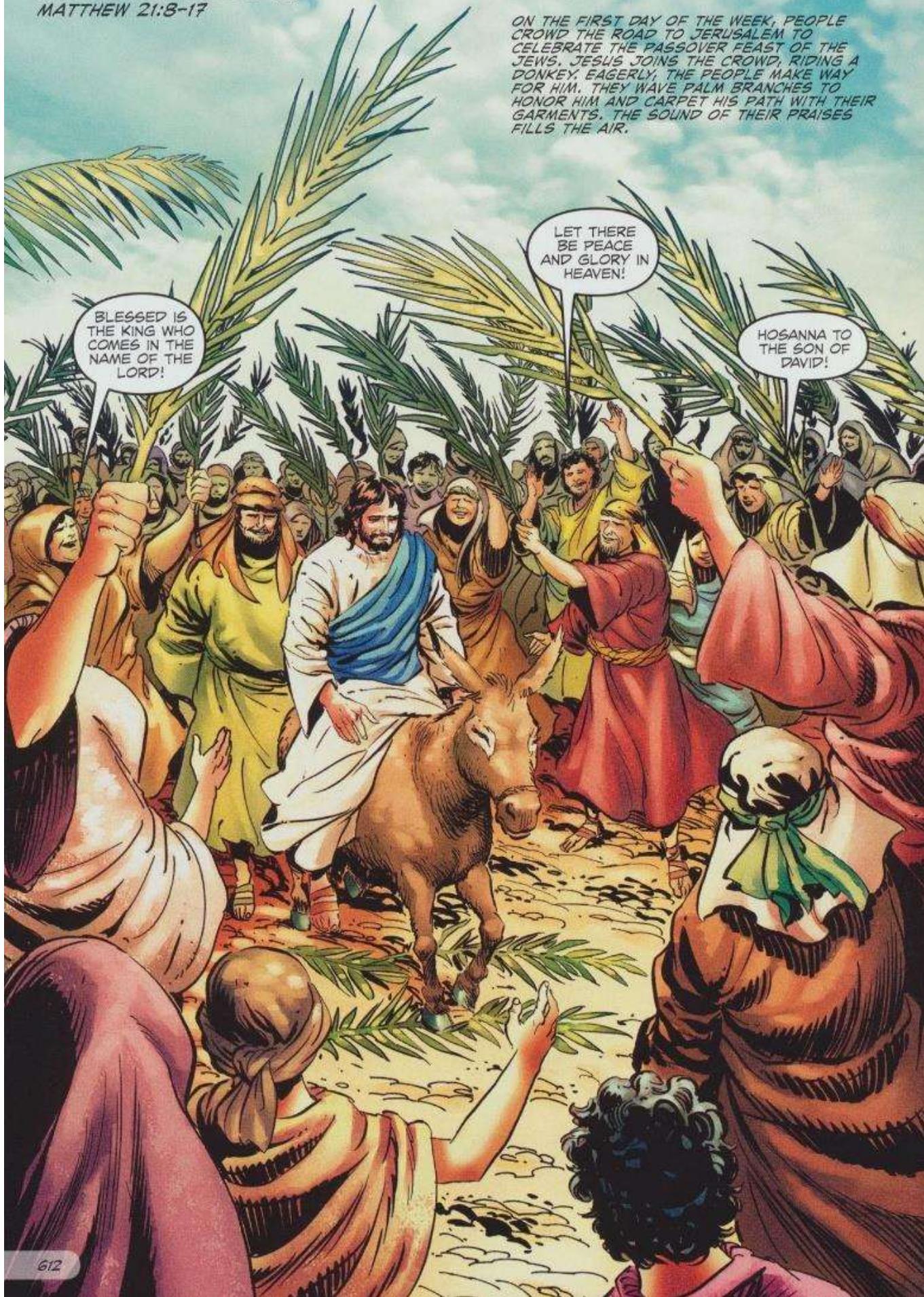




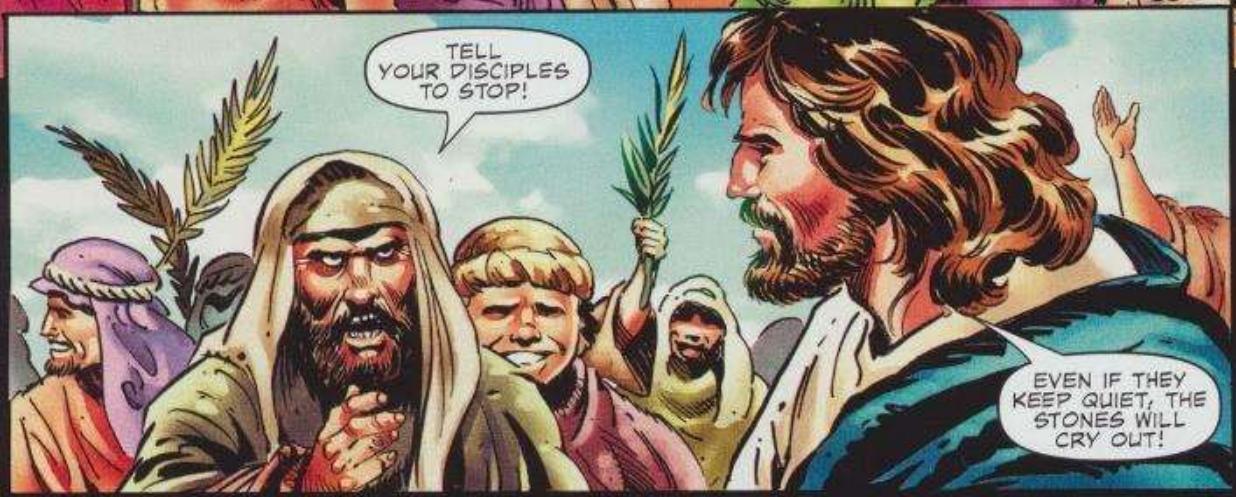
# Palm Sunday

BASED ON LUKE 19:36-46;  
MATTHEW 21:8-17

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, PEOPLE CROWD THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER FEAST OF THE JEWS. JESUS JOINS THE CROWD, RIDING A DONKEY. EAGERLY, THE PEOPLE MAKE WAY FOR HIM. THEY WAVE PALM BRANCHES TO HONOR HIM AND CARPET HIS PATH WITH THEIR GARMENTS. THE SOUND OF THEIR PRAISES FILLS THE AIR.



DURING ITS LONG HISTORY, JERUSALEM HAS SEEN MANY PROCESSIONS COME THROUGH ITS GATES. KINGS HAVE COME ON HORSEBACK, AND CONQUERORS HAVE COME WITH ARMIES. BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.



THAT EVENING, JESUS GOES BACK TO BETHANY, BUT ON MONDAY HE RETURNS TO THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM.

I'VE COME A LONG WAY TO OFFER A SACRIFICE TO GOD, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD THIS UNFAIR PRICE FOR A DOVE TO SACRIFICE.

THEN I'LL SELL IT TO SOMEONE ELSE. NOW MOVE! YOU'RE BLOCKING MY TABLE.

IN RIGHTEOUS ANGER, JESUS DRIVES THE MERCHANTS OUT OF THE TEMPLE.

THE SCRIPTURES SAY, "MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER," BUT YOU HAVE TURNED IT INTO A DEN OF THIEVES.



## Money Troubles

BASED ON LUKE 20:20-26;  
MARK 12:12-44;  
MATTHEW 22:15-22

MASTER, WE KNOW YOU TEACH THE TRUTH. TELL US, IS IT RIGHT TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR OR NOT?

THE PHARISEES PLOT THEIR STRATEGY. THEY DECIDE TO ASK A QUESTION THAT FORCES JESUS TO GIVE A WRONG ANSWER NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS.

IF HE SAYS "YES," THE PEOPLE WILL TURN AGAINST HIM BECAUSE THEY HATE TO PAY TAXES.

AND IF HE SAYS "NO," THE ROMAN OFFICIALS WILL ARREST HIM FOR TREASON.



JESUS KNOWS THIS IS A TRICK QUESTION.  
SO HE ASKS TO SEE A ROMAN COIN.

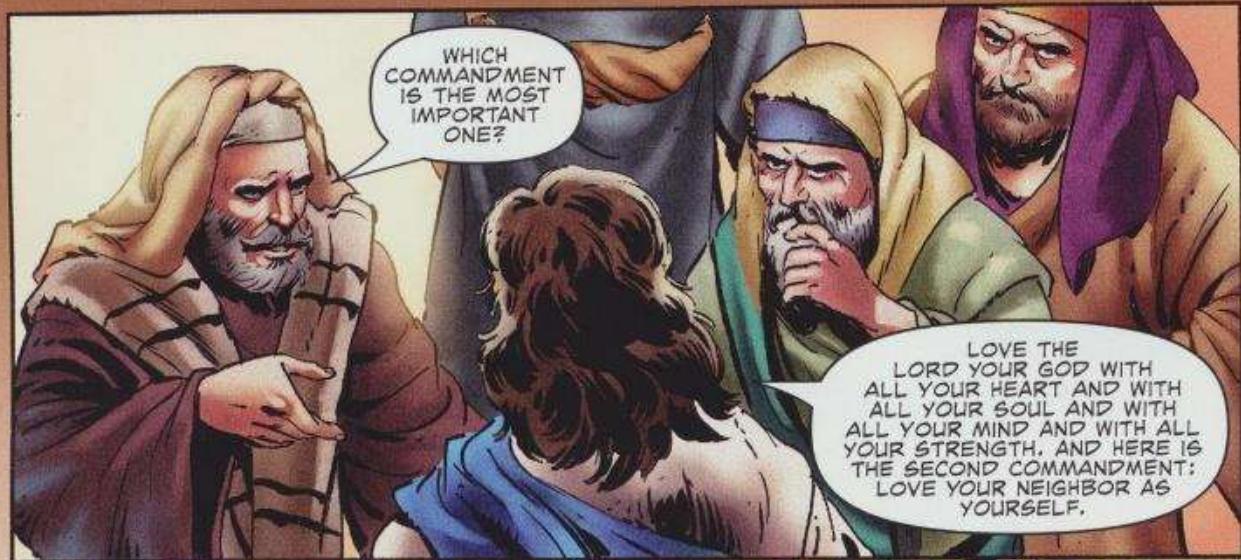
LOOK AT  
THIS COIN. WHOSE  
PICTURE AND WORDS  
ARE ON IT?

CAESAR'S.



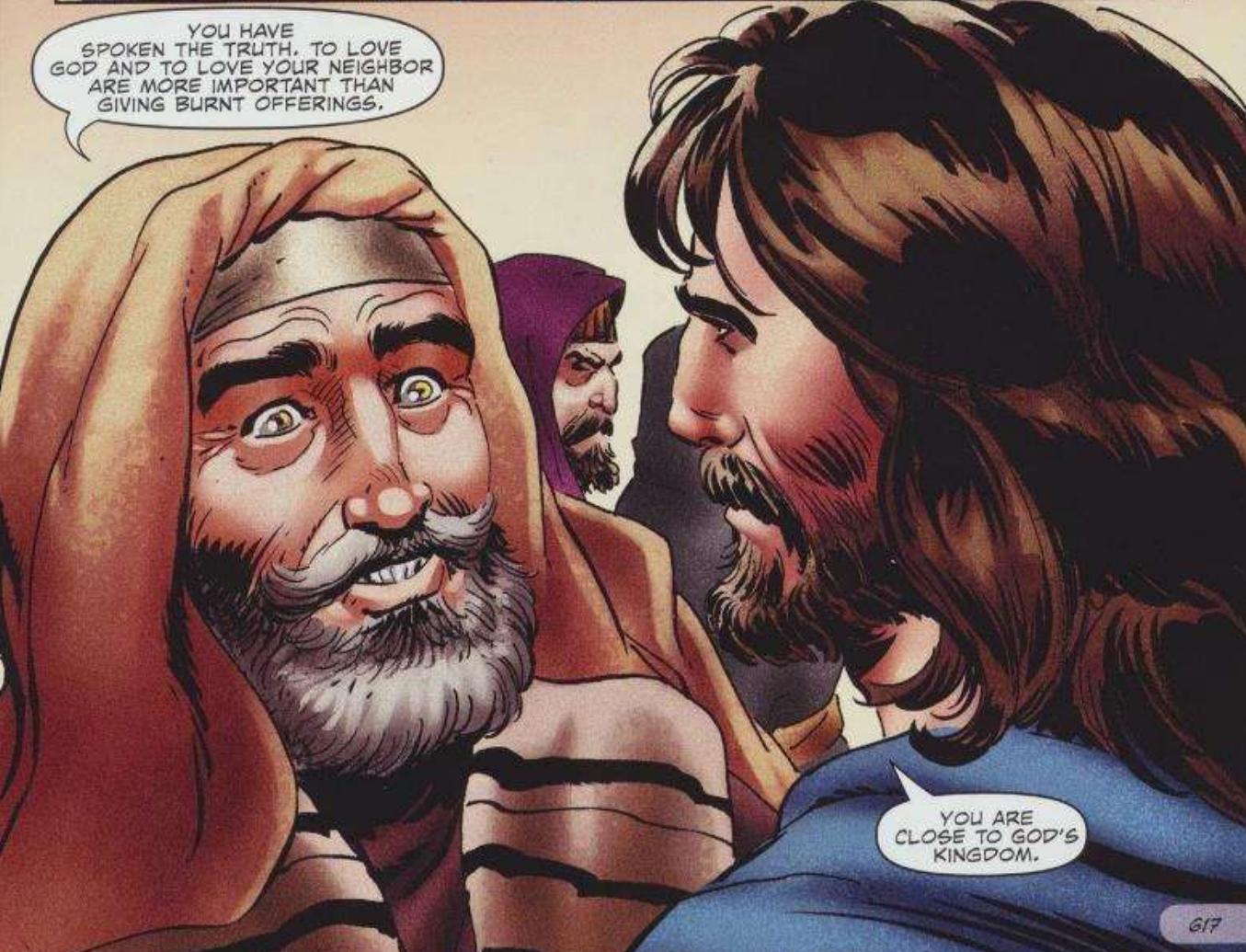
GIVE TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S. GIVE TO GOD THE THINGS THAT BELONG TO GOD.

THE PHARISEES ARE NOT ABLE TO TRICK JESUS. THEY ADMIRE HIS SKILL AT ANSWERING THEIR QUESTION, BUT THEY TRY AGAIN LATER.



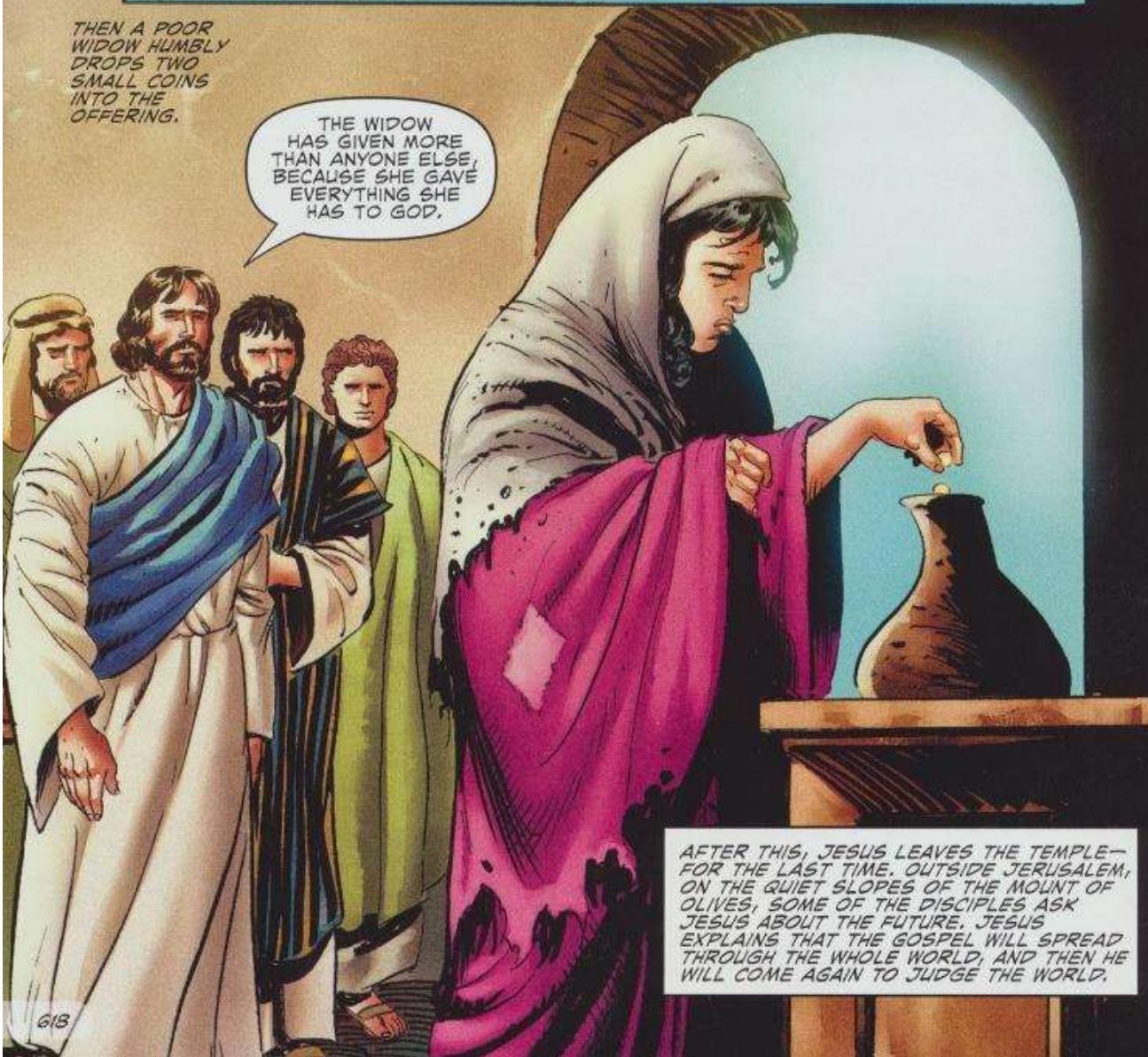
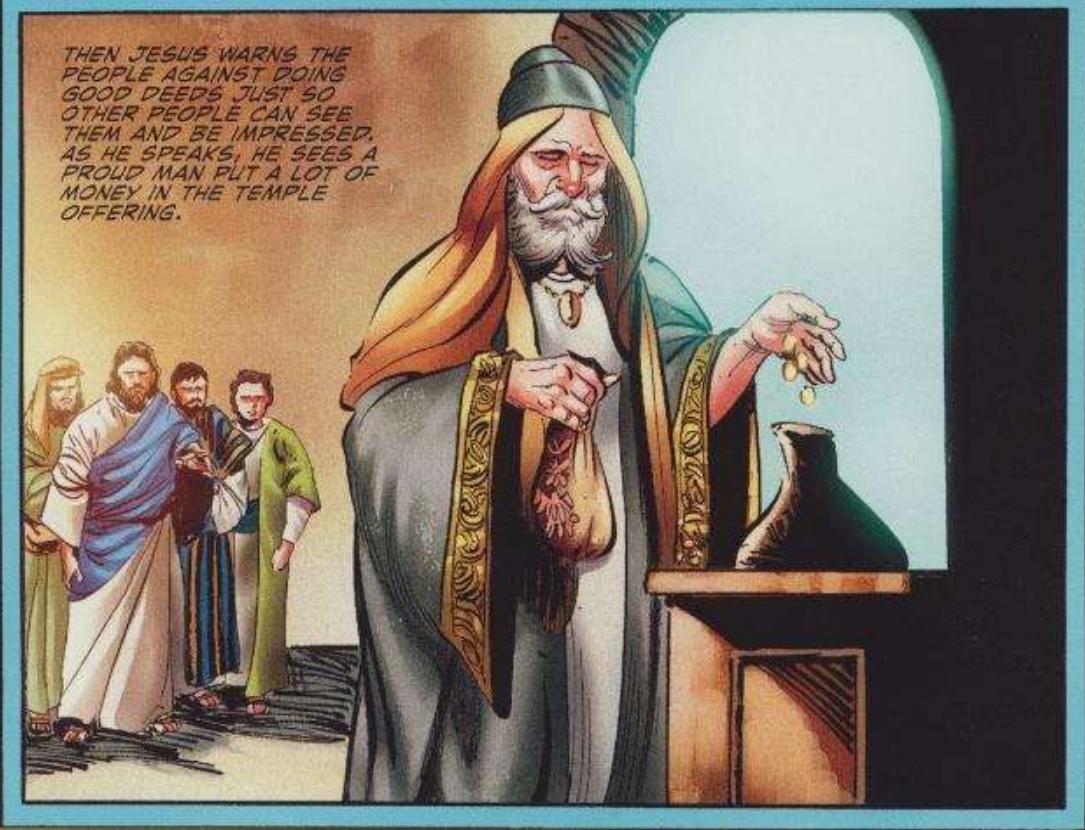
WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE?

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. AND HERE IS THE SECOND COMMANDMENT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.



YOU HAVE SPOKEN THE TRUTH. TO LOVE GOD AND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN GIVING BURNT OFFERINGS.

YOU ARE CLOSE TO GOD'S KINGDOM.

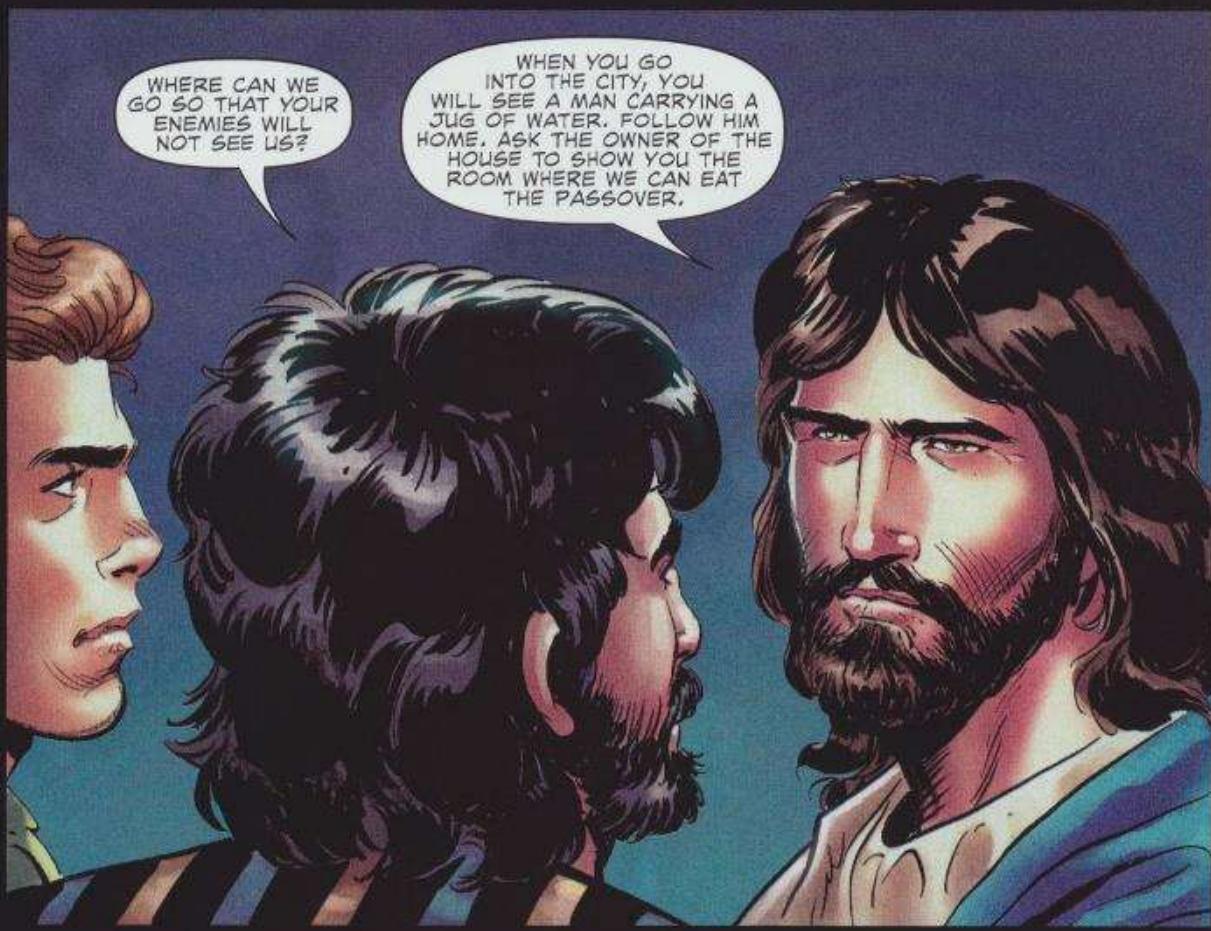
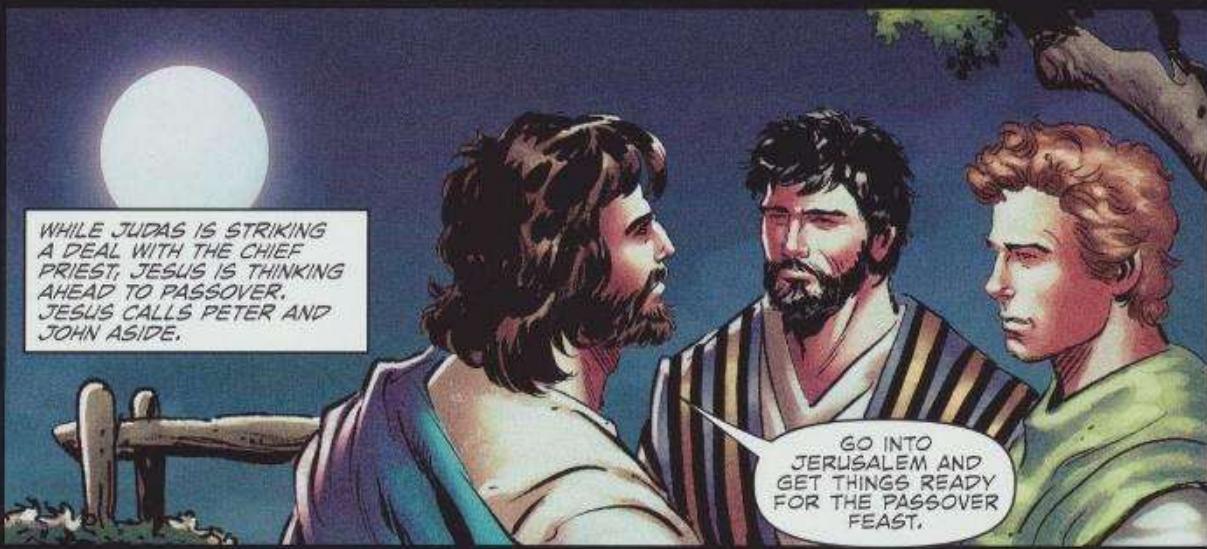


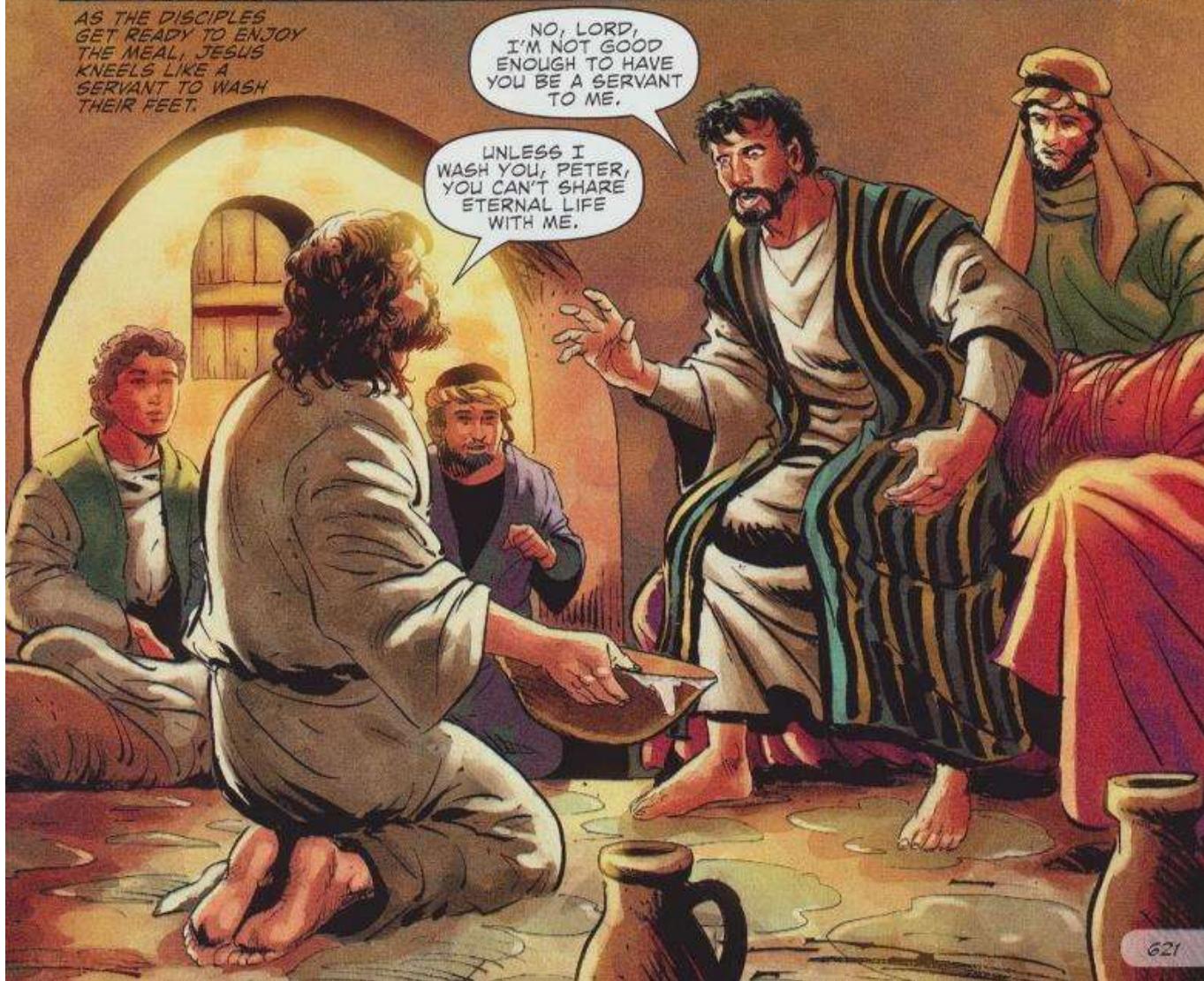
# Passover Problems

BASED ON MATTHEW 26:14-25; LUKE 22:1-13; JOHN 13:1-30

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES RETURN TO BETHANY. LATER THAT NIGHT, JUDAS HURRIES TO JERUSALEM TO CARRY OUT AN IDEA HE'S BEEN PLANNING.







AFTER JESUS WASHES ALL THE DISCIPLES' FEET, HE SITS DOWN AT THE TABLE AGAIN.

IF I, YOUR LORD AND MASTER, HAVE SERVED YOU, YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME FOR EACH OTHER. THE SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN THE MASTER.



JESUS TEACHES THE DISCIPLES, BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING HE SAYS. THEN HE MAKES A STARTLING STATEMENT.

ONE OF YOU IS GOING TO BETRAY ME.

LORD, IS IT I?



THE ONE I GIVE THIS BREAD TO WILL BETRAY ME.



IMMEDIATELY, JUDAS GETS UP FROM THE TABLE AND HURRIES OUT, BUT THE OTHER DISCIPLES DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ...

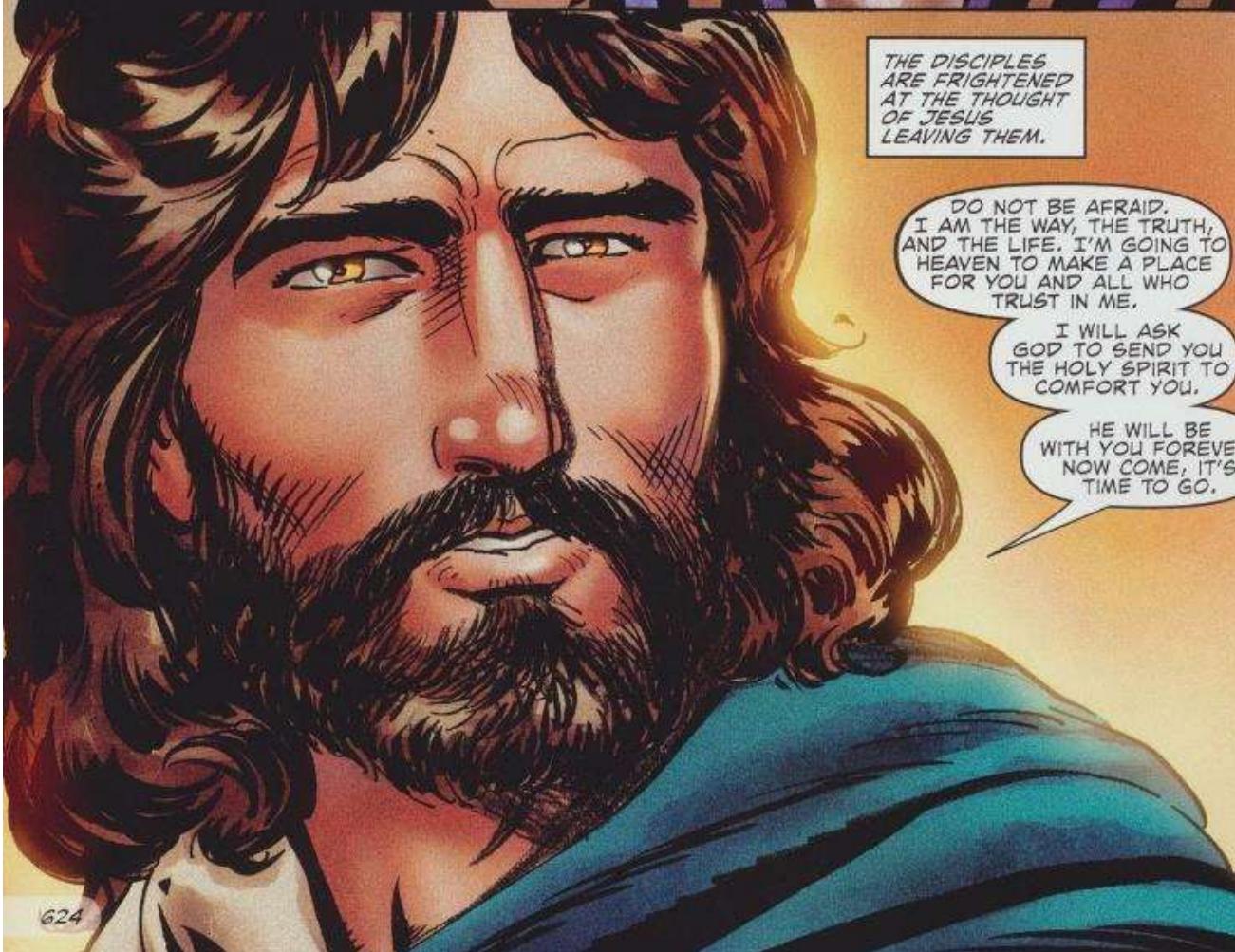
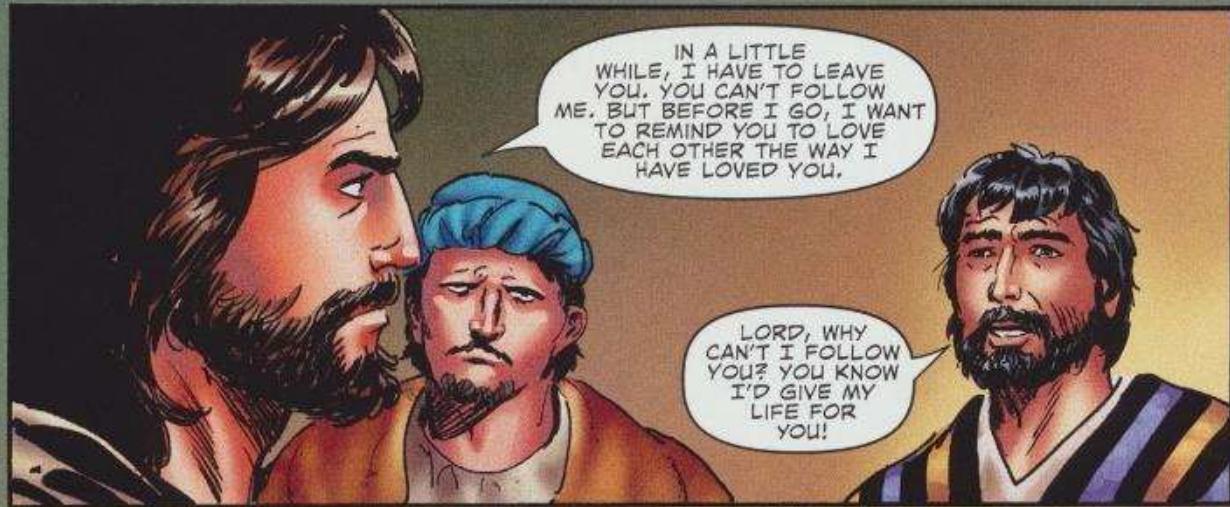
# The Lord's Supper

BASED ON JOHN 13:31-14:13; MATTHEW 26:26-56

AFTER JUDAS, THE TRAITOR, LEAVES, JESUS PICKS UP A PIECE OF BREAD. HE THANKS GOD FOR IT, BREAKS IT, AND GIVES IT TO HIS DISCIPLES. HE SAYS, "THIS IS MY BODY." THEN JESUS OFFERS THEM A CUP.

