



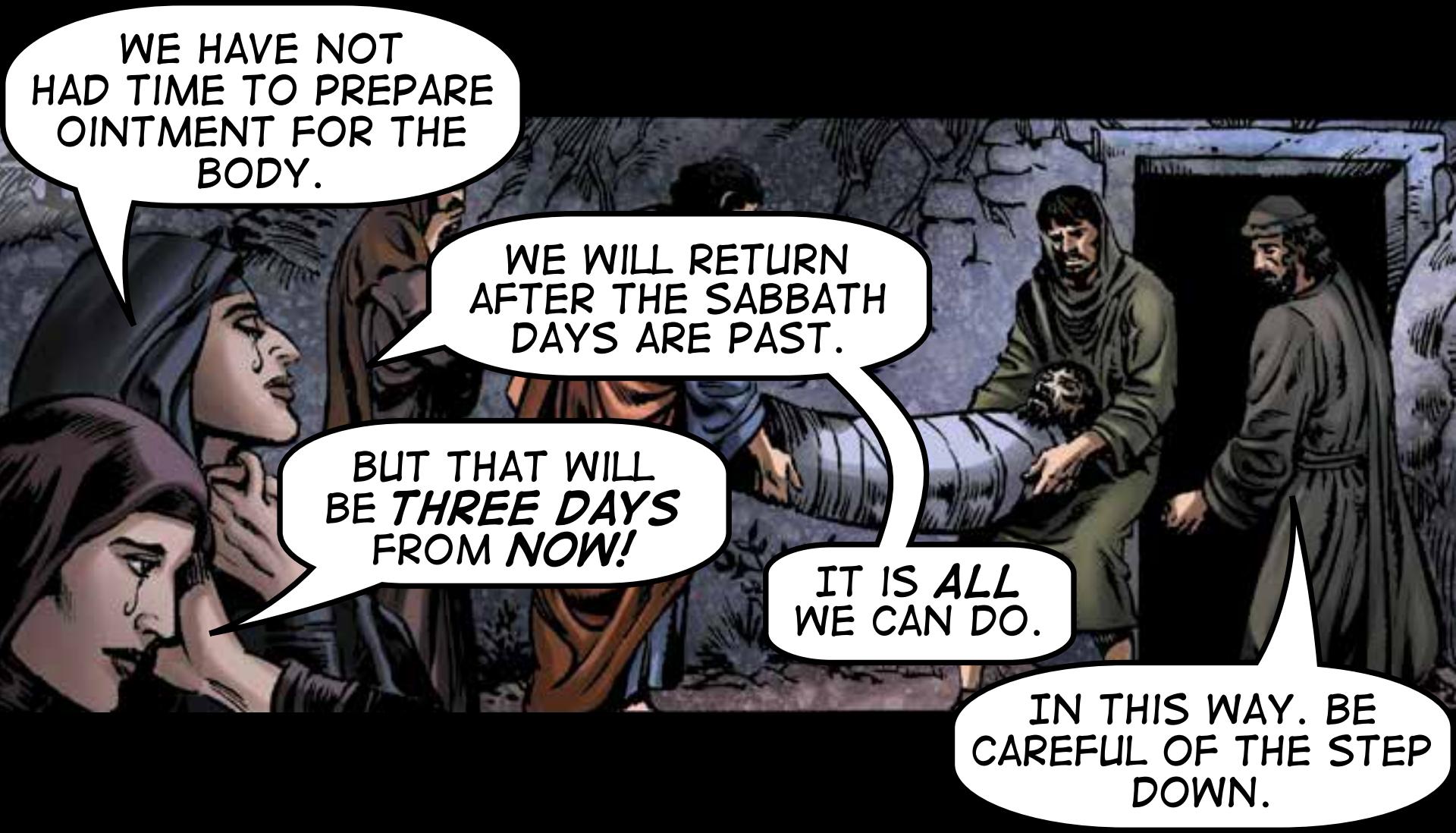
CHAPTER 12

RESURRECTION  
AND  
EARLY CHURCH



YOU KNOW, HE TOLD US  
MANY TIMES THAT THIS WAS  
GOING TO HAPPEN. I JUST  
DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY. IT  
IS LIKE HE WANTED TO DIE THIS  
WAY. HE KNEW THE TIME AND  
EVERYTHING. HE TOLD US  
AGAIN JUST LAST NIGHT.

HURRY UP.  
IT IS GETTING  
LATE.



WE HAVE NOT  
HAD TIME TO PREPARE  
OINTMENT FOR THE  
BODY.

WE WILL RETURN  
AFTER THE SABBATH  
DAYS ARE PAST.

BUT THAT WILL  
BE **THREE DAYS**  
FROM NOW!

IT IS ALL  
WE CAN DO.

IN THIS WAY. BE  
CAREFUL OF THE STEP  
DOWN.

THE PRIESTS RETURNED TO PILATE.

SIR, THIS DECEIVER WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED SAID AFTER THREE DAYS IN THE GRAVE, HE WOULD *RISE AGAIN*.



IT WOULD BE A *TRAGEDY* IF HIS DISCIPLES WERE TO SLIP IN AND CARRY HIS BODY AWAY. YOU SHOULD PUT *GUARDS* OUTSIDE THE TOMB TO *PREVENT* THIS.

I WILL SEND GUARDS. MAKE IT AS *SECURE* AS YOU CAN.



NOW YOU  
MAKE SURE THAT  
**NO ONE** BREAKS  
THIS SEAL.

NO ONE CAN  
GET PAST **MY**  
MEN.

MATTHEW 27:59-66; JOHN 19:40



DON'T YOU  
WORRY ABOUT YOUR  
DEAD MESSIAH GETTING  
AWAY. WE'VE NEVER  
LOST A CORPSE, HAVE  
WE MEN?

HA, HA, HA!

THREE DAYS AFTER  
JESUS' BURIAL.



THIS IS  
THE FIRST TIME  
WE HAVE EVER  
GUARDED A  
DEAD MAN.

IT WILL BE LIGHT  
SOON, AND WE WILL  
BE RELIEVED.



IT WILL BE LIGHT  
SOON. LET'S HURRY.  
IT HAS BEEN THREE  
DAYS NOW.

I WISH WE  
COULD HAVE  
DONE THIS  
SOONER.



**IT'S AN  
EARTHQUAKE  
AGAIN!**

**EEK!**

MATTHEW 28:1-2; LUKE 24:1



IT'S A  
REALLY BIG  
ONE.

LISTEN  
TO THOSE  
MEN SCREAM!  
SOMEBODY MUST  
BE HURT.



WHAT  
THE...?

ARGH!



**IT'S A  
GOD!**

**HE'LL  
KILL US!**

**MOTHER  
OF GOD, HAVE  
MERCY!**

**HE IS  
MOVING THE  
STONE!**

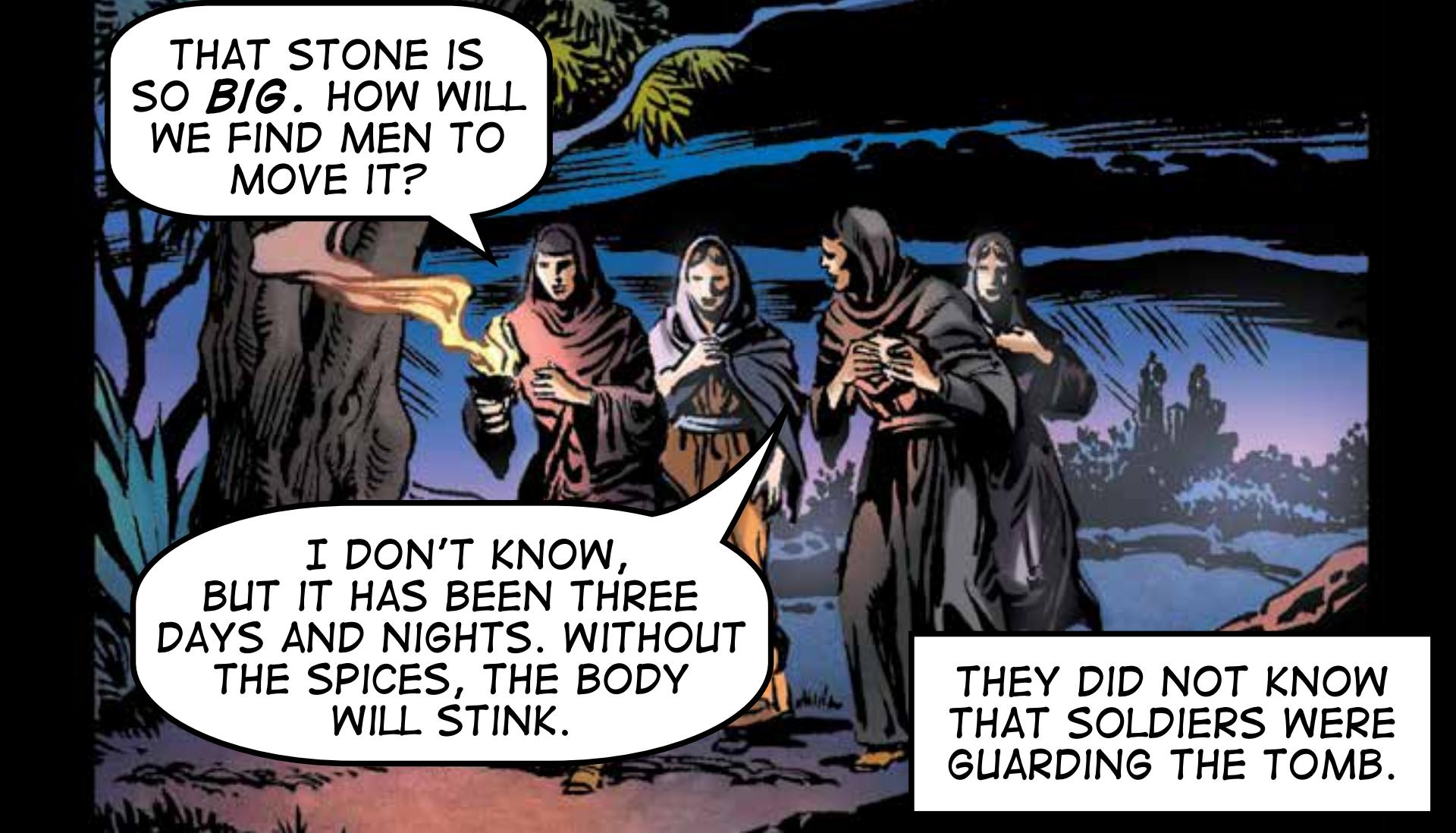


**DON'T  
LEAVE ME!  
GOD HAVE  
MERCY!**

**IT JUST  
CAN'T BE!**

**RUN  
FOR YOUR  
LIVES!**

MATTHEW 28:2-4



THAT STONE IS  
SO **BIG**. HOW WILL  
WE FIND MEN TO  
MOVE IT?

I DON'T KNOW,  
BUT IT HAS BEEN THREE  
DAYS AND NIGHTS. WITHOUT  
THE SPICES, THE BODY  
WILL STINK.

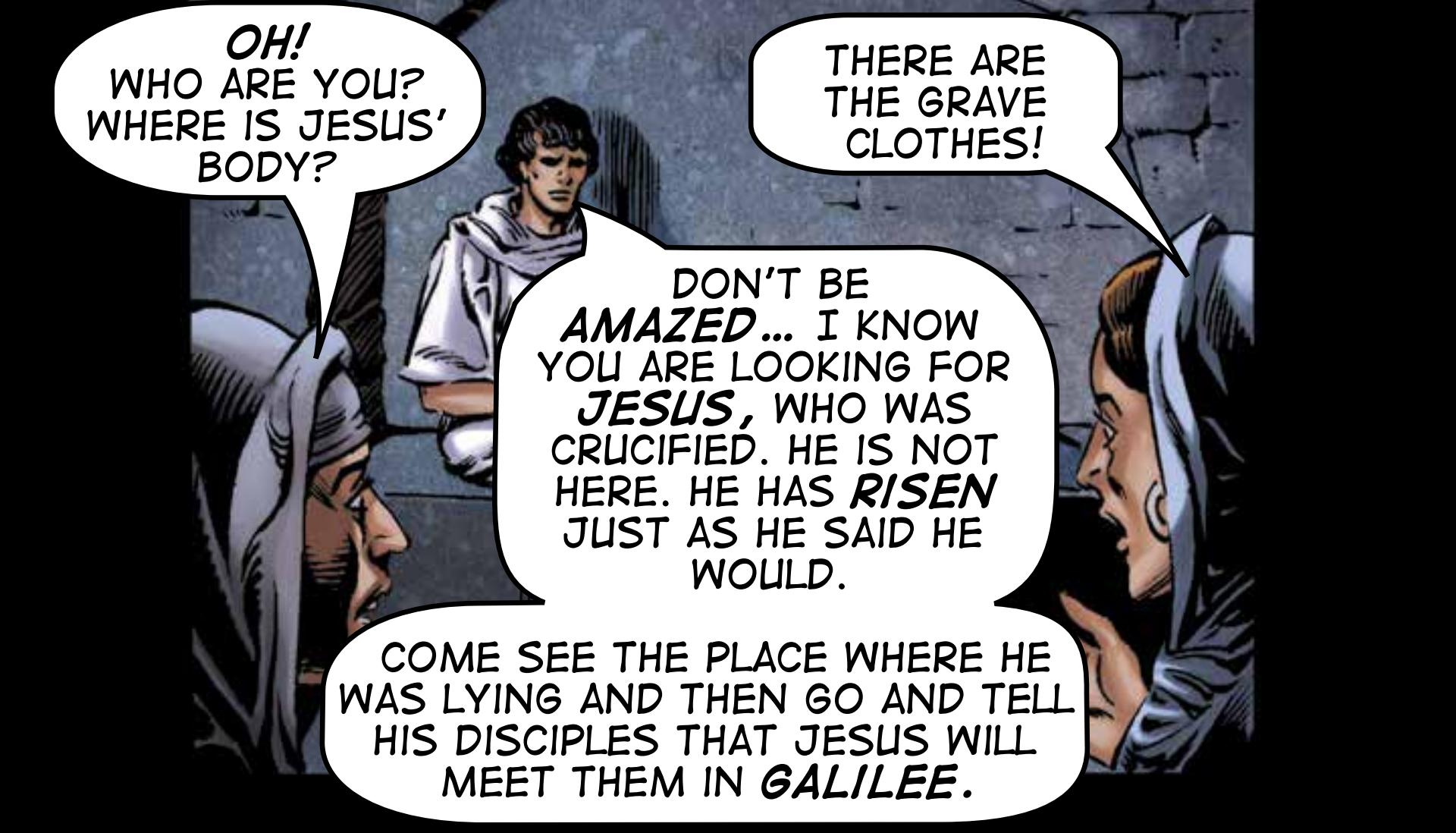
THEY DID NOT KNOW  
THAT SOLDIERS WERE  
GUARDING THE TOMB.

A FEW MINUTES LATER

SOMEONE  
HAS ALREADY  
MOVED THE  
STONE!



HIS BODY IS  
**GONE.** THE TOMB IS  
**EMPTY!**



OH!  
WHO ARE YOU?  
WHERE IS JESUS'  
BODY?

THERE ARE  
THE GRAVE  
CLOTHES!

DON'T BE  
*AMAZED*... I KNOW  
YOU ARE LOOKING FOR  
**JESUS**, WHO WAS  
CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT  
HERE. HE HAS *RISEN*  
JUST AS HE SAID HE  
WOULD.

COME SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE  
WAS LYING AND THEN GO AND TELL  
HIS DISCIPLES THAT JESUS WILL  
MEET THEM IN **GALILEE**.



MARK 16:3-8



**JESUS IS  
ALIVE! WE JUST  
CAME FROM THE  
TOMB.**

**WE REMEMBERED  
THAT JESUS SAID  
HE WOULD RISE  
AGAIN THE THIRD  
DAY.**

**THE ANGELS SAID  
**JESUS** WOULD  
MEET YOU IN  
**GALILEE!****

**JESUS IS NOT  
THERE, BUT THERE  
WERE ANGELS  
THERE.**



PETER, WHERE  
ARE YOU GOING?

TO THE  
TOMB.



JOHN FOLLOWED,  
AND HE OUTRAN  
PETER.

JOHN!  
WAIT UP;  
I  
CAN'T  
RUN  
AS  
FAST  
AS  
YOU.



**IT'S EMPTY!**



JOHN 20:2-9



JOHN, THE GRAVE  
CLOTHES ARE FOLDED UP  
LIKE HE JUST *GOT UP* AND  
*WALKED* OFF.

NO, IT  
CAN'T BE.

BUT WHERE  
ARE THE ANGELS?  
THE WOMEN  
MUST BE SEEING  
THINGS.



DID YOU SEE  
THE MEN DRESSED  
IN WHITE?

THERE WERE  
NO MEN, NO ANGELS,  
**NOTHING**. HIS BODY  
IS GONE.



A woman in a white robe stands in a desert landscape, her hands covering her face as she weeps. She is positioned in front of a large, craggy rock formation with sparse green shrubs growing from its crevices. The sky above is a warm, orange and pink hue, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. In the upper left corner of the image, there is a small, separate panel showing a landscape with palm trees and mountains under a similar sky.

*SNIFF,  
SNIFF.*

**WOMAN,  
WHY ARE YOU  
WEEPING?**

A close-up illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a brown hooded cloak. She is crying, with tears streaming down her face. A white speech bubble originates from her mouth. The text inside the bubble is in bold, capital letters.

BECAUSE THEY  
HAVE TAKEN AWAY MY  
LORD, AND I DO NOT  
KNOW WHERE THEY  
HAVE LAID HIM.



MARY.

