



FRAME-UP

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The man you will see
today, will be executed
in 15 days!

Any chance for a
reprieve?

None!



I'll tell you right now — I don't like religious phonies!

Don't try preaching to me!
The only thing I'll say to you
is that I was framed, do you
understand?

That's funny... Jesus
didn't like them either.





Almost 2000 years ago, there was this Jesus who was making waves around Jerusalem... He had raised Lazarus from the dead... He healed the deaf, blind, drunkards and addicts. He even forgave prostitutes.

Jesus became a threat to the religious system, so they tried to set Him up by asking Him tricky questions. Jesus always outsmarted them.



There was an old man, named Annas, who hated Jesus. He was the big man in Jerusalem. His word was law!



Annas was a sadducee, who didn't believe in life after death.

Annas was once the high priest of the Jews. Five of his sons followed their father as high priests and now his son-in-law Caiaphas held that position.



How could Jesus raise a man from the dead? He's embarrassed me and mocked my faith. I'll never forgive Him.

Annas has his own thing going.
His corrupt organization was selling
cows and sheep for sacrifice in the
temple (the big religious center).
They brought big prices.

They also made out when they
converted Roman money into Jewish
currency. Annas had it made.



Then one day, Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple.



You'll not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!

Annas
was furious!
He gave the order:

Jesus
must die!

Because of His miracles, the people looked to Jesus as their Messiah, who would restore Israel to a position of power, and give them relief from the Roman oppressors.

Jesus refused to be crowned King. He said His kingdom was not of this world.



Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, figured he was on the wrong bandwagon. After all, he had followed Jesus hoping to get power and money in this life!

If Jesus is only going to set up a spiritual kingdom, Judas was going to make something off the time he spent with Jesus



He headed for the high priest!

This was what Annas was waiting for —a traitor!



Judas sold out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver

After midnight, while Jesus was praying Judas led the police and soldiers to arrest his best friend.



Judas was responsible for the greatest double-cross in history

Now get this no warrant for His arrest —also no charge!



His arrest was made at night, which was a violation of Jewish law

"Let a capital offense be tried during the day, but suspend at night."

Guess where they took Him first?



To that good, old politician Annas
His deadliest enemy —another
violation of Jewish law

"An accused man shall never
be subject to private or secret
examination"

One of Annas' petty officers
didn't like the way Jesus
answered one of the questions
and struck Him in the face



He was then taken to the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court, unlawfully assembled around 2 AM. The religious leaders were secretly ordered to gather by Annas.

Only those who could be counted on were invited. Twenty three of them were just enough to constitute a quorum. Incidentally, none of Jesus' friends were invited.

It was a prejudiced court
Even before the trial.



They considered Him guilty!



Two false witnesses were brought in.
Their stories didn't jibe

Jesus was allowed no defense!

Caiphas the high priest, (the son-in-law of Annas) put on a good show!



Blasphemer!

When Jesus had admitted He was the Son of God, Caiphas screamed that He was worthy of death. At long last they came up with a charge - blasphemy!

They took Him to the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate (a man who is worried about his job). They wanted him to pass a sentence of death on Jesus—but he refused



Pilate acquitted Jesus four times

Pressures were put upon Pilate for fear of a riot. He gave Jesus over to the howling mob.



There were eighteen serious law violations committed in order to railroad Jesus to His death.

He was beaten by Pilate's order
and forced to carry a heavy cross
on His bleeding back



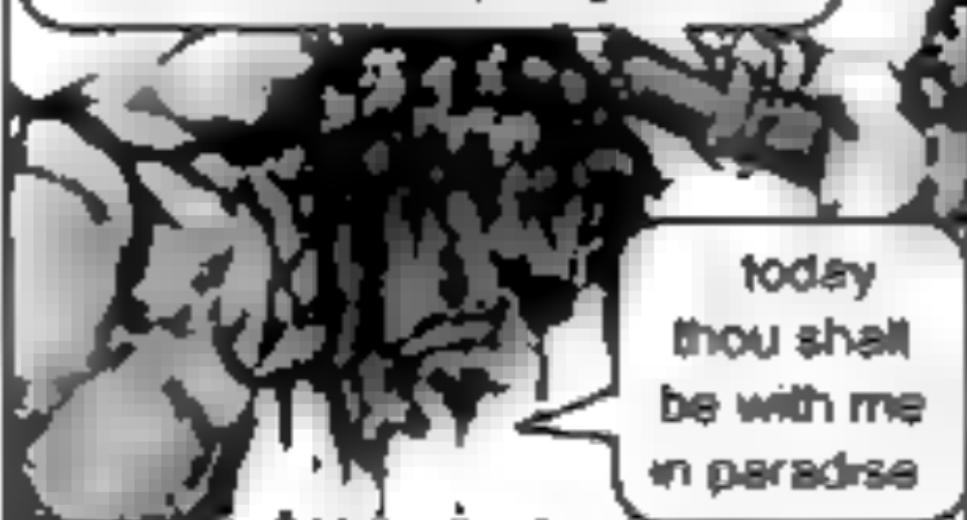
The Bible says the crowds plucked
the beard off His face "Also He was
more marked than any man."