DRINK FROM THIS CUP, EACH OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD WHICH WILL BE SPILLED FOR YOUR SINS. AFTER I'M GONE, DRINK IT TO REMEMBER ME.

SO JESUS MAKES A NEW COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS. WHEN WE TAKE THE BREAD AND CUP IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE REMEMBER THAT GOD SENT HIS SON TO SAVE US FROM OUR SIN AND GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE.



QUIETLY, THEY LEAVE THE UPPER ROOM AND WALK THROUGH THE MOONLIT STREETS OF THE CITY. THEY GO OUT A GATE ON THE EAST SIDE AND WALK ACROSS A VALLEY TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.

JESUS ASKS EIGHT OF THE DISCIPLES TO WAIT WHILE HE TAKES PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN DEEPER INTO THE GARDEN.

THIS IS A SAD NIGHT FOR ME. STAY HERE AND WATCH WHILE I GO ALONE TO PRAY.

OH, DAD, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME SUFFER FOR PEOPLE'S SIN. BUT I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK.

WHEN JESUS RETURNS TO PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN, HE FINDS THEM SLEEPING. HE GOES OFF ALONE TO PRAY TWO MORE TIMES. EACH TIME WHEN HE RETURNS, HE FINDS HIS FRIENDS ASLEEP. THE THIRD TIME ...

WAKE UP! IT'S TIME. THE ONE WHO WILL BETRAY ME IS COMING.

AS JESUS SPEAKS, JUDAS BURSTS INTO THE GARDEN LEADING A CROWD. HE KISSES JESUS TO SIGNAL TO THE SOLDIERS WHO TO ARREST.

GREETINGS, MASTER.

AS THE SOLDIERS GRAB JESUS, PETER SWIFTLY PULLS HIS SWORD AND WILDLY SLASHES OFF THE EAR OF A SERVANT.

PETER! PUT YOUR SWORD AWAY! DO YOU THINK I CAN'T CALL ON GOD TO SEND THOUSANDS OF ANGELS TO PROTECT ME? THE SCRIPTURES SAY THIS HAS TO HAPPEN THIS WAY.

JESUS GENTLY TOUCHES THE SERVANT'S EAR AND HEALS HIM. WHEN THE DISCIPLES SEE THAT JESUS IS LETTING HIMSELF BE ARRESTED, THEY RUN FOR THEIR LIVES. THE SOLDIERS TAKE JESUS BACK TO JERUSALEM—THE SAME CITY HE HAD ENTERED SO TRIUMPHANTLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE.

# On Trial

BASED ON  
MATTHEW 26:57-27:2;  
JOHN 18:15-38;  
LUKE 22:63-23:17

AFTER BEING ARRESTED, JESUS IS TAKEN TO THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST. FALSE WITNESSES ACCUSE HIM OF CRIMES HE DIDN'T COMMIT, BUT THEY CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING. FINALLY, CAIAPHAS, THE HIGH PRIEST, QUESTIONS JESUS HIMSELF.

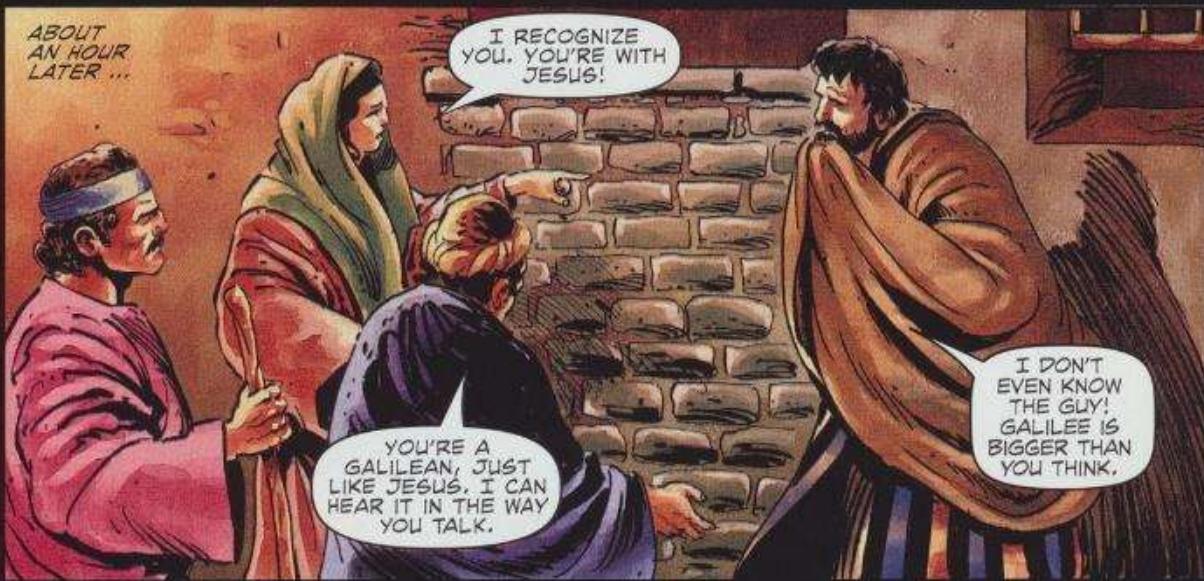
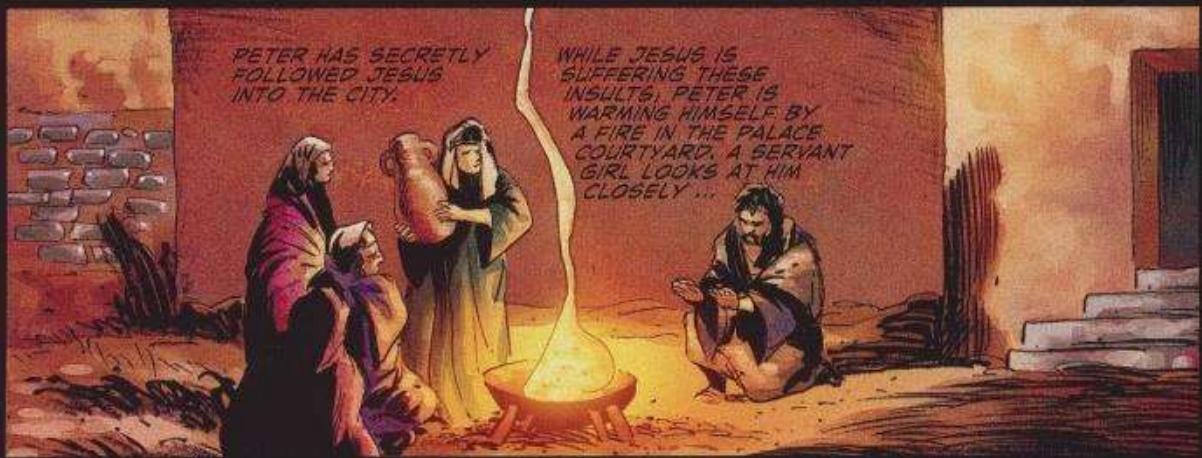
TELL US  
ONCE AND FOR  
ALL IF YOU ARE  
THE SON OF  
GOD.

I AM.

THERE!  
YOU HEARD HIM!  
HE SPEAKS EVIL AGAINST  
GOD BY CLAIMING TO  
BE GOD'S SON.

HE MUST  
DIE!

INSTANTLY, THE MEN WHO ARE GUARDING JESUS BEGIN SPITTING ON HIM. THEY BLINDFOLD HIM AND HIT HIM IN THE FACE, DEMANDING THAT HE PROVE HIS POWER BY SAYING WHO STRUCK HIM.



THIS IS THE THIRD TIME PETER SAYS HE DOESN'T KNOW JESUS. JUST THEN, GUARDS LEAD JESUS THROUGH THE COURTYARD. JESUS TURNS AND LOOKS STRAIGHT AT PETER, AND AT THE SAME MOMENT, PETER HEARS A ROOSTER CROW, SIGNALING THE SUNRISE. HE REMEMBERS WHAT JESUS SAID.



SICK WITH SHAME, PETER RUSHES OUTSIDE AND WEEPS BITTERLY.



THE JEWISH HIGH COURT IS NOT ALLOWED TO SENTENCE A PERSON TO DEATH. SO IN THE EARLY HOURS OF FRIDAY MORNING, THEY TAKE JESUS TO THE ROMAN GOVERNOR, PILATE. CLEVERLY, THEY DON'T CHARGE HIM WITH BREAKING JEWISH LAWS, BUT WITH TREASON AGAINST ROME. PILATE QUESTIONS JESUS PRIVATELY, THEN FACES THE RESTLESS MOB.



NOT GUILTY?  
HE TRIED TO  
START REVOLTS ALL  
OVER JUDEA AND  
GALILEE.



AT THE MENTION OF GALILEE, PILATE DECIDES TO SEND JESUS TO HEROD ANTIPAS, THE RULER OF GALILEE. HEROD IS IN JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER FEAST. CURIOUS, HEROD HOPES THAT JESUS WILL PERFORM A MIRACLE. WHEN JESUS DOESN'T RESPOND TO HEROD, THE RULER BEGINS MAKING FUN OF HIM FOR THINKING HE IS A KING. WHEN HEROD TIRES OF HIS SPORT, HE SENDS JESUS BACK TO PILATE.

PILATE STILL DOES NOT WANT TO DECLARE JESUS GUILTY OF TREASON, BUT HE KNOWS THAT IF HE LETS JESUS GO, THE JEWISH LEADERS COULD CAUSE TROUBLE.

THE PEOPLE!  
I'LL LET THEM DECIDE! THEN,  
WHEN THEY RELEASE JESUS,  
I WON'T BE BLAMED.

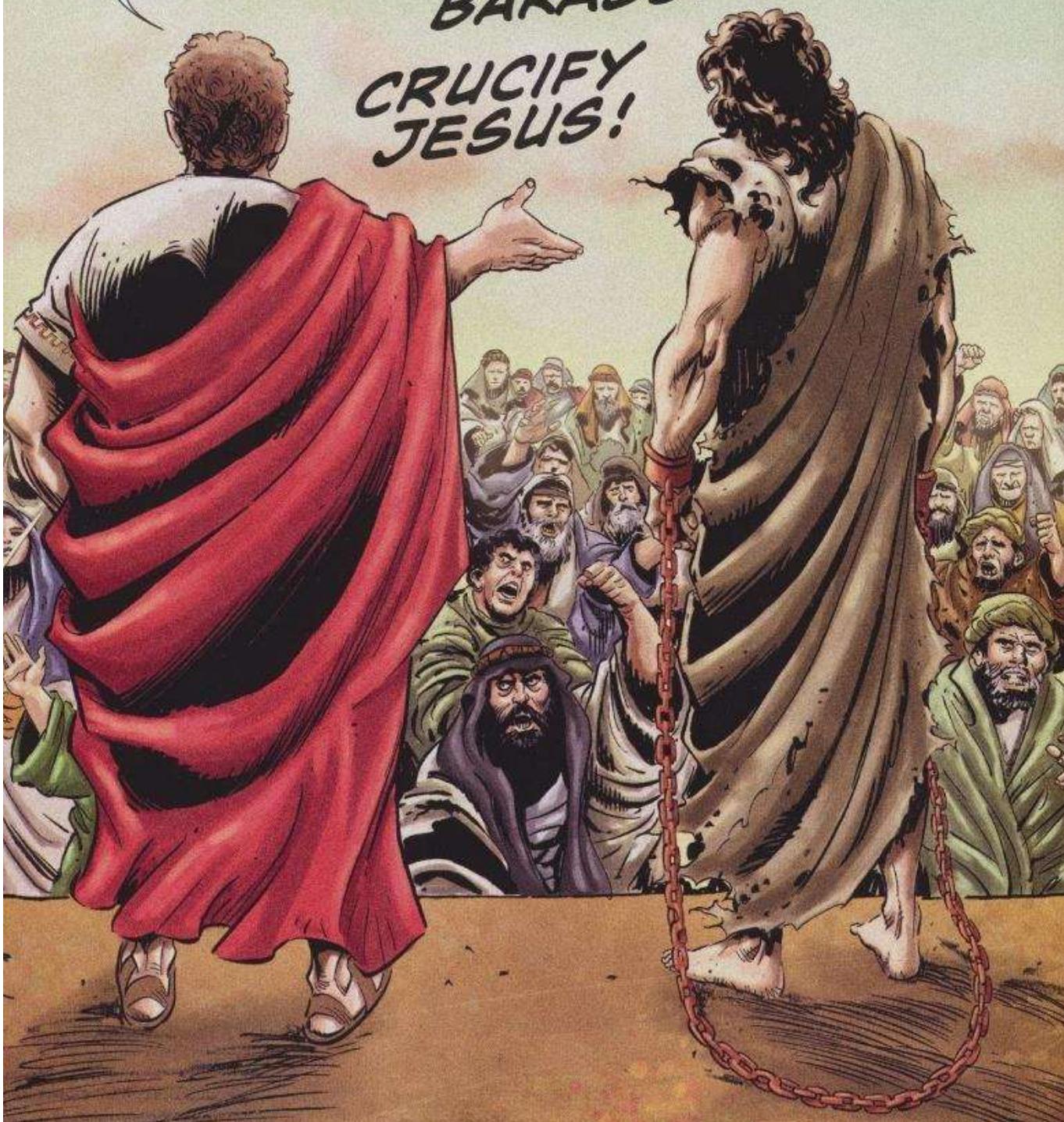
# Death Sentence

BASED ON JOHN 18:39-19:22; MATTHEW 27:3-10

PILATE IS AFRAID TO MAKE THE JEWS ANGRY BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT REPORTS OF TROUBLE TO REACH THE EMPEROR IN ROME. PILATE IS DESPERATE FOR AN IDEA THAT WILL MAKE THE JEWS HAPPY AND NOT MAKE HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS TO JESUS.

IT IS THE  
CUSTOM TO RELEASE  
A PRISONER TO YOU  
DURING YOUR PASSOVER  
FEAST. SHALL I  
FREE JESUS OR  
BARABBAS THE  
MURDERER?

**BARABBAS!**  
**RELEASE**  
**BARABBAS!**  
**CRUCIFY**  
**JESUS!**



PILATE IS STUNNED, HE TRIES TO SATISFY THE CROWD WITH A LESSER PUNISHMENT.

WHIP HIM!



AFTER THE WHIPPING, SOLDIERS TWIST THORNS TOGETHER TO MAKE A CROWN AND THRUST IT ON JESUS' HEAD. THEY PUT A PURPLE ROBE ON HIM AND MAKE FUN OF HIM.

HA! SOME KING OF THE JEWS!

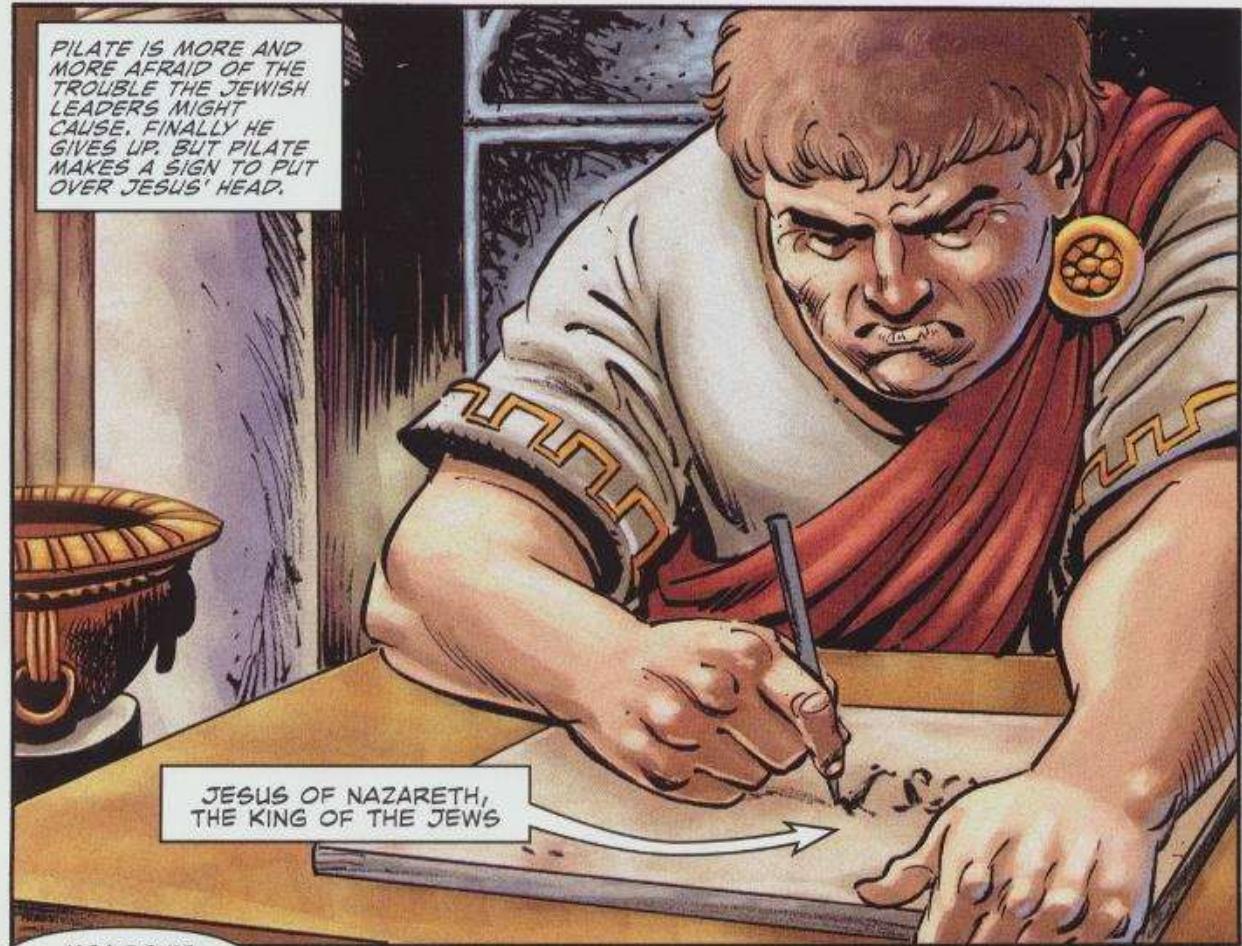


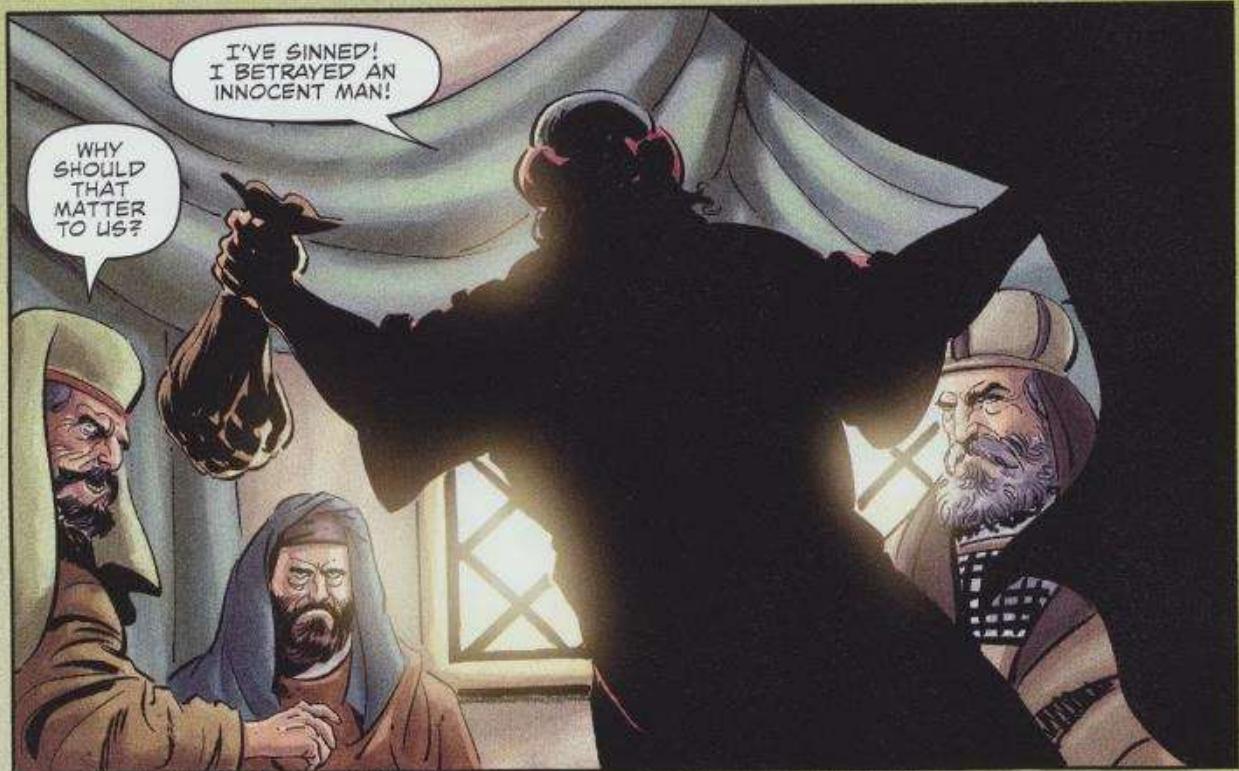
PILATE TRIES ONE MORE TIME TO SAVE JESUS, SHOWING THE CROWD THAT HE'S BEEN BRUTALLY BEATEN.

I FIND NO REASON TO CHARGE THIS MAN.

CRUCIFY HIM!  
CRUCIFY HIM!





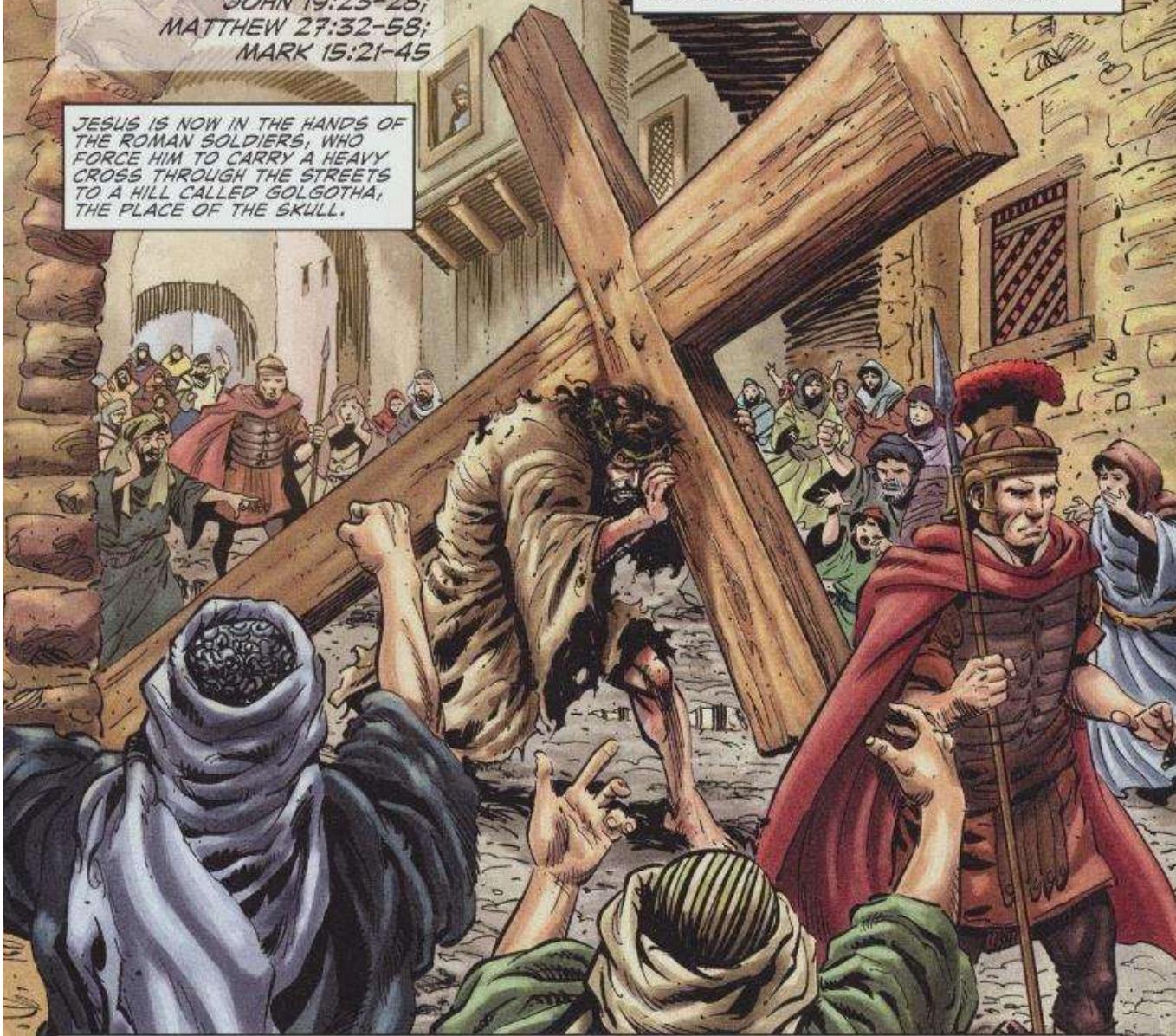


# Crucified!

BASED ON LUKE 23:26-52;  
JOHN 19:23-28;  
MATTHEW 27:32-58;  
MARK 15:21-45

FOR DAYS, EXCITED JEWS FROM ALL OVER PALESTINE HAVE CROWDED INTO JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER FEAST. BUT ON FRIDAY MORNING, THE CITY IS GREETED WITH STARTLING NEWS. JESUS OF NAZARETH IS GOING TO BE CRUCIFIED—FOR TREASON!

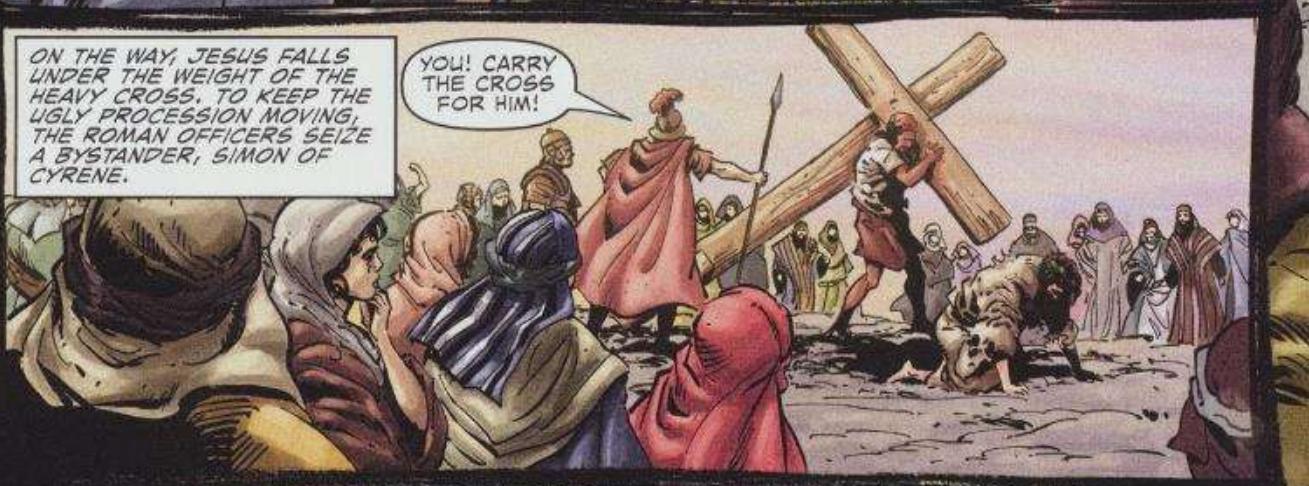
JESUS IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE ROMAN SOLDIERS, WHO FORCE HIM TO CARRY A HEAVY CROSS THROUGH THE STREETS TO A HILL CALLED GOLGOTHA, THE PLACE OF THE SKULL.



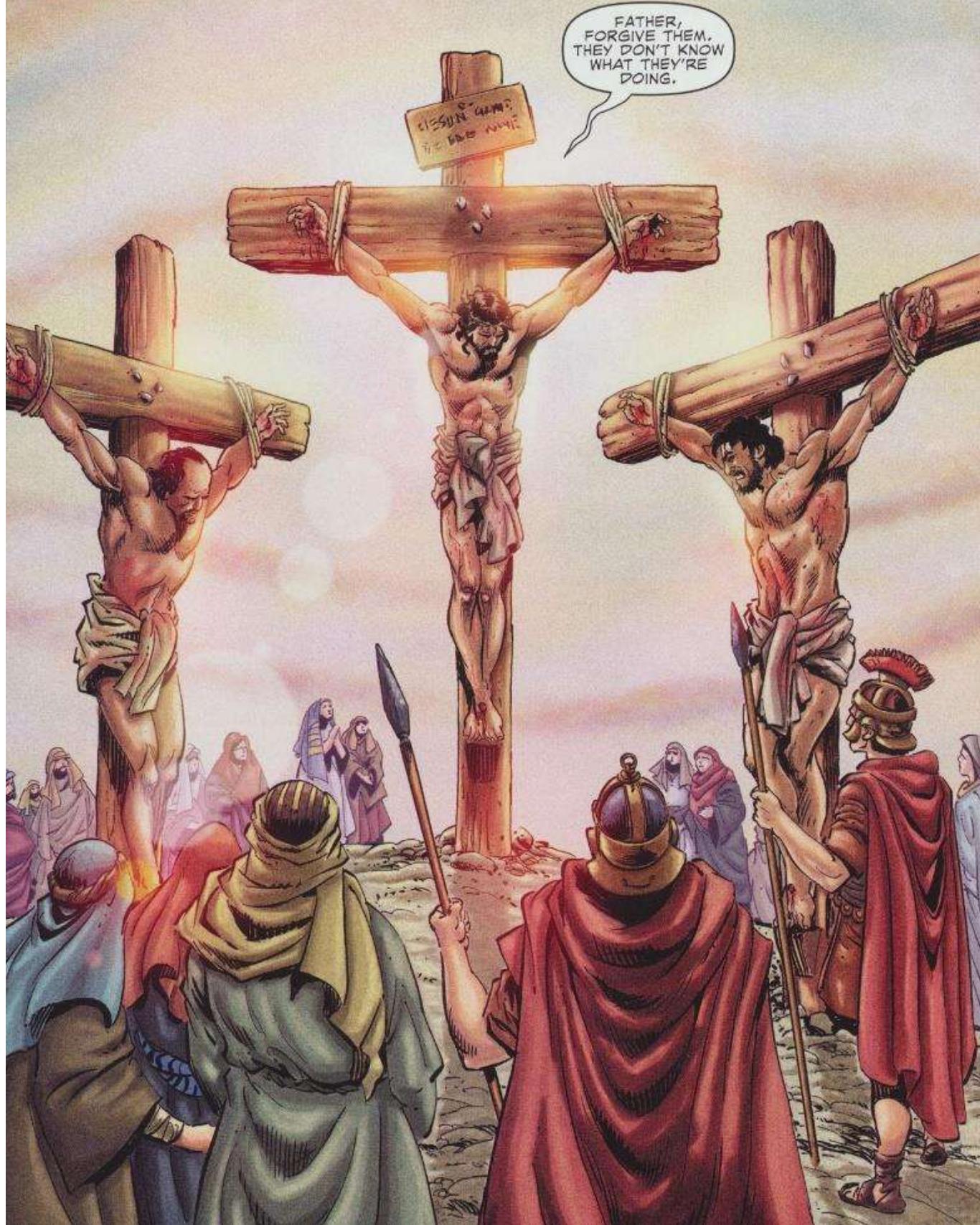
AS JESUS STUMBLERS UNDER THE WEIGHT OF HIS CROSS, THE STREETS FILL WITH A STRANGE MIXTURE OF SPECTATORS AND MOURNERS: PRIESTS AND PHARISEES WHO DEMAND JESUS' DEATH; WOMEN WEPPING FOR THE MAN WHO FORGAVE SINS AND HEALED THE SICK; CURIOUS ONLOOKERS WHO WANT ONLY TO SEE THE CONDEMNED MAN CARRY HIS CROSS. TWO ROBBERS ARE SENTENCED TO CRUCIFIXION AS WELL.

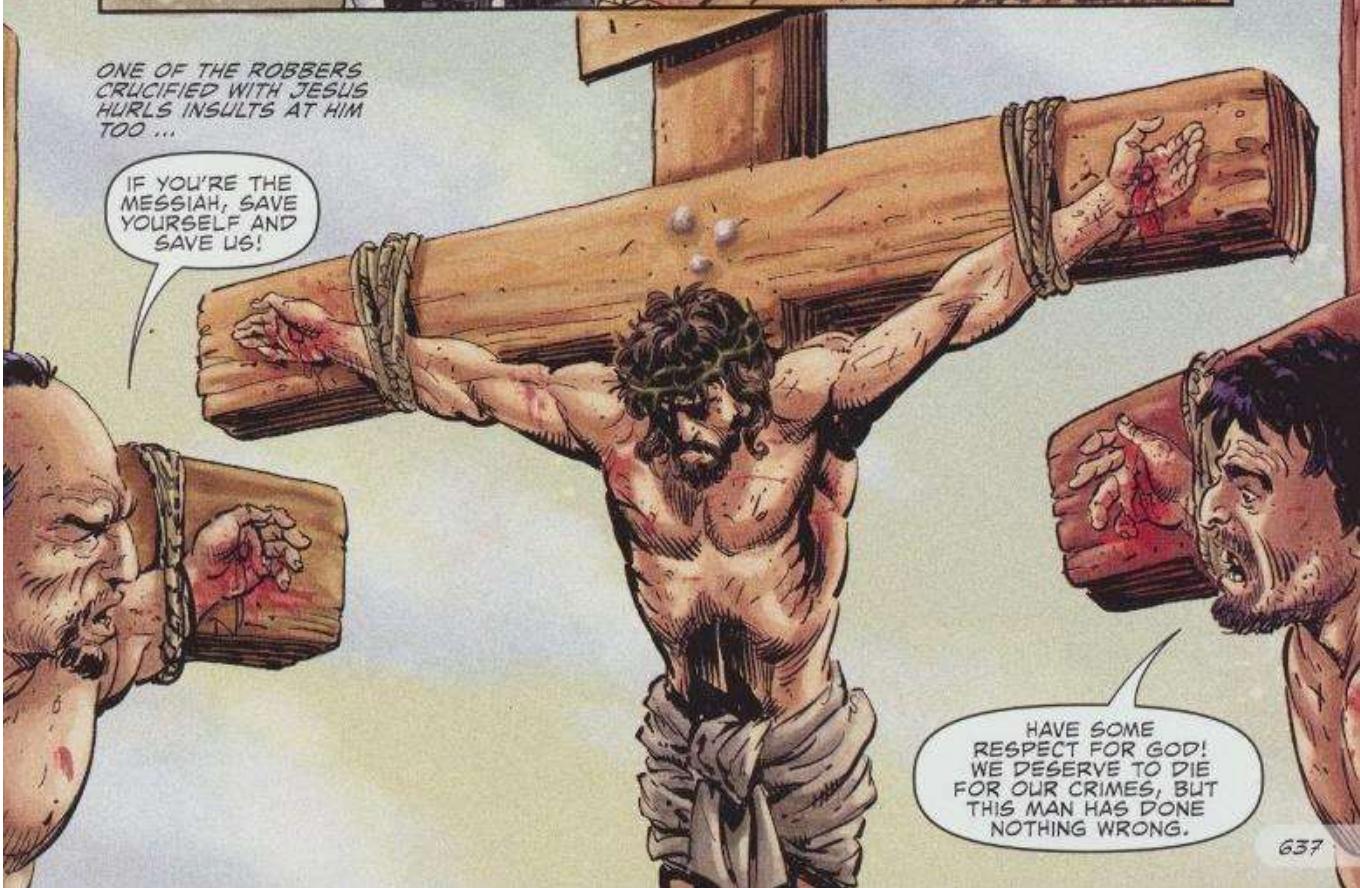
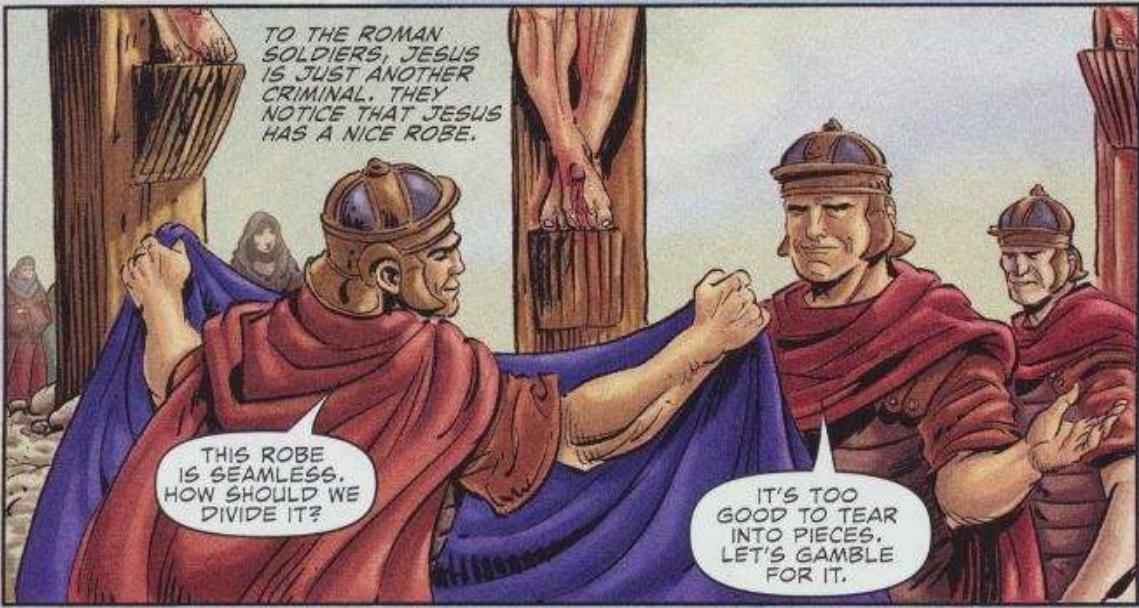
ON THE WAY, JESUS FALLS UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE HEAVY CROSS. TO KEEP THE UGLY PROCESSION MOVING, THE ROMAN OFFICERS SEIZE A BYSTANDER, SIMON OF CYRENE.