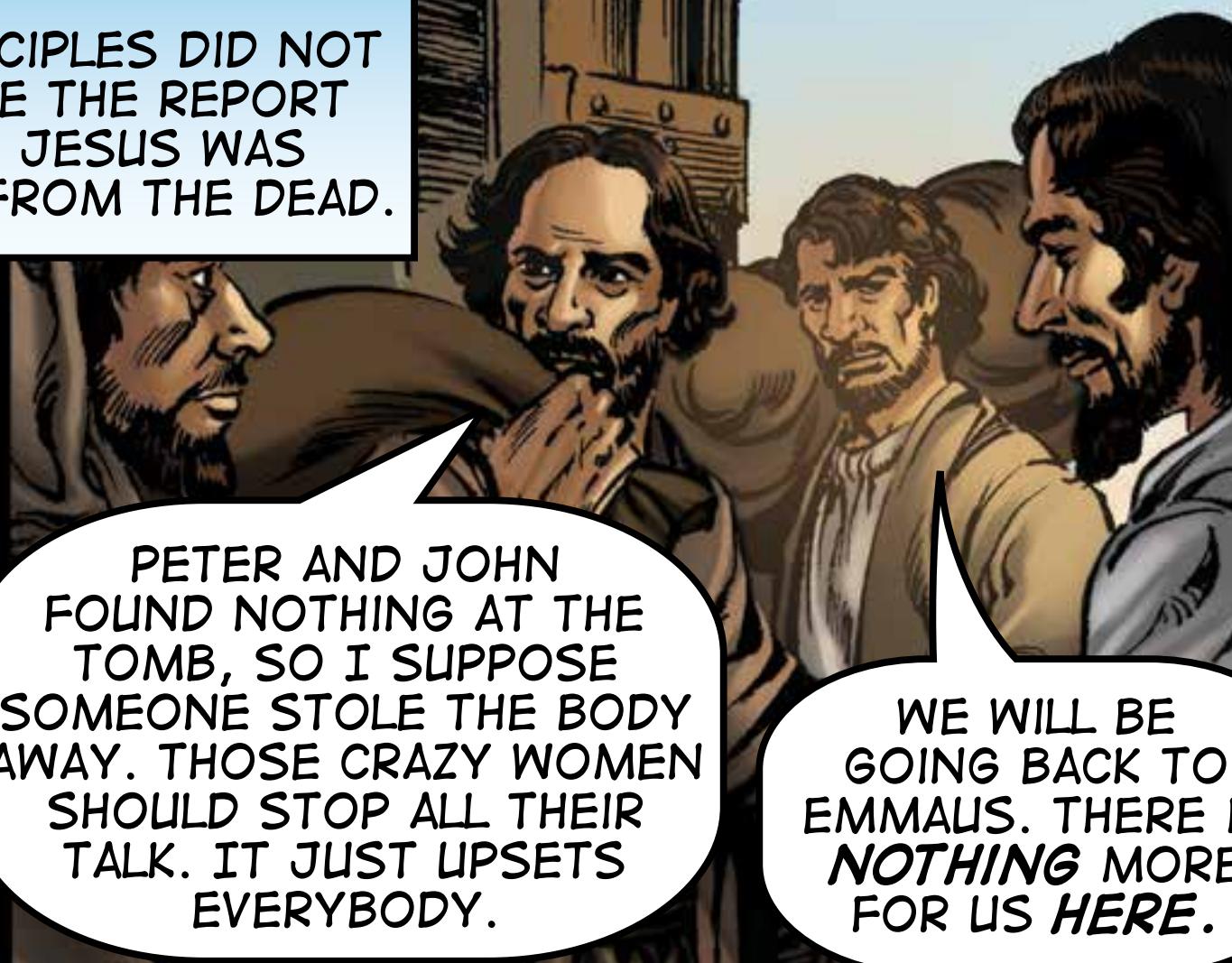


**MASTER!**

MARY, DO  
NOT **TOUCH** ME  
NOW. I HAVE NOT  
YET ASCENDED UNTO  
THE FATHER. BUT  
GO AND TELL THE  
**DISCIPLES** WHAT  
YOU HAVE SEEN AND  
THAT I WILL MEET  
THEM IN GALILEE.

MY LORD,  
YOU ARE  
**ALIVE**.

THE DISCIPLES DID NOT BELIEVE THE REPORT THAT JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD.



PETER AND JOHN FOUND NOTHING AT THE TOMB, SO I SUPPOSE SOMEONE STOLE THE BODY AWAY. THOSE CRAZY WOMEN SHOULD STOP ALL THEIR TALK. IT JUST UPSETS EVERYBODY.

WE WILL BE GOING BACK TO EMMALUS. THERE IS **NOTHING** MORE FOR US **HERE**.





MAY I  
WALK WITH  
YOU?

SURE, IT  
IS A GOOD DAY  
FOR A WALK.

WHUUU!  
YOU SCARED  
ME. WHERE DID  
YOU COME  
FROM?



I HEARD YOU TALKING AS I APPROACHED. YOU SEEMED SAD.

HAVE YOU NOT **HEARD** WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST THREE DAYS CONCERNING JESUS OF NAZARETH?



WE HAD HOPED  
THAT HE WAS THE  
**MESSIAH**, BUT HE  
WAS CRUCIFIED.

THIS MORNING SOME  
WOMEN WENT TO THE TOMB AND  
FOUND HIS **BODY MISSING!** THEY  
CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN ANGELS THAT  
SAID HE WAS **ALIVE**.



SO TWO DISCIPLES RAN TO THE TOMB, BUT THEY DID NOT SEE JESUS OR THE ANGELS, THOUGH THE BODY WAS MISSING.

YOU MEN ARE SLOW TO BELIEVE THE THINGS WRITTEN BY THE PROPHETS CONCERNING MESSIAH. DOES NOT THE SCRIPTURE PREDICT THAT JESUS WOULD FIRST **SUFFER** THESE THINGS BEFORE HE WOULD BRING ABOUT HIS GLORIOUS KINGDOM?

PSALM 22; ZECHARIAH 13:7;  
LUKE 24:13-26

THIS JESUS OF NAZARETH, WHOM THEY CRUCIFIED, CLAIMED TO BE THE **CHRIST**, EQUAL TO THE FATHER, DID HE NOT? ISAIAH SAID THE CHRIST WOULD BE CALLED "THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER." DID NOT JESUS SAY THAT IF YOU HAVE SEEN HIM, YOU HAVE SEEN THE FATHER? HIS CLAIM IS WELL VERIFIED BY THE **HOLY SCRIPTURES**.



ISAIAH ALSO SAID THAT CHRIST WOULD COME WHEN THERE IS **NO JEWISH KING** IN ISRAEL OR JUDAH, AND **SO IT IS** AT THIS TIME. HE CONTINUED SAYING THE MESSIAH WOULD BE CONCEIVED AND BORN BY A **VIRGIN**. ACCORDING TO THE PROPHET MICAH, HE WOULD BE BORN IN **BETHLEHEM** OF JUDAH, WHICH **JESUS WAS**.

MANY PROPHECIES TELL US THAT HE WILL BE OF THE FAMILY LINEAGE OF KING **DAVID**. BOTH JOSEPH AND MARY DESCENDED FROM DAVID.





THE PROPHET  
SAID THAT CHRIST  
WOULD **OPEN BLIND  
EYES** AND RELEASE  
PRISONERS, THAT HE  
WOULD BE SHEPHERD  
OF ISRAEL, AND  
COME TO ZION AS  
**REDEEMER.**

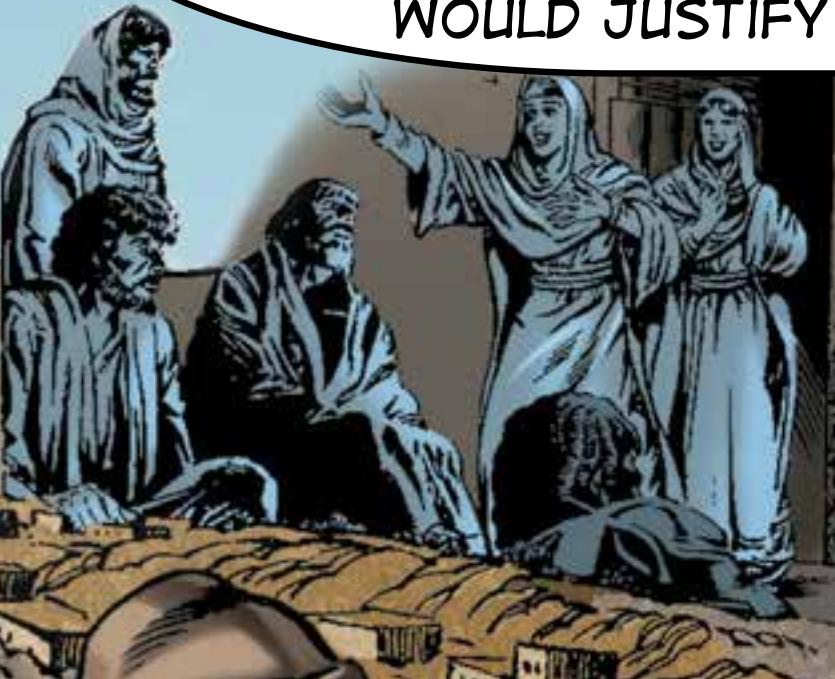
ISAIAH  
PREDICTED THAT HE  
WOULD BE REJECTED BY  
ISRAEL. THE PROPHETS ALSO  
FORESAW HIS SUFFERING.  
HE WOULD BE *BETRAYED*  
BY A FRIEND FOR *30 PIECES*  
*OF SILVER*, THAT HE WOULD  
NOT DEFEND HIMSELF BEFORE  
HIS ACCUSERS; HE WOULD BE  
WOUNDED AND BRUISED, HIS  
BEARD PLUCKED OUT. THEY  
WOULD STARE AT HIS NAKEDNESS  
AND SPIT IN HIS FACE. HE  
WOULD GIVE HIS BACK TO THE  
SMITERS, UNTIL HIS IMAGE  
WOULD BE MARRED MORE  
THAN ANY MAN.



THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH TELLS US THAT THE SAVIOR WOULD BE **PIERCED**, AND THAT HIS FRIENDS WOULD SMITE HIM AND CREATE WOUNDS IN HIS HANDS, THAT HE WOULD BE AS A LAMB LED TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND ALL OF THIS WOULD RESULT IN HIS **DEATH**, AND THAT HE WOULD BE BURIED IN A **RICH MAN'S TOMB**.



BUT THIS WAS NO TRAGEDY OVER WHICH HE HAD NO CONTROL. DID NOT JESUS SAY THAT NO MAN **TAKES** HIS LIFE FROM HIM, BUT THAT OF HIS OWN WILL HE **LAYS** IT DOWN? ISAIAH SAID THAT IT PLEASED GOD TO BRUISE HIM, FOR HIS SOUL WAS MADE AN **OFFERING** FOR SIN. FOR THE SINS OF OTHERS HE WAS SMITTEN, FOR **HE BORE** THE SIN OF MANY, AND WOULD JUSTIFY MANY IN HIS DEATH.



YET DEATH WAS NOT THE END. ISAIAH FORESAW THAT HIS LIFE WOULD CONTINUE AFTER DEATH; HE WOULD BE EXALTED AND EXTOLLED - BE MADE VERY HIGH. HE WILL BE **SALVATION** TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD. HE WILL NOT FAIL. MESSIAH WILL BE A **NEW COVENANT**.

HE WILL BE A JUDGE, AND  
WILL GOVERN A RENEWED ISRAEL  
IN A NEW CITY ON A NEW EARTH.  
THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN EVERY  
KNEE SHALL BOW TO HIM, AND EVERY  
TONGUE CONFESS THAT **HE IS**  
**LORD.**

SO TELL ME,  
WHY ARE YOU SAD?  
DID NOT THE WOMEN  
TELL YOU THAT THE  
ANGELS SAID HE WAS  
**RAISED FROM**  
**THE DEAD?**

AMAZING!

PSALM 22:15, 41:9; ISAIAH 7:14, 16, 9:6, 11:1, 4, 40:11, 42:4, 6-7,  
45:23, 49:6-7, 50:6, 52:13-14, 53:1, 3, 5, 7, 9-10, 12, 59:20;  
JEREMIAH 23:5-6; MICAH 5:2; ZECHARIAH 11:12-13, 12:10, 13:6-7;  
JOHN 10:18

THIS IS MY HOME.  
PLEASE SIR, IT IS LATE IN THE  
DAY. COME AND STAY WITH US  
THIS NIGHT. I WOULD LOVE TO  
HEAR MORE OF THE PROPHECIES  
CONCERNING JESUS.

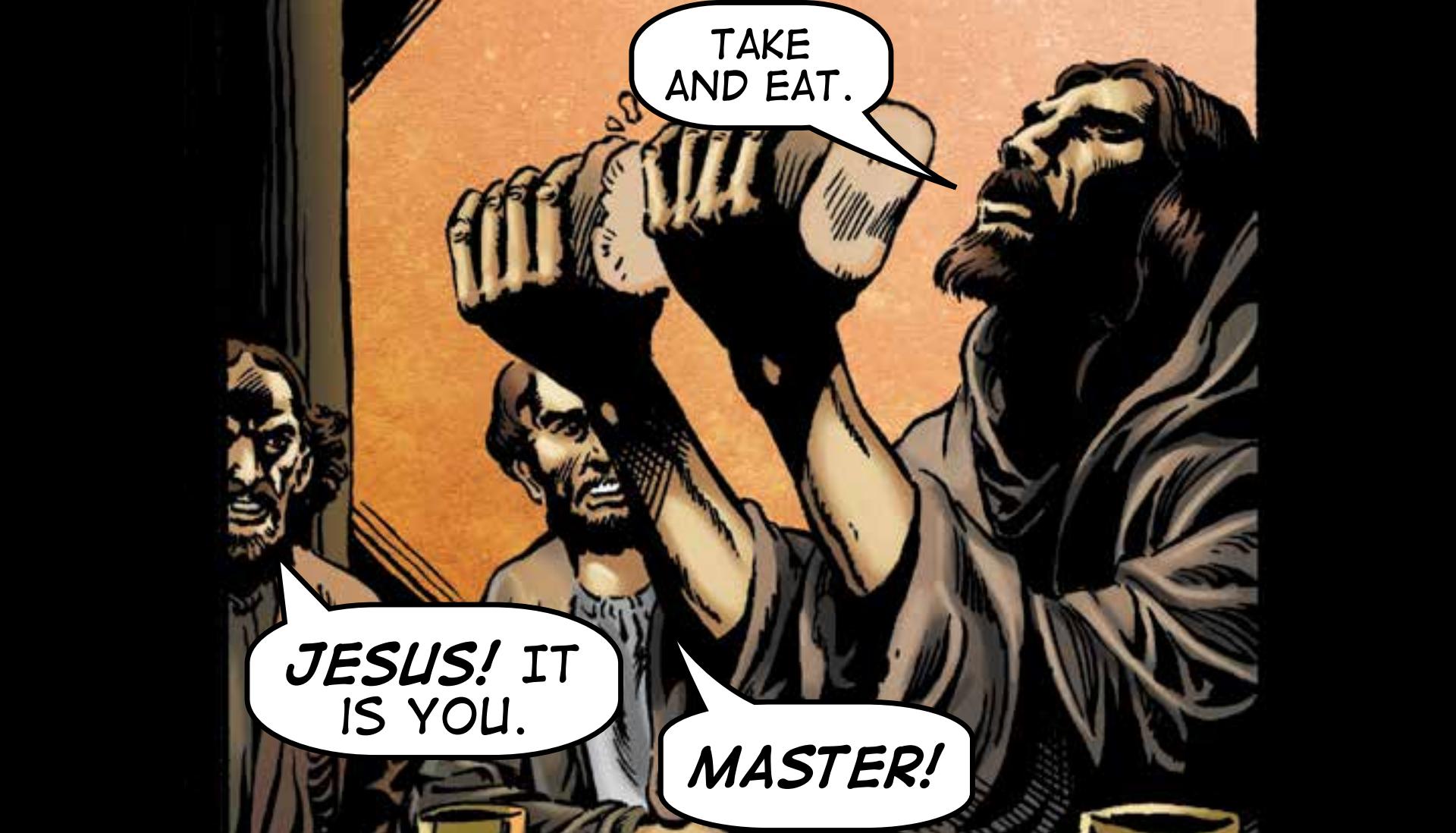


SIR, WE WOULD BE  
**HONORED** IF YOU WOULD  
SAY THE BLESSING OVER  
OUR BREAD.





BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD  
OUR GOD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE,  
WHO BRINGS FORTH BREAD FROM THE  
EARTH. FOR THIS BREAD, WE GIVE  
THEE THANKS.



TAKE  
AND EAT.

JESUS! IT  
IS YOU.

MASTER!