"Isaiah 50:6

"Matthew 27:14

At His execution one of the convicts
hanging next to Him said

Lord remember me when thou
comest into thy kingdom!



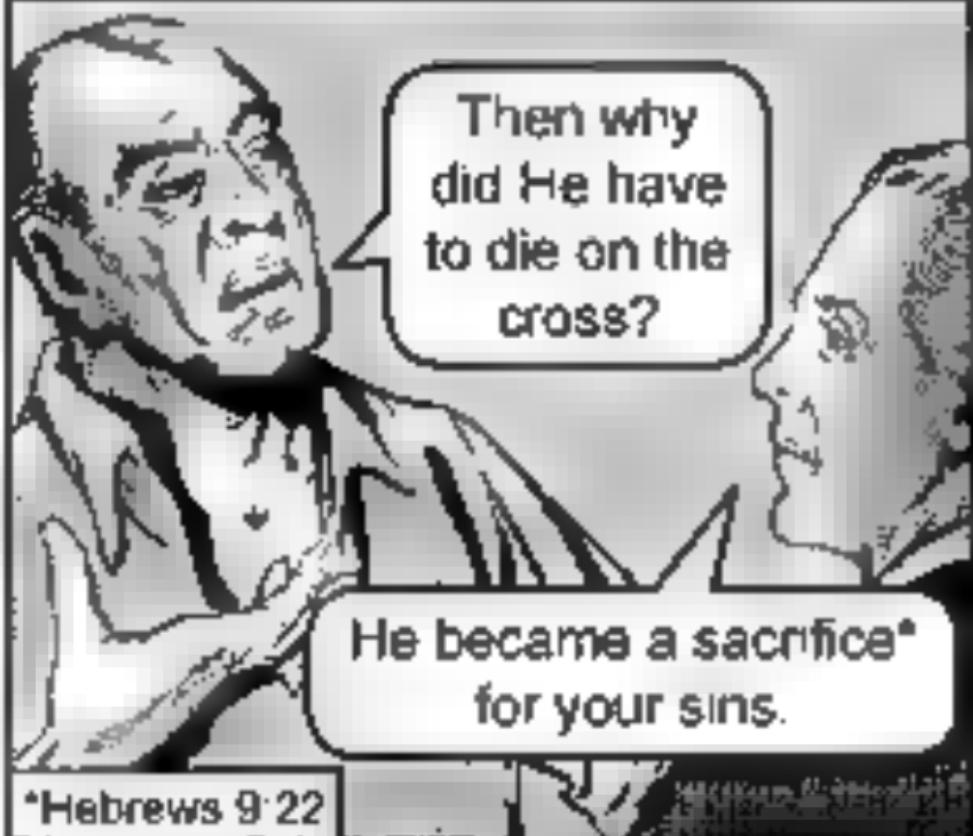
In his last hours a condemned
criminal was saved

"He was in the world, and the world
was made by him, and the world
knew him not" John 1:10