YOU! CARRY THE CROSS FOR HIM!



IT'S ABOUT NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN JESUS AND THE TWO ROBBERS REACH GOLGOtha. SOLDIERS NAIL THE SON OF GOD TO A CROSS BETWEEN THE ROBBERS. PILATE'S SIGN HANGS OVER HIS HEAD: "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."







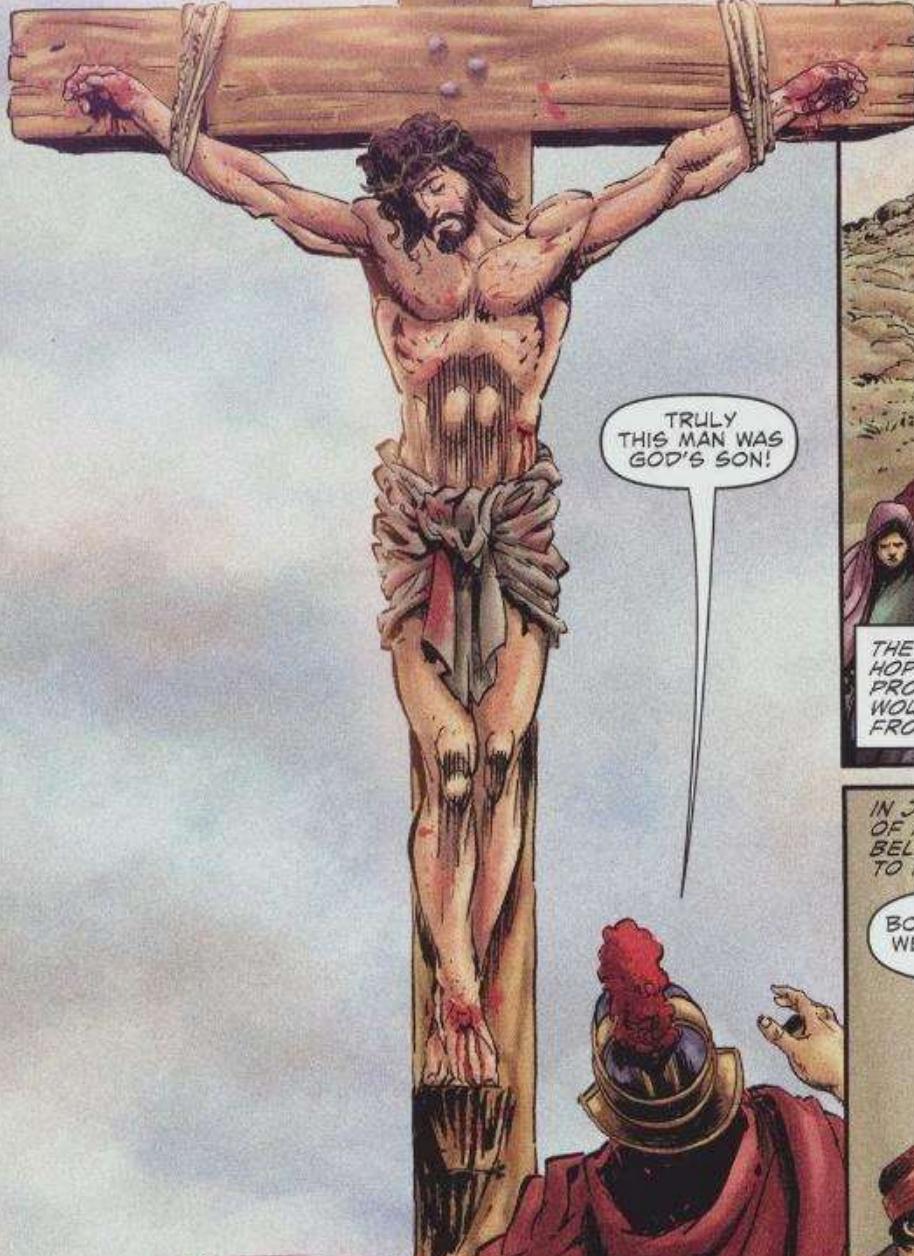


AT THE VERY SAME MOMENT  
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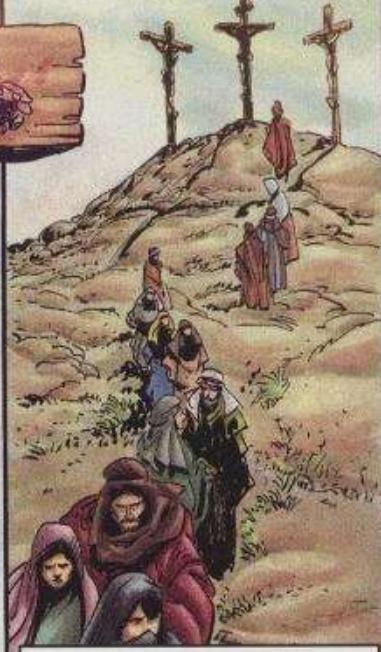
THE VEIL  
IN THE HOLIEST  
PART OF THE TEMPLE  
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PIECES. WHAT CAN  
IT MEAN?

ON A HILL CALLED CALVARY, THE SON OF  
GOD GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE SINS OF  
THE WORLD. THE VEIL IN THE TEMPLE NO  
LONGER SEPARATES US FROM THE  
PRESENCE OF GOD. JESUS, THE SON,  
OPENED THE WAY TO GOD, THE FATHER.

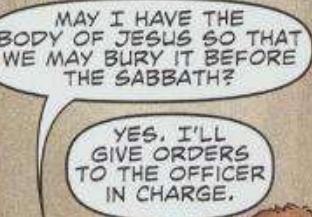
OUTSIDE THE CITY, EVEN THE ROMAN OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE EXECUTION IS AWED BY WHAT HAPPENED. REVERENTLY, HE LOOKS UP AT THE MAN WHO FORGAVE HIS ENEMIES.



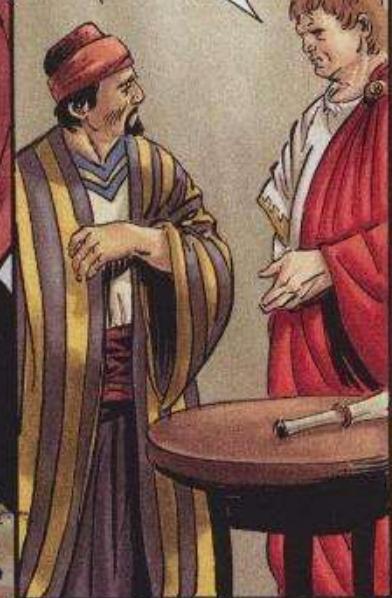
A SOLDIER STABS JESUS WITH A SPEAR TO MAKE SURE HE'S DEAD. THE WITNESSES ARE FILLED WITH GRIEF. THEY SLOWLY GO BACK TO JERUSALEM.



IN JERUSALEM, JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, A SECRET BELIEVER IN JESUS, GOES TO PILATE ...



YES, I'LL GIVE ORDERS TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE.



# The Sealed Tomb

BASED ON MATTHEW 27:59-28:15; JOHN 19:38-20:18; LUKE 24:13-32



THE NEXT DAY, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PHARISEES GO TO PILATE ...

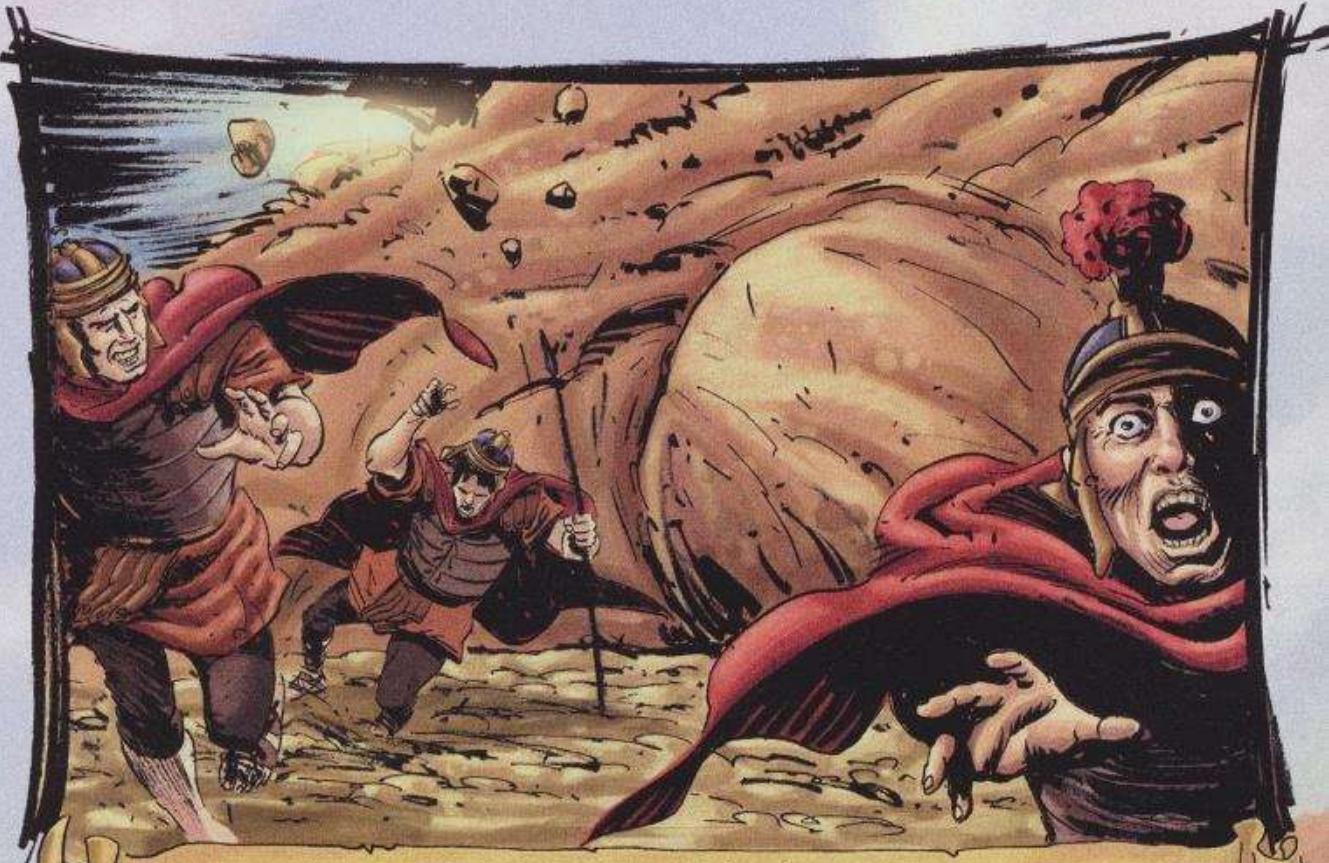
JESUS SAID THAT AFTER THREE DAYS HE WOULD RISE FROM THE DEAD.

GIVE THE ORDER FOR YOUR SOLDIERS TO SEAL THE TOMB. WE DON'T WANT JESUS' DISCIPLES TO STEAL HIS BODY AND CLAIM THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

TAKE THE SOLDIERS YOU NEED, SET UP A GUARD UNTIL AFTER THE THIRD DAY.

SO THE TOMB IS SEALED WITH A HEAVY STONE, AND ROMAN SOLDIERS STAND GUARD.

THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL HEAR ABOUT THIS MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF THE SON OF GOD.



BUT BEFORE THE SUN CAN RISE ON SUNDAY MORNING, THE EARTH SUDDENLY SHUDDERS VIOLENTLY! AN ANGEL OF THE LORD ROLLS THE HEAVY STONE ASIDE. THE SOLDIERS FALL TO THE GROUND IN TERROR. WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE SUBSIDES, THEY FLEE BACK TO THE CITY.

AT DAWN THAT MORNING, MARY MAGDALENE AND OTHER FRIENDS OF JESUS HURRY TO THE TOMB. NOW THAT THE SABBATH IS OVER, THEY WANT TO PUT SPICES ON JESUS' BODY FOR A PROPER BURIAL. THEY WONDER WHO WILL HELP THEM MOVE THE STONE. BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE GARDEN ...

THE TOMB!  
IT'S OPEN!

MARY RUNS BACK TO JERUSALEM TO TELL PETER AND JOHN THAT SOMEONE HAS STOLEN JESUS' BODY. THE OTHER WOMEN GO IN THE TOMB—AND FIND AN ANGEL SEATED THERE!

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED. JESUS IS RISEN. GO AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES.

WHEN PETER AND JOHN HEAR MARY'S NEWS, THEY RACE TO THE TOMB TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES.

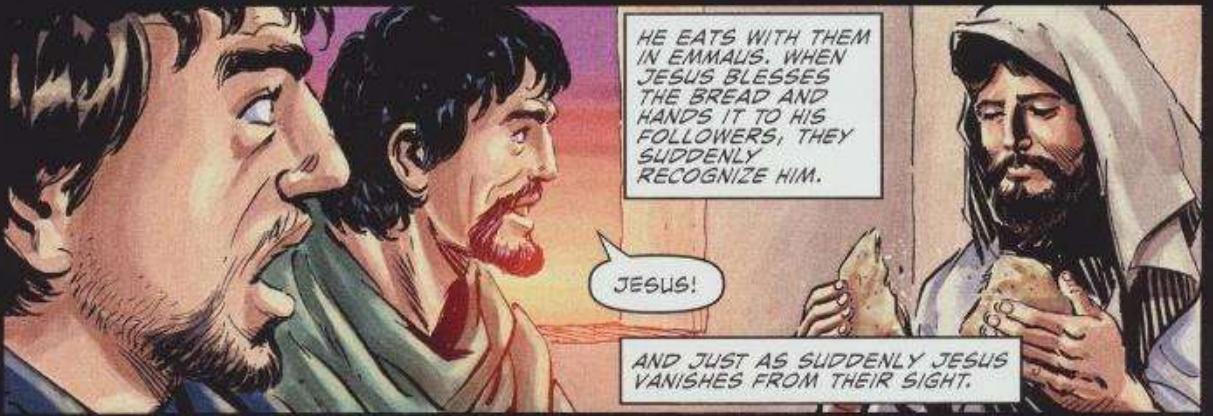
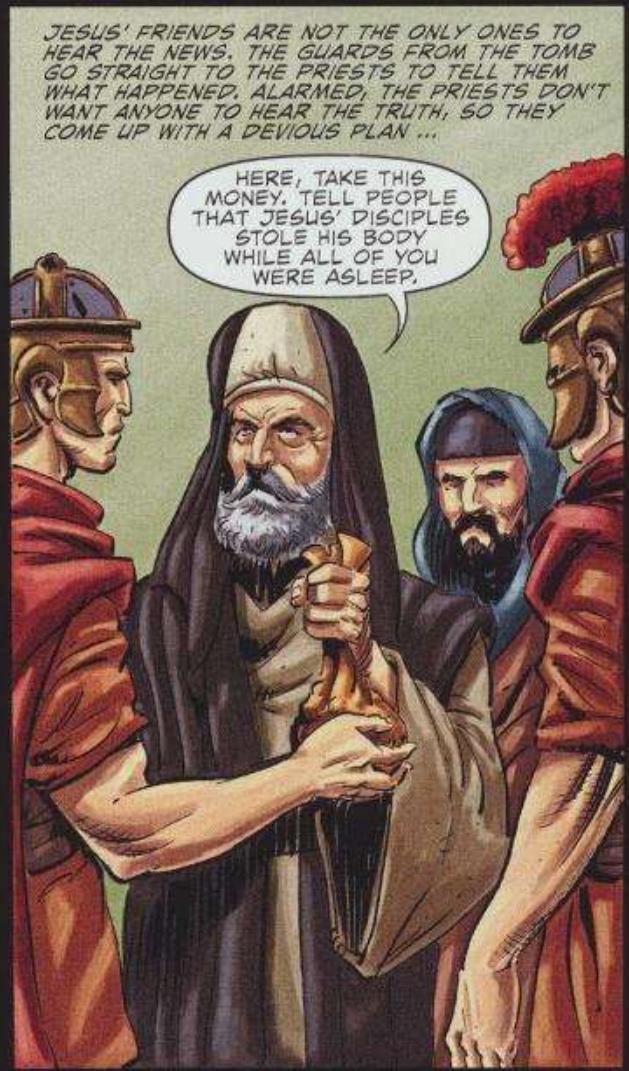
ONLY HIS BURIAL CLOTHS ARE HERE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

BY THE TIME MARY RETURNS TO THE GARDEN, THE OTHERS HAVE GONE. SHE STANDS OUTSIDE THE TOMB CRYING. SOMEONE SPEAKS TO HER ...

HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD! HE SAID HE WOULD, BUT WE DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM.

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN JESUS' BODY, PLEASE TELL ME WHERE YOU PUT IT.



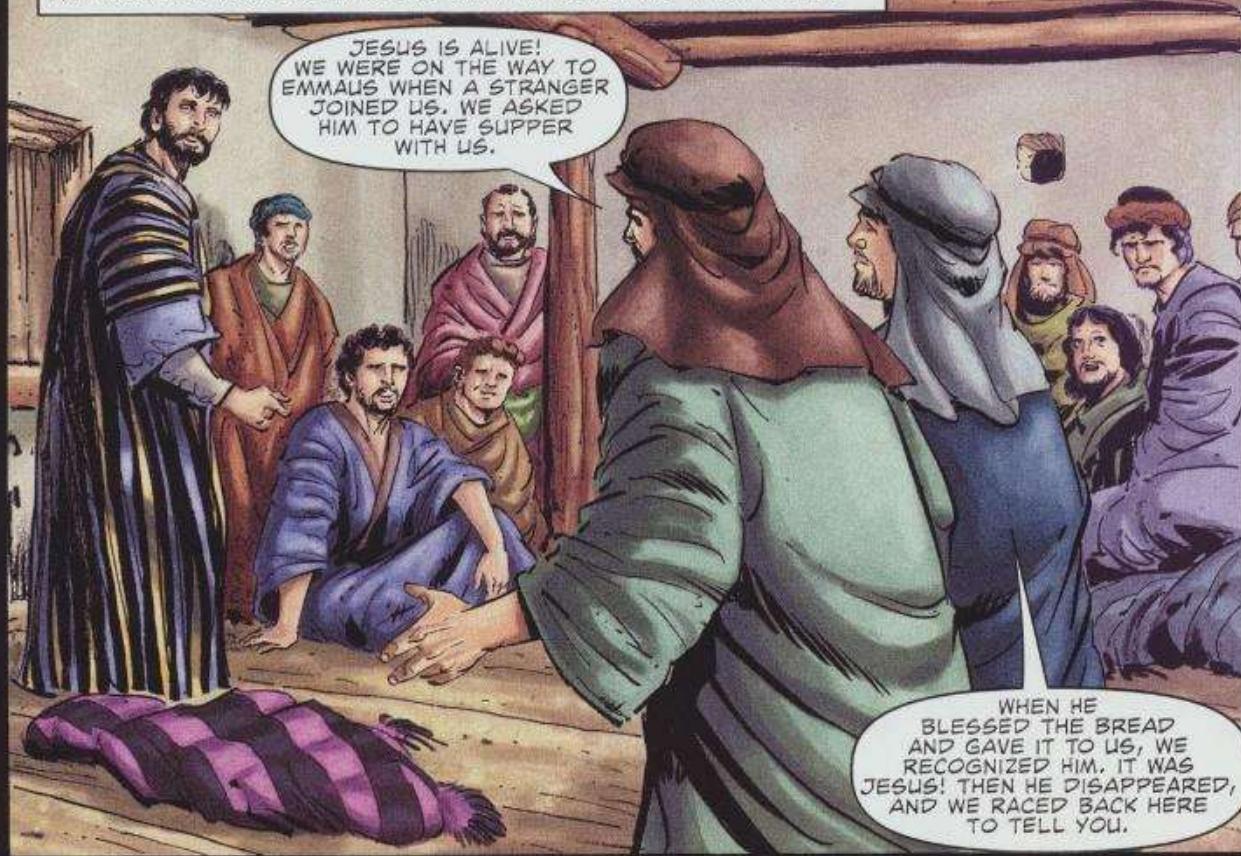
# The Last Command

BASED ON LUKE 24:33-53; JOHN 20:19-21:17; MATTHEW 28:16-20

THROUGHOUT JERUSALEM LATE SUNDAY NIGHT, PEOPLE ARE MARVELING AT THE STRANGE REPORT OF THE ROMAN SOLDIERS.

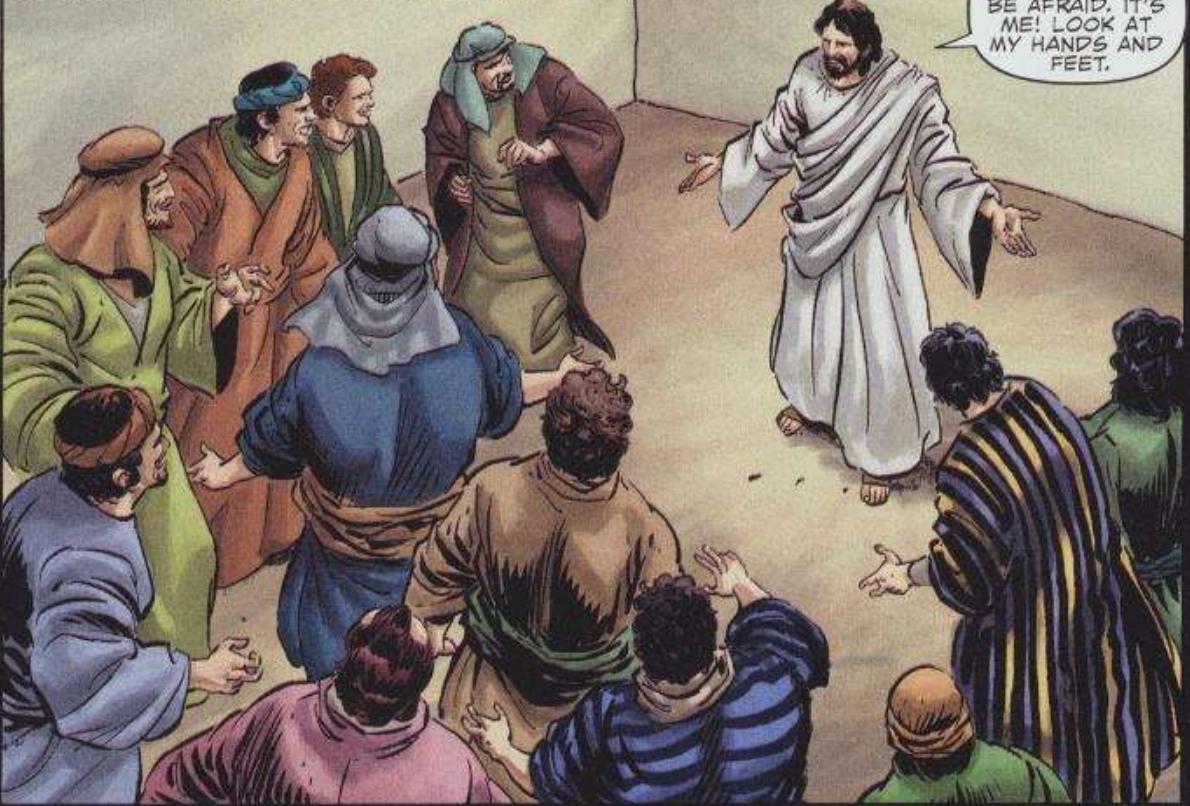


JESUS' DISCIPLES HAVE ALSO HEARD THE SOLDIERS' REPORT. THEY ARE AFRAID THEY MAY BE ARRESTED, SO THEY LOCK THEMSELVES INTO A ROOM. ALL THE DISCIPLES EXCEPT THOMAS ARE THERE. THE TWO MEN WHO HAVE SEEN JESUS ON THE ROAD FIND THEM THERE.





SUDDENLY, JESUS HIMSELF APPEARS IN THE ROOM—EVEN THROUGH LOCKED DOORS! THE DISCIPLES THINK THEY ARE SEEING A SPIRIT.



QUICKLY, THE DISCIPLES RUN OUT TO FIND THOMAS AND TELL HIM THE GREAT NEWS.



A WEEK LATER, THOMAS IS WITH THE DISCIPLES WHEN THEY MEET AGAIN BEHIND LOCKED DOORS. ONCE AGAIN JESUS APPEARS TO THEM.



THOMAS,  
TOUCH MY HANDS  
AND MY SIDE.



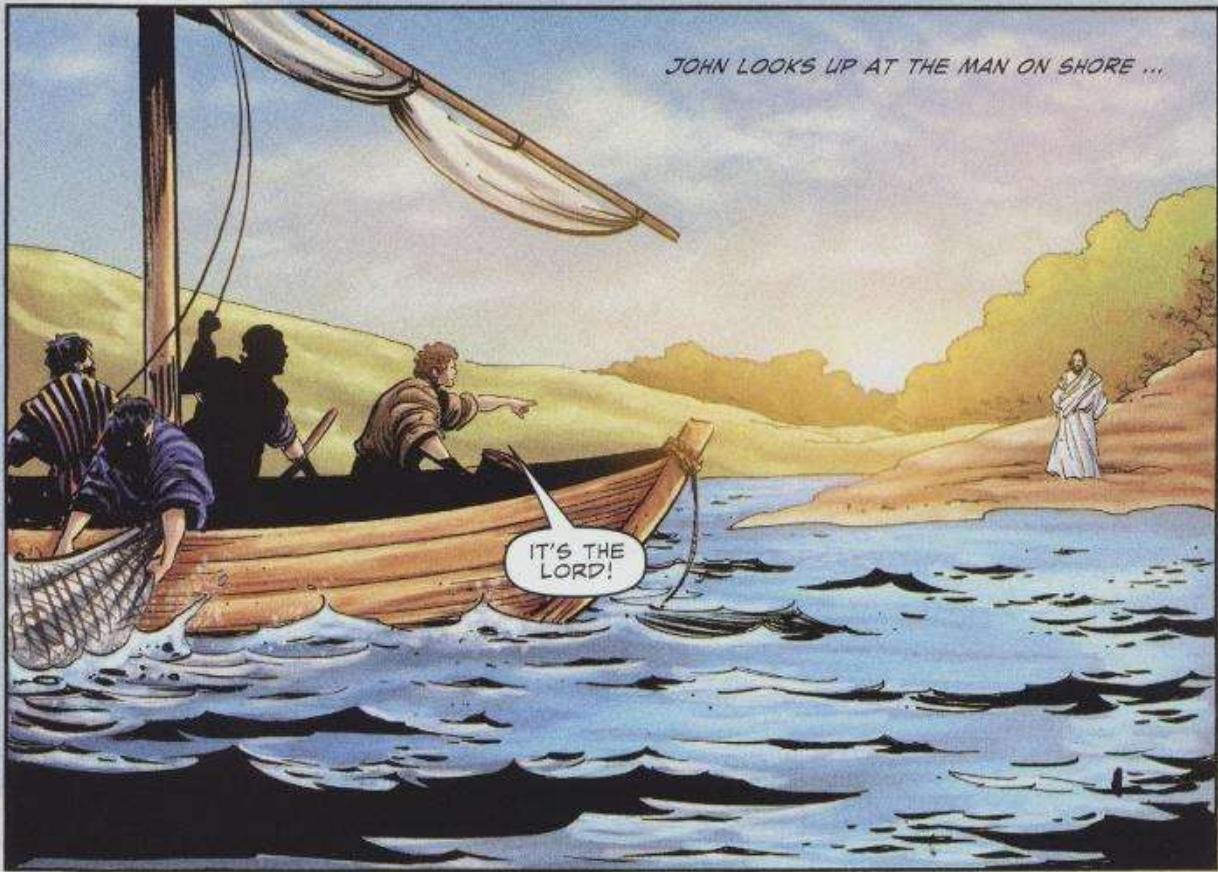
THE DISCIPLES LEAVE JERUSALEM AND GO BACK TO GALILEE. ONE EVENING THEY GO FISHING. THEY FISH ALL NIGHT BUT DON'T CATCH ANYTHING. AT DAYBREAK, THEY SEE SOMEONE STANDING ON THE SHORE.



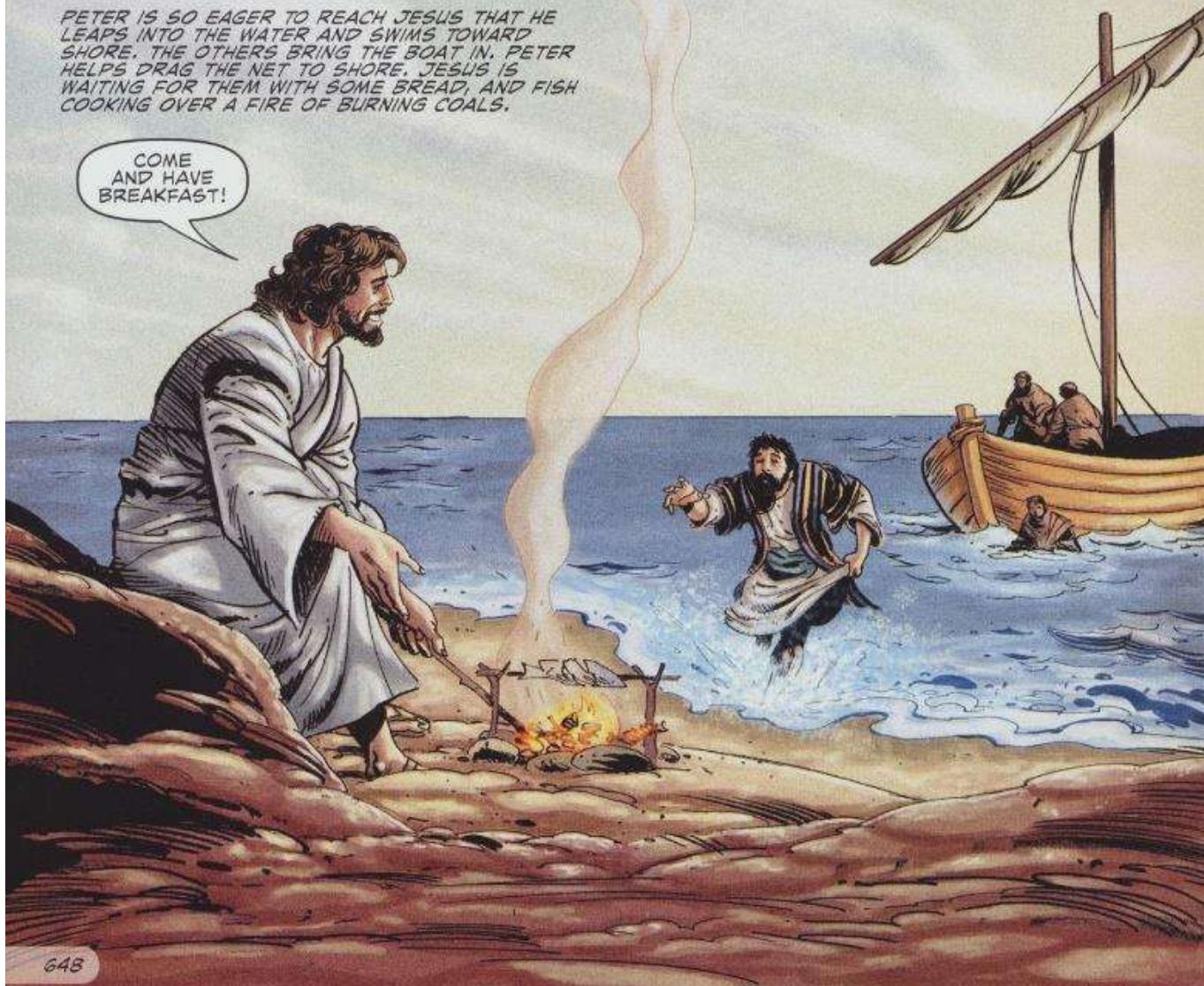
CAST YOUR NET ON THE  
RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOAT!

THE DISCIPLES OBEY, AND SUDDENLY THE NET IS BURSTING WITH FISH ...





PETER IS SO EAGER TO REACH JESUS THAT HE LEAPS INTO THE WATER AND SWIMS TOWARD SHORE. THE OTHERS BRING THE BOAT IN. PETER HELPS DRAG THE NET TO SHORE. JESUS IS WAITING FOR THEM WITH SOME BREAD, AND FISH COOKING OVER A FIRE OF BURNING COALS.



AFTER BREAKFAST,  
JESUS TALKS TO  
PETER PRIVATELY.

PETER,  
DO YOU LOVE  
ME?

YES, LORD;  
YOU KNOW I  
LOVE YOU.

TWO MORE TIMES JESUS  
ASKS PETER THE SAME  
QUESTION. EACH TIME, PETER  
DECLARES HIS LOYALTY.  
THEN JESUS GIVES PETER  
A JOB TO DO.

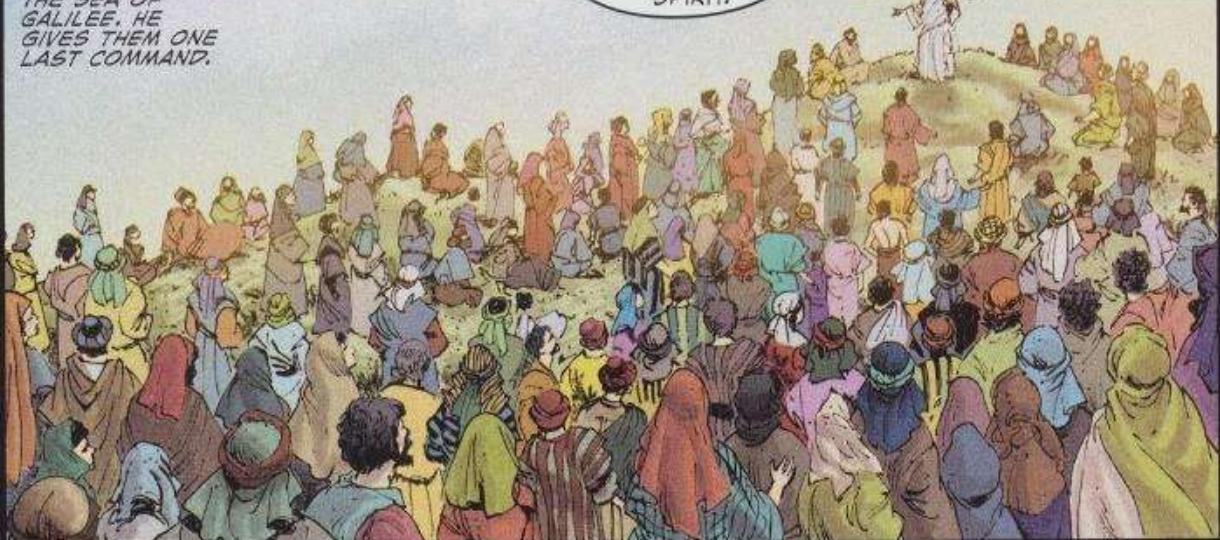
PETER,  
FEED MY SHEEP.  
TAKE CARE OF MY  
FOLLOWERS.