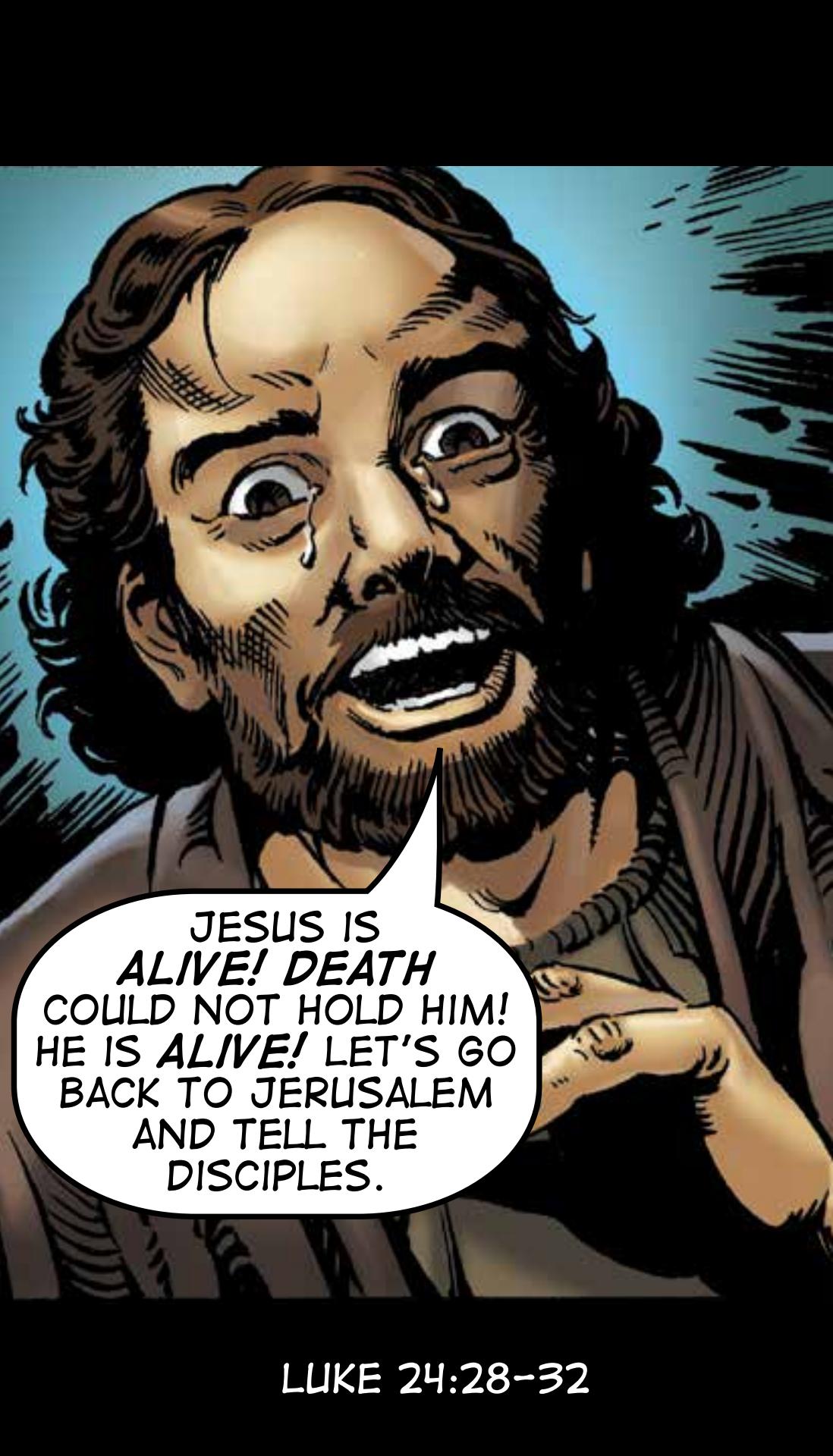


**HE DISAPPEARED!**

**HE IS  
GONE!**

**IT WAS JESUS  
THE WHOLE TIME!**

**NO WONDER HE  
KNEW ALL THOSE  
PROPHECIES.**



**JESUS IS  
ALIVE! DEATH  
COULD NOT HOLD HIM!  
HE IS ALIVE! LET'S GO  
BACK TO JERUSALEM  
AND TELL THE  
DISCIPLES.**

LUKE 24:28-32

MEANWHILE, BACK  
IN JERUSALEM.

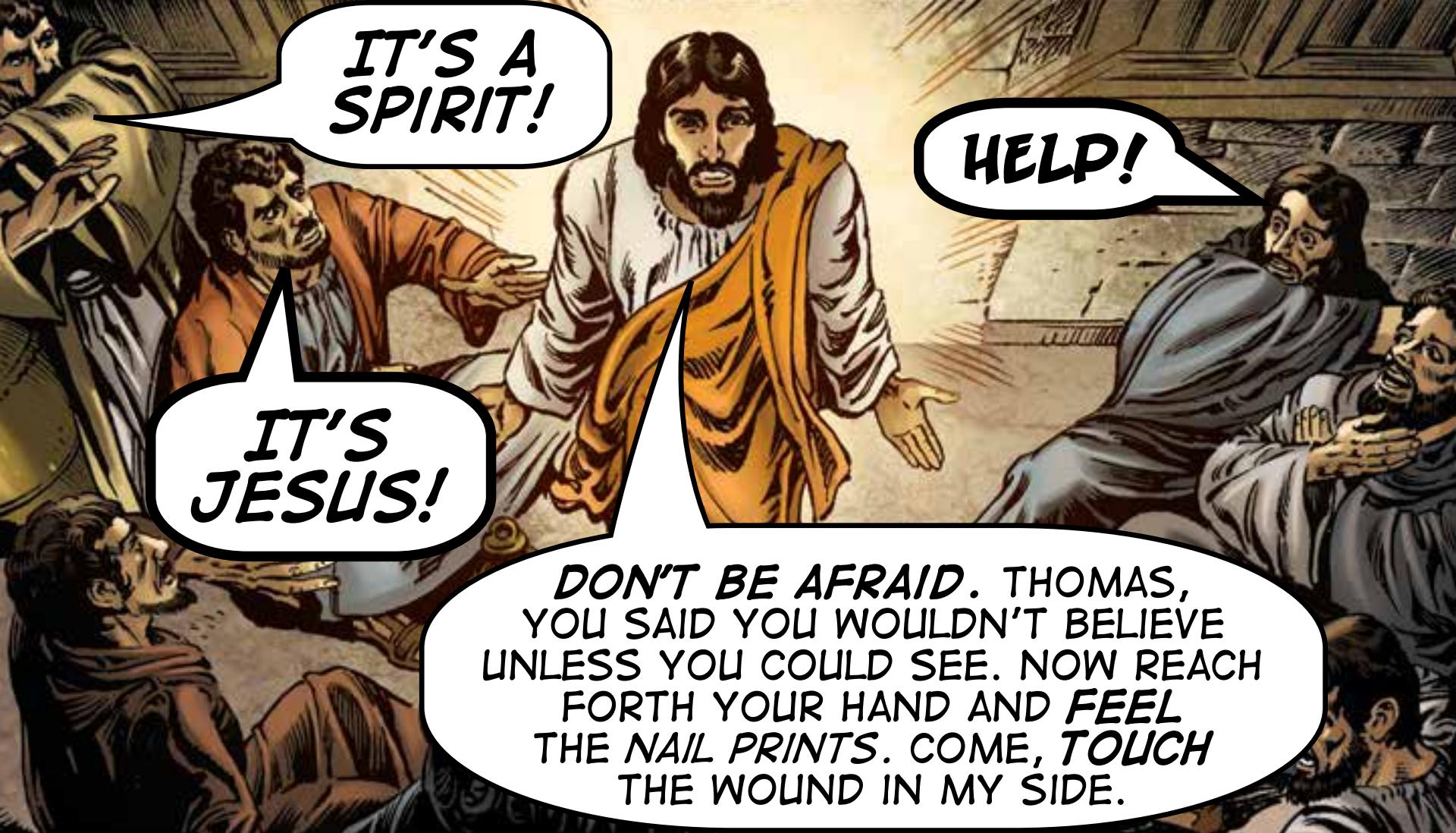
LOCK IT WELL.  
THE PRIESTS ARE  
**ANGRIER** THAN EVER,  
NOW THAT THE BODY  
OF JESUS IS **MISSING**.  
THEY ARE SAYING **WE**  
STOLE THE BODY.

FROM A  
WHOLE SQUAD  
OF SOLDIERS?



HE **DID**  
SAY HE WOULD  
RISE AGAIN THE  
**THIRD** DAY.

I WILL  
NOT BELIEVE HE  
IS ALIVE UNTIL I CAN  
**SEE** HIM AND PLACE  
MY HANDS INTO THE  
NAIL PRINTS IN HIS  
**HANDS.**

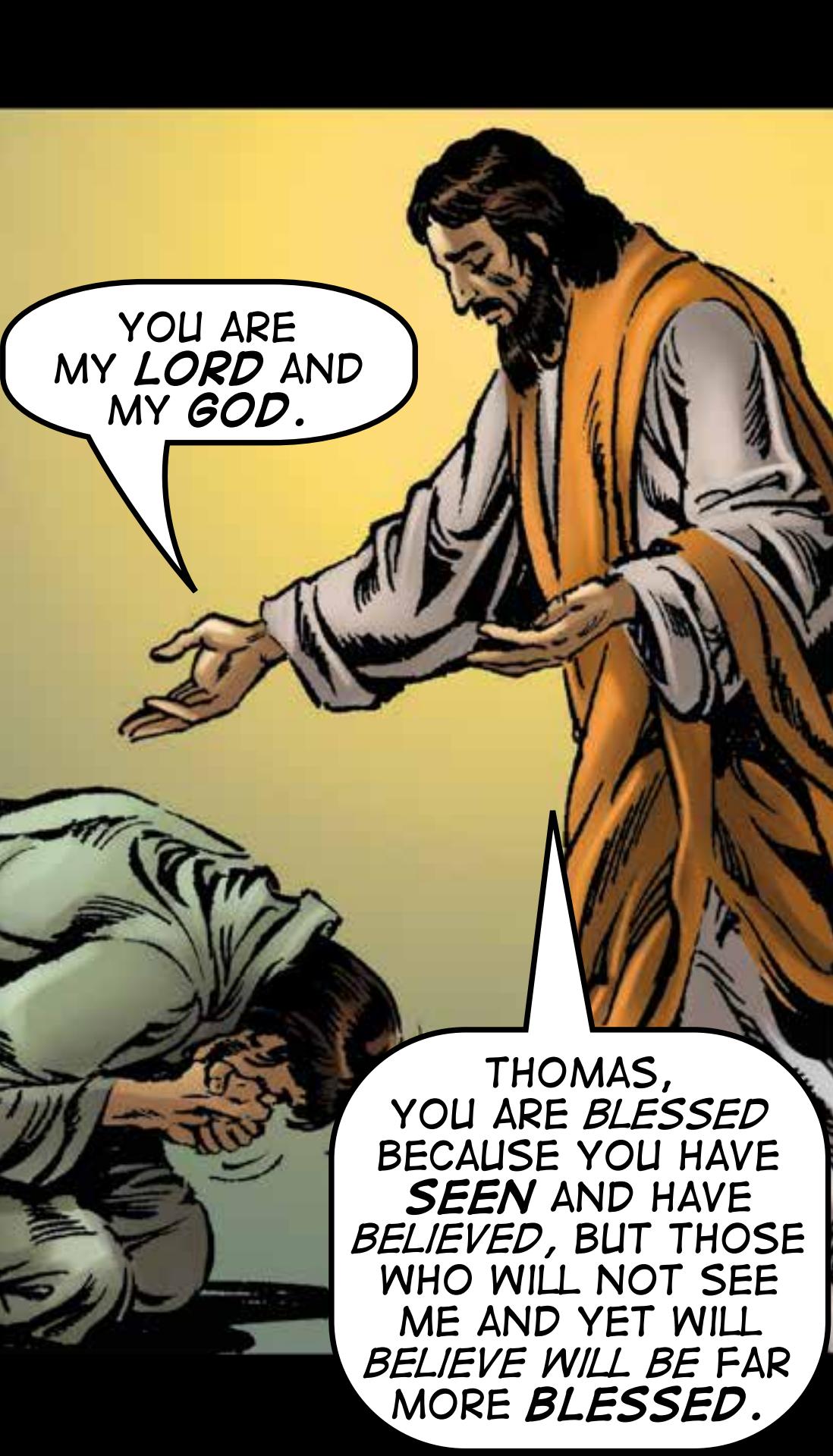


**IT'S A  
SPIRIT!**

**IT'S  
JESUS!**

**HELP!**

**DON'T BE AFRAID.** THOMAS,  
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE  
UNLESS YOU COULD SEE. NOW REACH  
FORTH YOUR HAND AND **FEEL**  
THE NAIL PRINTS. COME, **TOUCH**  
THE WOUND IN MY SIDE.

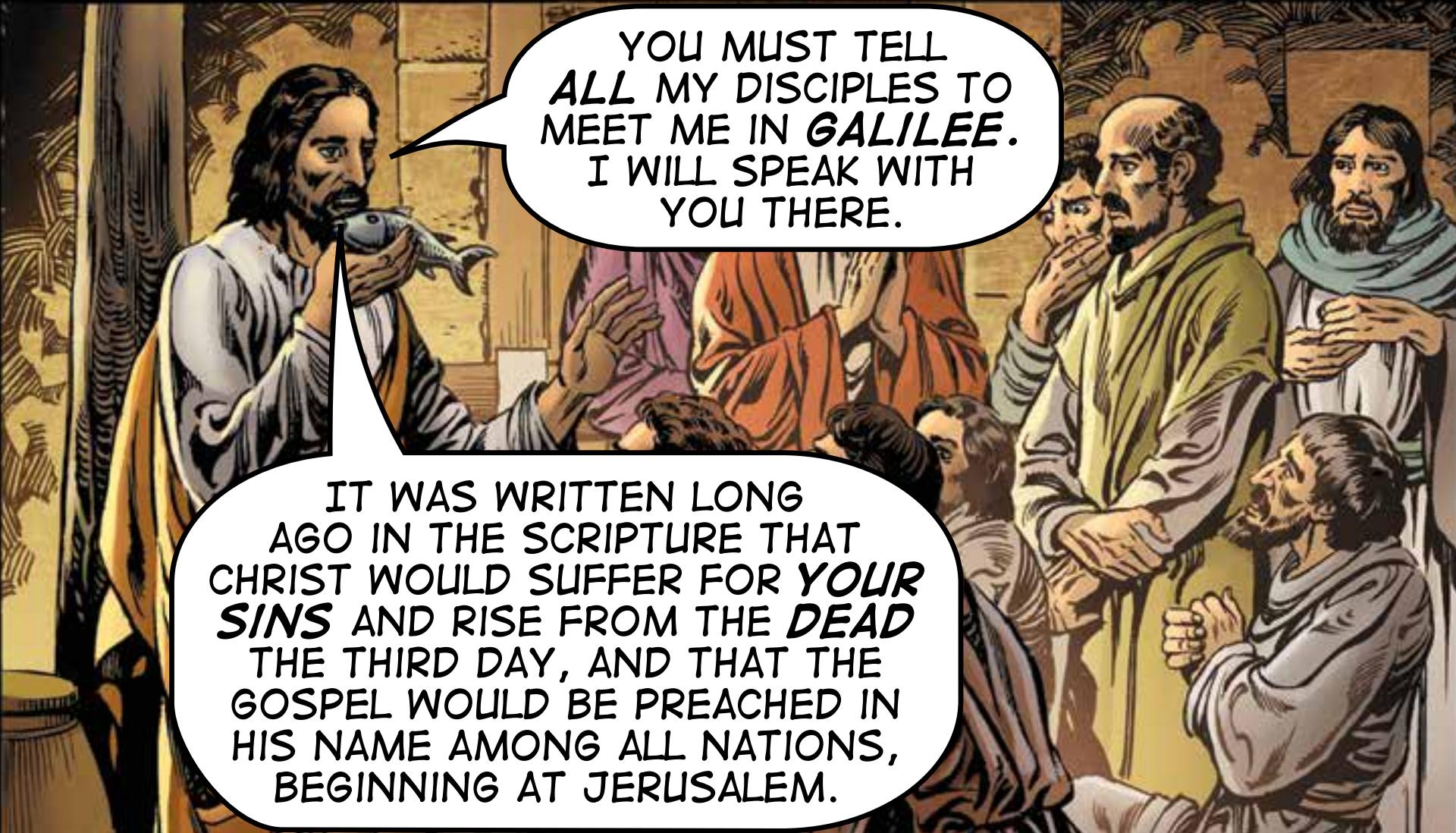


YOU ARE  
MY *LORD* AND  
MY *GOD*.

THOMAS,  
YOU ARE *BLESSED*  
BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
*SEEN* AND HAVE  
*BELIEVED*, BUT THOSE  
WHO WILL NOT SEE  
ME AND YET WILL  
*BELIEVE* WILL BE FAR  
MORE *BLESSED*.