The Creator of the universe
died a criminal's death

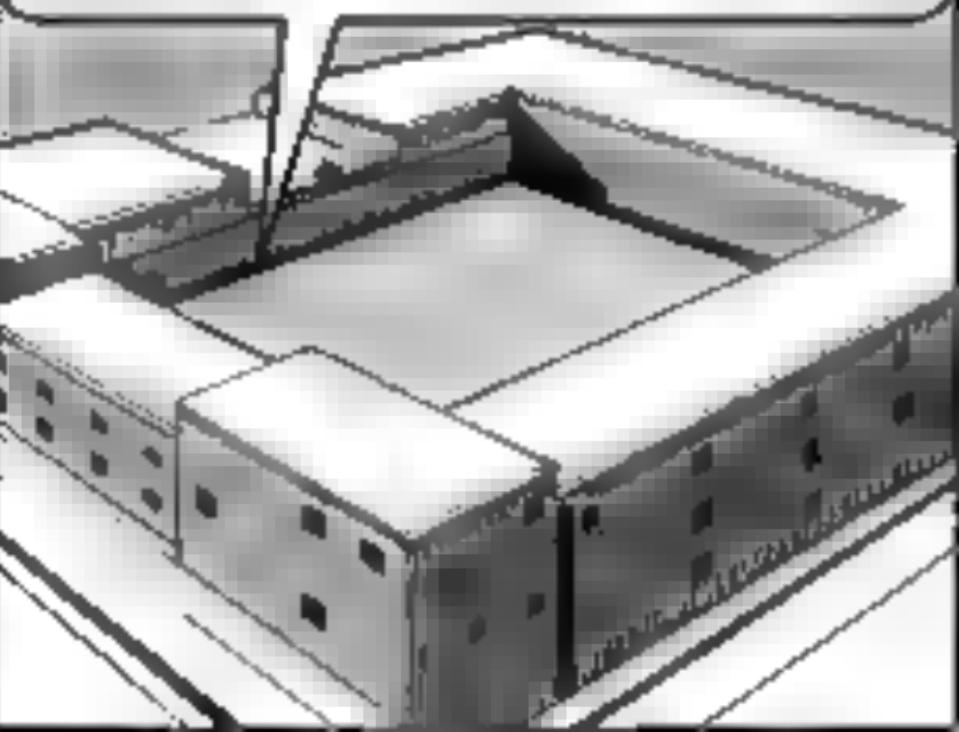
Three days later He rose from the
dead, and later returned to heaven.



That blood He shed was for you to wash away your sins. Look if you got out again, no one would ever forget about your prison record!



But when you accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour as far as God is concerned the record is wiped clean —no matter what you've done.



The Lord Jesus has a special love for convicts. Some of His disciples had prison records, and most of them were executed.



The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*



If anybody loved me that much, to lay down His life for me, I'd be nuts to die in my sins. I want the Lord Jesus as my Saviour.



Lord Jesus, forgive my sins and come into my heart.



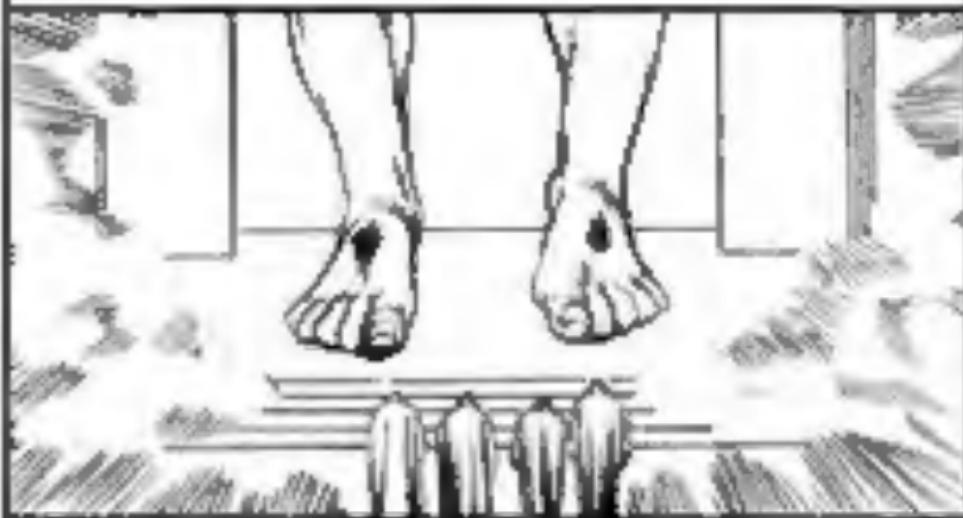
Your name is now in the book of life!

I wonder what Judas, Caiaphas, Annas, Pilate and the 23 Sanhedrin members will say when they face the Lord Jesus Christ as their judge?



You don't have to face Him as judge—not if you receive Him as your personal Saviour.

Those who died in their sins will appear before the Lord Jesus on doomsday!



"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:15

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