A FEW DAYS  
LATER, JESUS  
APPEARS TO  
500 OF HIS  
FOLLOWERS  
GATHERED ON A  
MOUNTAIN NEAR  
THE SEA OF  
GALILEE. HE  
GIVES THEM ONE  
LAST COMMAND.

GO OUT  
AND SHARE THE  
GOOD NEWS WITH  
THE WHOLE  
WORLD.

BAPTIZE  
THE PEOPLE IN  
THE NAME OF THE  
FATHER AND  
OF THE SON AND  
OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT.

TEACH THEM  
TO OBEY WHAT I  
HAVE COMMANDED.  
AND I WILL ALWAYS  
BE WITH YOU.



JESUS EXPLAINS HOW HE HAS COMPLETED GOD'S WORK. HE IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. NOW IT'S THEIR TURN TO CARRY ON GOD'S WORK. JESUS TELLS THEM TO WAIT IN JERUSALEM FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME.



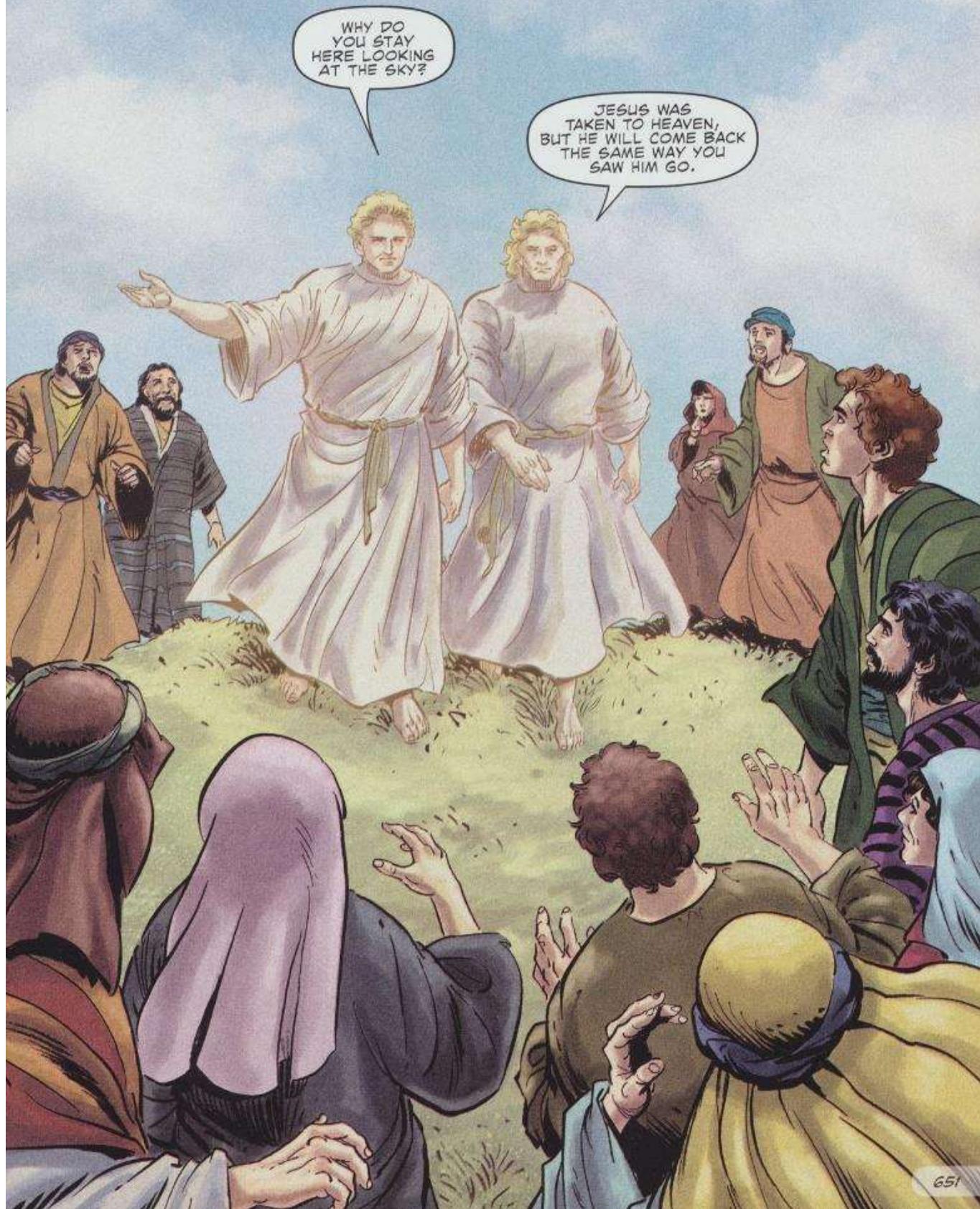
THEN, WITH HIS FOLLOWERS GATHERED AROUND HIM ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES NEAR BETHANY, JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN.



# Waiting for the Spirit

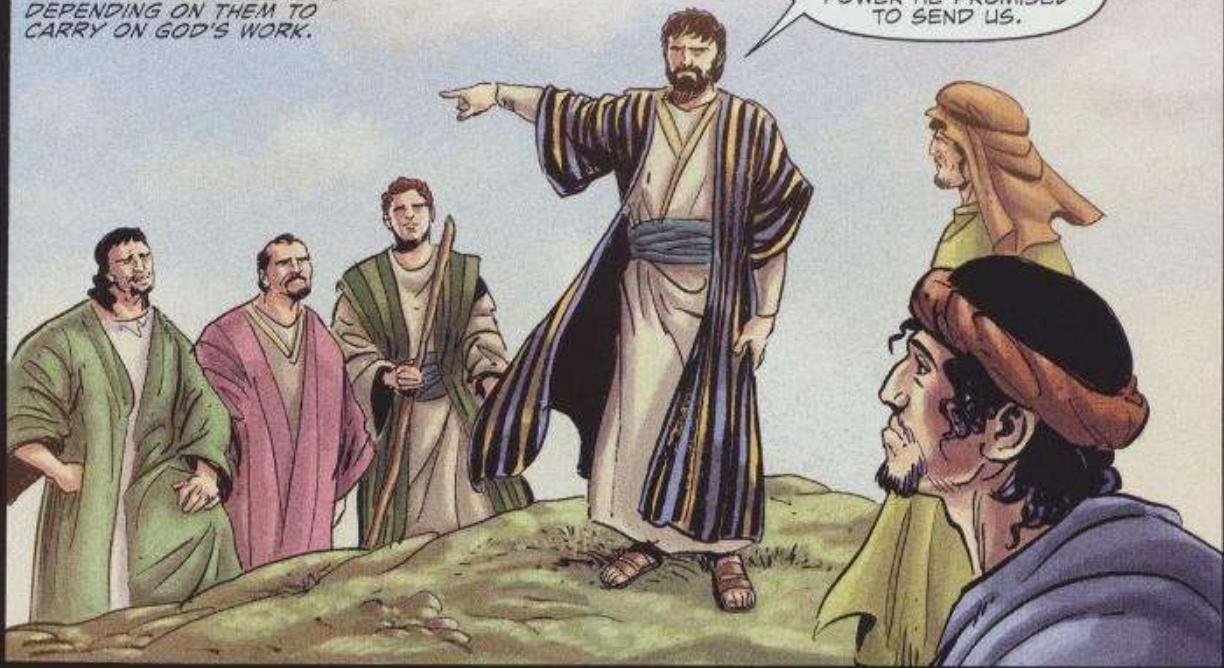
BASED ON ACTS 1

IN AWE AND WONDER, JESUS' FOLLOWERS STAND AND LOOK UP INTO HEAVEN AS IF TO CATCH ONE MORE GLIMPSE OF THE MASTER THEY LOVE. SUDDENLY TWO ANGELS APPEAR ...



THE DISCIPLES, WHO HAD ONCE FLED BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF BEING ARRESTED FOR BEING JESUS' FRIENDS, NOW RETURN TO JERUSALEM. THEY KNOW THAT JESUS IS DEPENDING ON THEM TO CARRY ON GOD'S WORK.

LET'S DO WHAT JESUS TOLD US—WAIT IN JERUSALEM FOR THE POWER HE PROMISED TO SEND US.



IN JERUSALEM, THE DISCIPLES GATHER TOGETHER. PETER TAKES CHARGE ...

JUDAS, WHO BETRAYED JESUS, IS DEAD. WE SHOULD APPOINT SOMEONE TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

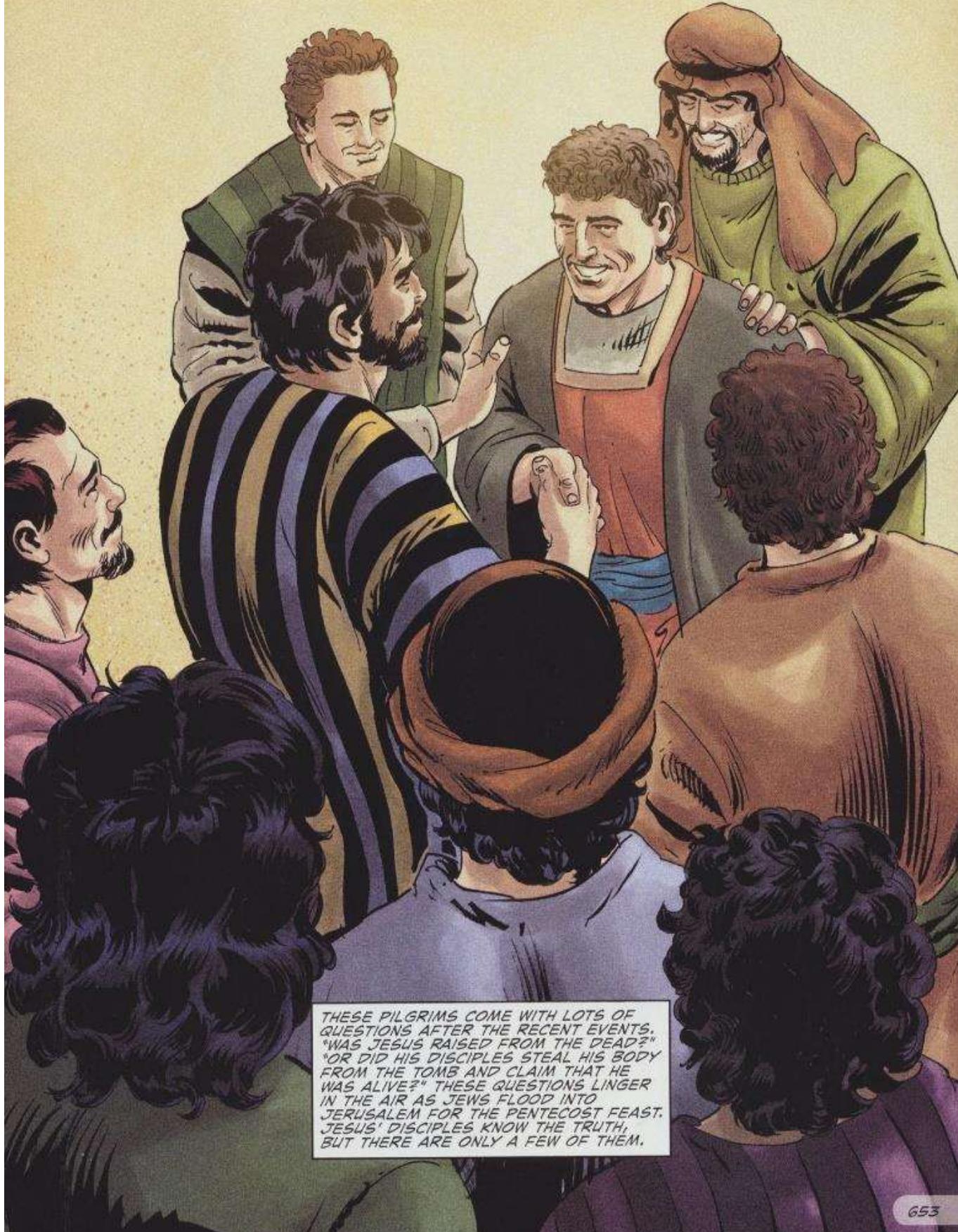
I NOMINATE BARSABBAS.

I NOMINATE MATTHIAS.



THE DISCIPLES ASK GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR THEIR DECISION, AND MATTHIAS IS CHOSEN.

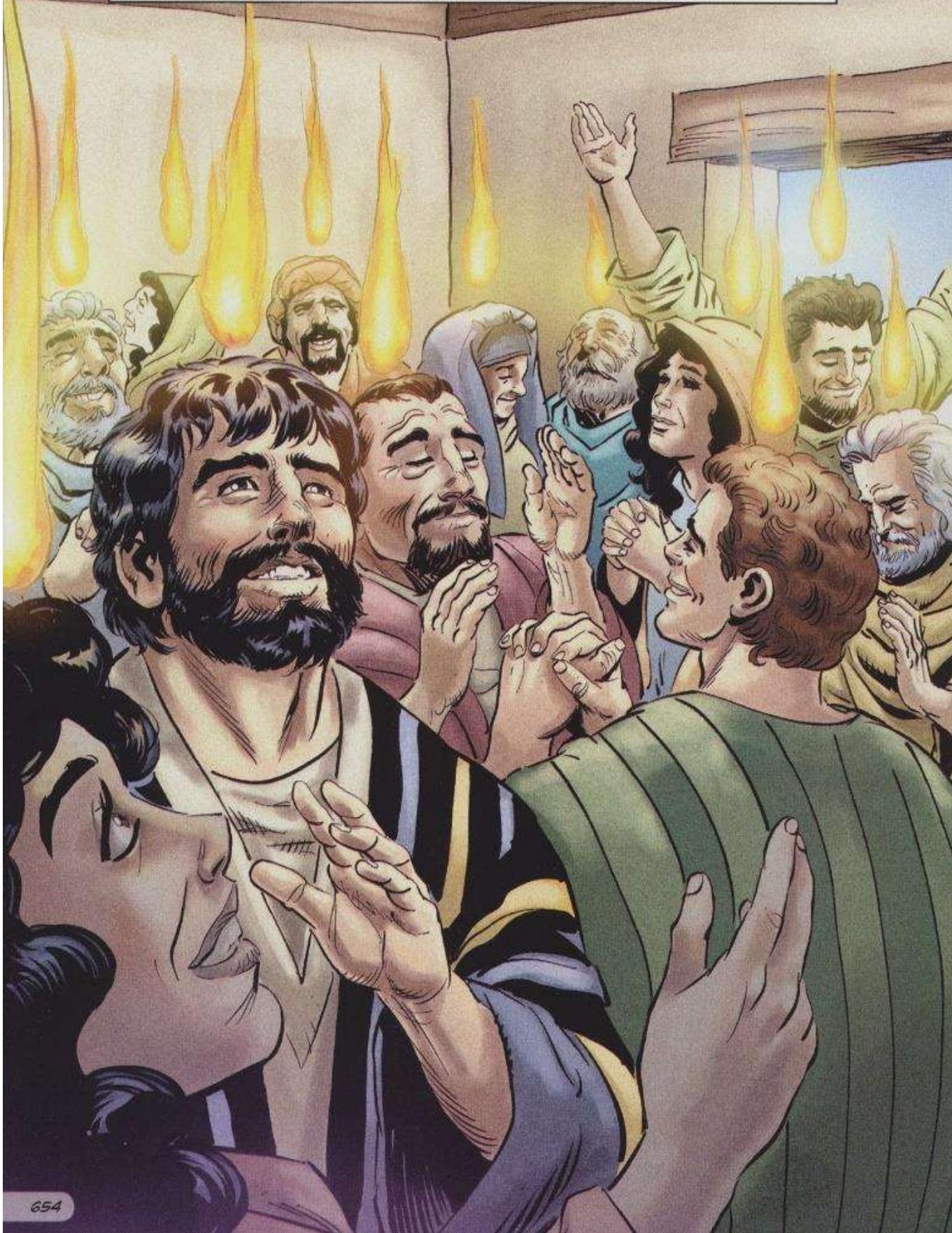
FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS, THE DISCIPLES MEET TOGETHER IN PRAYER. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME, AS JESUS PROMISED. AT THE SAME TIME, JEWS FROM ALL OVER PALESTINE—AND EVEN DISTANT COUNTRIES—ONCE AGAIN FILL THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM. THEY COME TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THANKSGIVING CALLED PENTECOST.



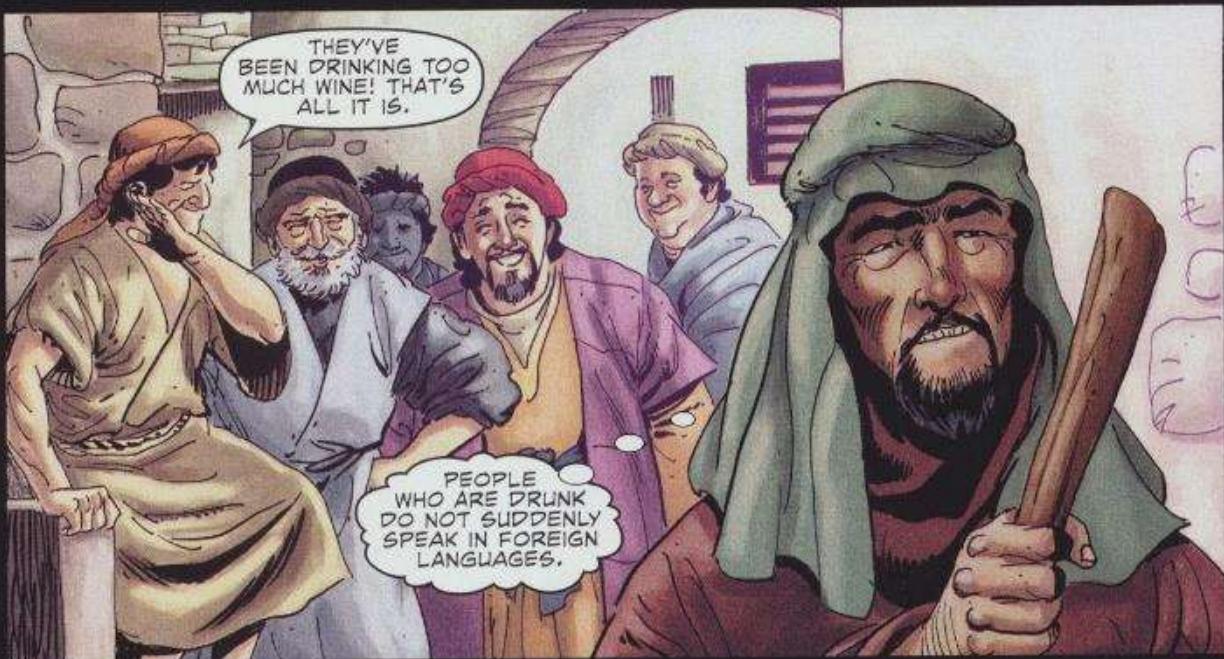
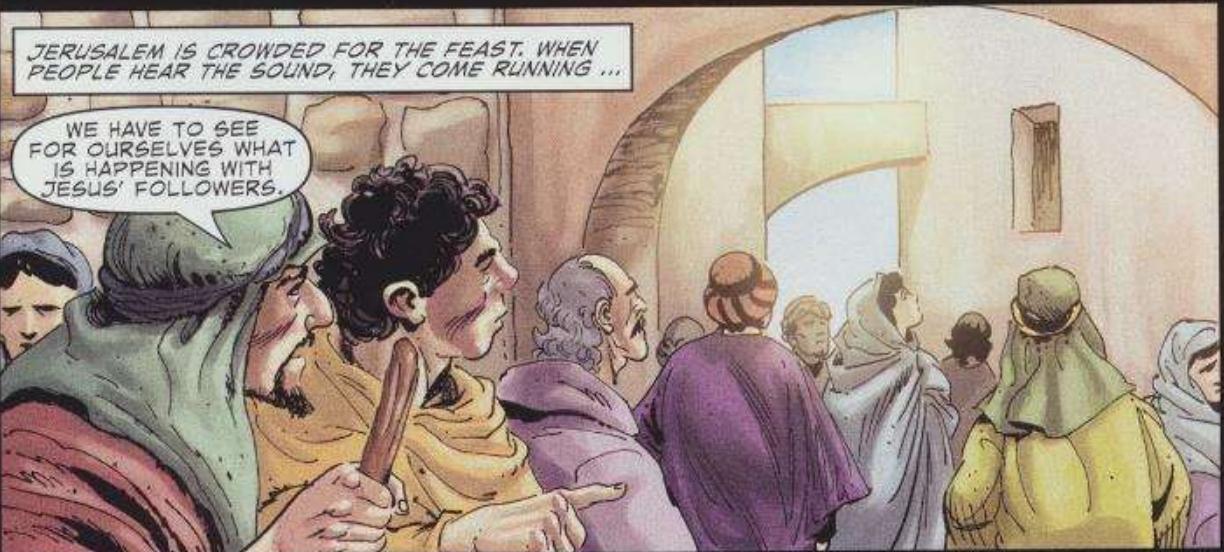
# Tongues of Fire!

BASED ON ACTS 2

EARLY ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, 120 FOLLOWERS OF JESUS GATHER TO PRAY. SUDDENLY A SOUND LIKE A MIGHTY RUSHING WIND ROARS THROUGH THE ROOM AND FILLS THE WHOLE HOUSE. THEN, TONGUES OF FIRE SETTLE ON THEM.



IN THAT HOLY MOMENT, JESUS' FOLLOWERS ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEY START TO SPEAK IN LANGUAGES THEY DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE.



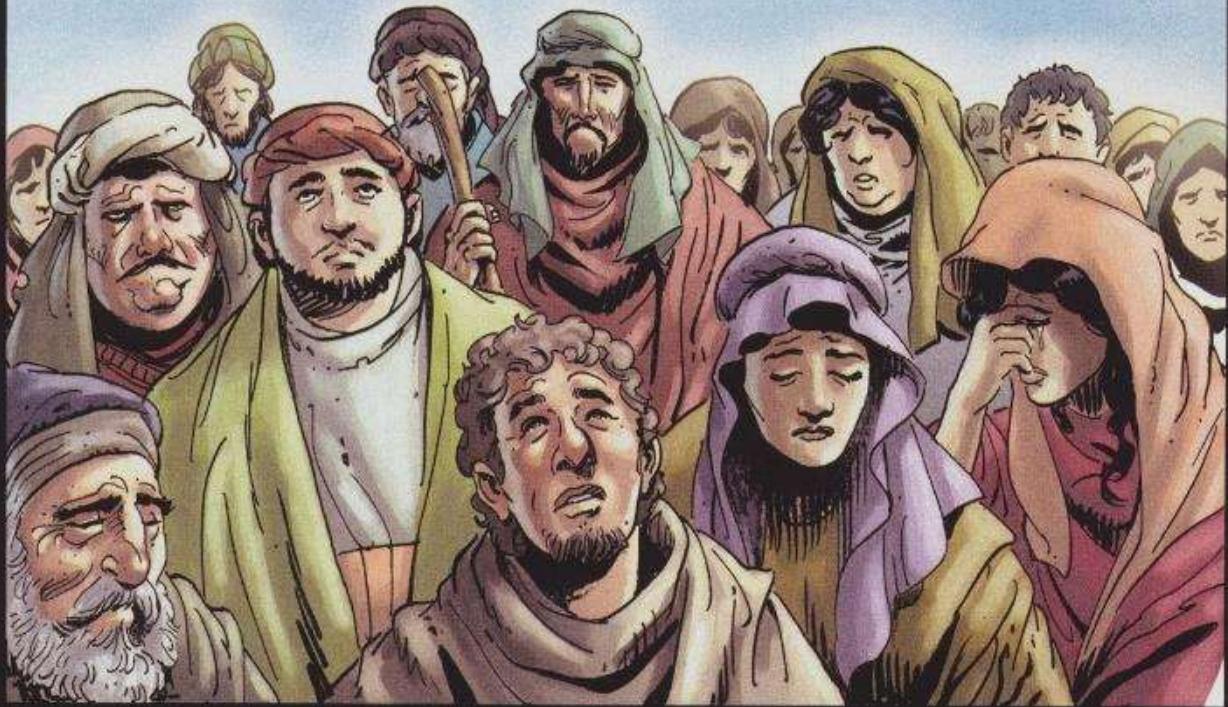
PETER SPEAKS OUT FOR ALL THE DISCIPLES.

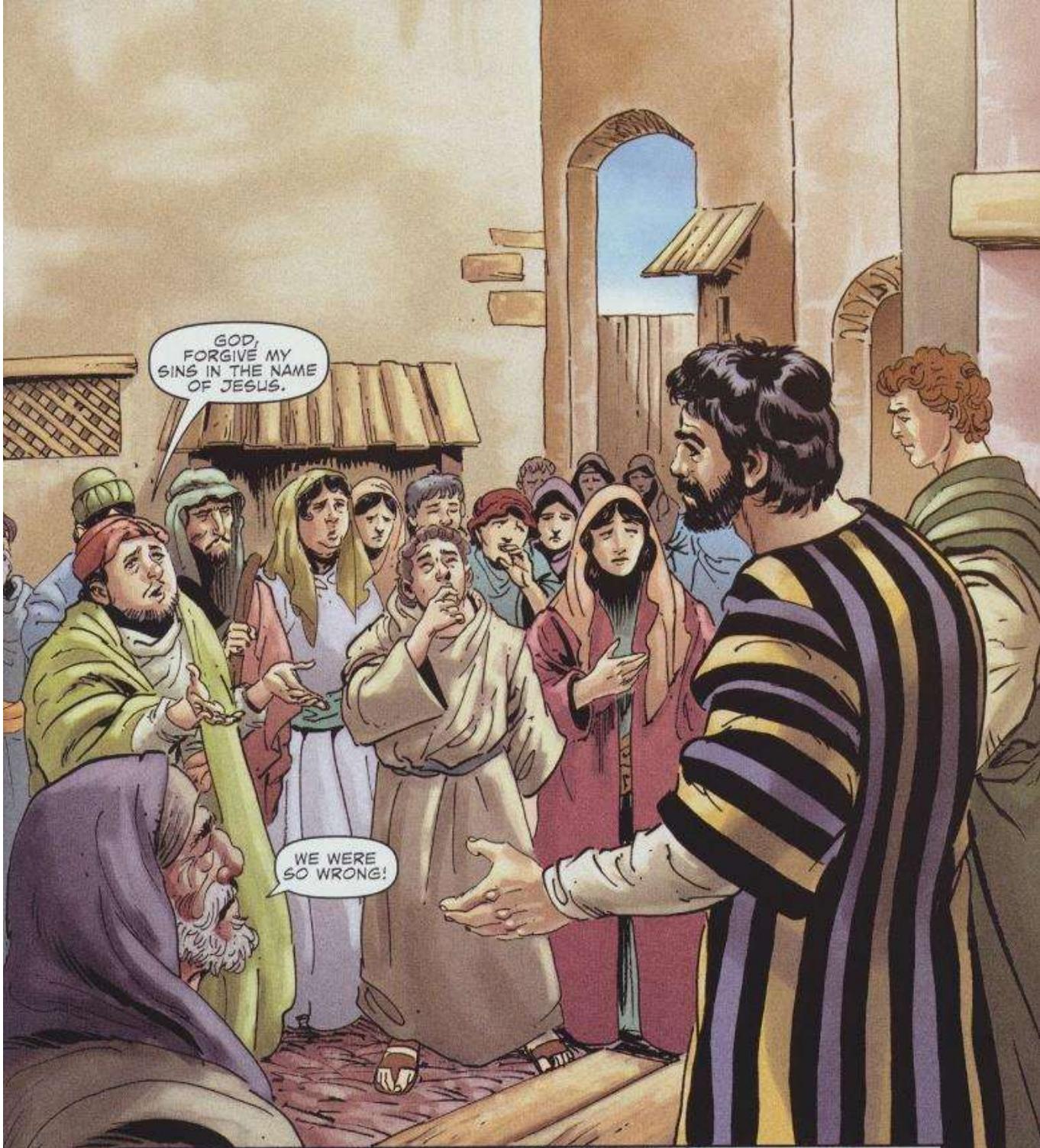
WE ARE NOT DRUNK! WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS THE PROPHET JOEL PREDICTED, YOU CRUCIFIED JESUS, THE CHOSEN ONE OF GOD. BUT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, AND WE ARE WITNESSES TO HIS RESURRECTION.



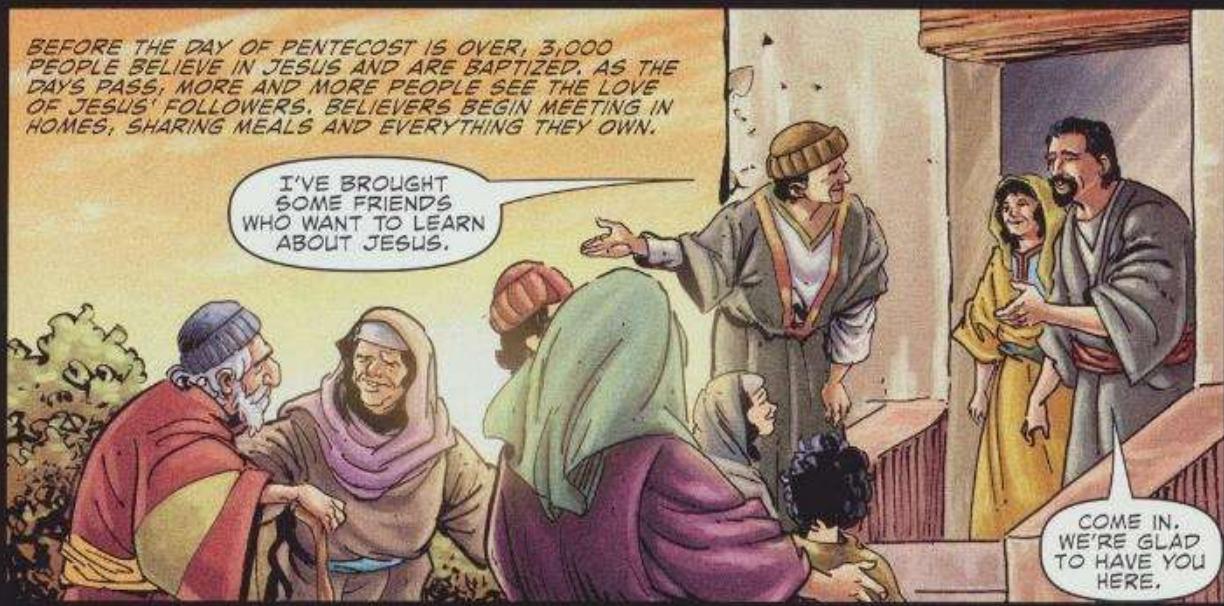
PETER'S WORDS CUT DEEP INTO THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE. THEY REMEMBER HOW THEY HAD DEMANDED JESUS' CRUCIFIXION ONLY A FEW WEEKS EARLIER.

STOP YOUR SINNING WAYS! BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS. THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT FOR YOURSELVES.

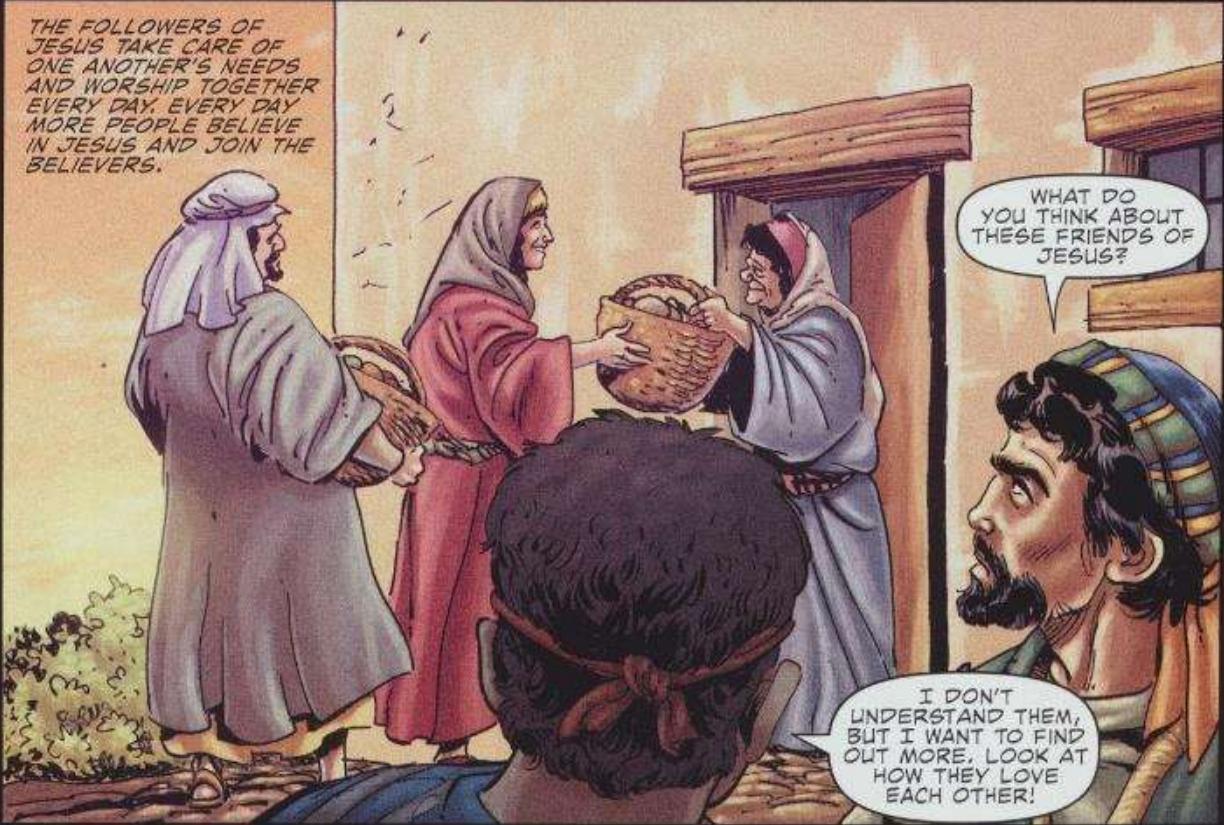




BEFORE THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS OVER, 3,000 PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS AND ARE BAPTIZED. AS THE DAYS PASS, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE SEE THE LOVE OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS. BELIEVERS BEGIN MEETING IN HOMES, SHARING MEALS AND EVERYTHING THEY OWN.