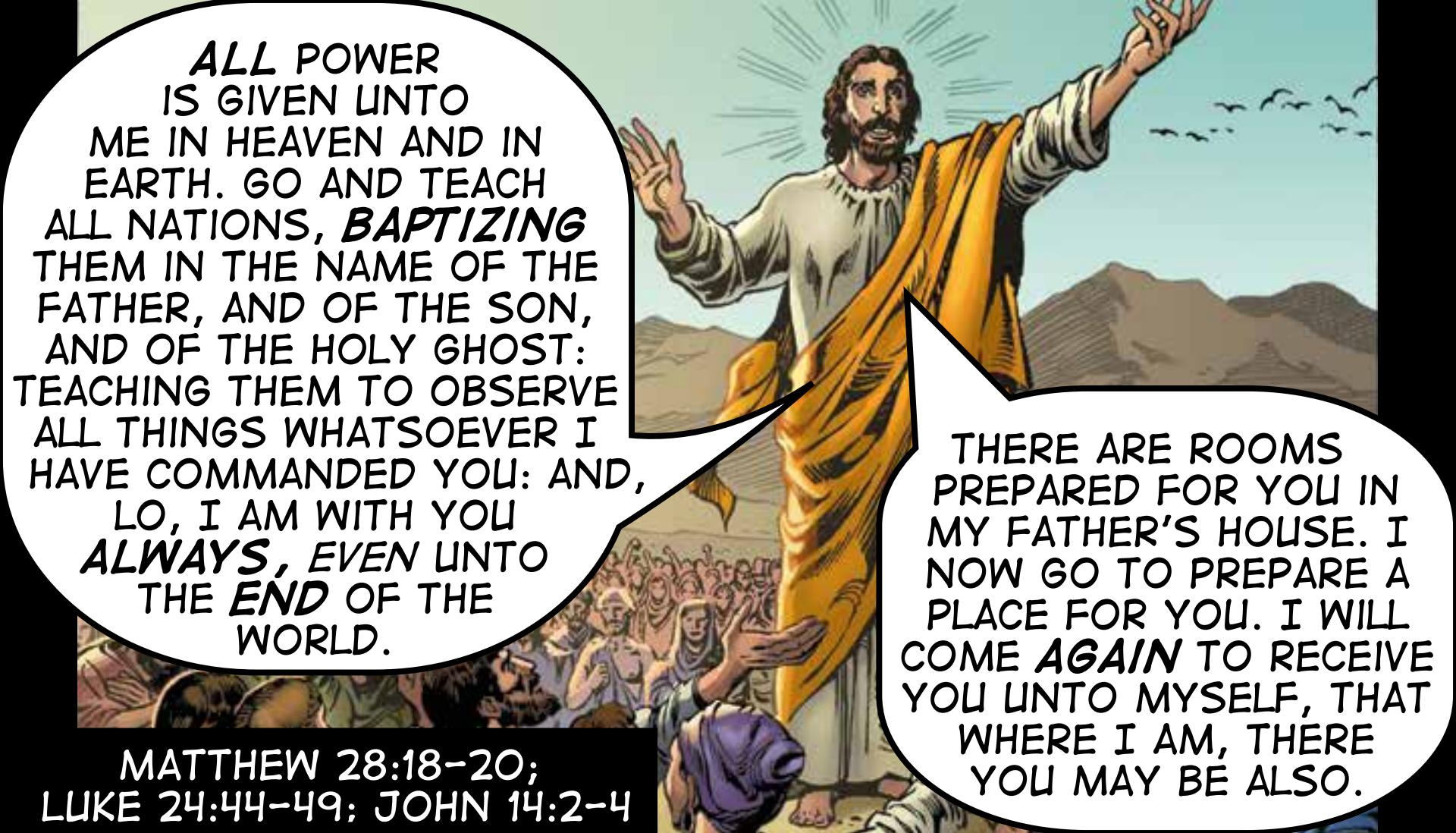


LUKE 24:36-43;  
JOHN 20:26-31



YOU MUST TELL  
ALL MY DISCIPLES TO  
MEET ME IN **GALILEE**.  
I WILL SPEAK WITH  
YOU THERE.

IT WAS WRITTEN LONG  
AGO IN THE SCRIPTURE THAT  
CHRIST WOULD SUFFER FOR **YOUR SINS** AND RISE FROM THE **DEAD**  
THE THIRD DAY, AND THAT THE  
GOSPEL WOULD BE PREACHED IN  
HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS,  
BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.



ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH. GO AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, **BAPTIZING** THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST: TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU **ALWAYS**, EVEN UNTO THE **END** OF THE WORLD.

MATTHEW 28:18-20;  
LUKE 24:44-49; JOHN 14:2-4

THERE ARE ROOMS PREPARED FOR YOU IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE. I NOW GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. I WILL COME **AGAIN** TO RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO.



GO TO  
JERUSALEM AND WAIT  
FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT  
TO COME UPON YOU  
AND GIVE YOU POWER  
TO SPEAK IN MY  
NAME.

HE IS  
GOING  
UP!

HE IS GOING  
BACK TO HIS  
*FATHER*.



I AM WITH  
YOU ALWAYS, UNTO  
THE **END** OF THE  
**WORLD.**

HE IS GONE.  
HE **WENT BACK**  
**TO HEAVEN.**



A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are shown from the chest up, looking upwards with expressions of surprise or awe. They are wearing traditional-style clothing like robes and head coverings in colors such as purple, green, blue, and orange.

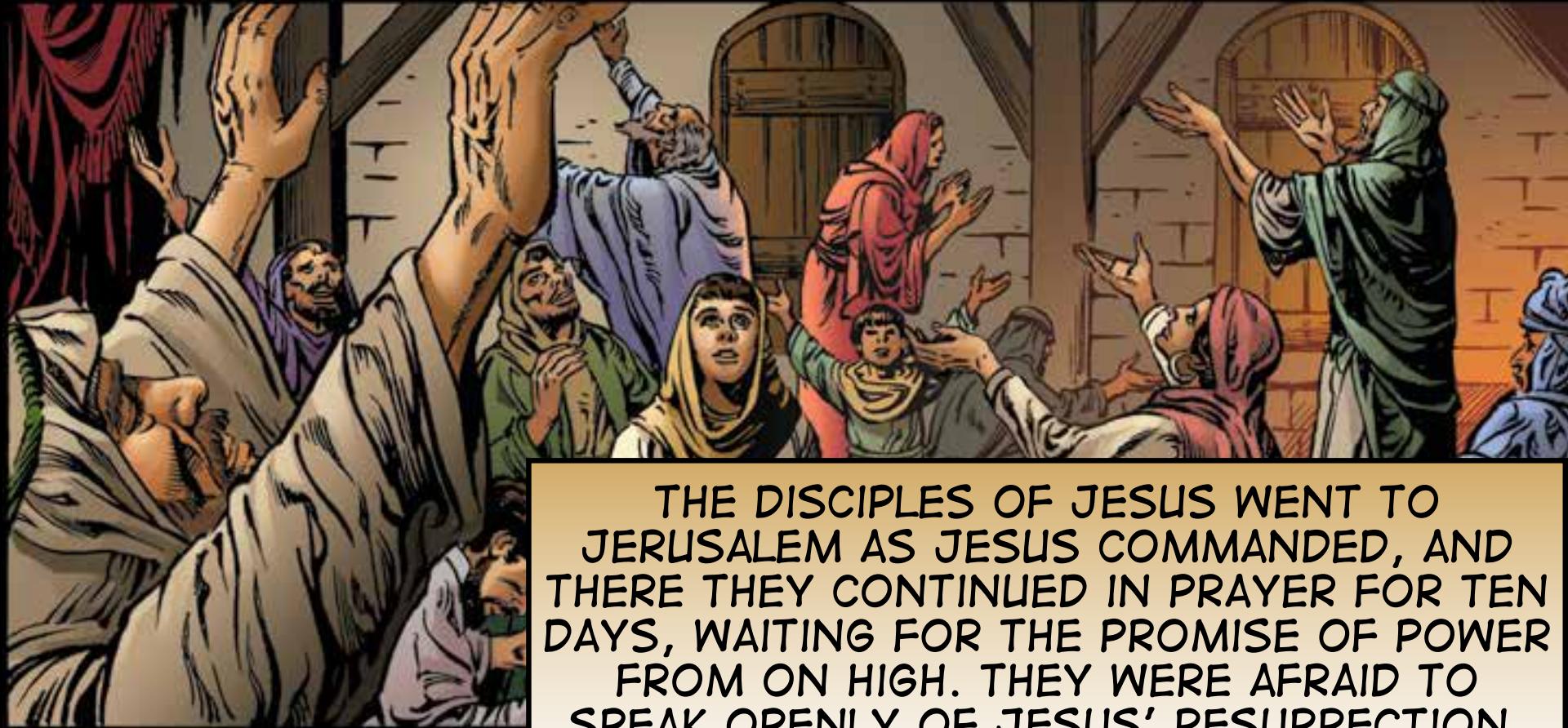
WHY ARE  
YOU STILL  
LOOKING IN  
THE SKY?

WHAT?  
WHO IS  
THAT?

IT IS THE SAME  
TWO ANGELS I SAW  
AT THE TOMB.



LUKE 24:49-51; ACTS 1:7-11

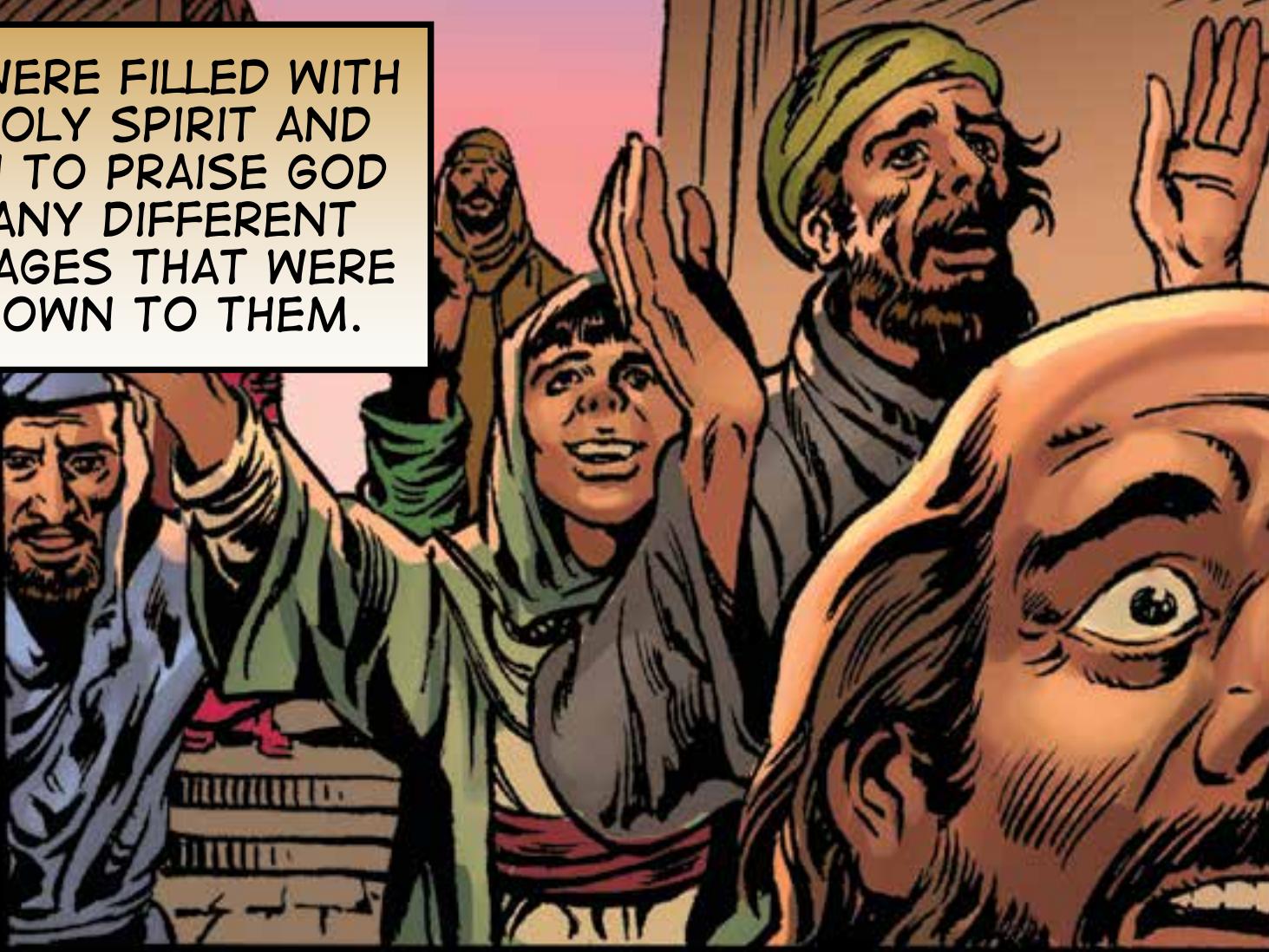


THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM AS JESUS COMMANDED, AND THERE THEY CONTINUED IN PRAYER FOR TEN DAYS, WAITING FOR THE PROMISE OF POWER FROM ON HIGH. THEY WERE AFRAID TO SPEAK OPENLY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION, LEST THEY ALSO BE PUT TO DEATH.



THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE PRAYING WAS SHAKEN, AND A MIGHTY WIND BLEW THROUGH THE ROOM AS TONGUES OF FIRE DESCENDED ON EACH OF THEM.

THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO PRAISE GOD IN MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES THAT WERE UNKNOWN TO THEM.

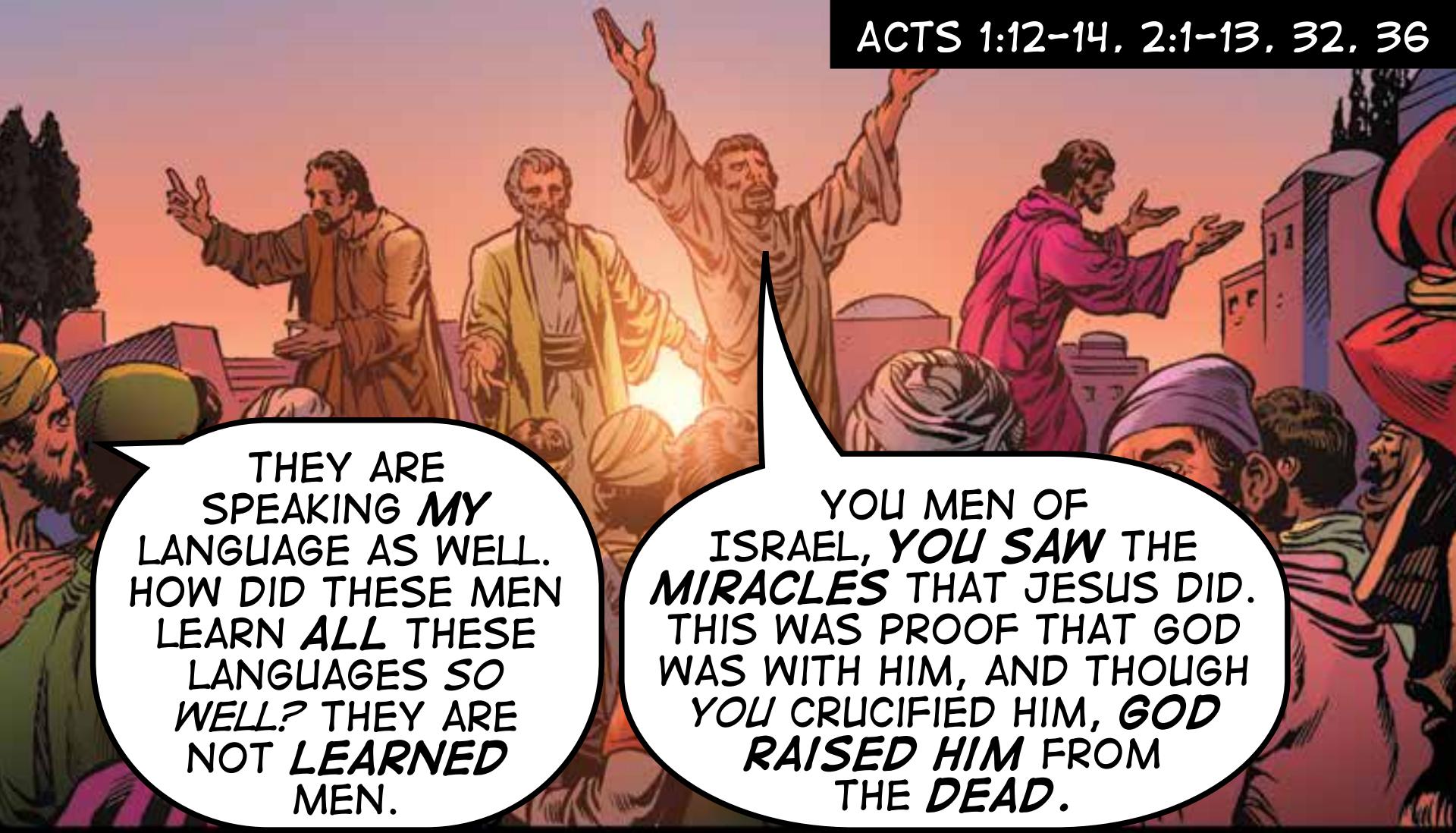


WHEN THE SPIRIT CAME ON THEM,  
THEY LOST THEIR FEAR OF MEN  
AND WENT OUTSIDE TO WORSHIP  
AND PRAISE GOD PUBLICLY.

BLESSED BE  
THE GOD AND FATHER  
OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST.

I WOULD SAY THEY ARE ALL  
**DRUNK**, BUT THEY ARE SPEAKING  
MY LANGUAGE PERFECTLY,  
WITHOUT ACCENT.

ACTS 1:12-14. 2:1-13. 32. 36



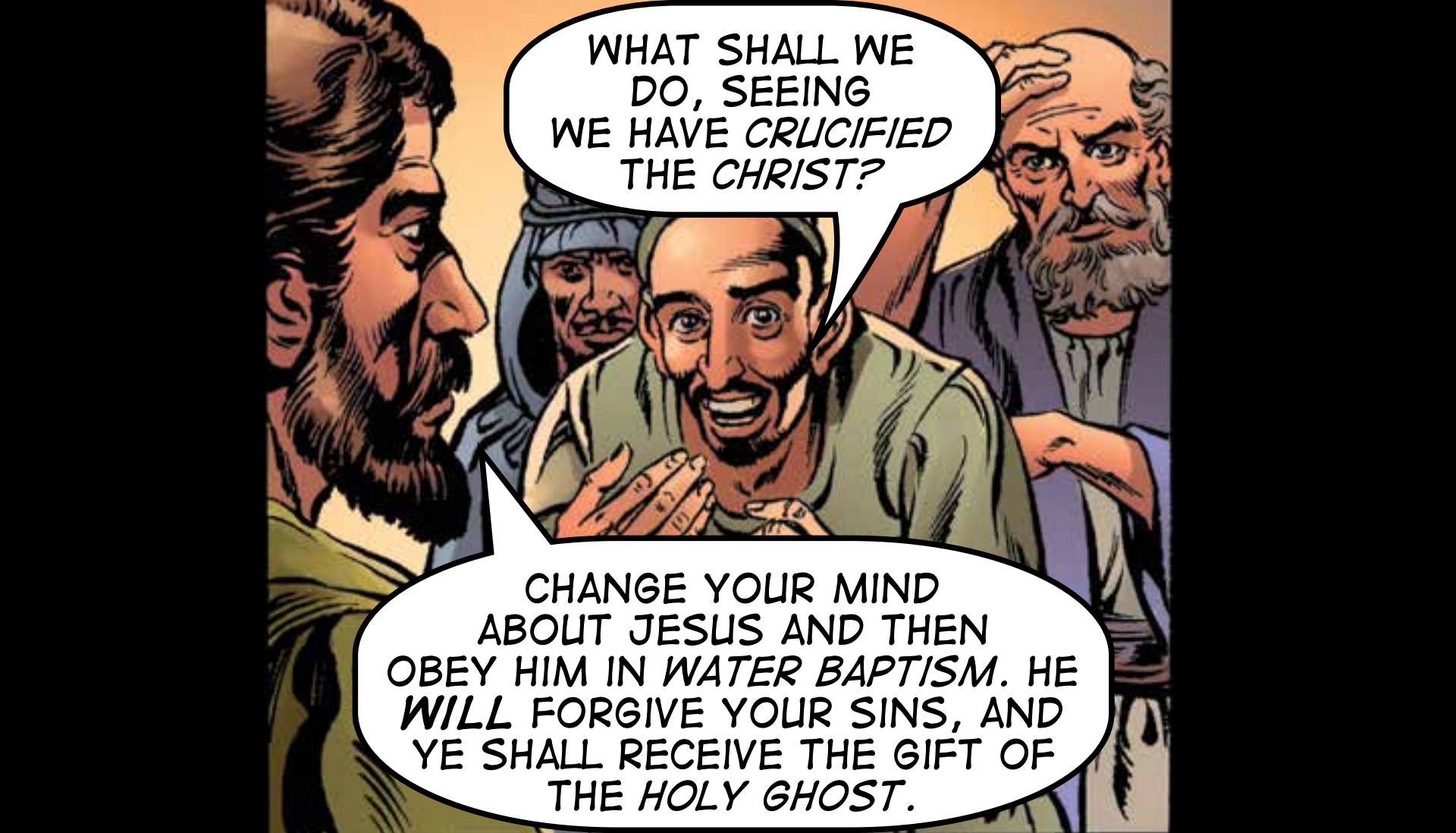
THEY ARE  
SPEAKING *MY*  
LANGUAGE AS WELL.  
HOW DID THESE MEN  
LEARN ALL THESE  
LANGUAGES SO  
WELL? THEY ARE  
NOT LEARNED  
MEN.

YOU MEN OF  
ISRAEL, **YOU SAW THE**  
**MIRACLES** THAT JESUS DID.  
THIS WAS PROOF THAT GOD  
WAS WITH HIM, AND THOUGH  
YOU CRUCIFIED HIM, **GOD**  
**RAISED HIM FROM**  
**THE DEAD.**



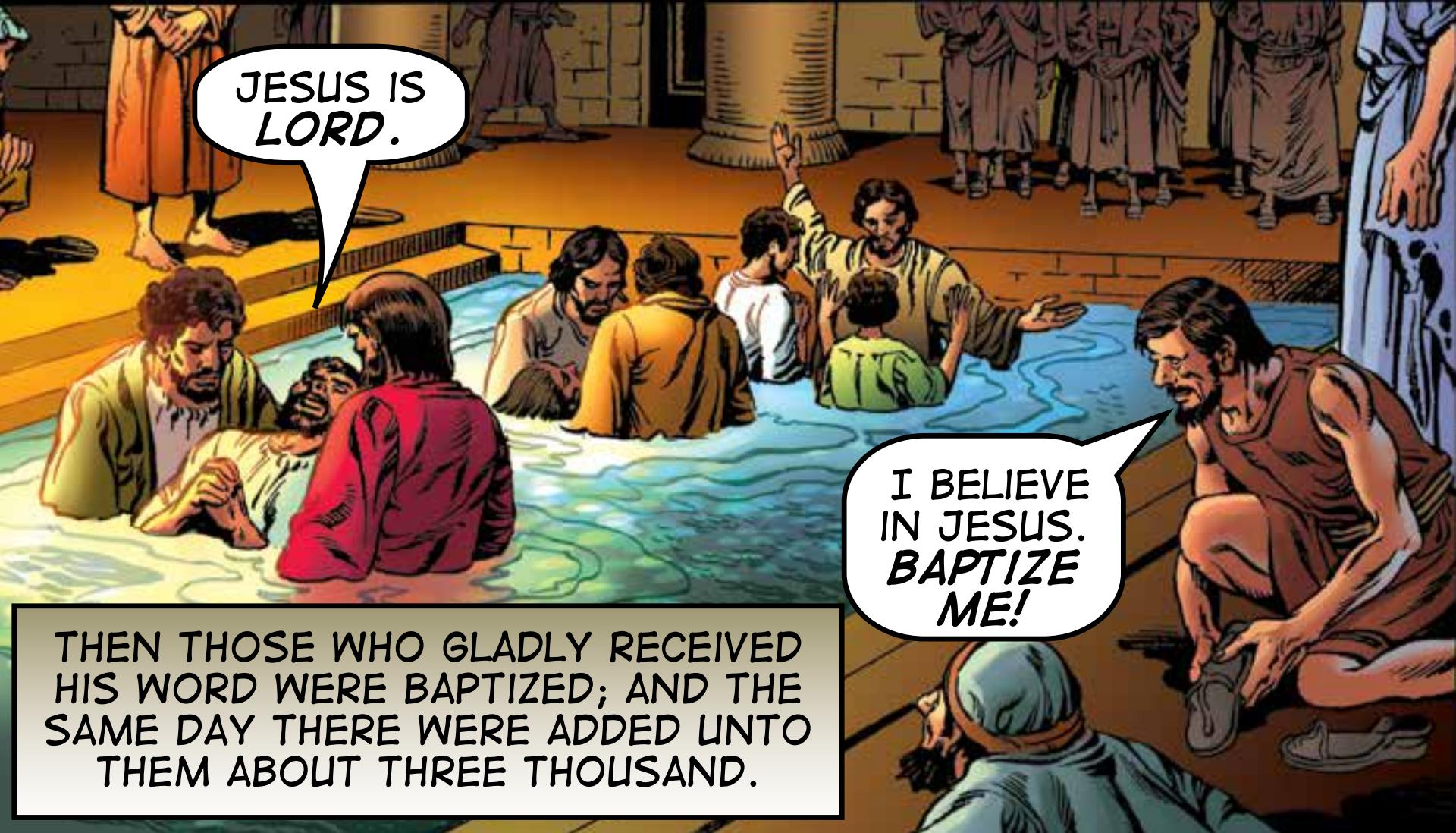
1,000 YEARS AGO,  
DAVID PROPHESIED OF HIM  
SAYING, "THOU WILT NOT LEAVE  
MY SOUL IN *HELL*, NEITHER WILT  
THOU SUFFER THINE HOLY ONE  
TO SEE *CORRUPTION*."

THEREFORE LET ALL THE  
HOUSE OF ISRAEL KNOW *ASSUREDLY*,  
THAT GOD HATH MADE THAT SAME JESUS,  
WHOM YE HAVE CRUCIFIED, BOTH *LORD*  
AND *CHRIST*.



WHAT SHALL WE  
DO, SEEING  
WE HAVE CRUCIFIED  
THE CHRIST?

CHANGE YOUR MIND  
ABOUT JESUS AND THEN  
OBEY HIM IN WATER BAPTISM. HE  
WILL FORGIVE YOUR SINS, AND  
YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF  
THE HOLY GHOST.

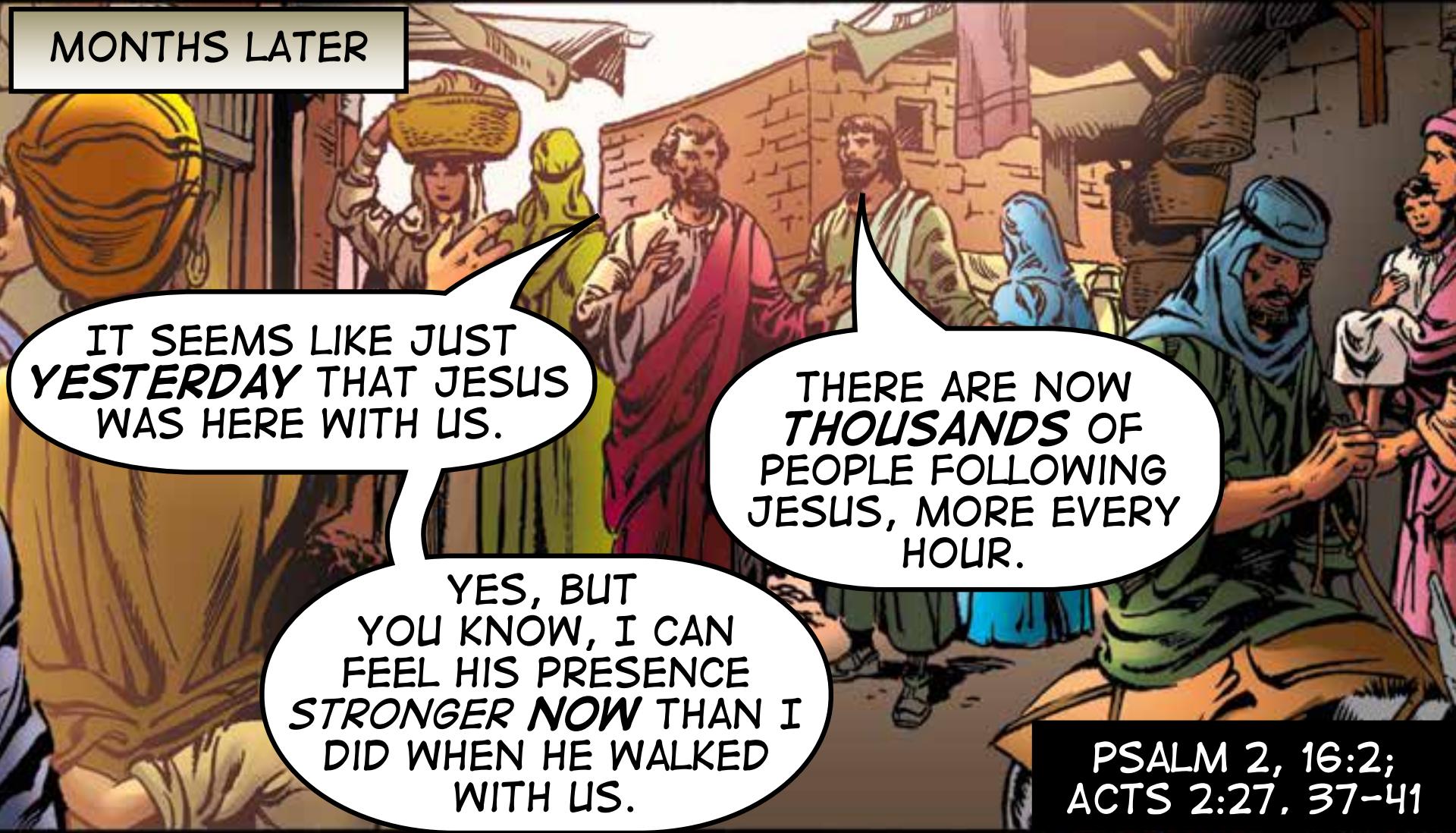


JESUS IS  
LORD.

I BELIEVE  
IN JESUS.  
**BAPTIZE  
ME!**

THEN THOSE WHO GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED; AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED UNTO THEM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND.

MONTHS LATER



IT SEEMS LIKE JUST  
*YESTERDAY* THAT JESUS  
WAS HERE WITH US.

THERE ARE NOW  
*THOUSANDS* OF  
PEOPLE FOLLOWING  
JESUS, MORE EVERY  
HOUR.

YES, BUT  
YOU KNOW, I CAN  
FEEL HIS PRESENCE  
*STRONGER NOW* THAN I  
DID WHEN HE WALKED  
WITH US.

PSALM 2, 16:2;  
ACTS 2:27, 37-41



PLEASE  
SIRS, JUST A  
LITTLE COIN FOR  
THE *POOR*  
AND *LAME*?

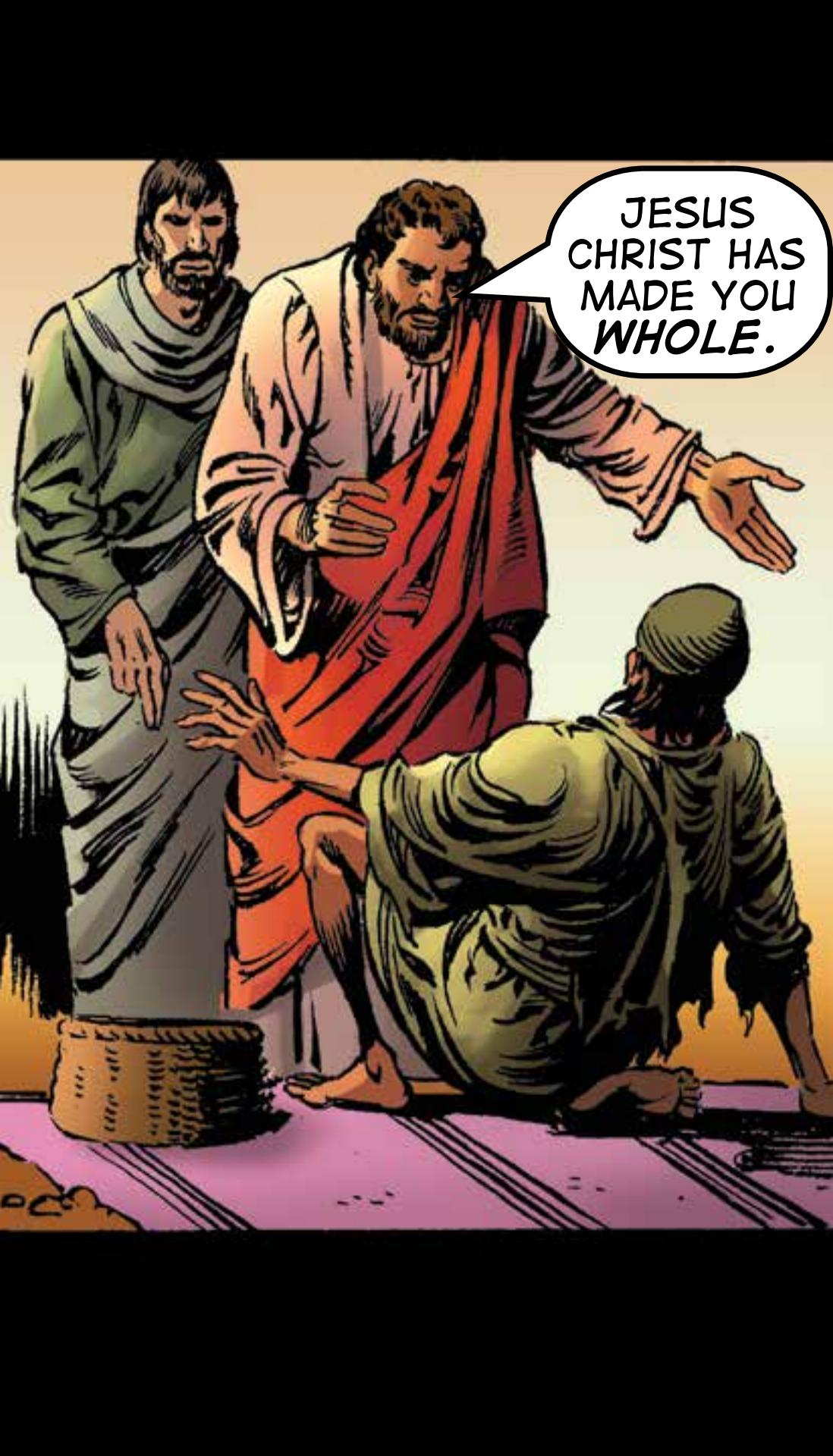
PETER, I  
DON'T HAVE ANY  
MONEY AT ALL.  
DO YOU HAVE ANY  
COINS ON YOU?

NO, BUT SINCE  
THE HOLY SPIRIT  
CAME UPON US, WE  
DO HAVE SOMETHING  
TO GIVE HIM.



I HAVE NO SILVER  
OR GOLD, BUT I WILL  
GIVE YOU WHAT I DO  
HAVE. IN THE NAME OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**, RISE  
UP AND WALK.

DON'T BE  
CRUEL. THE MAN HAS  
BEEN LAME FROM  
**BIRTH**. HIS LEGS ARE  
WASTED AWAY TO  
**NOTHING**.



JESUS  
CHRIST HAS  
MADE YOU  
**WHOLE.**

This is a comic book illustration depicting a scene from the Bible where Jesus heals a man with leprosy. In the center, Jesus, wearing a red sash over a white robe, stands and reaches out his right hand to touch the man's hand. The man, who has long dark hair and a beard, is kneeling on the ground, looking up at Jesus with a grateful expression. To the left, another man in a green tunic and a grey shawl stands with his hands clasped near his chest, observing the interaction. In the background, a person wearing a green turban and a green robe is seen from behind, walking away. A small woven basket sits on the ground to the left of the kneeling man. A speech bubble originates from Jesus' mouth, containing the text "JESUS CHRIST HAS MADE YOU WHOLE." in capital letters.