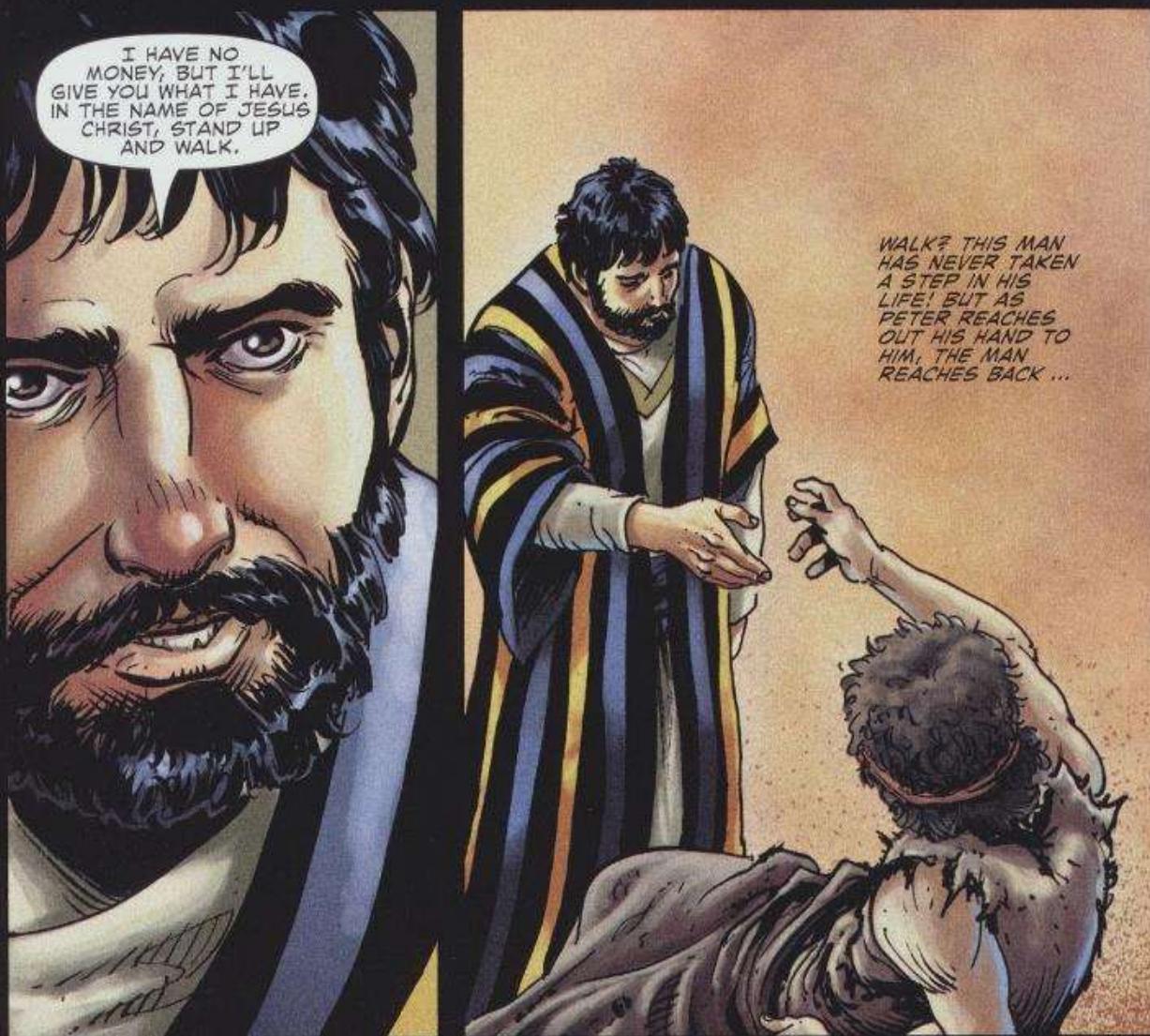
THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS AND WORSHIP TOGETHER EVERY DAY. EVERY DAY MORE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS AND JOIN THE BELIEVERS.

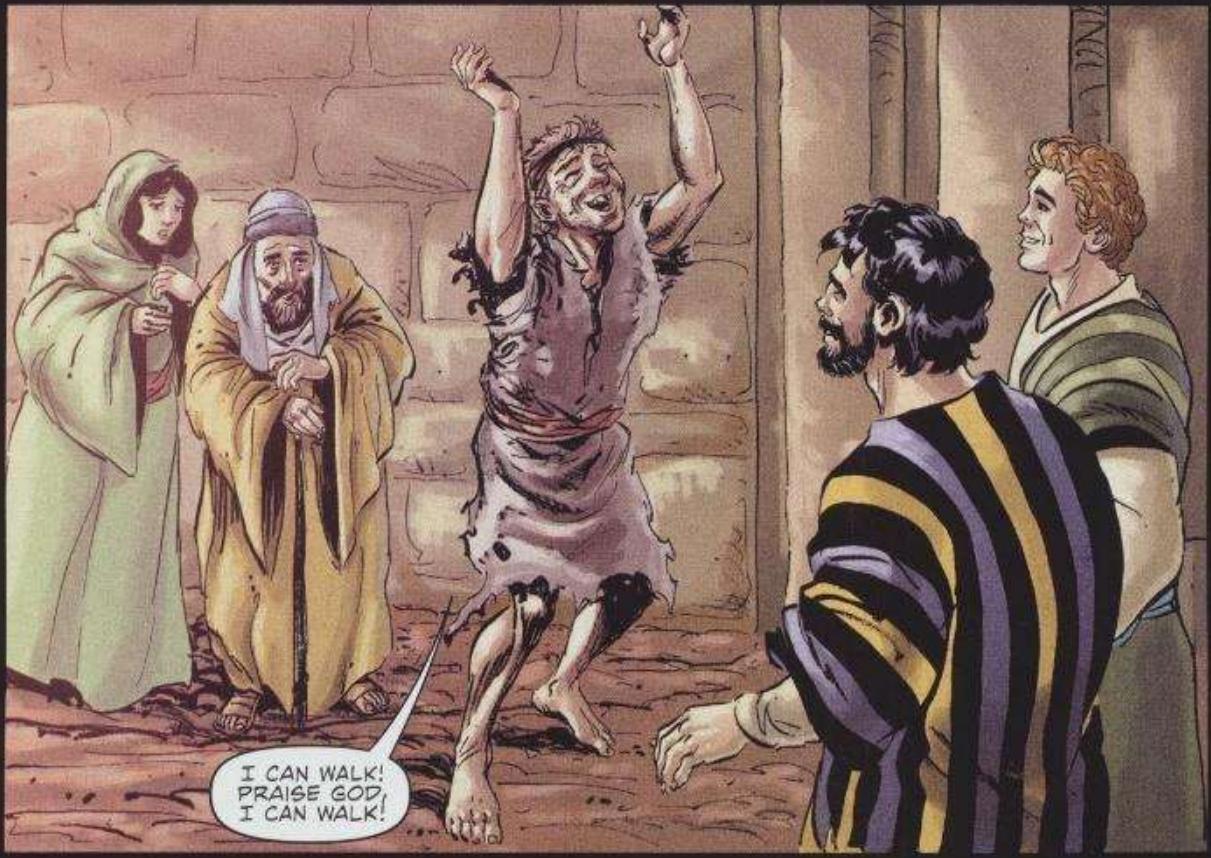


# Stand Up for Jesus

BASED ON ACTS 3-4

ONE AFTERNOON WHEN PETER AND JOHN GO TO THE TEMPLE FOR PRAYER, THEY MEET A LAME MAN BEGGING AT THE GATE CALLED BEAUTIFUL.

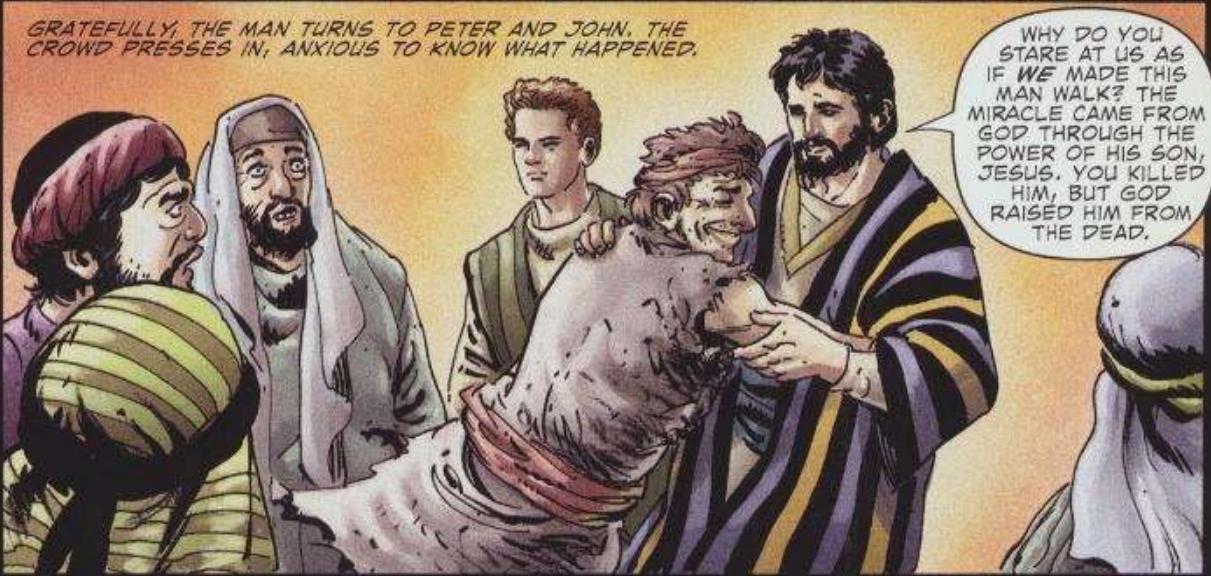




IN HIS EXCITEMENT, THE MAN RUSHES INTO THE TEMPLE, LEAPING AND SHOUTING FOR JOY.



GRATEFULLY, THE MAN TURNS TO PETER AND JOHN. THE CROWD PRESSES IN, ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

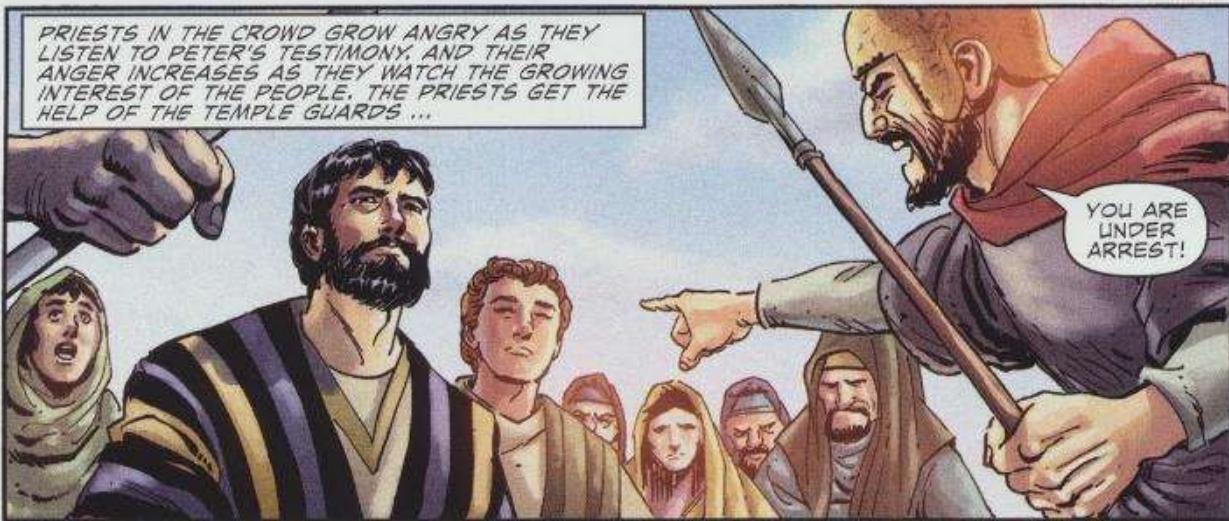


SEEING THAT HE HAS THE ATTENTION OF THE CROWD, PETER CONTINUES ...

REPENT AND TURN TO GOD SO YOUR SINS MAY BE WIPE OUT. PREPARE YOURSELVES, FOR JESUS WILL COME AGAIN.



PRIESTS IN THE CROWD GROW ANGRY AS THEY LISTEN TO PETER'S TESTIMONY, AND THEIR ANGER INCREASES AS THEY WATCH THE GROWING INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE. THE PRIESTS GET THE HELP OF THE TEMPLE GUARDS ...



WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, PETER AND JOHN ARE MARCHED AWAY TO PRISON, WHERE THEY SPEND THE NIGHT. BUT ALREADY 5,000 PEOPLE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE IN JESUS.



THE NEXT MORNING, THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS RULERS—THE SAME ONES WHO CONDEMNED JESUS TO DEATH—HAVE PETER AND JOHN BROUGHT TO THEM FOR QUESTIONING. THE HEALED BEGGAR IS WITH THEM.

BY WHAT POWER AND IN WHOSE NAME HAVE YOU HEALED THIS MAN?



FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, PETER SPEAKS OUT COURAGEOUSLY.

LET ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL KNOW THAT THIS MAN WAS HEALED BY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH. YOU CRUCIFIED HIM, BUT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE STUNNED. PETER AND JOHN ARE UNEDUCATED FISHERMEN, BUT THEY SPEAK AND ACT WITH AUTHORITY AND POWER.

TAKE THEM AWAY!



WHEN THE PRISONERS ARE OUT OF SIGHT, THE LEADERS DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEM.

EVERYONE KNOWS A MIRACLE HAPPENED. WE CAN'T DENY IT. BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP THE NEWS FROM SPREADING.

TELL THEM IF THEY SPEAK OF JESUS AGAIN, WE'LL PUT THEM TO DEATH TOO!



THE PRIESTS WANT TO PUNISH THE DISCIPLES, BUT THEY ARE AFRAID TO STIR UP THE CROWDS TO A RIOT.



THE PRIESTS THREATEN PETER AND JOHN AGAIN, BUT LET THEM GO. PETER AND JOHN HURRY BACK TO THEIR FRIENDS, WHO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN PRAYING.



# A Grave Lie

BASED ON ACTS 4:32-5:11

STRENGTHENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE DISCIPLES KEEP ON PREACHING. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS. ONE DAY A MAN NAMED BARNABAS BRINGS THE DISCIPLES A LARGE BAG OF MONEY.

WHY ARE YOU GIVING ALL THIS MONEY TO US?

I SOLD A FIELD. I WANT YOU TO USE THE MONEY TO HELP FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

ANOTHER MAN, ANANIAS, WANTS TO APPEAR GENEROUS TOO. BUT HE ALSO WANTS TO KEEP MOST OF HIS MONEY. SO HE LIES ...

... BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS TO PETER.

WE, TOO, HAVE SOLD OUR LAND, AND WE'RE GIVING ALL OF THAT MONEY TO HELP THE CHURCH.

ANANIAS, YOU COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING YOU WANTED WITH YOUR MONEY. BUT DON'T PRETEND YOU'RE GIVING ALL OF IT WHEN YOU'RE NOT. YOU HAVEN'T LIED TO ME; YOU'VE LIED TO GOD!

AT PETER'S WORDS, ANANIAS FALLS DOWN DEAD. SOME YOUNG MEN WRAP UP HIS BODY AND TAKE IT AWAY. A FEW HOURS LATER, HIS WIFE, SAPPHIRA, COMES. SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. SHE ANSWERS PETER'S QUESTIONS WITH THE SAME LIE HER HUSBAND TOLD.

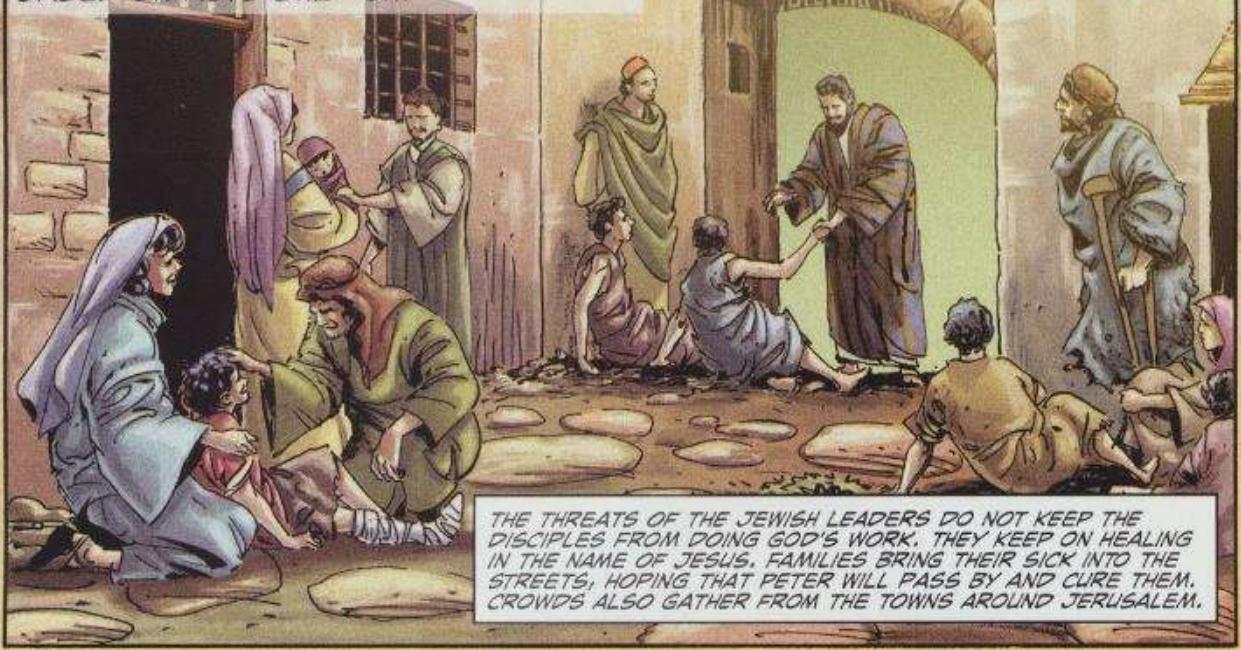
SAPPHIRA, HOW DARE YOU TRY TO TRICK THE HOLY SPIRIT? LISTEN! HERE COME THE MEN WHO ALREADY BURIED YOUR HUSBAND; YOU WILL NEED THEIR SERVICES AS WELL.

INSTANTLY, SAPPHIRA FALLS DEAD ON THE FLOOR.  
THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS SEE THIS AS A  
WARNING TO ANYONE WHO TRIES TO DECEIVE GOD  
OR THE CHURCH.



## Prison Break

BASED ON ACTS 5:12-6:11



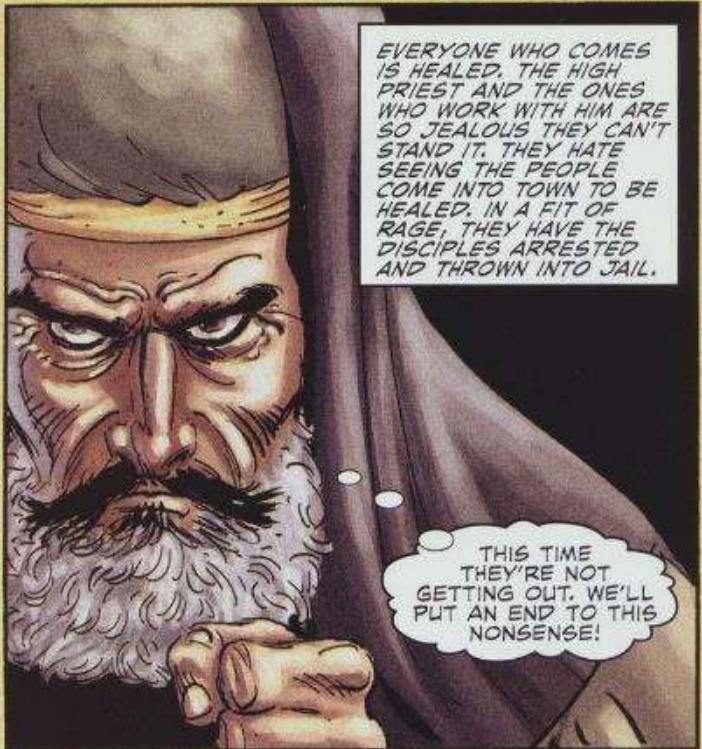
THE THREATS OF THE JEWISH LEADERS DO NOT KEEP THE DISCIPLES FROM DOING GOD'S WORK. THEY KEEP ON HEALING IN THE NAME OF JESUS. FAMILIES BRING THEIR SICK INTO THE STREETS, HOPING THAT PETER WILL PASS BY AND CURE THEM. CROWDS ALSO GATHER FROM THE TOWNS AROUND JERUSALEM.



HE CAN'T WALK.  
PLEASE MAKE  
HIM STRONG SO HE  
CAN RUN AND PLAY  
WITH THE OTHER  
CHILDREN.



I CANNOT HEAL  
HIM, BUT JESUS, THE  
SON OF GOD, CAN. IN  
JESUS' NAME, I TELL YOU  
YOUR SON IS HEALED.



EVERYONE WHO COMES  
IS HEALED. THE HIGH  
PRIEST AND THE ONES  
WHO WORK WITH HIM ARE  
SO JEALOUS THEY CAN'T  
STAND IT. THEY HATE  
SEEING THE PEOPLE  
COME INTO TOWN TO BE  
HEALED. IN A FIT OF  
RAGE, THEY HAVE THE  
DISCIPLES ARRESTED  
AND THROWN INTO JAIL.

THIS TIME  
THEY'RE NOT  
GETTING OUT. WE'LL  
PUT AN END TO THIS  
NONSENSE!

DURING THE NIGHT,  
AN ANGEL OF GOD  
COMES TO PETER  
AND JOHN IN JAIL.

GO, STAND  
IN THE TEMPLE COURTYARD.  
TELL THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE  
NEW LIFE GOD HAS PROMISED  
TO ANYONE WHO BELIEVES  
IN JESUS.

THE NEXT MORNING, THE HIGH PRIEST CALLS THE  
JEWISH COURT INTO SESSION AND SENDS FOR  
THE PRISONERS. WHEN THE OFFICERS RETURN ...

THE PRISON  
IS LOCKED AND THE  
GUARDS ARE ON DUTY,  
BUT THE PRISONERS  
ARE GONE!

WHEN  
WE OPENED  
THE DOORS,  
NO ONE WAS  
THERE!

NOT  
THERE?  
WHERE ARE  
THEY?



THEN WORD COMES ...

THE MEN YOU PUT IN JAIL LAST NIGHT ARE IN THE TEMPLE TEACHING ABOUT JESUS!

THE HIGH PRIEST ORDERS THE DISCIPLES BROUGHT TO THE COURT AT ONCE.

DIDN'T WE WARN YOU NOT TO PREACH ABOUT JESUS?

THIS ANSWER MAKES THE PRIESTS FURIOUS, AND THEY WANT ALL THE DISCIPLES KILLED AT ONCE. BUT A FAMOUS TEACHER NAMED GAMALIEL SENDS THE DISCIPLES OUT OF THE ROOM ...

WE MUST OBEY GOD, NOT MEN.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO WITH THESE MEN. IF THIS TEACHING IS THEIR OWN IDEA, IT WILL SOON FADE. BUT IF IT IS FROM GOD, YOU CAN'T DEFEAT IT. YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP FIGHTING AGAINST GOD!

THE COURT IS FORCED TO ADMIT THE WISDOM OF THIS ADVICE. STILL FURIOUS, THE LEADERS ORDER THAT THE DISCIPLES BE BEATEN. THEN THEY RELEASE THEM WITH THE THREAT OF MORE PUNISHMENT IF THEY KEEP ON PREACHING ABOUT JESUS.

IT'S AN HONOR TO SUFFER FOR THE NAME OF JESUS.

WE CAN'T STOP NOW. WE HAVE TO KEEP TELLING THE GOOD NEWS.

THE DISCIPLES KEEP ON DOING THE WORK THAT GOD GIVES THEM TO DO, AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE KEEPS GROWING. SO MANY PEOPLE WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS THAT THE DISCIPLES DECIDE TO CHOOSE OTHERS TO HELP LEAD THE WORK. THEY CHOOSE SEVEN DEACONS TO HELP CARE FOR THE PEOPLE.

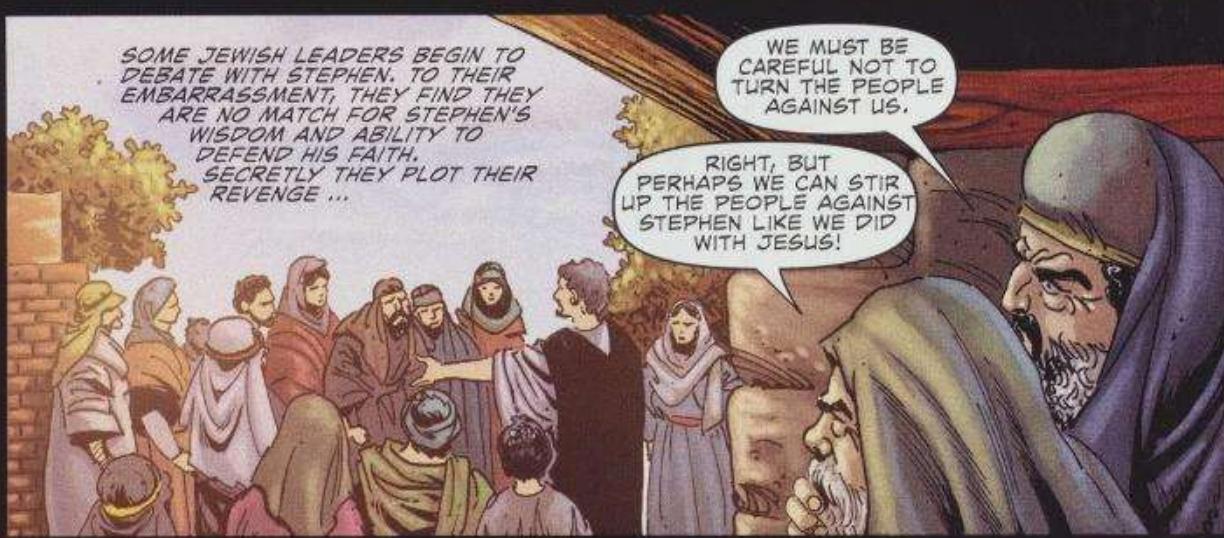
ONE OF THEM, STEPHEN, SOON SHOWS THAT HE IS AN OUTSTANDING SPEAKER.



SOME JEWISH LEADERS BEGIN TO DEBATE WITH STEPHEN. TO THEIR EMBARRASSMENT, THEY FIND THEY ARE NO MATCH FOR STEPHEN'S WISDOM AND ABILITY TO DEFEND HIS FAITH. SECRETLY THEY PLOT THEIR REVENGE ...

WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO TURN THE PEOPLE AGAINST US.

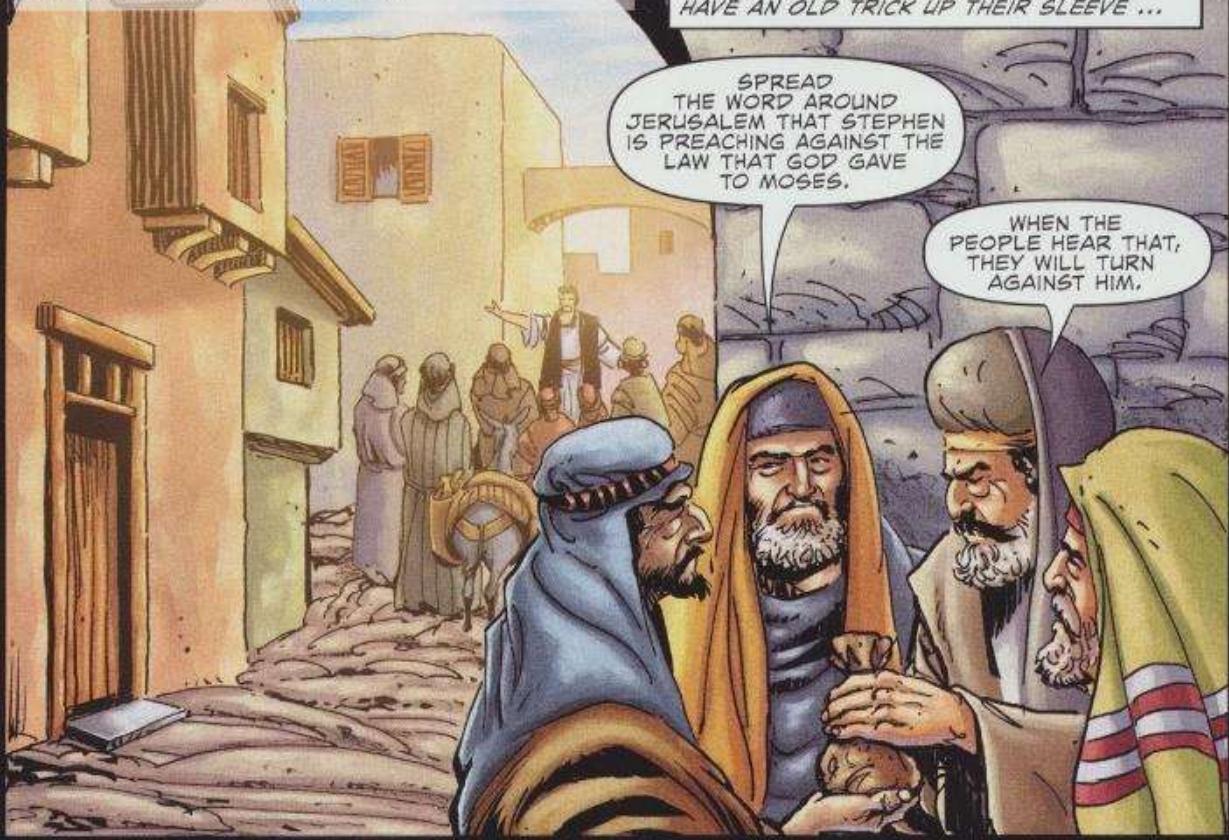
RIGHT, BUT PERHAPS WE CAN STIR UP THE PEOPLE AGAINST STEPHEN LIKE WE DID WITH JESUS!



# The Stoning

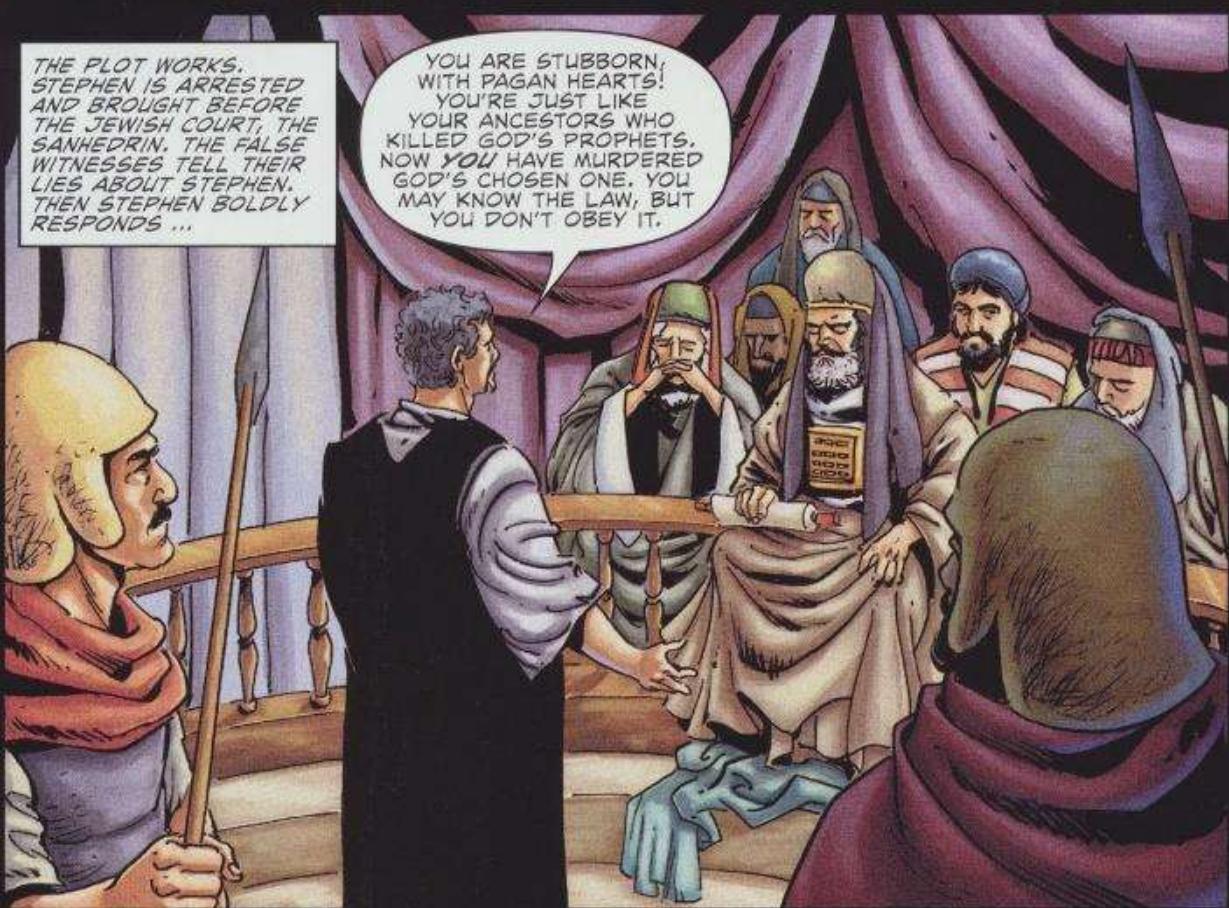
BASED ON ACTS 6:8-8:1

STEPHEN IS FULL OF GOD'S POWER AND DOES MIRACLES AMONG THE PEOPLE. HIS PREACHING IS SO PERSUASIVE THAT MANY PEOPLE IN JERUSALEM DECIDE TO FOLLOW JESUS. BUT THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE AN OLD TRICK UP THEIR SLEEVE ...



THE PLOT WORKS. STEPHEN IS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT BEFORE THE JEWISH COURT, THE SANHEDRIN. THE FALSE WITNESSES TELL THEIR LIES ABOUT STEPHEN. THEN STEPHEN BOLDLY RESPONDS ...

YOU ARE STUBBORN, WITH PAGAN HEARTS! YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR ANCESTORS WHO KILLED GOD'S PROPHETS. NOW YOU HAVE MURDERED GOD'S CHOSEN ONE. YOU MAY KNOW THE LAW, BUT YOU DON'T OBEY IT.



THE COURT RISES UP IN FURY!  
BUT STEPHEN CONTINUES,  
ILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I CAN  
SEE HEAVEN!  
LOOK! THE SON OF  
MAN IS STANDING  
AT THE RIGHT  
HAND OF GOD.

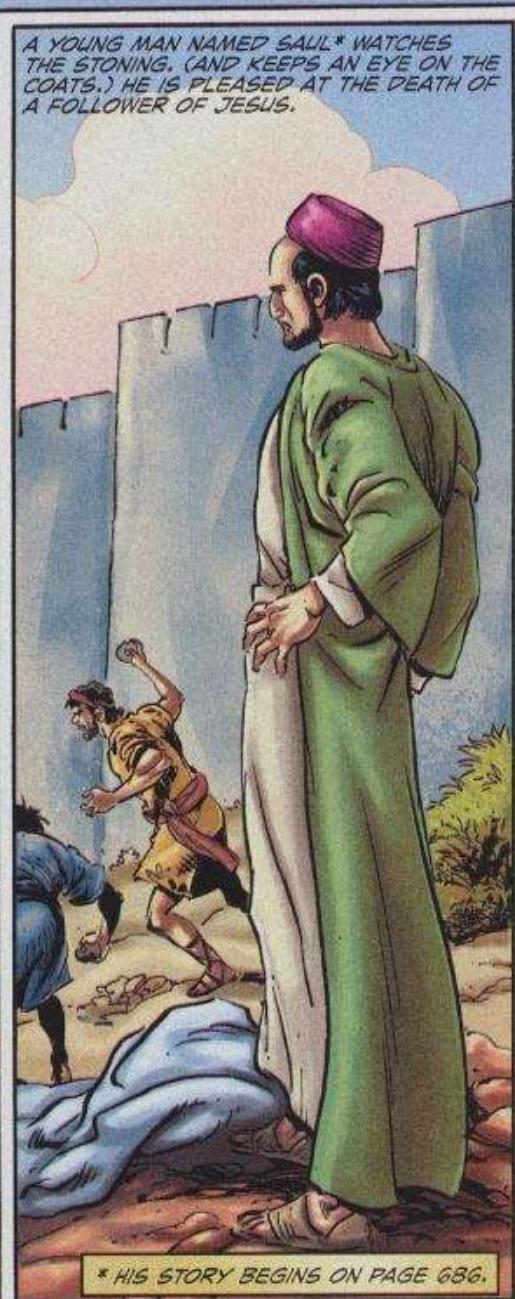
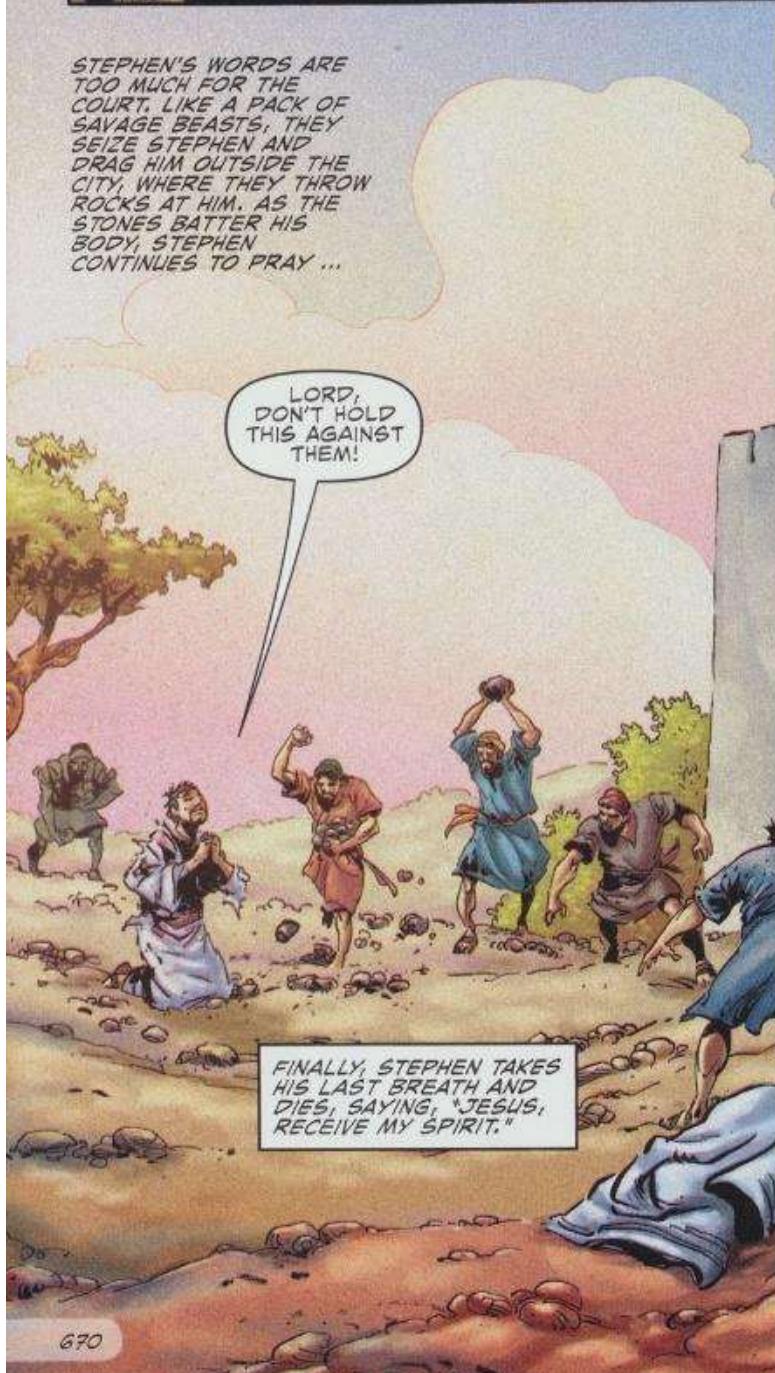


STEPHEN'S WORDS ARE  
TOO MUCH FOR THE  
COURT, LIKE A PACK OF  
SAVAGE BEASTS, THEY  
SEIZE STEPHEN AND  
DRAG HIM OUTSIDE THE  
CITY, WHERE THEY THROW  
ROCKS AT HIM. AS THE  
STONES BATTER HIS  
BODY, STEPHEN  
CONTINUES TO PRAY ...