**GASP!**

**LORD GOD  
ALMIGHTY!**

**HIS  
LEGS ARE  
GROWING!**

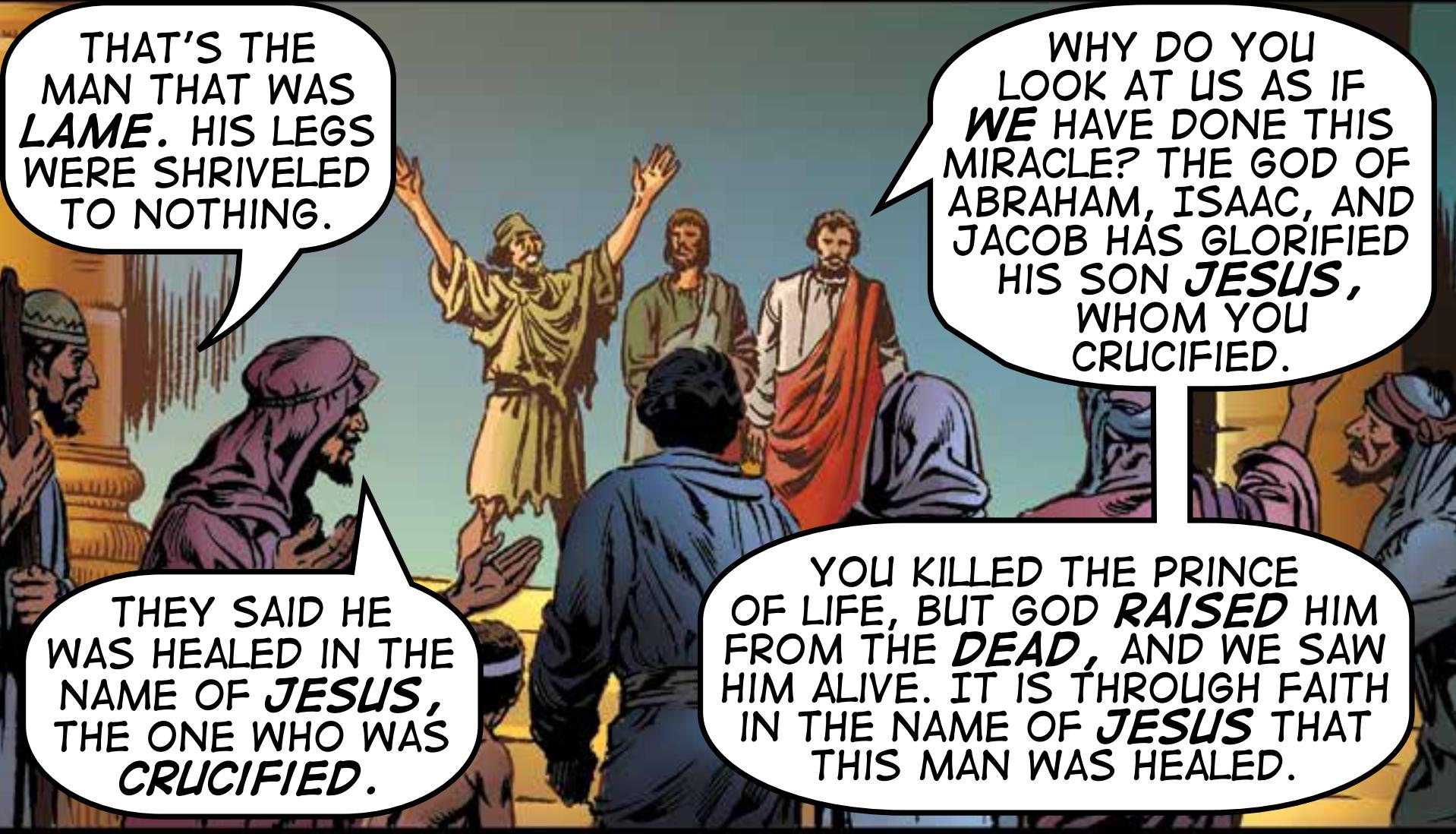


NO, HE IS  
LEAPING.

I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT.  
THE LAME  
MAN IS  
WALKING!

GLORY TO  
GOD! THANK  
YOU JESUS!

ACTS 3:1-11

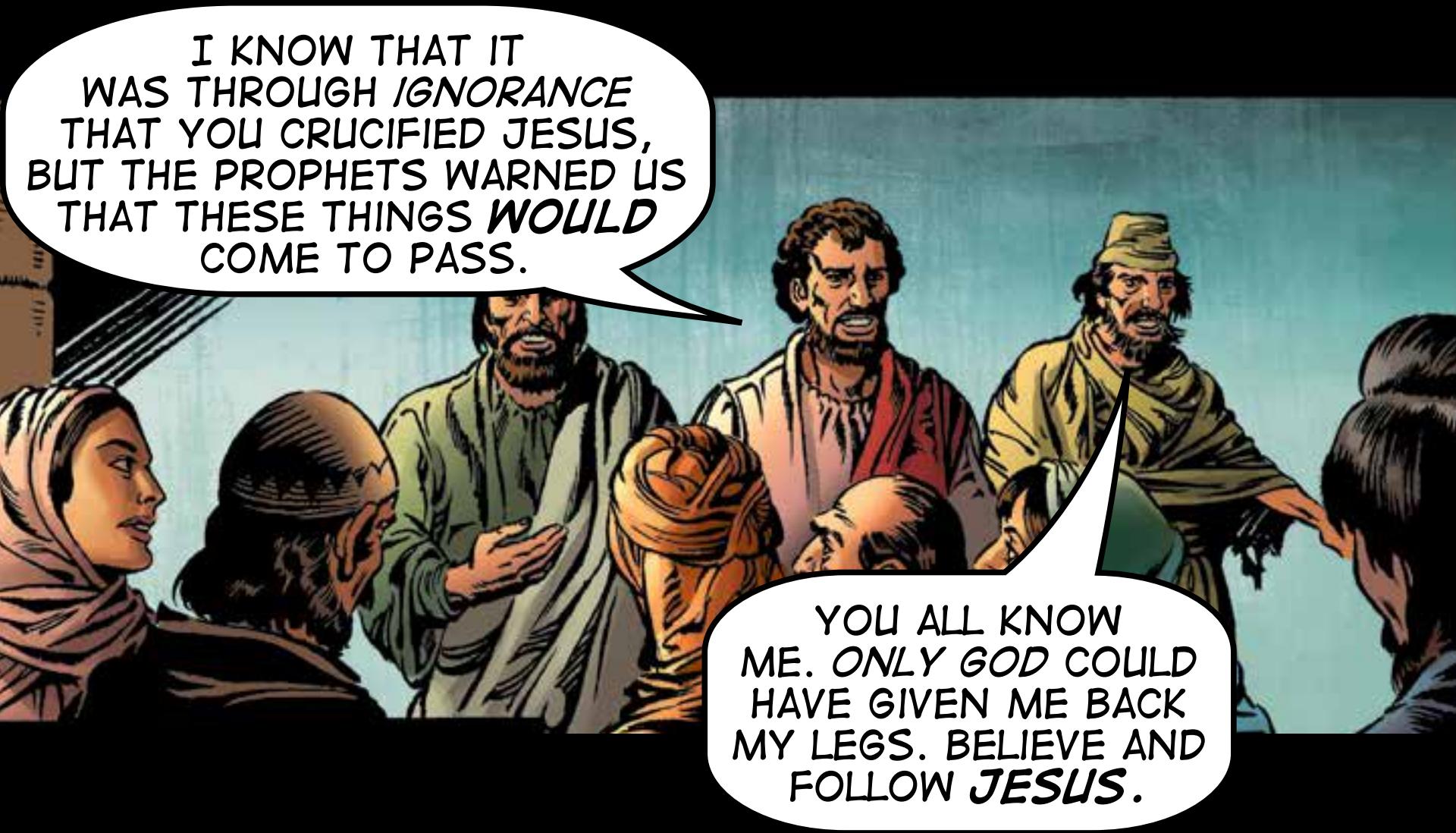


THAT'S THE  
MAN THAT WAS  
**LAME**. HIS LEGS  
WERE SHRIVELED  
TO NOTHING.

WHY DO YOU  
LOOK AT US AS IF  
**WE** HAVE DONE THIS  
MIRACLE? THE GOD OF  
ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND  
JACOB HAS GLORIFIED  
HIS SON **JESUS**,  
WHOM YOU  
CRUCIFIED.

THEY SAID HE  
WAS HEALED IN THE  
NAME OF **JESUS**,  
THE ONE WHO WAS  
**CRUCIFIED**.

YOU KILLED THE PRINCE  
OF LIFE, BUT GOD **RAISED** HIM  
FROM THE **DEAD**, AND WE SAW  
HIM ALIVE. IT IS THROUGH FAITH  
IN THE NAME OF **JESUS** THAT  
THIS MAN WAS HEALED.



I KNOW THAT IT  
WAS THROUGH IGNORANCE  
THAT YOU CRUCIFIED JESUS,  
BUT THE PROPHETS WARNED US  
THAT THESE THINGS WOULD  
COME TO PASS.

YOU ALL KNOW  
ME. ONLY GOD COULD  
HAVE GIVEN ME BACK  
MY LEGS. BELIEVE AND  
FOLLOW JESUS.



CHANGE YOUR  
MINDS ABOUT JESUS  
AND BECOME HIS  
**DISCIPLES** THAT  
YOUR SINS MAY BE  
BLOTTED OUT.

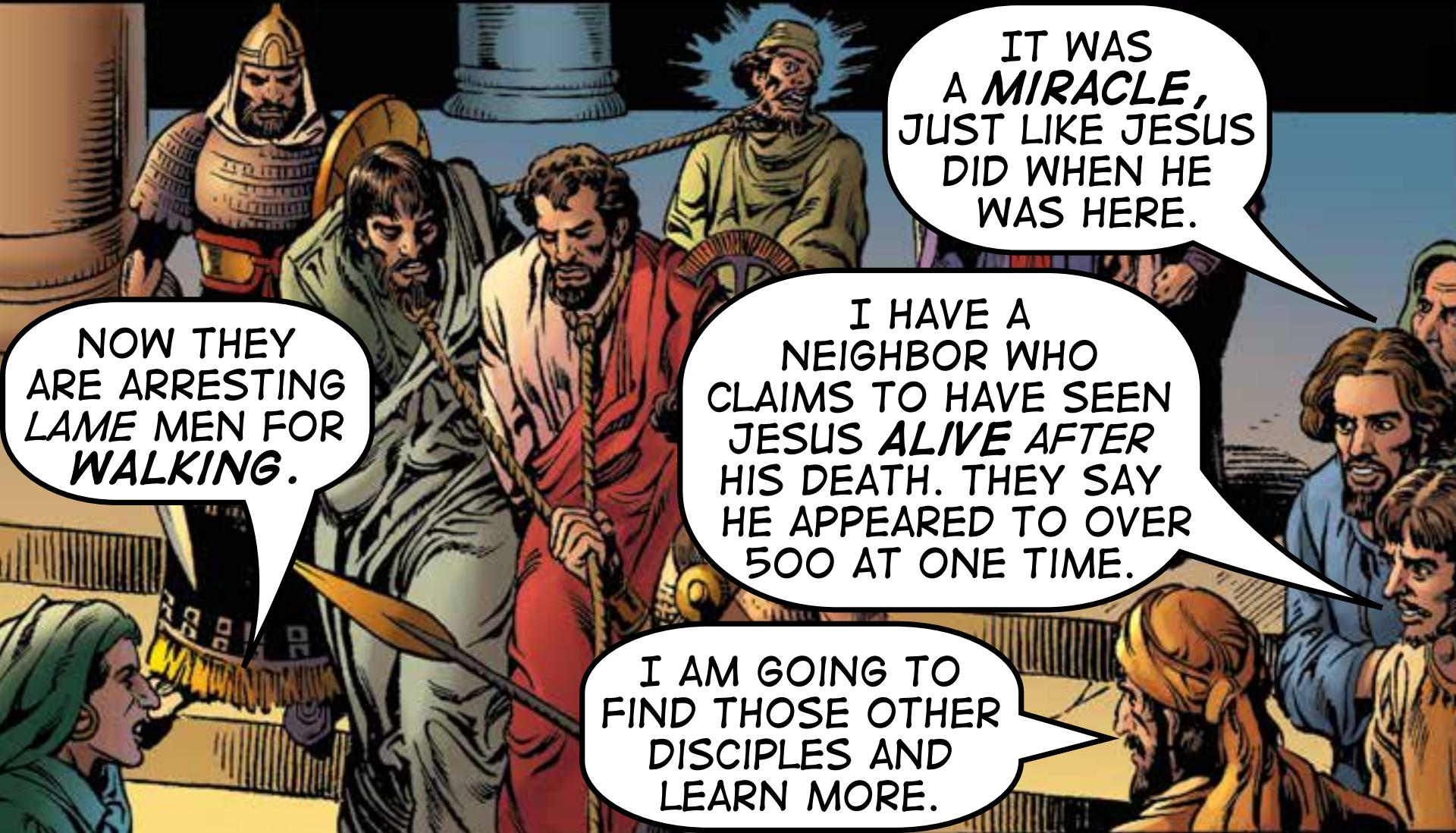
THE SAME RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
THAT CRUCIFIED CHRIST SENT  
FOR THE SOLDIERS AND  
ARRESTED PETER AND JOHN.



IT IS NOT  
LAWFUL FOR  
YOU TO  
**STIR UP**  
THE PEOPLE  
AGAINST OUR  
RELIGION.

THEY DID  
NOTHING  
WRONG.

ACTS 3:12, 14-19, 4:1-3

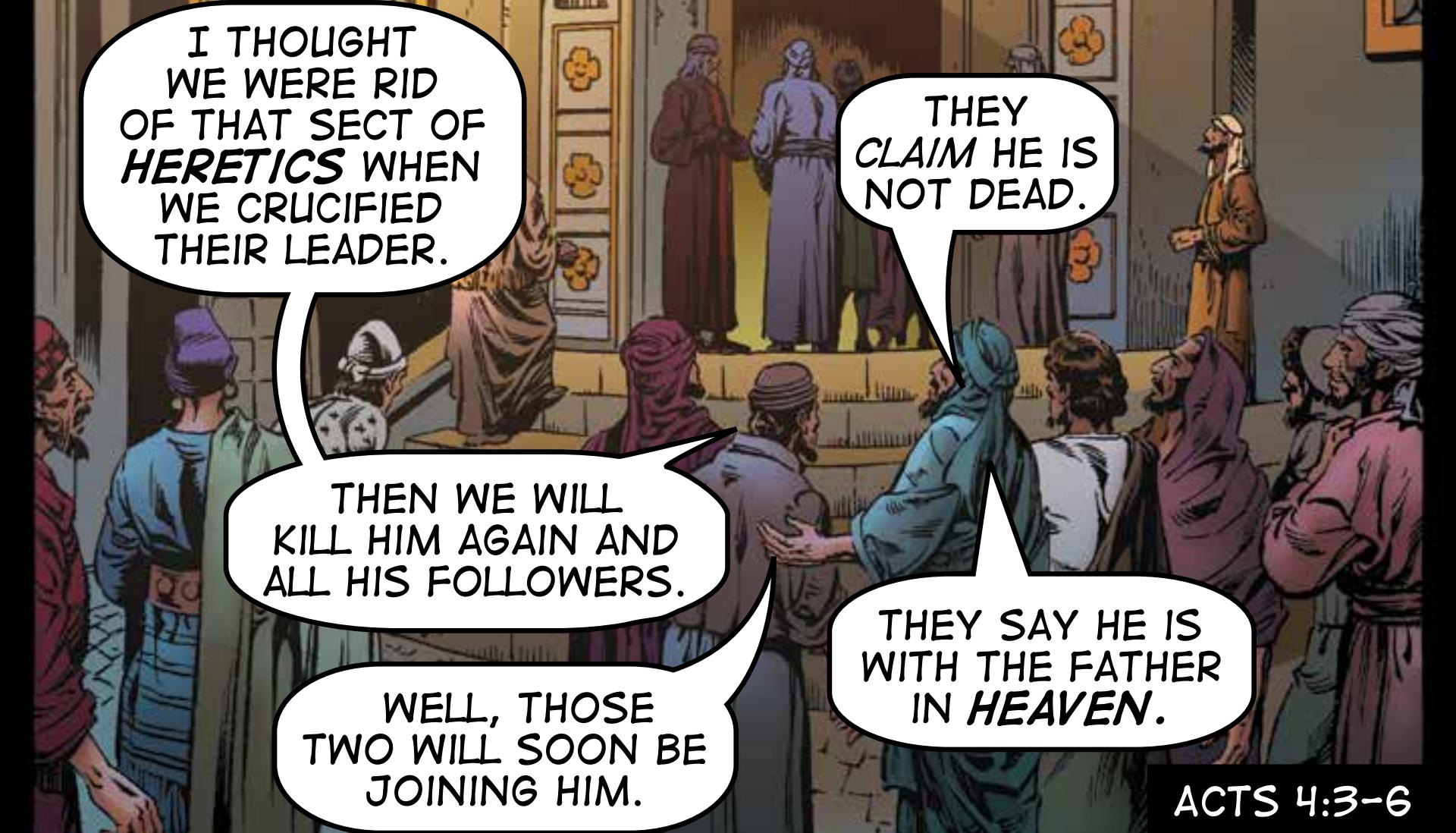


IT WAS  
A *MIRACLE*,  
JUST LIKE JESUS  
DID WHEN HE  
WAS HERE.

NOW THEY  
ARE ARRESTING  
LAME MEN FOR  
WALKING.