A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAUL\* WATCHES  
THE STONING, (AND KEEPS AN EYE ON THE  
COATS.) HE IS PLEASED AT THE DEATH OF  
A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

LORD,  
DON'T HOLD  
THIS AGAINST  
THEM!

FINALLY, STEPHEN TAKES  
HIS LAST BREATH AND  
DIES, SAYING, "JESUS,  
RECEIVE MY SPIRIT."

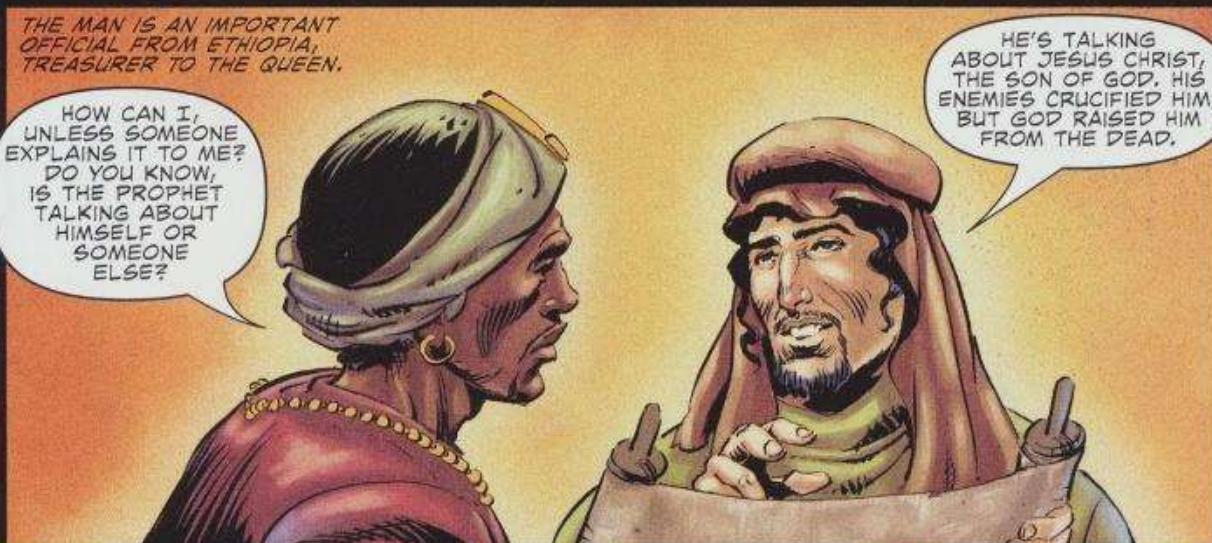
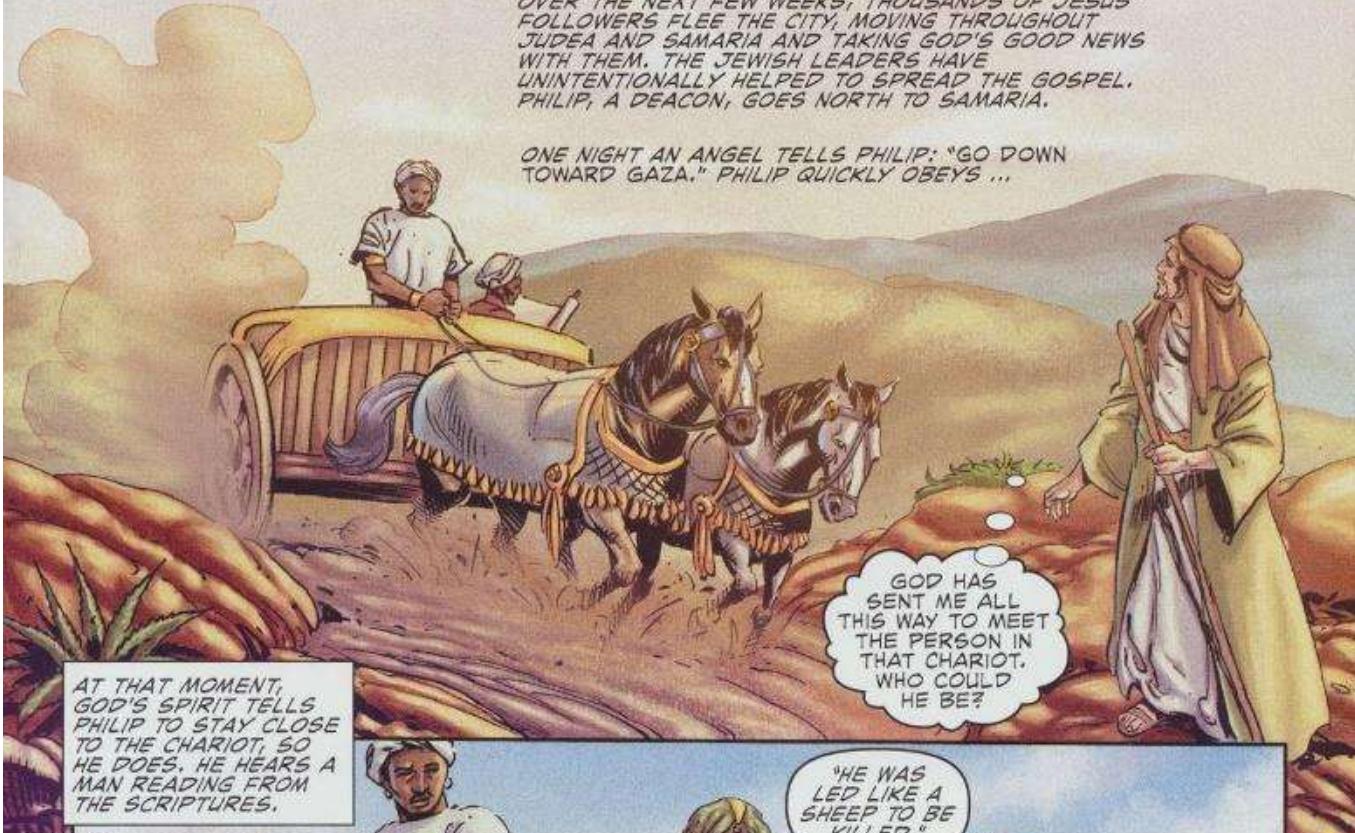


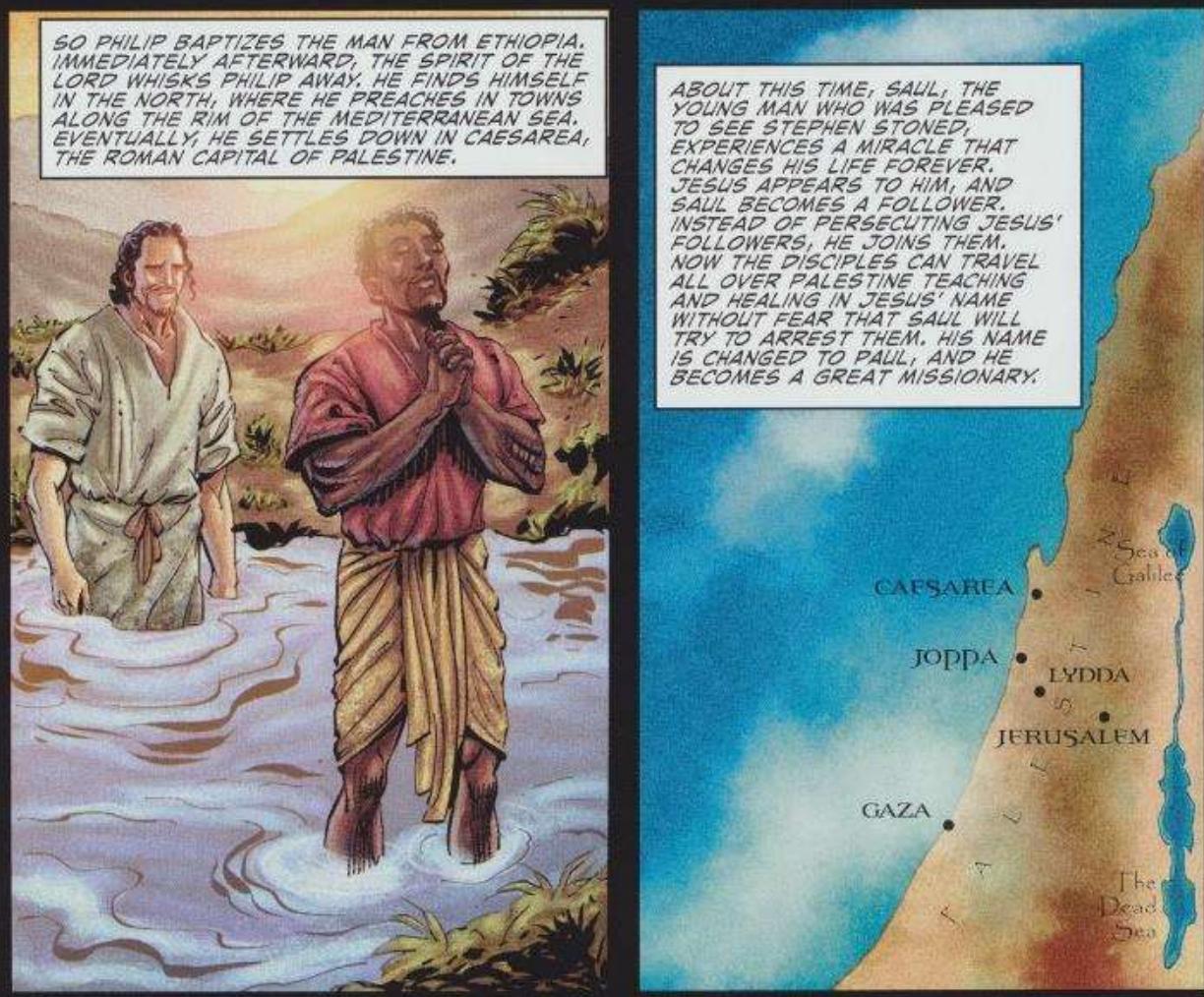
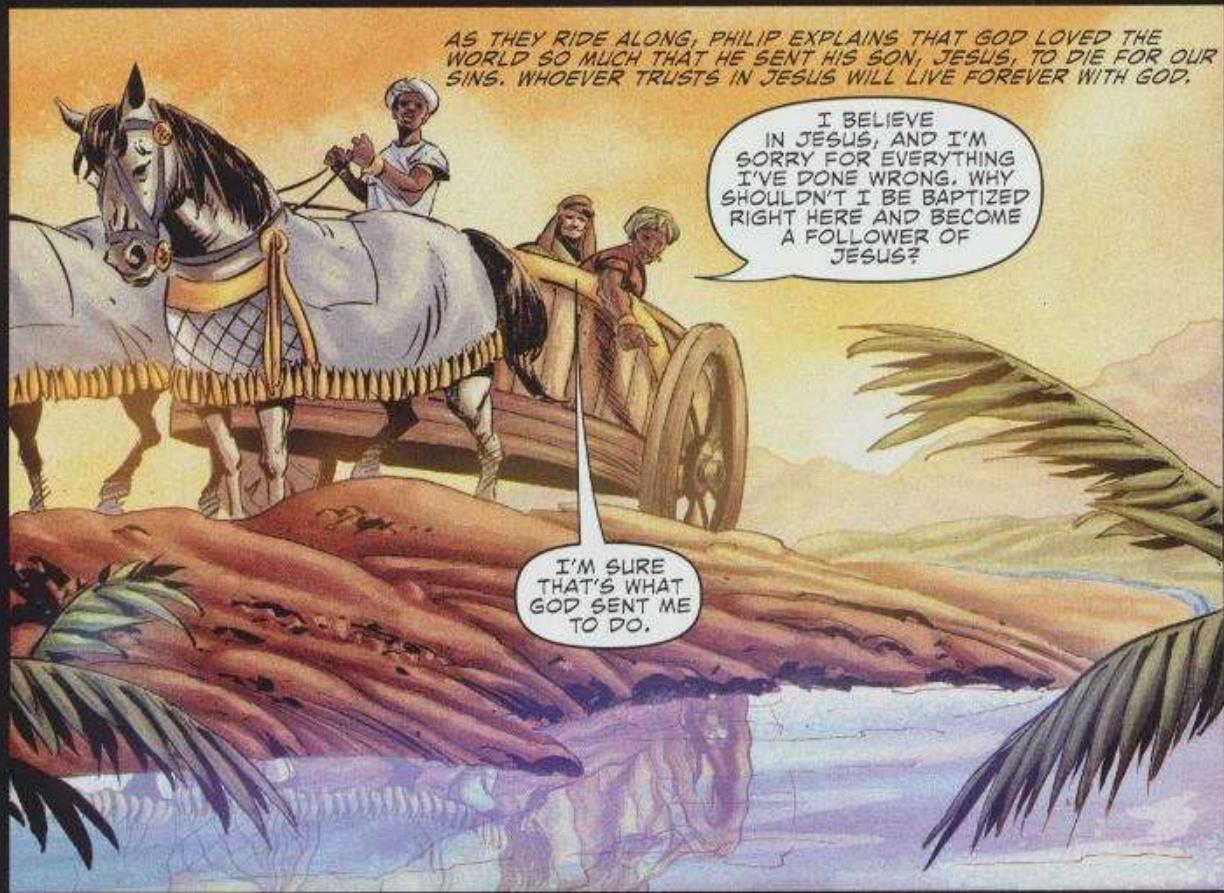
# Stranger on the Gaza Road

BASED ON ACTS 8:1-4, 26-40

FOLLOWING STEPHEN'S DEATH, MANY ATTACKS BREAK OUT AGAINST BELIEVERS IN JERUSALEM. OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THOUSANDS OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS FLEE THE CITY, MOVING THROUGHOUT JUDEA AND SAMARIA AND TAKING GOD'S GOOD NEWS WITH THEM. THE JEWISH LEADERS HAVE UNINTENTIONALLY HELPED TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL. PHILIP, A DEACON, GOES NORTH TO SAMARIA.

ONE NIGHT AN ANGEL TELLS PHILIP: "GO DOWN TOWARD GAZA." PHILIP QUICKLY OBEYS ...





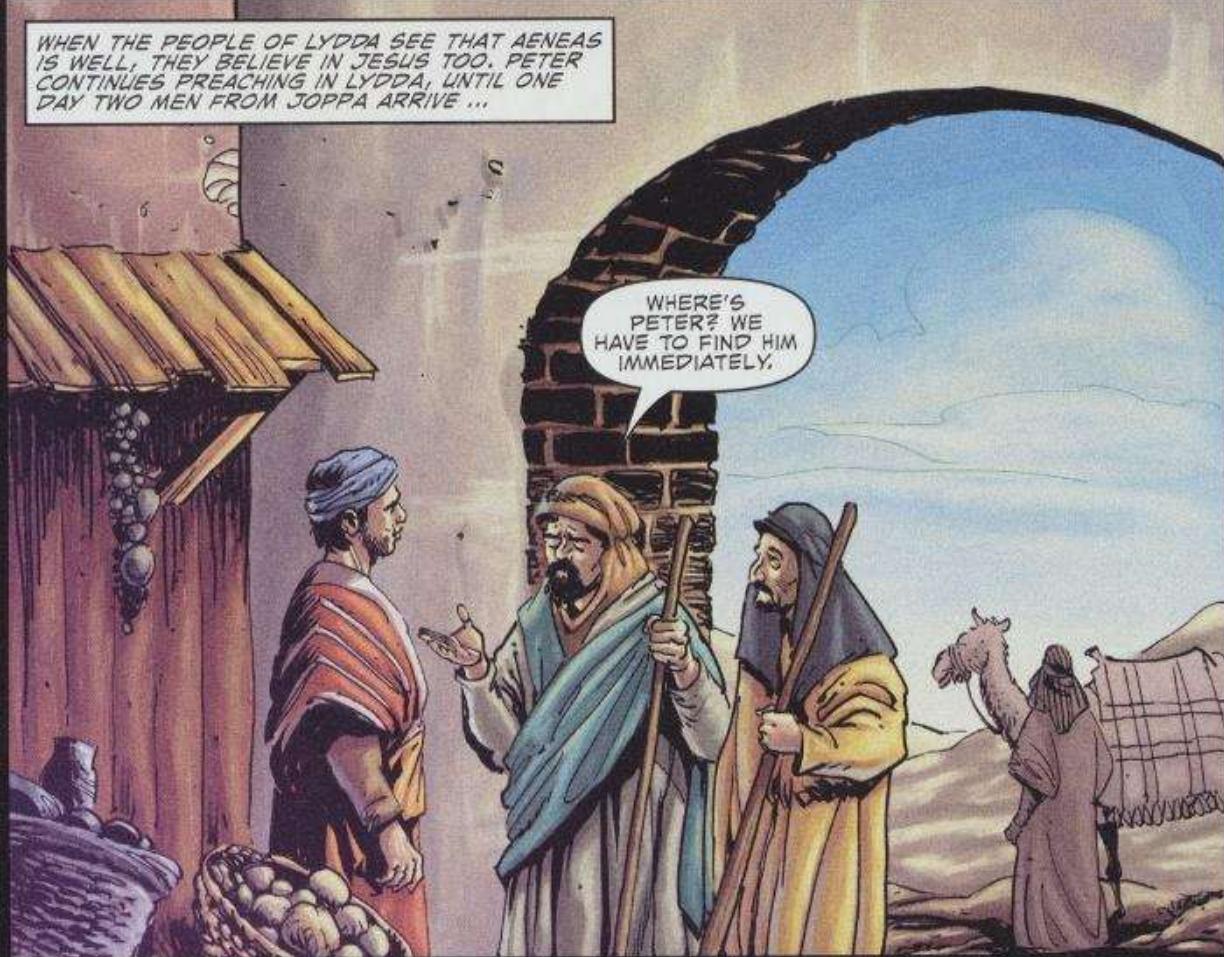
MEANWHILE,  
PETER IS  
PREACHING IN  
LYDDA. THERE  
HE MEETS A MAN  
NAMED AENEAS.

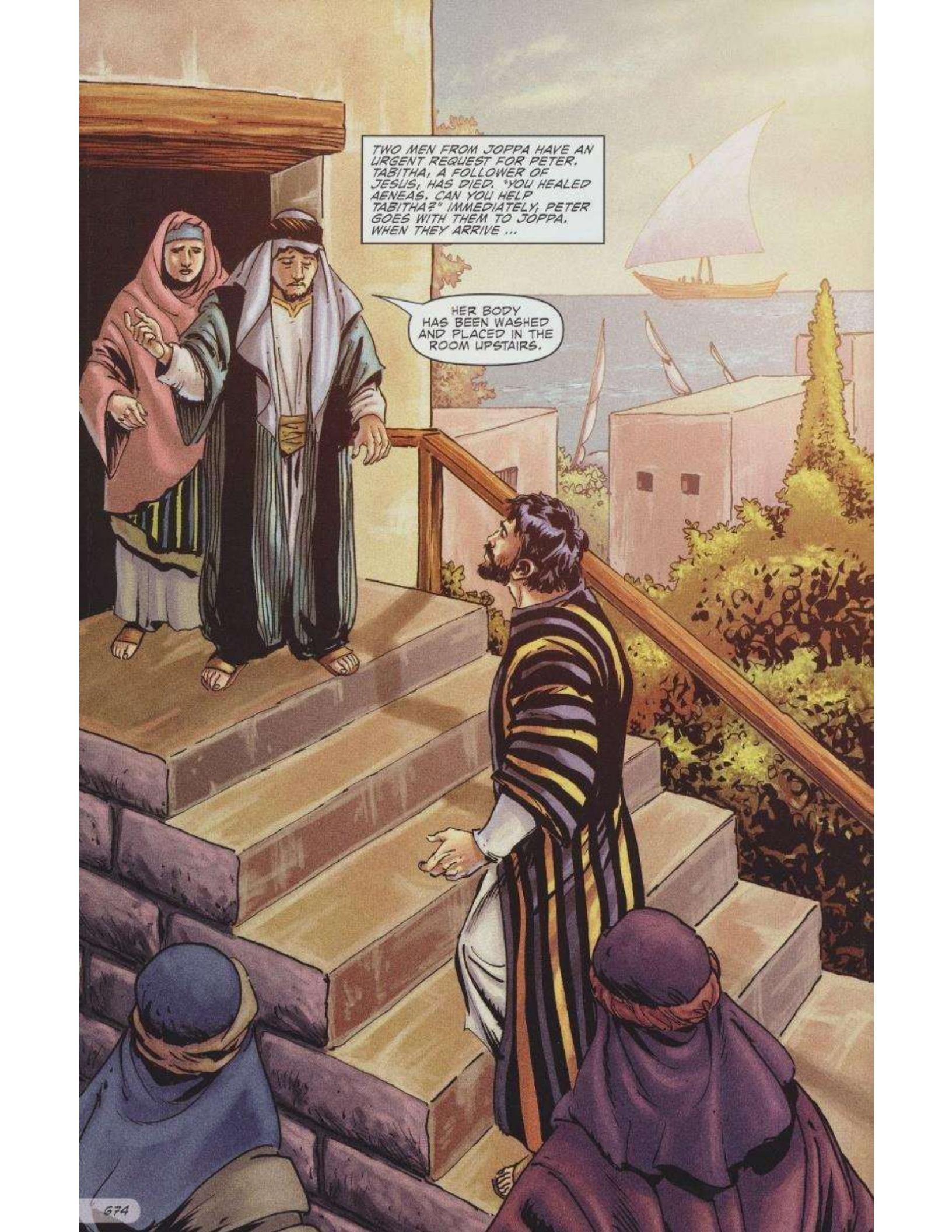
# More Miracles

BASED ON ACTS 9:32-10:2



WHEN THE PEOPLE OF LYDDA SEE THAT AENEAS  
IS WELL, THEY BELIEVE IN JESUS TOO. PETER  
CONTINUES PREACHING IN LYDDA, UNTIL ONE  
DAY TWO MEN FROM JOPPA ARRIVE ...





TWO MEN FROM JOPPA HAVE AN URGENT REQUEST FOR PETER. TABITHA, A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, HAS DIED. "YOU HEALED AENEAS. CAN YOU HELP TABITHA?" IMMEDIATELY, PETER GOES WITH THEM TO JOPPA. WHEN THEY ARRIVE ...

HER BODY  
HAS BEEN WASHED  
AND PLACED IN THE  
ROOM UPSTAIRS.

PETER FINDS TABITHA'S  
HOUSE FILLED WITH  
WEEPING FRIENDS.

SHE WAS  
THE KINDEST  
PERSON I HAVE  
EVER KNOWN.

SEE  
THIS COAT?  
SHE MADE IT  
FOR ME.

I KNOW HOW  
MUCH YOU LOVED  
HER. NOW, IF YOU  
WILL PLEASE GO  
OUTSIDE ...

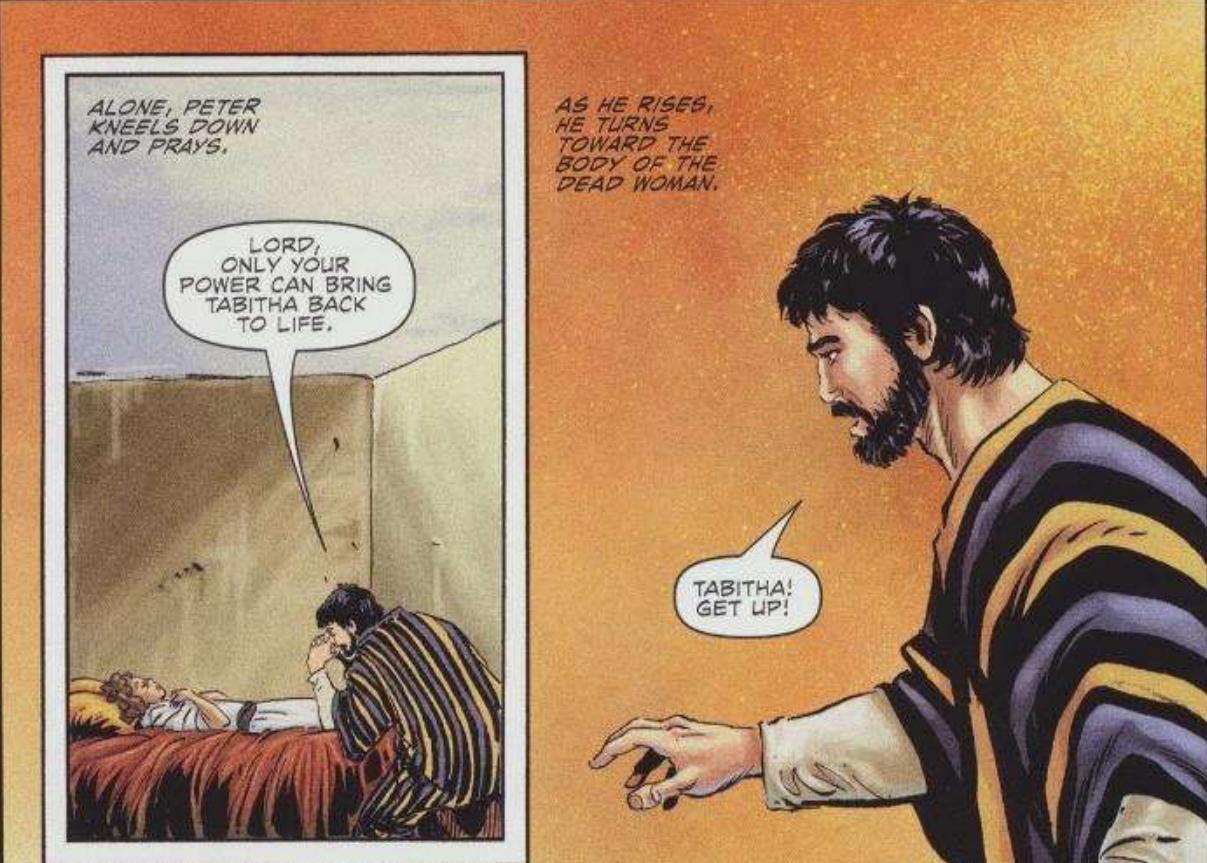


ALONE, PETER  
KNEELS DOWN  
AND PRAYS.

LORD,  
ONLY YOUR  
POWER CAN BRING  
TABITHA BACK  
TO LIFE.

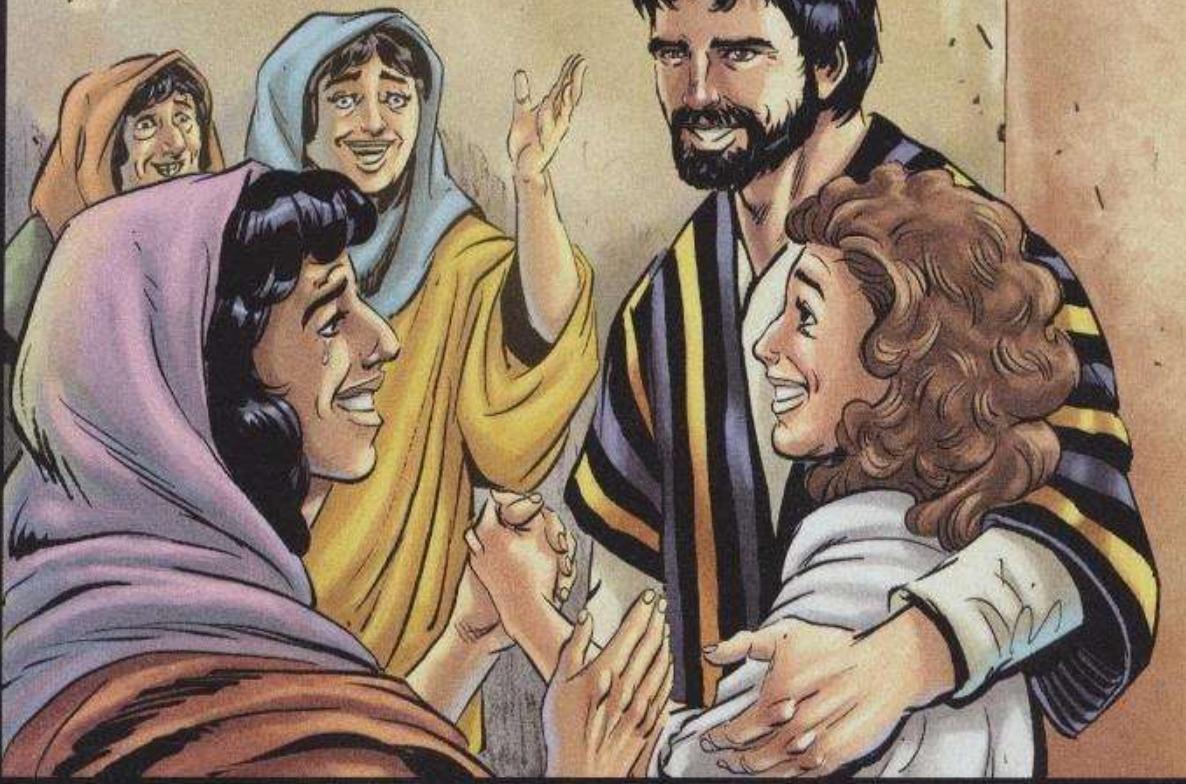
AS HE RISES,  
HE TURNS  
TOWARD THE  
BODY OF THE  
DEAD WOMAN.

TABITHA!  
GET UP!



INSTANTLY, TABITHA OPENS HER EYES AND SITS UP. THEN PETER TAKES HER TO HER FRIENDS.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD. YOUR FRIEND IS ALIVE!



THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT TABITHA SPREADS THROUGH THE WHOLE CITY OF JOPPA, MAKING MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS. PETER STAYS TO PREACH IN JOPPA.



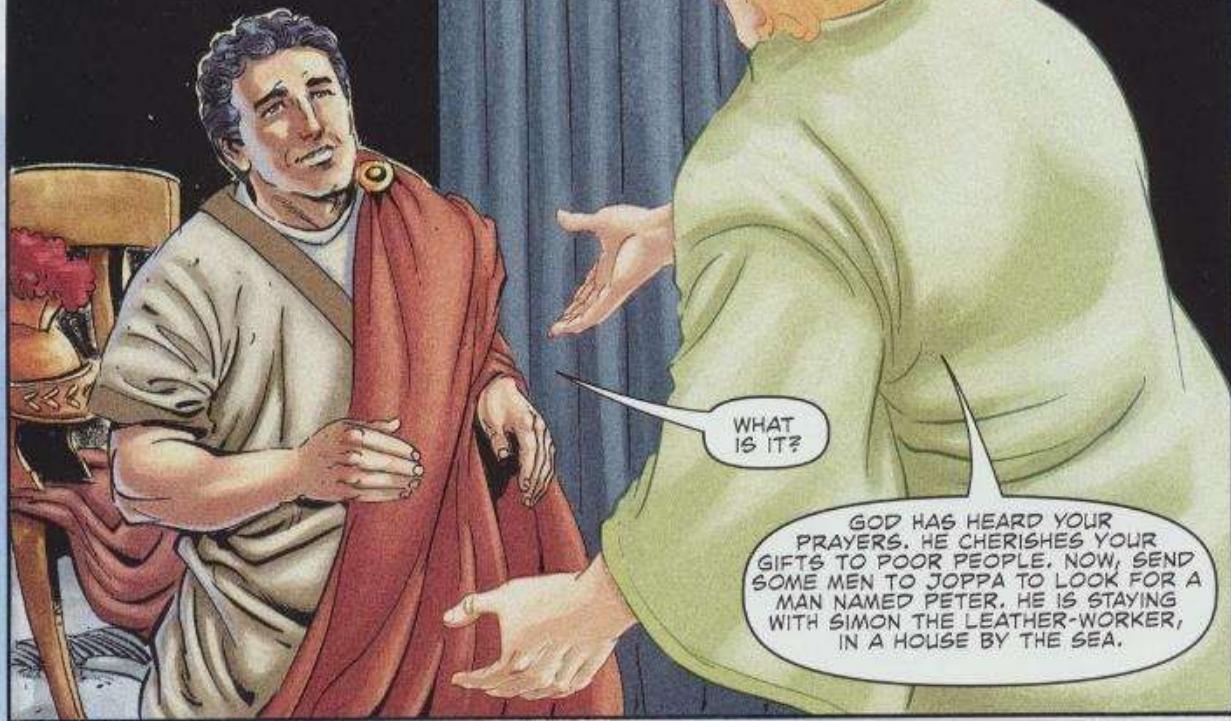
ONE DAY A STRANGE THING HAPPENS IN THE HOME OF CORNELIUS, A ROMAN CENTURION. HE LIVES IN THE SEACOAST CITY OF CAESAREA, 30 MILES NORTH OF JOPPA. IT IS THREE O'CLOCK. IN THE AFTERNOON, CORNELIUS, WHO HAS LEARNED TO WORSHIP GOD, KNEELS TO PRAY ...



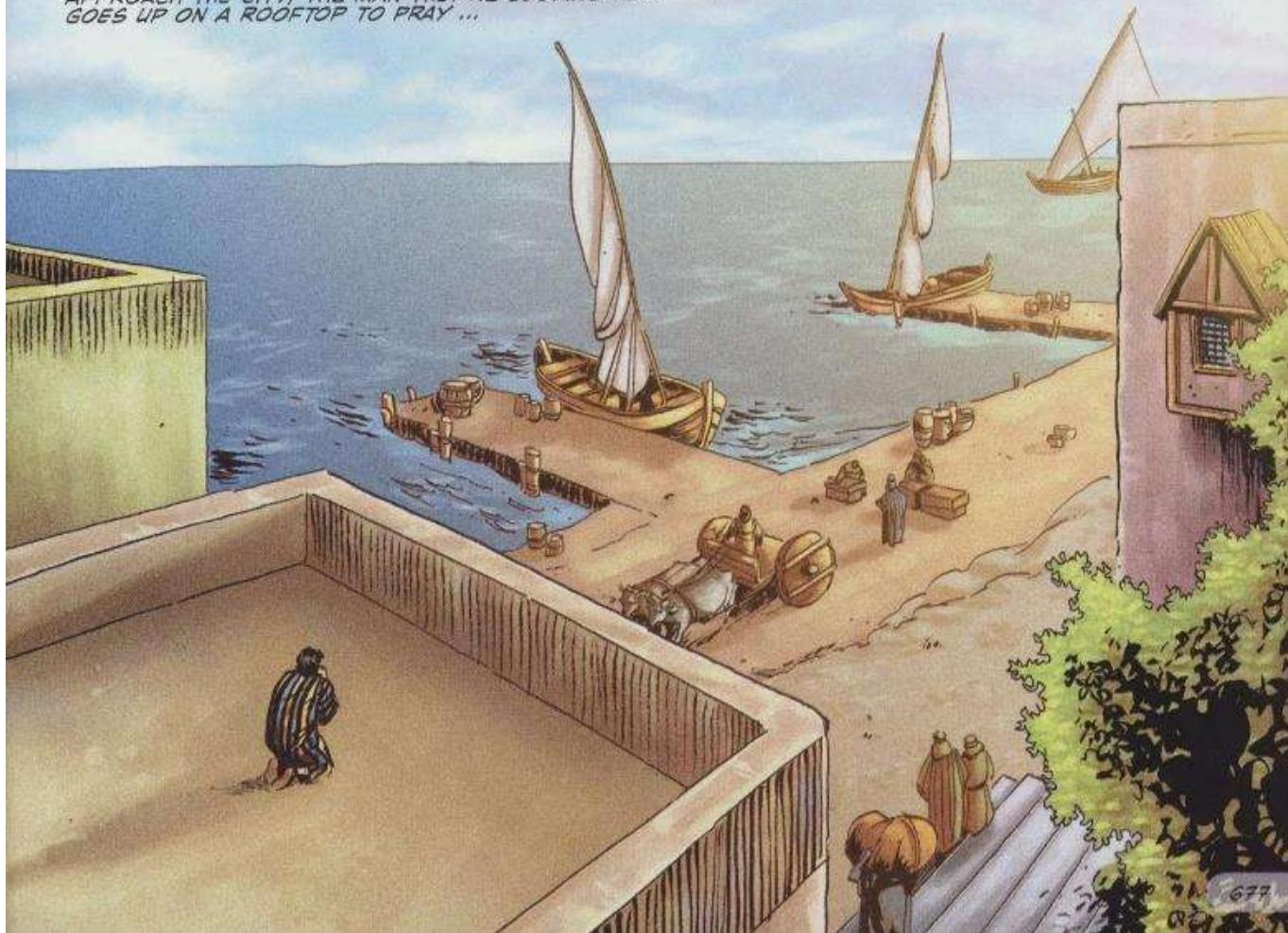
# A New Menu

BASED ON ACTS 10:11-11:18

AS CORNELIUS, AN OFFICER OF THE ROMAN ARMY, KNEELS TO PRAY, HE HAS A VISION—AN ANGEL OF GOD APPEARS AND CALLS HIM BY NAME.



AFTER THE ANGEL LEAVES, CORNELIUS SENDS THREE OF HIS MOST TRUSTED MEN TO JOPPA. AS THEY APPROACH THE CITY, THE MAN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR GOES UP ON A ROOFTOP TO PRAY ...



ON THE ROOF, PETER HAS A VISION. A VOICE COMMANDS HIM: "GET UP, PETER. KILL AND EAT."

NEVER, LORD.  
IN ALL MY LIFE,  
I HAVE NEVER EATEN  
ANYTHING THAT THE  
JEWISH LAW CALLS  
UNCLEAN.

DON'T SAY  
SOMETHING IS NOT  
PURE THAT I HAVE  
CALLED CLEAN. NOW  
GO DOWNSTAIRS!  
THREE MEN ARE  
LOOKING FOR YOU.  
GO WITH THEM,  
BECAUSE I HAVE  
SENT THEM  
TO YOU.

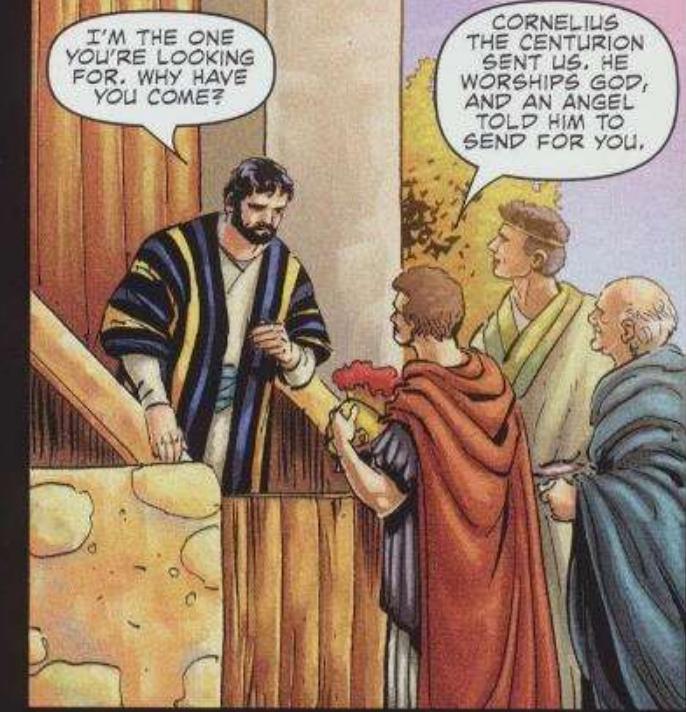
PETER HURRIES DOWNSTAIRS AND FINDS THREE MEN AT THE GATE.

I'M THE ONE  
YOU'RE LOOKING  
FOR. WHY HAVE  
YOU COME?

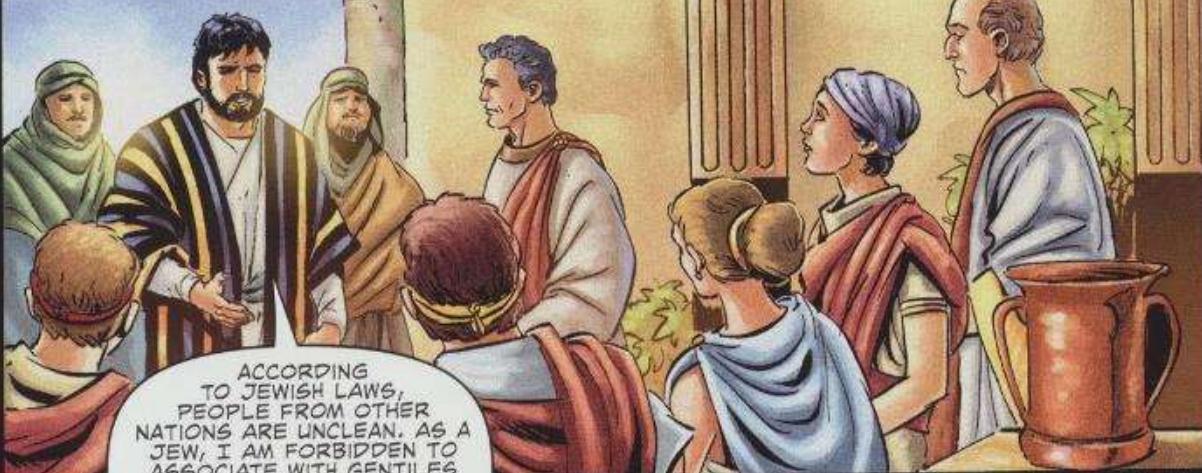
CORNELIUS  
THE CENTURION  
SENT US. HE  
WORSHIPS GOD,  
AND AN ANGEL  
TOLD HIM TO  
SEND FOR YOU.

THE NEXT DAY, PETER AND SOME OF HIS  
FRIENDS SET OUT FOR CAESAREA. WHEN  
THEY REACH THE HOME OF CORNELIUS,  
THE ROMAN OFFICER FALLS ON HIS  
KNEES TO WORSHIP PETER.

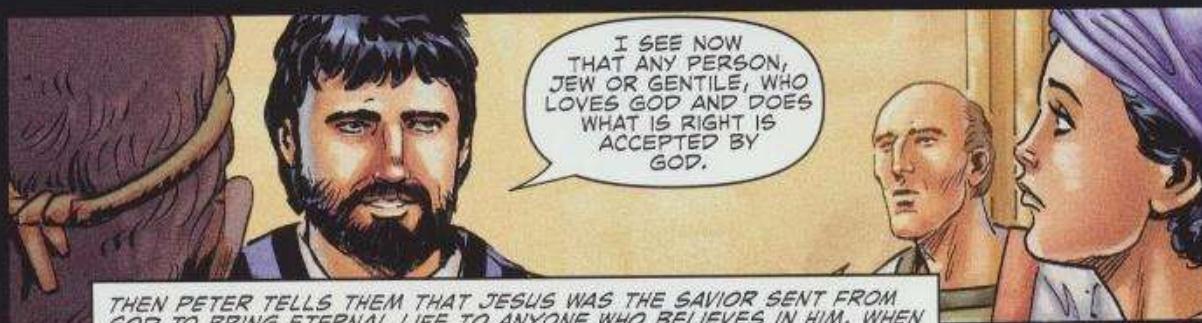
NO! I'M  
ONLY A MAN  
LIKE YOU!



PETER ENTERS THE HOUSE AND FINDS IT CROWDED WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF CORNELIUS. EVERYONE IS ANXIOUS TO MEET HIM.

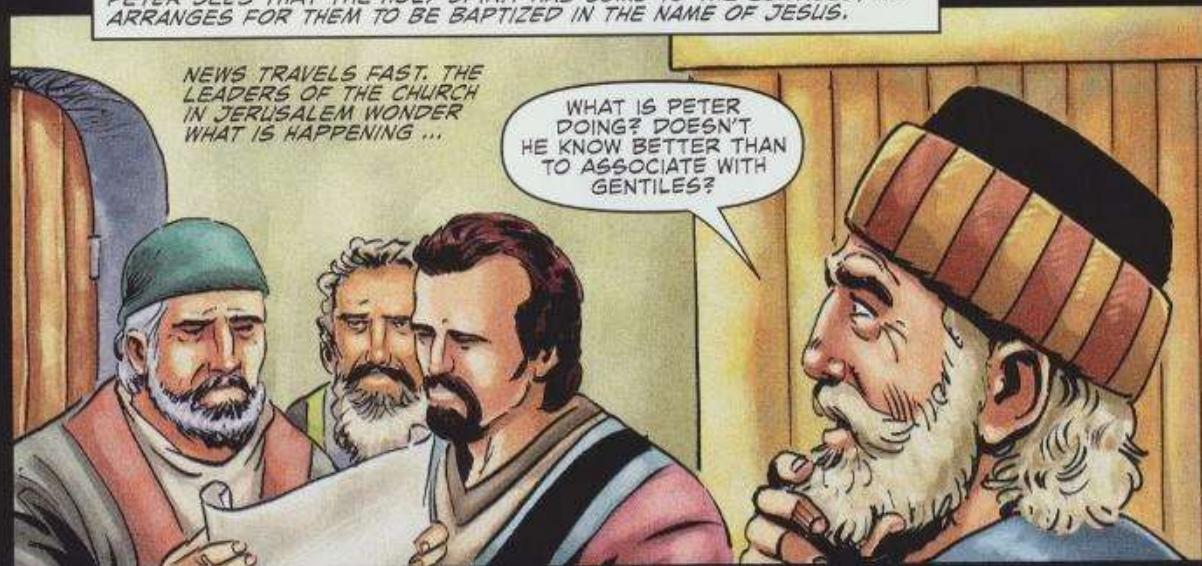


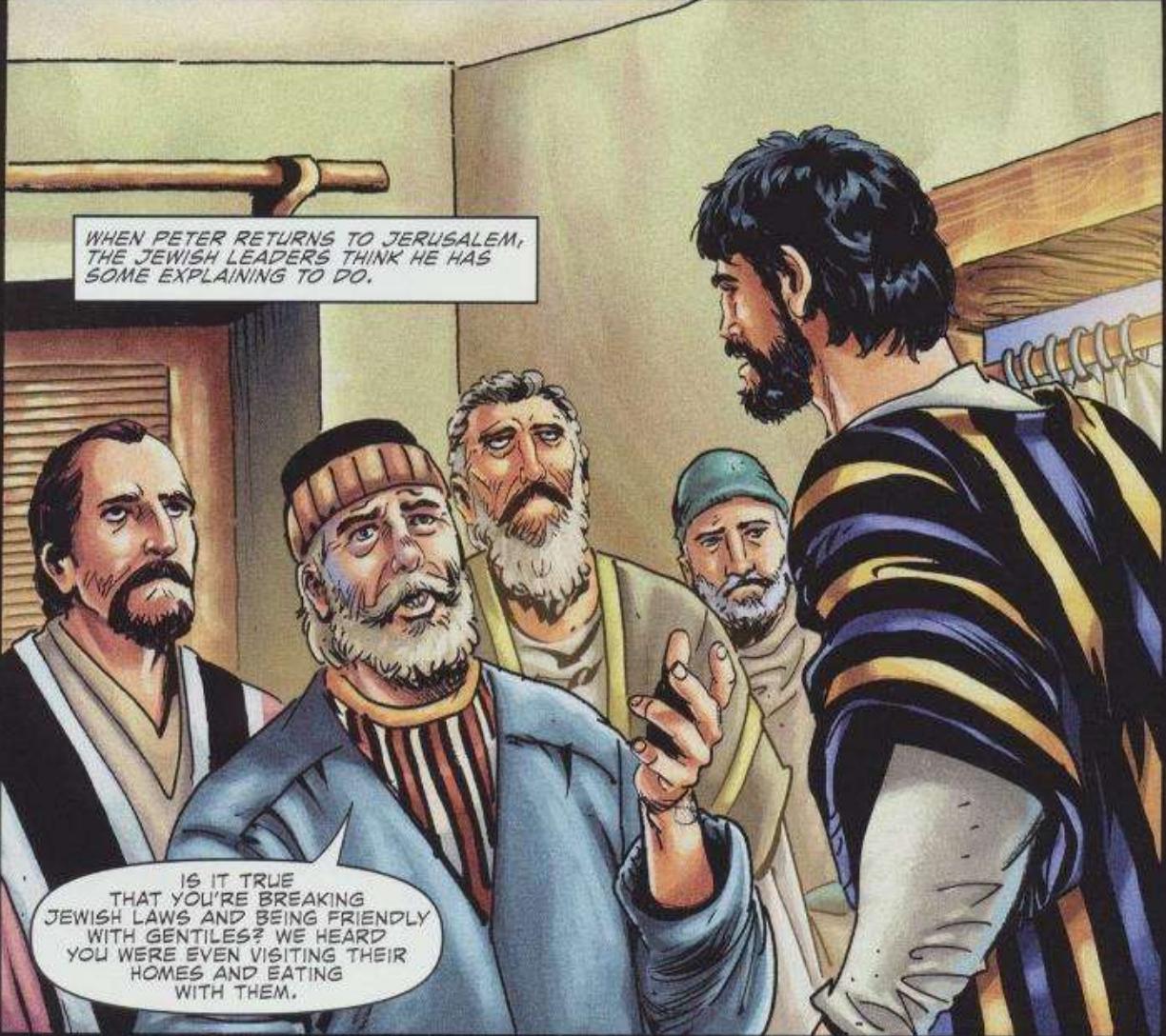
ACCORDING TO JEWISH LAWS, PEOPLE FROM OTHER NATIONS ARE UNCLEAN. AS A JEW, I AM FORBIDDEN TO ASSOCIATE WITH GENTILES LIKE YOU. BUT GOD TOLD ME IN A VISION NOT TO CALL ANYONE UNCLEAN. WHY HAVE YOU ASKED ME TO COME?



THEN PETER TELLS THEM THAT JESUS WAS THE SAVIOR SENT FROM GOD TO BRING ETERNAL LIFE TO ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM. WHEN PETER SEES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME TO THE GENTILES, HE ARRANGES FOR THEM TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

NEWS TRAVELS FAST. THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM WONDER WHAT IS HAPPENING ...





WHEN PETER RETURNS TO JERUSALEM, THE JEWISH LEADERS THINK HE HAS SOME EXPLAINING TO DO.

IS IT TRUE  
THAT YOU'RE BREAKING  
JEWISH LAWS AND BEING FRIENDLY  
WITH GENTILES? WE HEARD  
YOU WERE EVEN VISITING THEIR  
HOMES AND EATING  
WITH THEM.

GOD TOLD A  
ROMAN CENTURION  
TO SEND FOR ME, AND  
GOD TOLD ME TO  
GO TO HIM.

WHILE I WAS  
TELLING THE GENTILES  
ABOUT JESUS, THE HOLY  
SPIRIT CAME TO THEM—  
THE SAME WAY THE SPIRIT  
CAME TO US ON THE DAY  
OF PENTECOST!

IF GOD  
GAVE THEM THE  
SAME GIFTS HE  
GAVE US, WHO WAS  
I TO STAND IN  
THE WAY?

THE CHURCH LEADERS  
AGREE WITH PETER  
AND PRAISE GOD FOR  
GIVING ETERNAL LIFE  
TO THE GENTILES.  
THE CHURCH  
CONTINUES TO GROW ...



# Death to the Tyrant

BASED ON ACTS 12

A NEW HEROD COMES TO POWER. HEROD AGrippa WANTS TO PLEASE JEWISH LEADERS, SO HE BEGINS TO PERSECUTE JESUS' FOLLOWERS.

ARREST THE DISCIPLE CALLED JAMES. CHARGE HIM WITH STIRRING UP TROUBLE AND PUT HIM TO DEATH IMMEDIATELY!

SO JAMES, ONE OF THE FOUR FISHERMEN WHO LEFT THEIR NETS TO FOLLOW JESUS, IS KILLED TO SATISFY A WICKED KING'S STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

WHEN HEROD SEES THAT THE DEATH OF JAMES PLEASES THE JEWISH LEADERS, HE HAS PETER ARRESTED AS WELL. HE PLANS TO EXECUTE PETER AFTER THE PASSOVER FEAST.

CHAIN EACH HAND TO A GUARD. KEEP FOUR SOLDIERS ON WATCH AT ALL TIMES. THIS PRISONER MUST NOT ESCAPE!



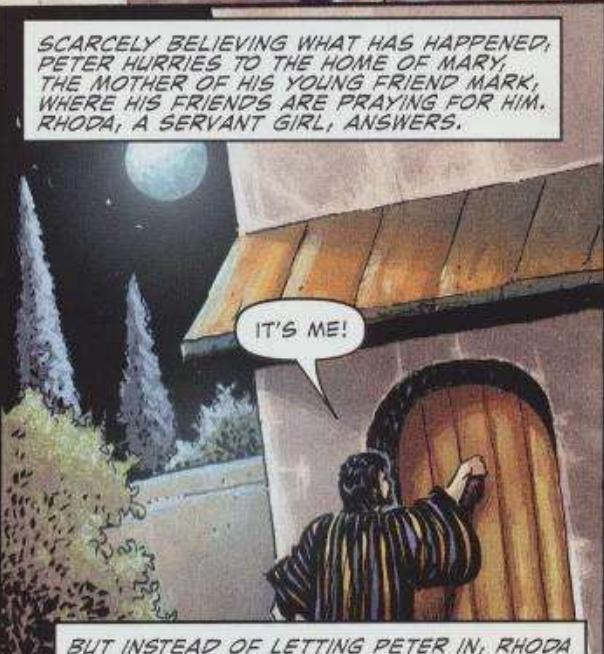
ON THE NIGHT BEFORE HEROD PLANS TO BRING PETER TO TRIAL, AN ANGEL ENTERS THE PRISON CELL ...

QUICK! GET UP! PUT ON YOUR CLOTHES AND SANDALS. FOLLOW ME.

PETER OBEYS, AND THE CHAINS FALL FROM HIS WRISTS. THE ANGEL LEADS PETER OUT OF THE PRISON CELL.

THE ANGEL TAKES PETER PAST TWO SETS OF GUARDS—WHO DON'T SEE THEM! AS THEY APPROACH THE IRON GATE IN THE PRISON WALL, IT OPENS! THEY WALK OUT INTO THE CITY STREETS—AND SUDDENLY THE ANGEL VANISHES!

SCARCELY BELIEVING WHAT HAS HAPPENED, PETER HURRIES TO THE HOME OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF HIS YOUNG FRIEND MARK, WHERE HIS FRIENDS ARE PRAYING FOR HIM. RHODA, A SERVANT GIRL, ANSWERS.



IT'S ME!

BUT INSTEAD OF LETTING PETER IN, RHODA TURNS AND RUNS BACK INTO THE HOUSE ...



CAUTIOUSLY THEY OPEN THE DOOR ...

PETER!  
IT'S REALLY YOU!

DID  
HEROD  
RELEASE  
YOU?

NO, BUT  
GOD DID. AN  
ANGEL WOKE ME  
AND TOLD ME TO  
FOLLOW. I DID—  
AND THE PRISON  
GATES  
OPENED.

THE ANGEL  
DISAPPEARED IN THE  
STREET. TELL THE OTHERS  
I AM FREE. NOW I HAVE TO  
GET OUT OF JERUSALEM  
BEFORE HEROD FINDS OUT  
WHAT HAPPENED.

THE NEXT MORNING, HEROD DISCOVERS  
THAT THE PRISONER IS GONE.

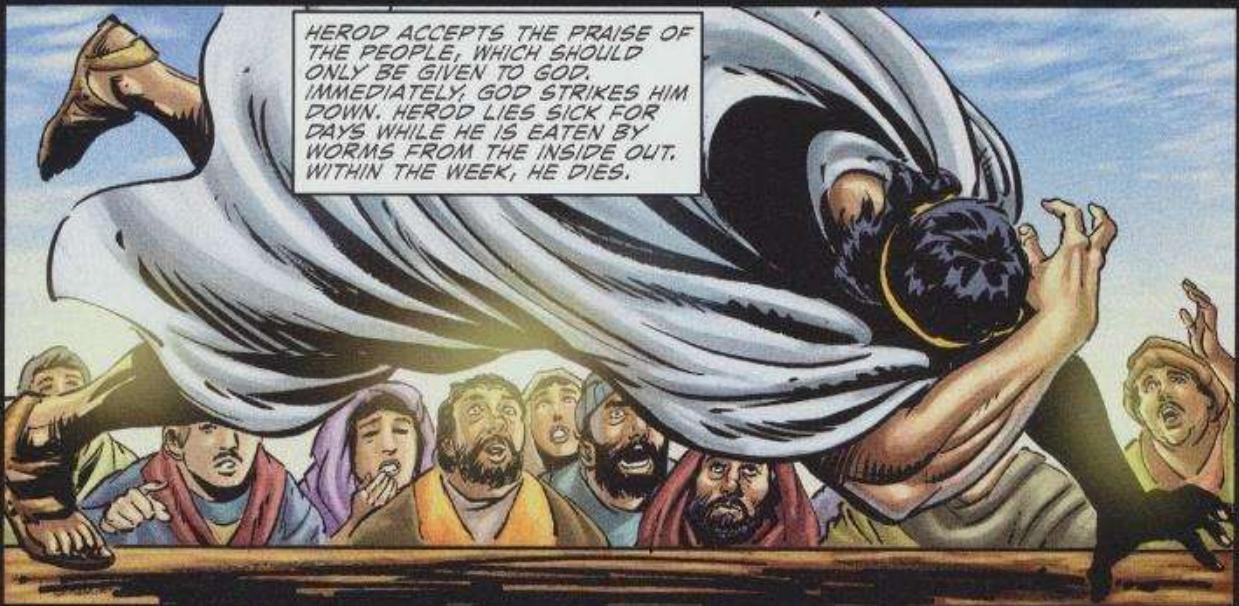
YOU SAY HE  
WAS CHAINED TO TWO  
GUARDS AND OTHERS WERE  
GUARDING THE DOOR, YET YOU  
EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT  
HE JUST DISAPPEARED? SEARCH  
THE CITY! FIND PETER, OR  
THOSE GUARDS WILL PAY  
WITH THEIR LIVES.

BUT THE SEARCH FAILS.  
PETER IS SAFE.

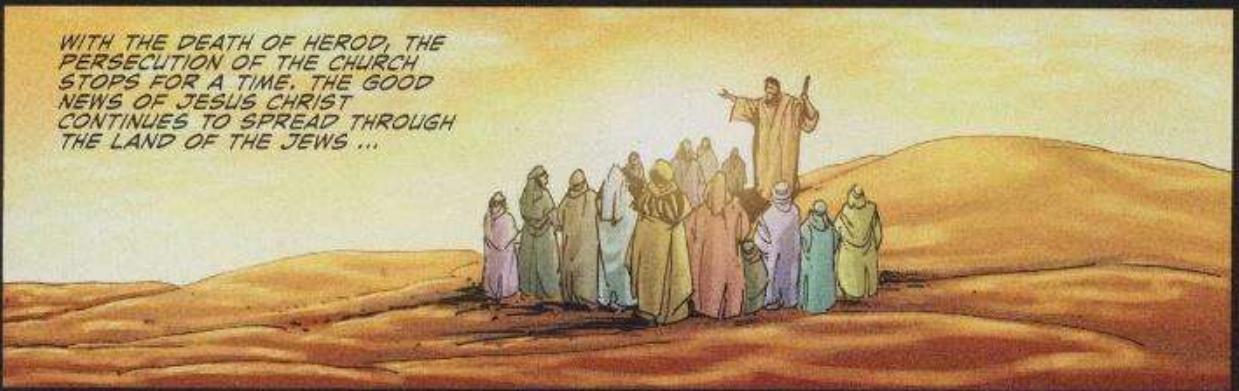
A FEW DAYS LATER, HEROD APPEARS AT A PUBLIC CELEBRATION IN CAESAREA. WEARING DAZZLING SILVER ROYAL ROBES, HE SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE. TO FLATTER HIM, THEY SHOUT:



HEROD ACCEPTS THE PRAISE OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH SHOULD ONLY BE GIVEN TO GOD. IMMEDIATELY, GOD STRIKES HIM DOWN. HEROD LIES SICK FOR DAYS WHILE HE IS EATEN BY WORMS FROM THE INSIDE OUT. WITHIN THE WEEK, HE DIES.



WITH THE DEATH OF HEROD, THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH STOPS FOR A TIME. THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST CONTINUES TO SPREAD THROUGH THE LAND OF THE JEWS ...



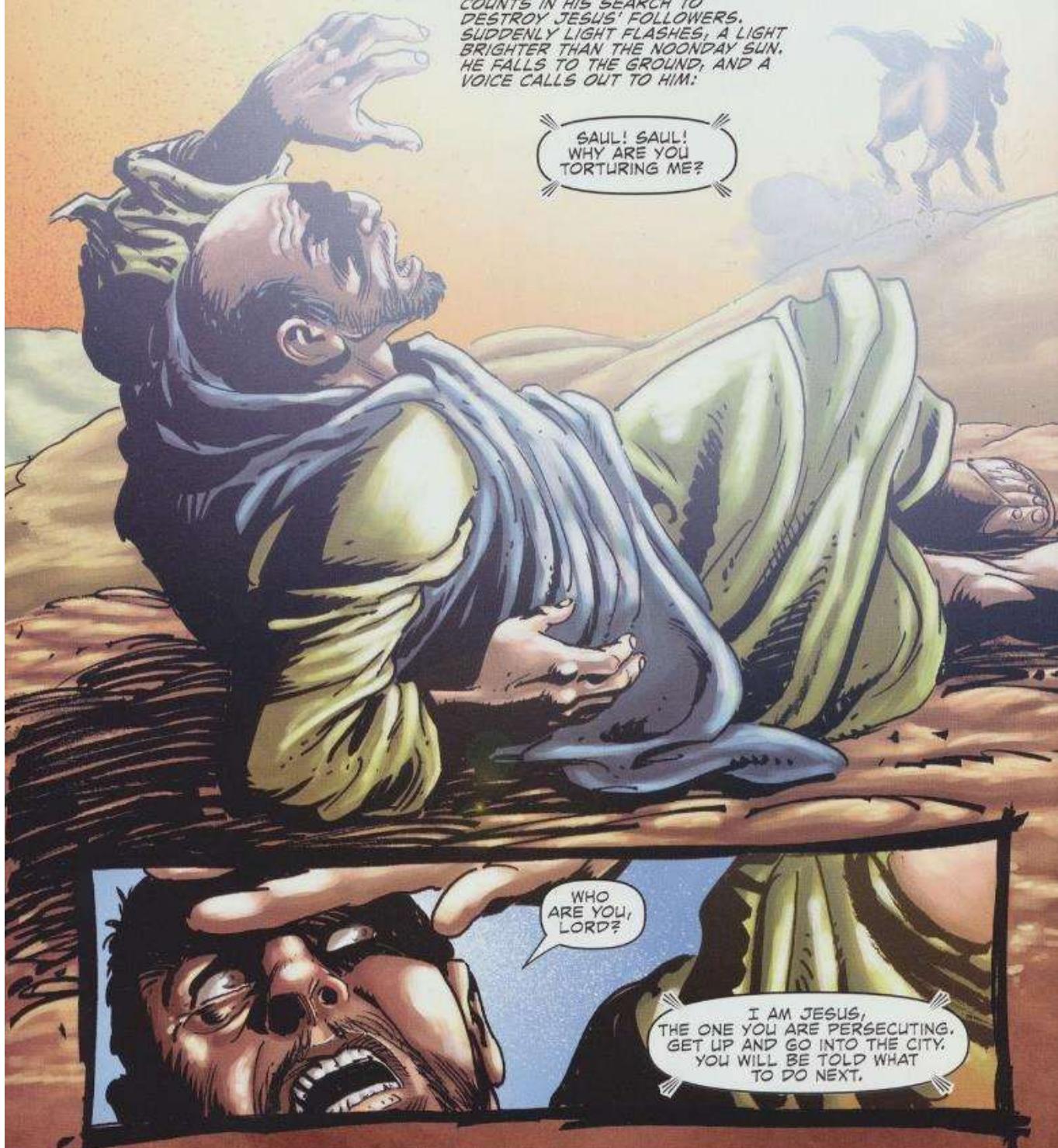
# A Blinding Light

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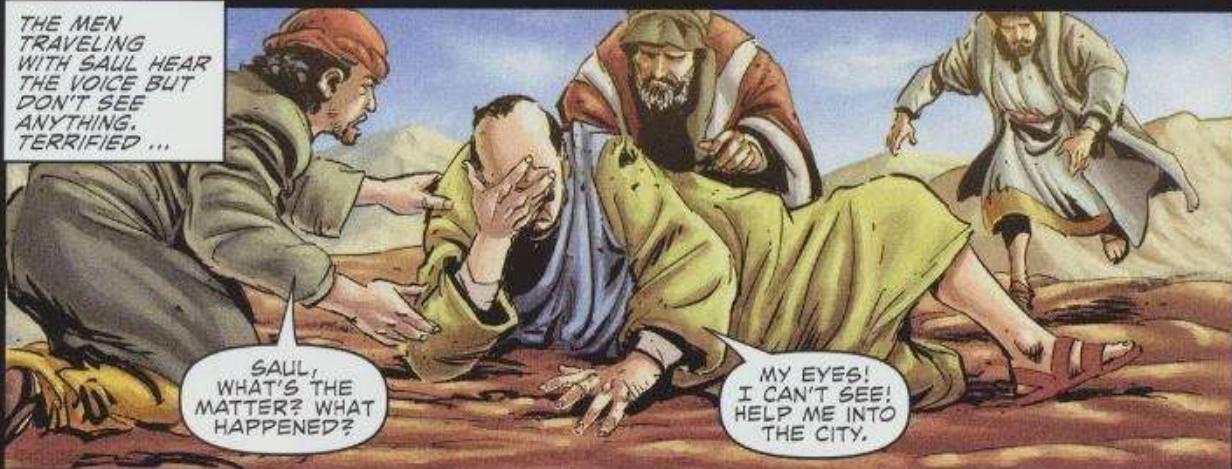
YEARS EARLIER, A BOY NAMED SAUL WAS BORN IN TARSUS. HIS PARENTS TAUGHT HIM TO WORSHIP AND OBEY GOD. SAUL BECAME A BRILLIANT STUDENT OF THE JEWISH LAW. LIKE MOST JEWISH LEADERS, SAUL REFUSED TO ACCEPT JESUS AS THE SAVIOR SENT FROM GOD. WHEN JEWISH LEADERS STONED STEPHEN, SAUL HELD THEIR COATS. SOON HE BEGAN HIS OWN ATTACK ON JESUS' FOLLOWERS. HE DRAGGED THEM OFF TO BE QUESTIONED, PUNISHED, AND EVEN PUT TO DEATH. THEN SAUL DECIDED TO LOOK FOR MORE BELIEVERS IN DAMASCUS.

SAUL RIDES TOWARD DAMASCUS WITH THE EAGERNESS OF A HUNTER ON THE TRACK OF HIS PREY. AT THE SIGHT OF THE CITY, HE URGES HIS HORSE ON—AS IF EVERY MINUTE COUNTS IN HIS SEARCH TO DESTROY JESUS' FOLLOWERS. SUDDENLY LIGHT FLASHES, A LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN THE NOONDAY SUN. HE FALLS TO THE GROUND, AND A VOICE CALLS OUT TO HIM:

SAUL! SAUL!  
WHY ARE YOU  
TORTURING ME?



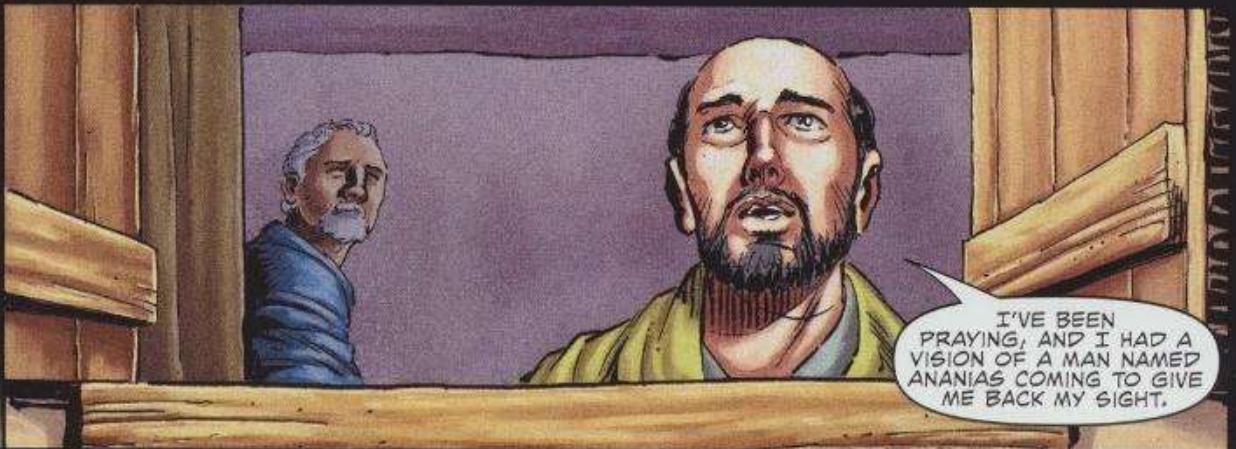
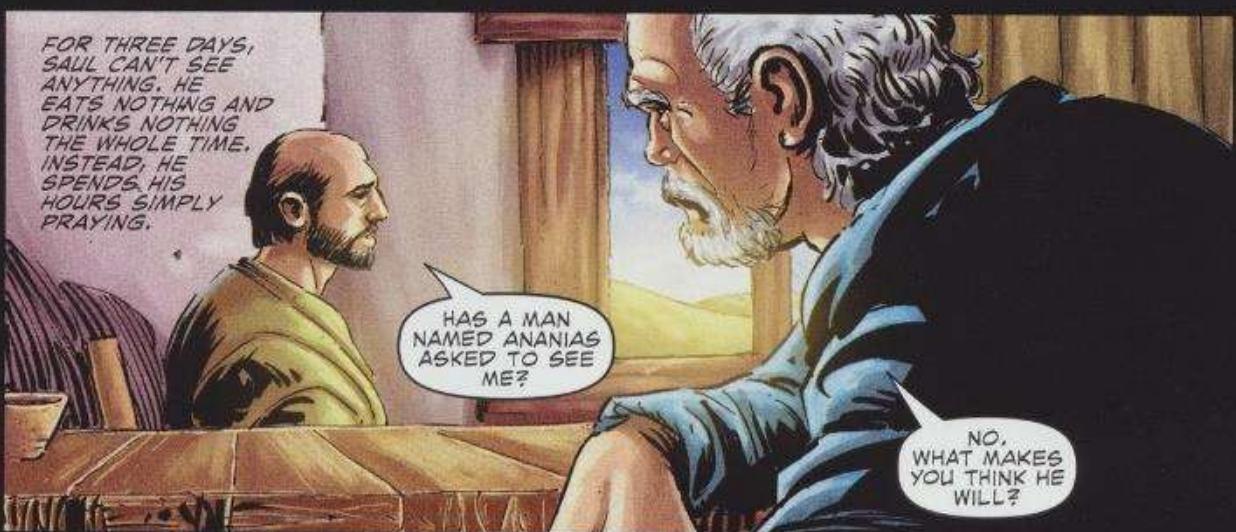
THE MEN TRAVELING WITH SAUL HEAR THE VOICE BUT DON'T SEE ANYTHING. TERRIFIED ...