I HAVE A  
NEIGHBOR WHO  
CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN  
JESUS *ALIVE* AFTER  
HIS DEATH. THEY SAY  
HE APPEARED TO OVER  
500 AT ONE TIME.

I AM GOING TO  
FIND THOSE OTHER  
DISCIPLES AND  
LEARN MORE.



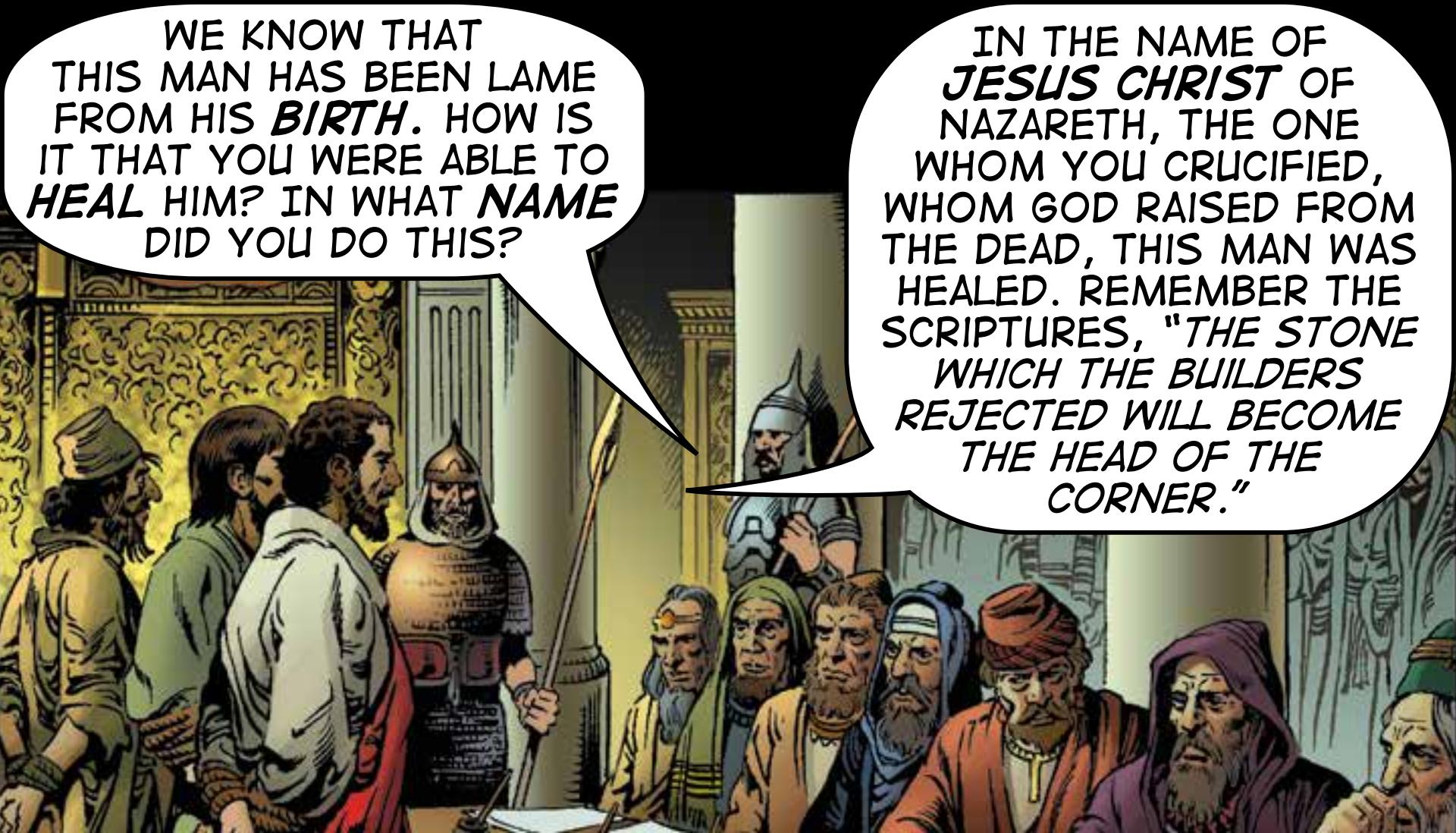
I THOUGHT  
WE WERE RID  
OF THAT SECT OF  
**HERETICS** WHEN  
WE CRUCIFIED  
THEIR LEADER.

THEY  
CLAIM HE IS  
NOT DEAD.

THEN WE WILL  
KILL HIM AGAIN AND  
ALL HIS FOLLOWERS.

THEY SAY HE IS  
WITH THE FATHER  
IN **HEAVEN**.

WELL, THOSE  
TWO WILL SOON BE  
JOINING HIM.

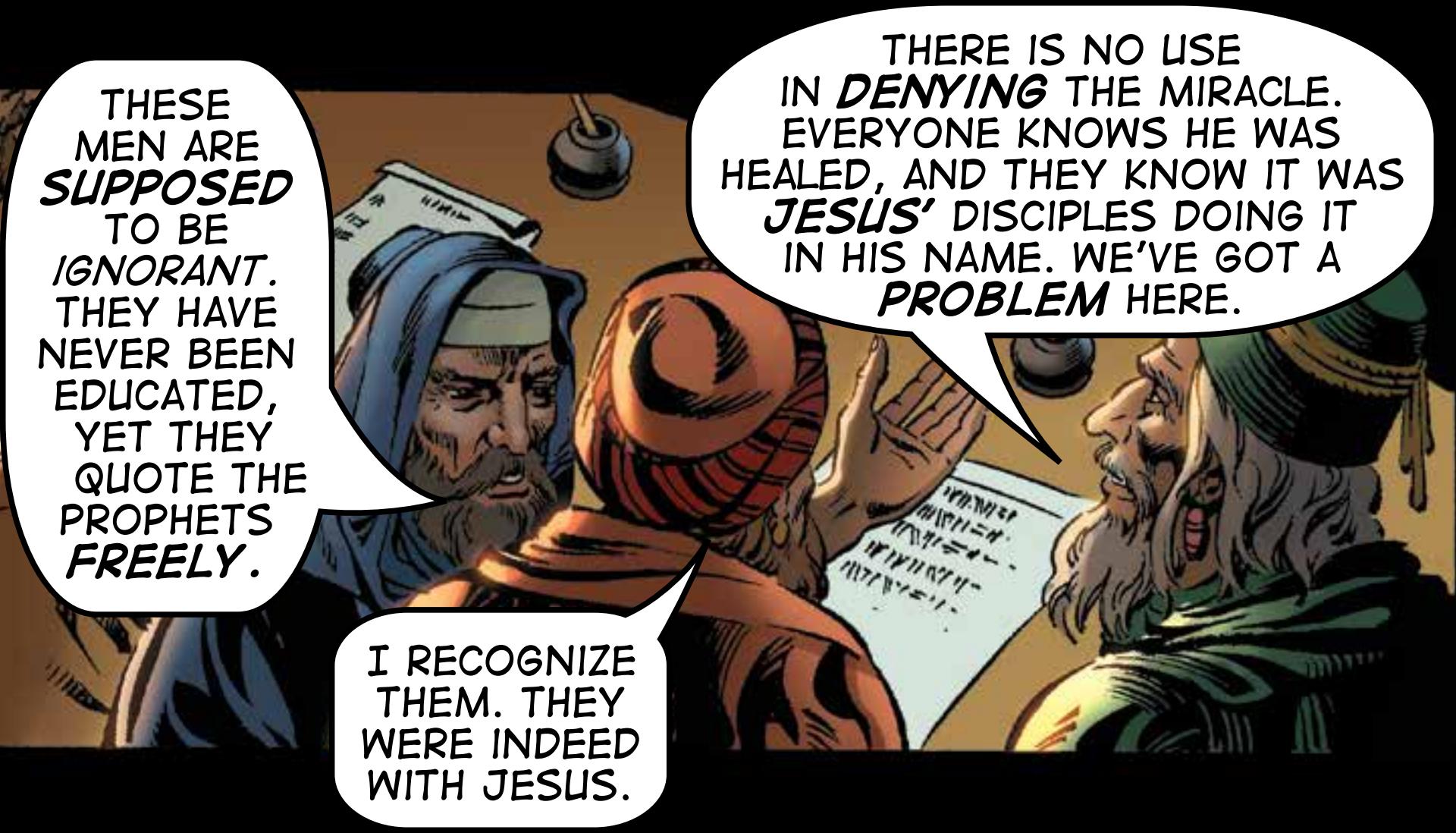


WE KNOW THAT THIS MAN HAS BEEN LAME FROM HIS *BIRTH*. HOW IS IT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO *HEAL* HIM? IN WHAT *NAMESPACE* DID YOU DO THIS?

IN THE NAME OF **JESUS CHRIST** OF NAZARETH, THE ONE WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THIS MAN WAS HEALED. REMEMBER THE SCRIPTURES, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED WILL BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER."



NEITHER IS  
THERE SALVATION  
IN ANY OTHER:  
FOR THERE IS  
**NONE** OTHER NAME  
UNDER HEAVEN  
GIVEN AMONG MEN,  
WHEREBY WE MUST  
BE SAVED.



THESE  
MEN ARE  
**SUPPOSED**  
TO BE  
**IGNORANT**.  
THEY HAVE  
NEVER BEEN  
EDUCATED,  
YET THEY  
QUOTE THE  
PROPHETS  
**FREELY**.

THERE IS NO USE  
IN **DENYING** THE MIRACLE.  
EVERYONE KNOWS HE WAS  
HEALED, AND THEY KNOW IT WAS  
**JESUS'** DISCIPLES DOING IT  
IN HIS NAME. WE'VE GOT A  
**PROBLEM** HERE.

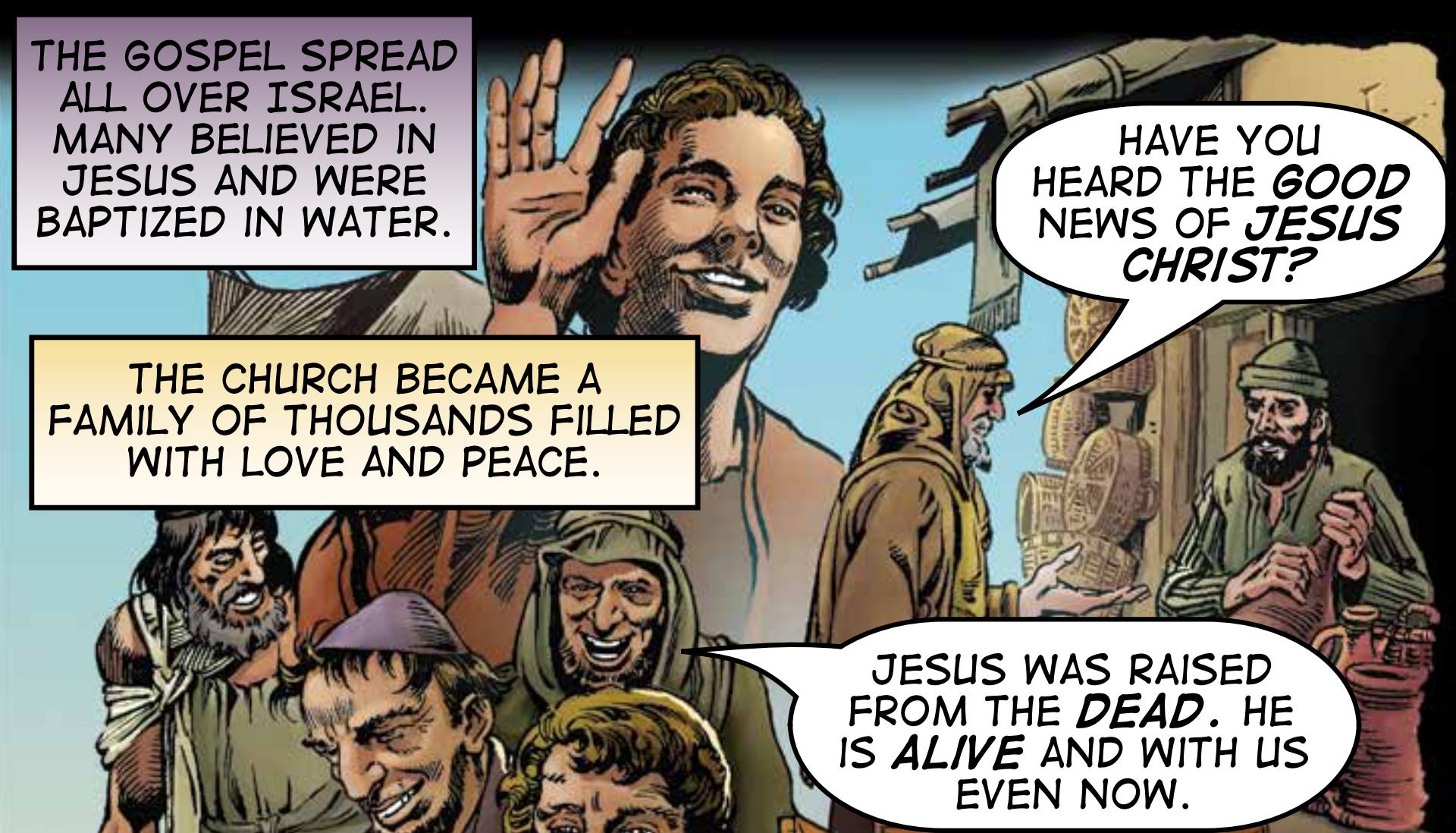
I RECOGNIZE  
THEM. THEY  
WERE INDEED  
WITH JESUS.

PSALM 118:22; ACTS 4:7-21

THROW  
THEM OUT  
OF HERE!

IF YOU CONTINUE TO  
SPEAK AND HEAL IN  
THE NAME OF THIS DEAD  
JESUS, YOU WILL MEET THE  
SAME FATE AS HE. DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND ME? NOW GET  
OUT OF MY SIGHT AND DON'T  
LET ME HEAR ANY MORE OF  
THIS **NONSENSE** ABOUT A  
**RESURRECTION.**

YOU JUDGE IF IT'S  
RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES  
TO OBEY YOU MORE  
THAN **GOD**, BUT WE MUST  
SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH  
WE HAVE SEEN  
AND HEARD.



THE GOSPEL SPREAD ALL OVER ISRAEL. MANY BELIEVED IN JESUS AND WERE BAPTIZED IN WATER.

THE CHURCH BECAME A FAMILY OF THOUSANDS FILLED WITH LOVE AND PEACE.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE **GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST?**

JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE **DEAD**. HE IS **ALIVE** AND WITH US EVEN NOW.



IN THE CHURCH, WOMEN  
WERE TREATED WITH  
RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

SINCE  
MY FAMILY HAS  
BELIEVED ON JESUS  
CHRIST, THERE HAS  
BEEN PEACE IN OUR  
HOME FOR THE  
FIRST TIME.

A colorful illustration depicting a scene from the New Testament. In the foreground, a man is bent over, working on a piece of machinery or a cart. In the background, several women are singing together. One woman in the center has a blue tunic and a white shawl. Another woman to her left is wearing a blue dress and a large gold earring. A third woman is partially visible on the far left. The setting appears to be a workshop or a factory.

CHRISTIANS  
SANG AS THEY  
WORKED.

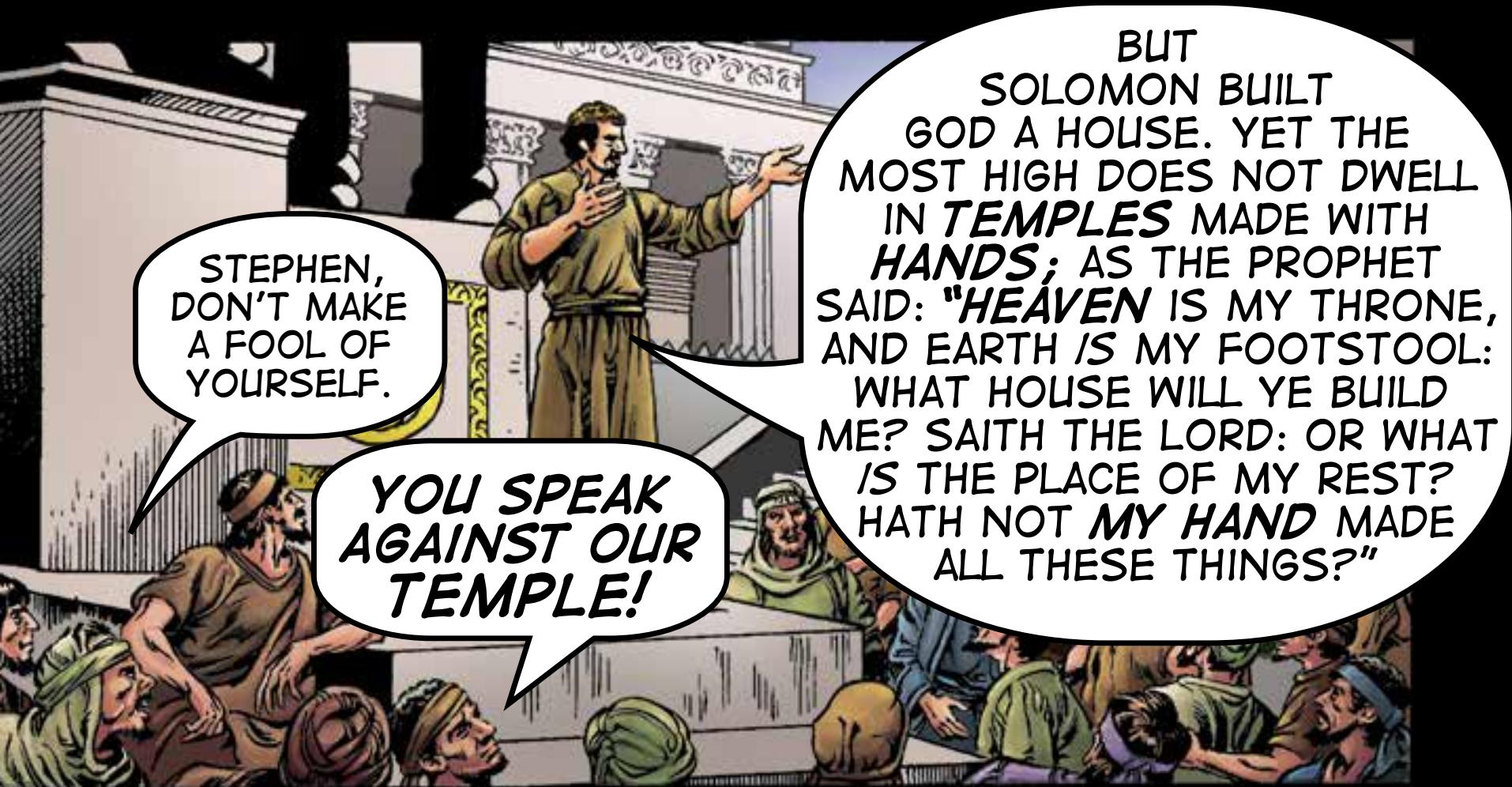
A colorful illustration of a Christian community sharing a meal. Several men are seated around a long table covered with a red cloth. They are eating from plates and holding glasses. In the background, there is a large, cylindrical stone structure, possibly a water tower or a part of a building. The scene conveys a sense of fellowship and shared resources.