SO, BLIND AND AWED BY HIS EXPERIENCE, THE ONCE PROUD SAUL IS LED INTO DAMASCUS—TO A HOUSE ON STRAIGHT STREET.



FOR THREE DAYS, SAUL CAN'T SEE ANYTHING. HE EATS NOTHING AND DRINKS NOTHING THE WHOLE TIME. INSTEAD, HE SPENDS HIS HOURS SIMPLY PRAYING.



WHILE SAUL IS PRAYING, JESUS APPEARS TO ANANIAS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY.

ANANIAS, GET UP! GO TO STRAIGHT STREET, TO THE HOUSE OF JUDAS. ASK FOR A MAN NAMED SAUL. HE'S HAD A VISION THAT YOU WILL COME.

LORD, I'VE HEARD OF THIS EVIL MAN. HE HATES YOUR FOLLOWERS!

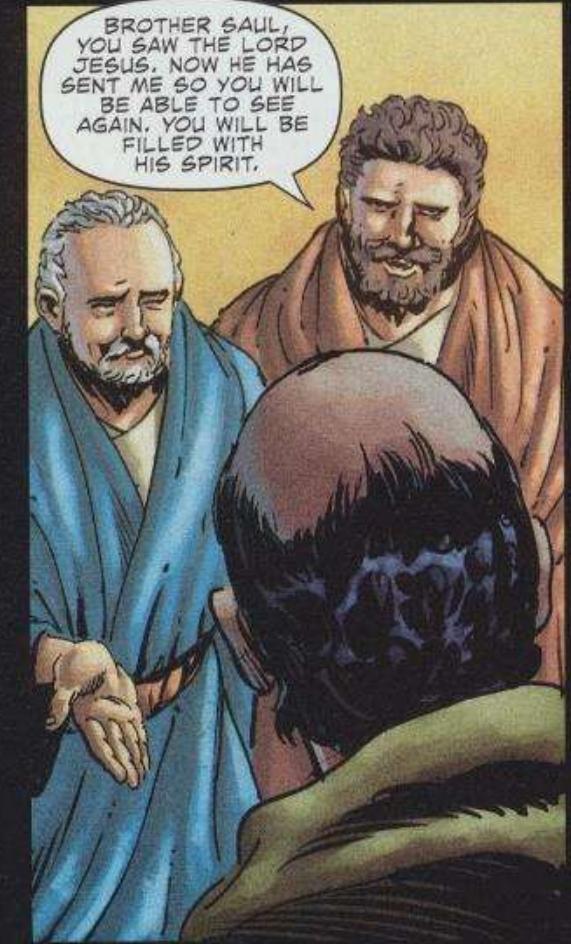
GO! I HAVE CHOSEN HIM TO WORK FOR ME. HE'LL TAKE MY GOOD NEWS TO ALL PEOPLE—NOT JUST THE JEWS.

ANANIAS OBEYS. AT THE HOME OF JUDAS, HE FINDS SAUL ...

BROTHER SAUL, YOU SAW THE LORD JESUS. NOW HE HAS SENT ME SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE AGAIN. YOU WILL BE FILLED WITH HIS SPIRIT.

ANANIAS LAYS HIS HANDS ON SAUL'S EYES ...

PRAISE GOD! I CAN SEE AGAIN!



# The New Paul

BASED ON ACTS 9:26-31

SAUL, WHO IS ALSO CALLED PAUL, RETURNS TO JERUSALEM. HE WANTS TO JOIN THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, BUT THEY ARE STILL AFRAID AND RUN FROM THE SIGHT OF HIM. BARNABAS, THE MAN WHO SOLD HIS LAND AND GAVE THE MONEY TO THE POOR, IS THE FIRST TO BELIEVE THAT PAUL HAS CHANGED.

PAUL  
FOLLOWS JESUS  
NOW. HE HAS SEEN  
JESUS! HE PREACHES  
IN JESUS' NAME.

WELL, COME IN!  
YOU MUST TELL ME  
MORE ABOUT WHAT  
HAPPENED!



FOR DAYS AND NIGHTS, PAUL, THE BRILLIANT STUDENT OF JEWISH LAW, AND PETER, THE RUGGED FISHERMAN, TALK ABOUT JESUS. THE BELIEVERS IN JERUSALEM SEE THAT GOD HAS CHANGED PAUL'S LIFE.

IN JERUSALEM, PAUL BOLDLY DECLARES HIS NEW BELIEFS.

I BELIEVE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD! I BELIEVE HE IS THE SAVIOR SENT FROM GOD.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MAKE PAUL TALK LIKE THIS? MAYBE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.

WHEN PAUL'S OLD FRIENDS SEE THAT HE BELIEVES IN JESUS, THEY ARE FURIOUS!

STOP HIM!  
STOP HIM BEFORE HE STIRS UP THE PEOPLE.

DEATH IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL SILENCE A MAN LIKE PAUL.

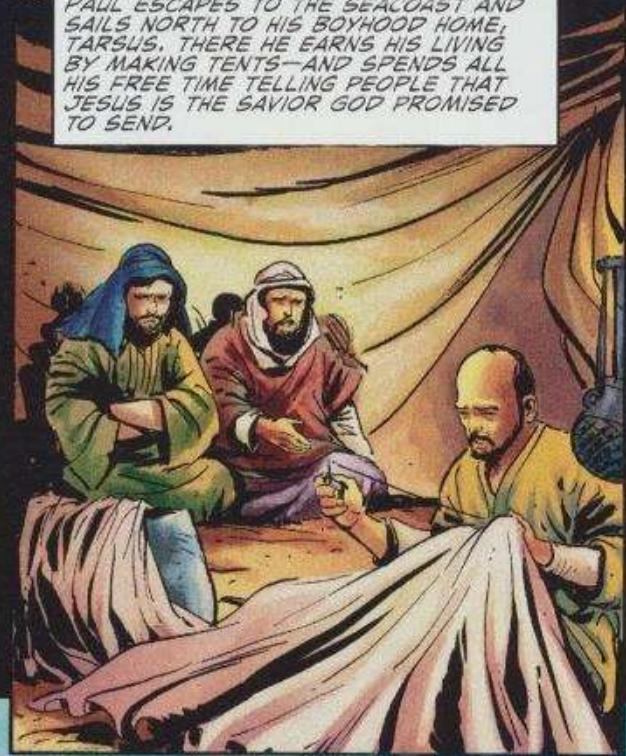
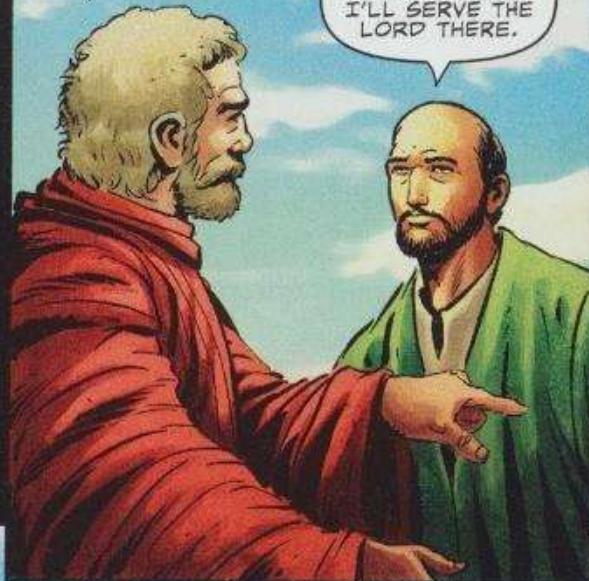
THEN WE HAVE TO KILL HIM.

JESUS' FOLLOWERS FIND OUT ABOUT THE PLOT AGAINST PAUL'S LIFE AND WARN HIM.

YOUR ENEMIES ARE POWERFUL, PAUL. THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL YOU. WE'LL HELP YOU GET AWAY TO CAESAREA.

I CAN GO TO TARSUS, MY HOMETOWN. I'LL SERVE THE LORD THERE.

PAUL ESCAPES TO THE SEACOAST AND SAILS NORTH TO HIS BOYHOOD HOME, TARSUS. THERE HE EARNES HIS LIVING BY MAKING TENTS—AND SPENDS ALL HIS FREE TIME TELLING PEOPLE THAT JESUS IS THE SAVIOR GOD PROMISED TO SEND.



ONE DAY A SHIP DOCKS AT TARSUS. A PASSENGER HURRIES DOWN THE PLANK ...

NOW TO FIND PAUL!



# Foreign Assignment

BASED ON ACTS 11:19-30; 12:25-13:5

AFTER ESCAPING HIS ENEMIES, PAUL WORKS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A TENTMAKER IN TARSUS AND TELLS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. ONE DAY AN OLD FRIEND COMES TO SEE HIM ...

BARNABAS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN TARSUS?

I'M LOOKING FOR YOU, PAUL!

I'VE BEEN PREACHING IN ANTIODCH, AND THE CHURCH HAS GROWN SO MUCH THAT I NEED HELP. WILL YOU COME?

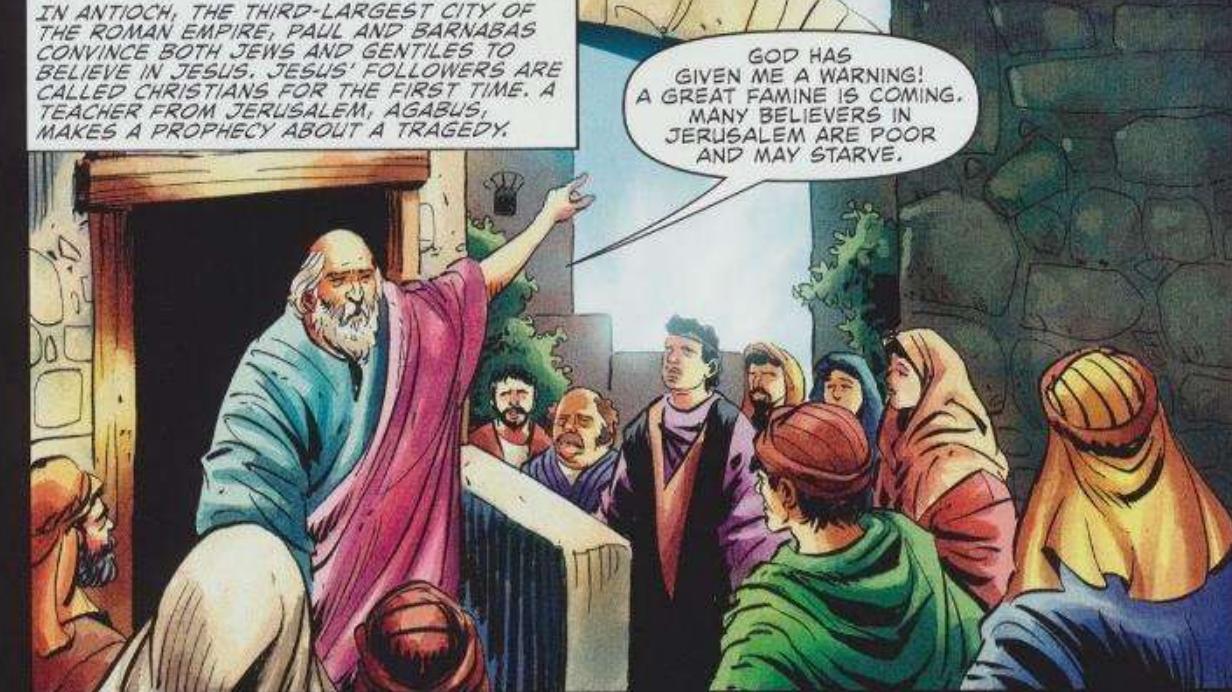
EAGERLY, PAUL ACCEPTS THE INVITATION.

WHEN YOU STARTED THE PERSECUTION IN JERUSALEM, SOME BELIEVERS WENT TO ANTIODCH AND STARTED A CHURCH THERE.

THANK GOD YOU ARE GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO ASK THEIR FORGIVENESS AND WORK WITH THEM TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.

IN ANTIODCH, THE THIRD-LARGEST CITY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, PAUL AND BARNABAS CONVINCE BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES TO BELIEVE IN JESUS. JESUS' FOLLOWERS ARE CALLED CHRISTIANS FOR THE FIRST TIME. A TEACHER FROM JERUSALEM, AGABUS, MAKES A PROPHECY ABOUT A TRAGEDY.

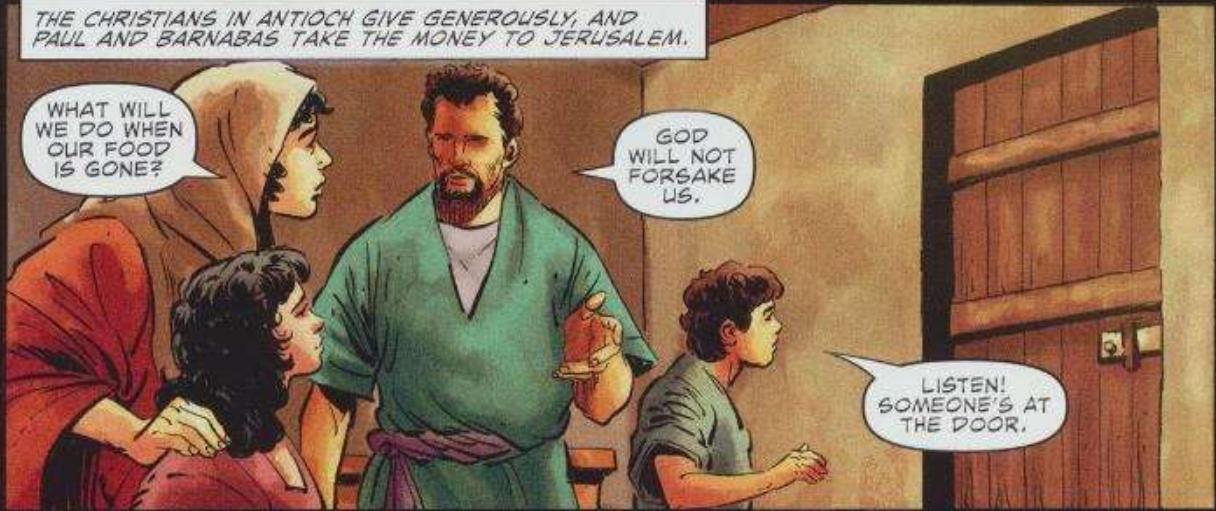
GOD HAS GIVEN ME A WARNING! A GREAT FAMINE IS COMING. MANY BELIEVERS IN JERUSALEM ARE POOR AND MAY STARVE.



THE BELIEVERS IN ANTIOPH WANT TO HELP. THEY DECIDE TO SEND MONEY TO JERUSALEM FOR BELIEVERS THERE TO BUY FOOD. PAUL OFFERS TO HELP DELIVER THE GIFT.

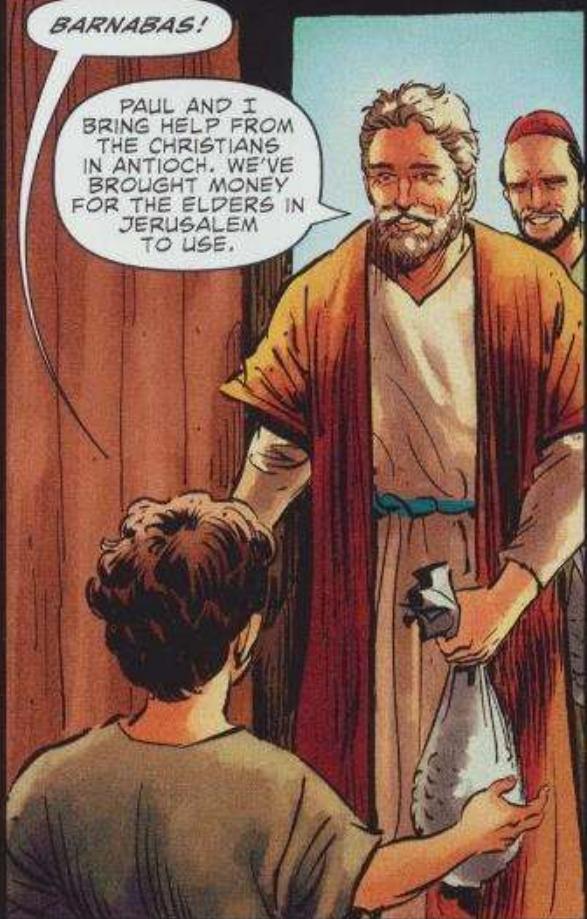


THE CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOPH GIVE GENEROUSLY, AND PAUL AND BARNABAS TAKE THE MONEY TO JERUSALEM.

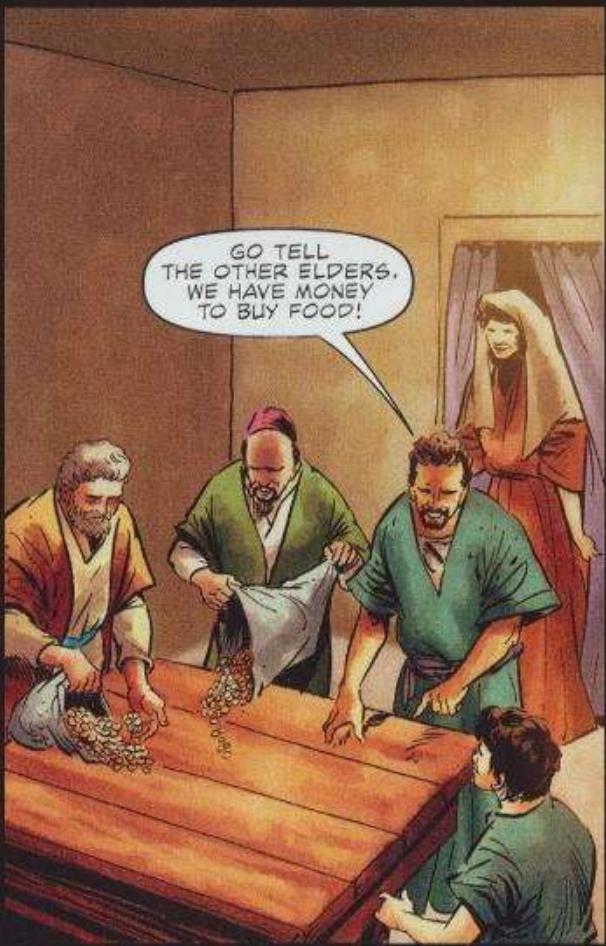


BARNABAS!

PAUL AND I  
BRING HELP FROM  
THE CHRISTIANS  
IN ANTIOPH. WE'VE  
BROUGHT MONEY  
FOR THE ELDERS IN  
JERUSALEM  
TO USE.



GO TELL  
THE OTHER ELDERS.  
WE HAVE MONEY  
TO BUY FOOD!



THEIR MISSION COMPLETE, PAUL AND BARNABAS PREPARE TO LEAVE JERUSALEM.

PAUL,  
THIS IS  
MY COUSIN,  
JOHN MARK.  
HE WOULD  
LIKE TO GO  
WITH US.

GOOD!  
WE CAN USE  
YOU, MARK.

IN ANTIOPH, PAUL AND BARNABAS MEET WITH OTHERS FOR PRAYER. GOD TELLS THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH TO SEND PAUL AND BARNABAS TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS IN OTHER PLACES. THEY SET OUT WITH MARK.

THERE'S  
THE ISLAND OF  
CYPRUS!

AND THAT'S  
WHERE OUR  
MISSIONARY WORK  
BEGINS.

AFTER PREACHING IN SEVERAL CITIES ON THE ISLAND, THE MISSIONARIES REACH PAPHOS. NO ONE HAS GIVEN THEM ANY TROUBLE, BUT THEN ...

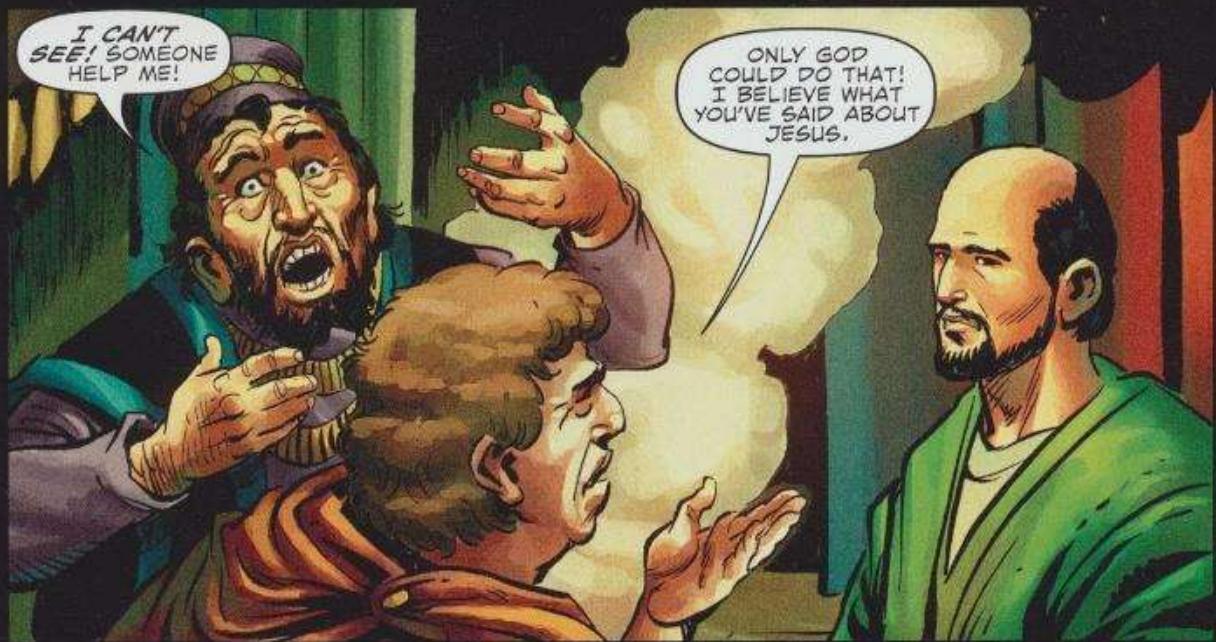
SERGIUS PAULUS, THE ROMAN GOVERNOR, ORDERS YOU TO COME WITH ME.

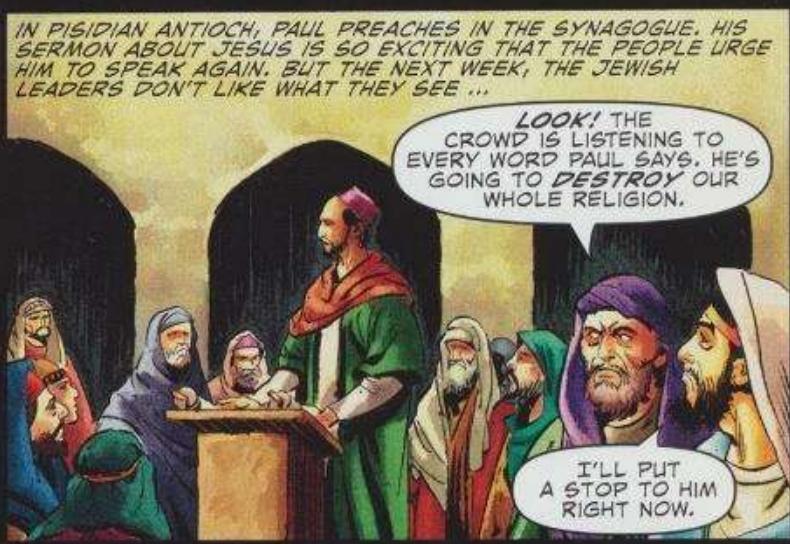
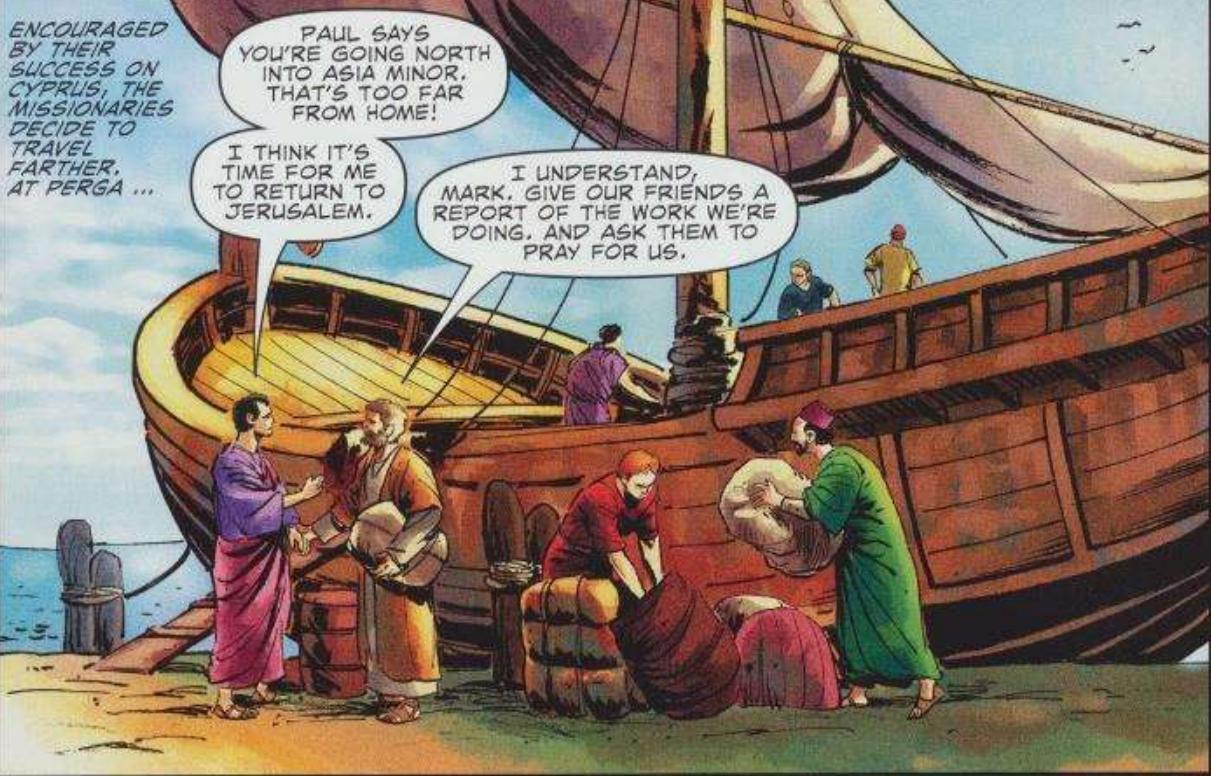


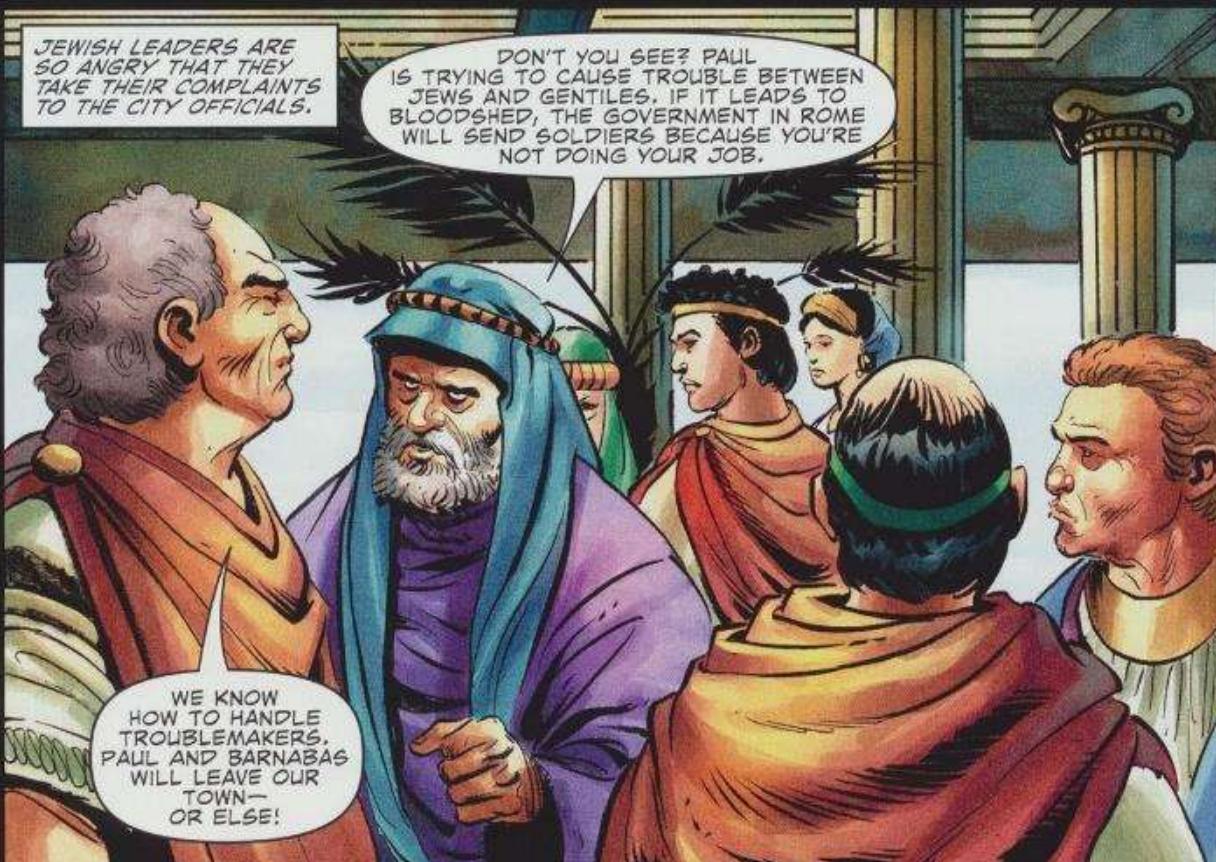
# Silence, Sorcerer!

BASED ON ACTS 13:6-14:7

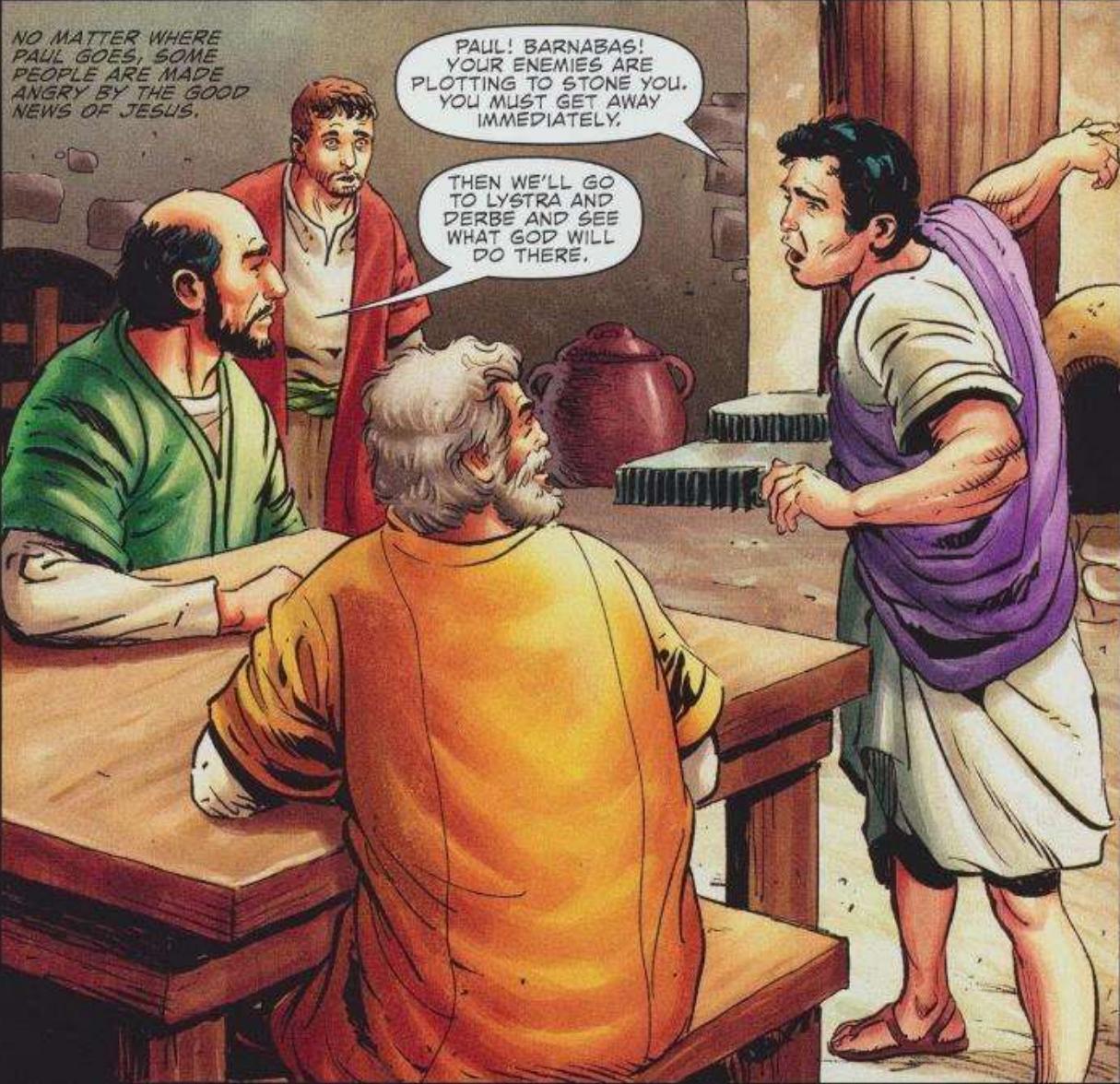
AFTER PREACHING AROUND THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS, PAUL, BARNABAS, AND MARK ARE SUMMONED TO SEE THE ROMAN GOVERNOR. TO THEIR SURPRISE, HE WANTS TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS. EAGERLY, PAUL TELLS ABOUT JESUS AND HOW GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD. THE COURT SORCERER TRIES TO KEEP THE GOVERNOR FROM BELIEVING.







PAUL AND BARNABAS ARE IN DANGER, SO THEY SHAKE THE DUST OFF THEIR SANDALS AND LEAVE PISIDIAN ANTIOTH. THEY TRAVEL SOUTHEAST TO ICONIUM, ANOTHER CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF GALATIA. HERE JEWS AND GENTILES ALIKE BELIEVE IN JESUS. BUT THE JEWS WHO DON'T BELIEVE ARE FUMING.



# Lystra Ups ...

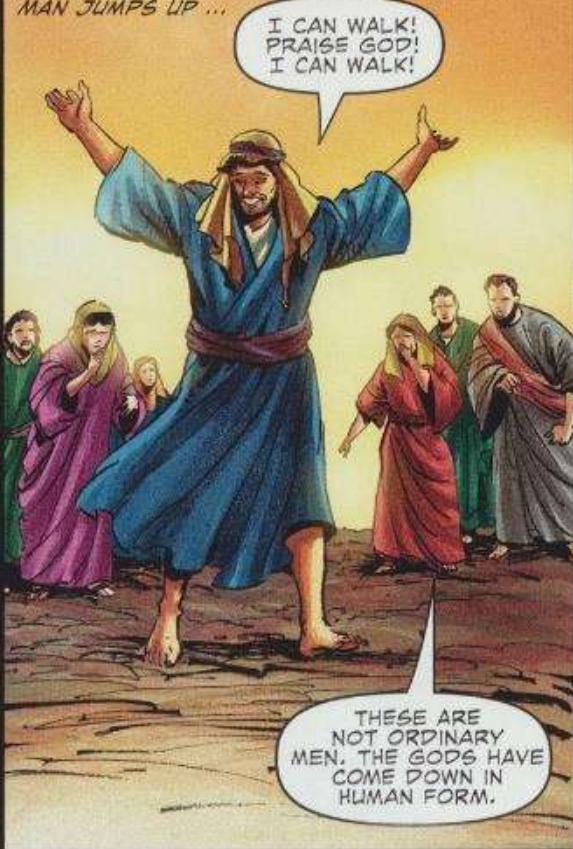
BASED ON ACTS 14:8-20

ONE DAY AS PAUL IS PREACHING IN LYSTRA, HE SEES A MAN WHO CAN'T WALK LISTENING TO HIM WITH KEEN INTEREST.



# ... and Downs

INSTANTLY THE MAN JUMPS UP ...



THESE ARE NOT ORDINARY MEN. THE GODS HAVE COME DOWN IN HUMAN FORM.

WHEN PRIESTS BRING BULLS TO SACRIFICE TO THEM, PAUL AND BARNABAS RUSH INTO THE CROWD ...