CHRISTIANS GREW  
TO THE THOUSANDS  
AND THEY CONTINUED  
TO SHARE THEIR  
BELONGINGS. THEY  
DAILY PREACHED  
JESUS FROM HOUSE  
TO HOUSE AND IN  
THE STREETS TO  
EVERYONE THEY MET.

ACTS 13:30-32, 4:10

YOU MEN OF ISRAEL, YOU KNOW THAT GOD TOLD OUR FATHERS THAT THEIR SEED WOULD BE CARRIED AWAY INTO A **STRANGE** LAND AND LIVE THERE AS **SLAVES** FOR 400 YEARS, AFTER WHICH GOD SAID HE WOULD JUDGE THAT NATION AND **DELIVER** HIS PEOPLE TO THE LAND HE GAVE TO ABRAHAM.





STEPHEN,  
DON'T MAKE  
A FOOL OF  
YOURSELF.

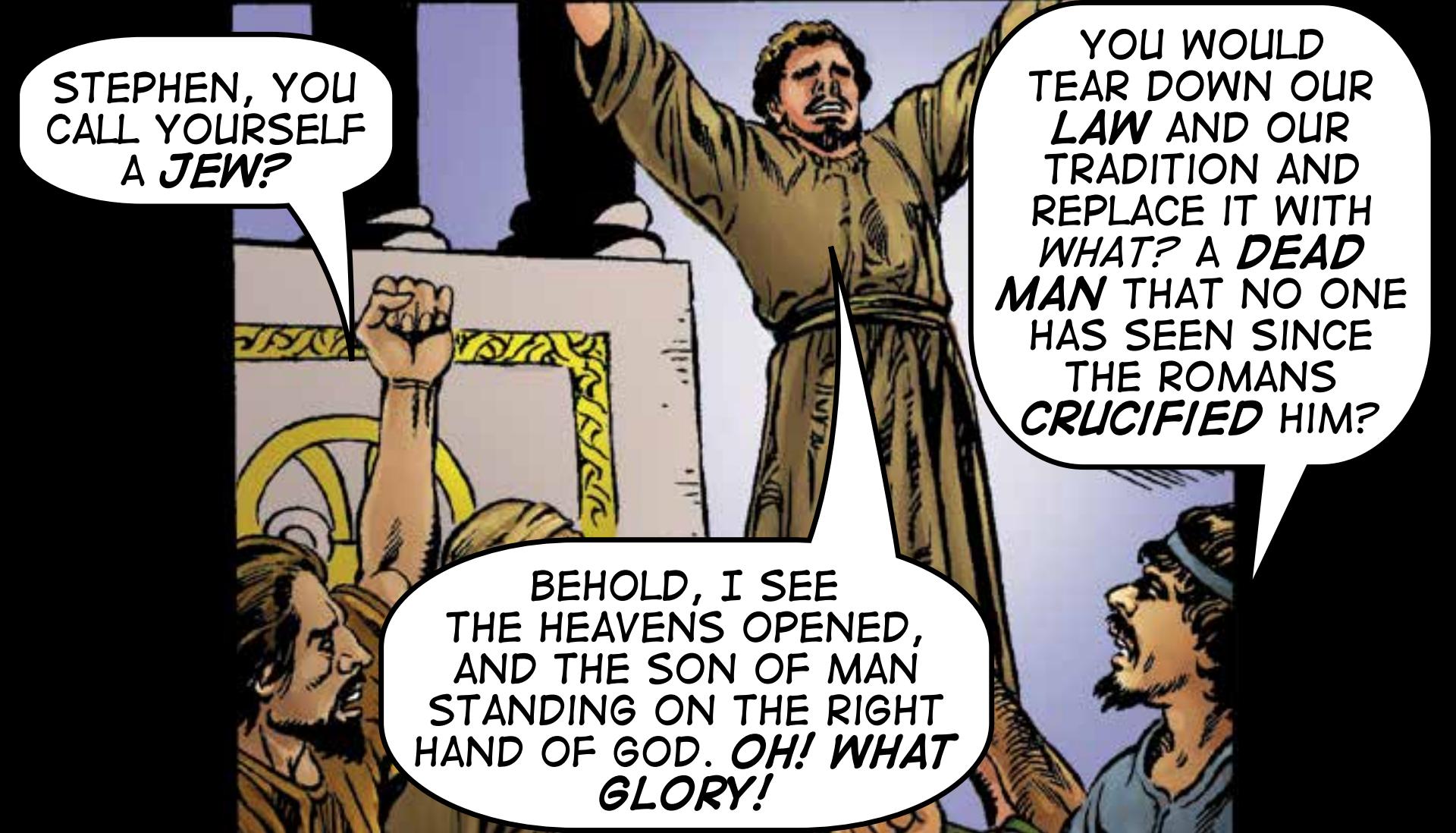
YOU SPEAK  
AGAINST OUR  
TEMPLE!

BUT  
SOLOMON BUILT  
GOD A HOUSE. YET THE  
MOST HIGH DOES NOT DWELL  
IN **TEMPLES** MADE WITH  
**HANDS**; AS THE PROPHET  
SAID: "**HEAVEN** IS MY THRONE,  
AND EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL:  
WHAT HOUSE WILL YE BUILD  
ME? SAITH THE LORD: OR WHAT  
IS THE PLACE OF MY REST?  
HATH NOT **MY HAND** MADE  
ALL THESE THINGS?"

ISAIAH 66:1;  
ACTS 7:1-57

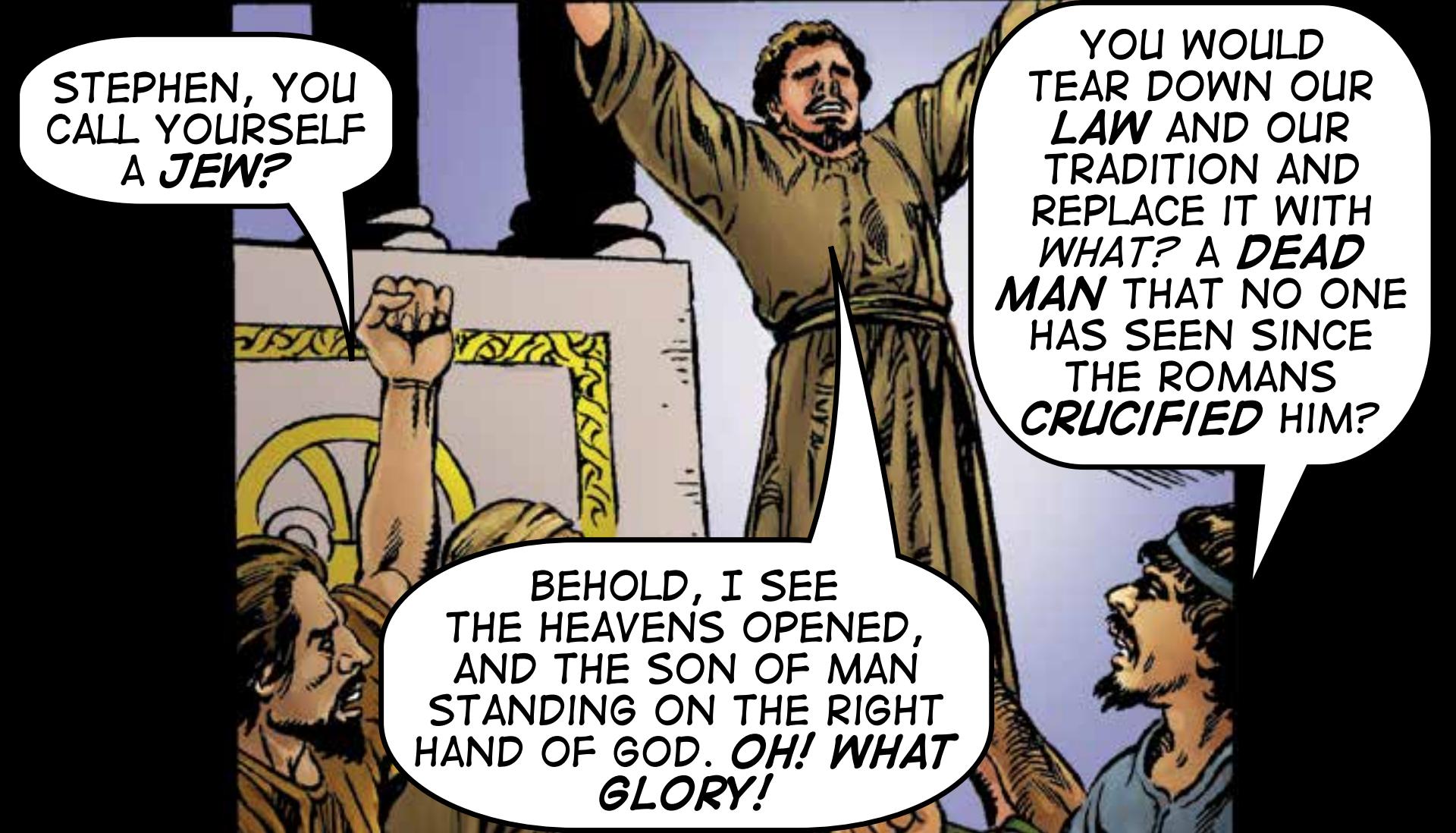


YOU ARE STUBBORN AND **REBELLIOUS**. YOUR HEART IS NOT RIGHT WITH GOD. YOU **RESIST** THE HOLY GHOST JUST AS YOUR FATHERS DID. YOU AND YOUR FATHERS HAVE PERSECUTED AND SLAIN THE PROPHETS WHO PREDICTED THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, BUT YOU BETRAYED AND MURDERED HIM ALSO.

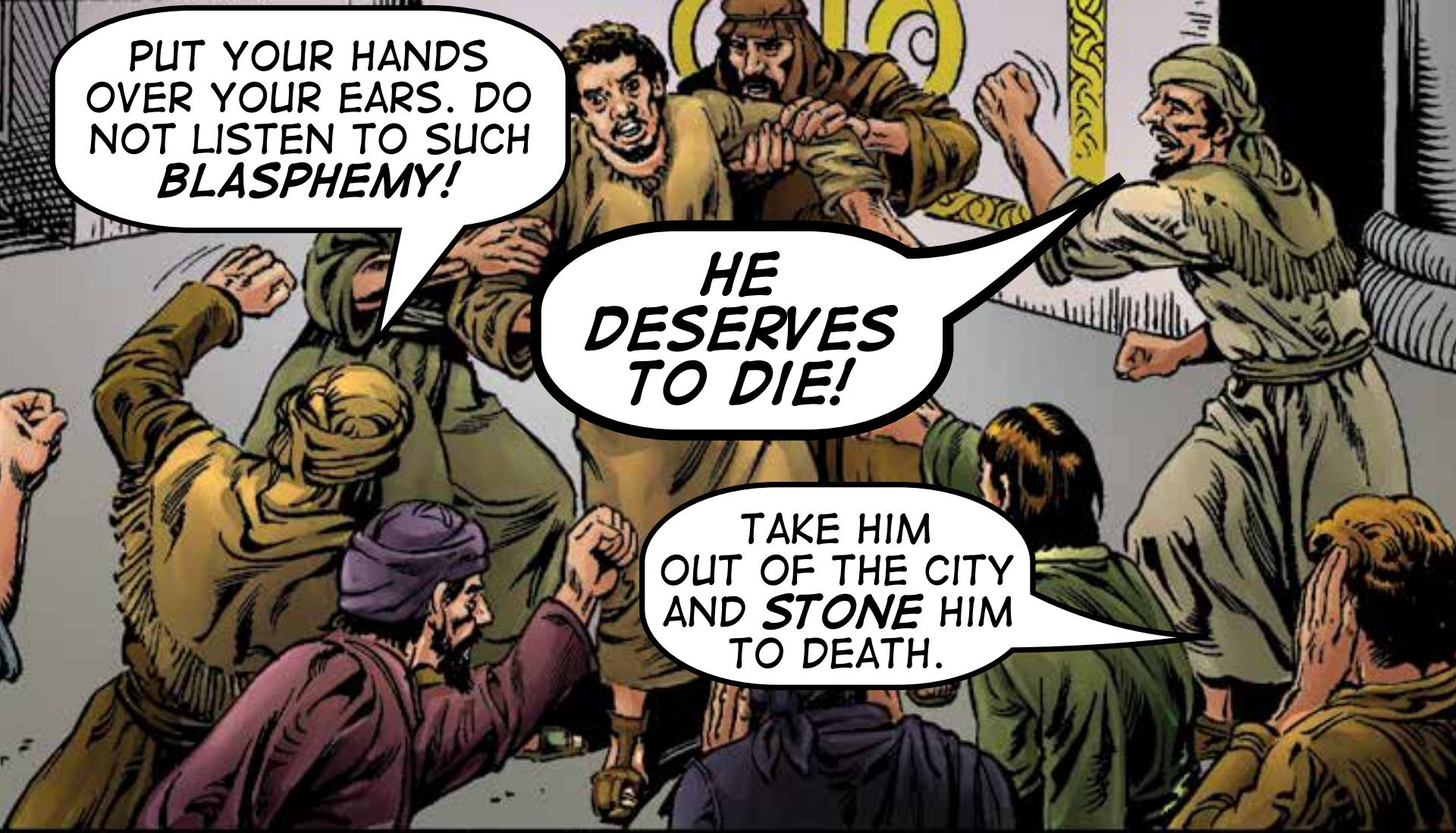


STEPHEN, YOU  
CALL YOURSELF  
A JEW?

YOU WOULD  
TEAR DOWN OUR  
**LAW** AND OUR  
TRADITION AND  
REPLACE IT WITH  
WHAT? A **DEAD**  
**MAN** THAT NO ONE  
HAS SEEN SINCE  
THE ROMANS  
**CRUCIFIED** HIM?



BEHOLD, I SEE  
THE HEAVENS OPENED,  
AND THE SON OF MAN  
STANDING ON THE RIGHT  
HAND OF GOD. OH! WHAT  
GLORY!



PUT YOUR HANDS  
OVER YOUR EARS. DO  
NOT LISTEN TO SUCH  
**BLASPHEMY!**

HE  
**DESERVES**  
TO DIE!

TAKE HIM  
OUT OF THE CITY  
AND **STONE** HIM  
TO DEATH.





HE HAS BLASPHEMED  
OUR ***RELIGION***. WE SAY  
HE SHOULD DIE. SAUL, DO  
WE HAVE THE ***SUPPORT***  
OF THE AUTHORITIES?

I WILL SIGN FOR  
HIS EXECUTION. HE IS  
ONE OF THOSE FOLLOWERS  
OF THE ***DEAD*** JESUS OF  
NAZARETH. THIS BLASPHEMY  
MUST BE STOPPED. PROCEED  
WITH THE STONING.



ACTS 7:58-59



CHUNK!

AND AT THAT TIME  
THERE WAS A GREAT  
PERSECUTION AGAINST  
THE CHURCH AT  
JERUSALEM, AND  
EVERYONE LEFT THE CITY,  
EXCEPT THE APOSTLES.



THIS IS  
JUST THE  
BEGINNING!



PUT  
AN END TO  
THESE JESUS  
PEOPLE!

KILL THE  
BLASPHEMER!



ARE THERE  
ANY MORE CHRIST  
FOLLOWERS IN  
THERE?

DON'T  
HURT MY  
PAPA!

GRAB THE  
WOMAN,  
TOO.

THE PHARISEE SAUL  
FOUGHT AGAINST THE  
CHURCH, ENTERING  
INTO EVERY HOUSE AND  
CASTING THE MEN AND  
WOMEN INTO PRISON.

ACTS 7:59-8:3

AS A CHRISTIAN NAMED PHILIP WAS PRAYING, AN ANGEL SPOKE TO HIM.



PHILIP,  
ARISE AND GO  
DOWN SOUTH ON THE  
HIGHWAY THAT LEADS  
FROM JERUSALEM  
TO GAZA.



I DON'T KNOW  
WHY HE WANTS ME  
DOWN THERE, BUT IF  
GOD SAYS GO,  
I WILL GO.



THIS  
LOOKS LIKE  
THE PLACE.  
NOW WHAT,  
LORD?



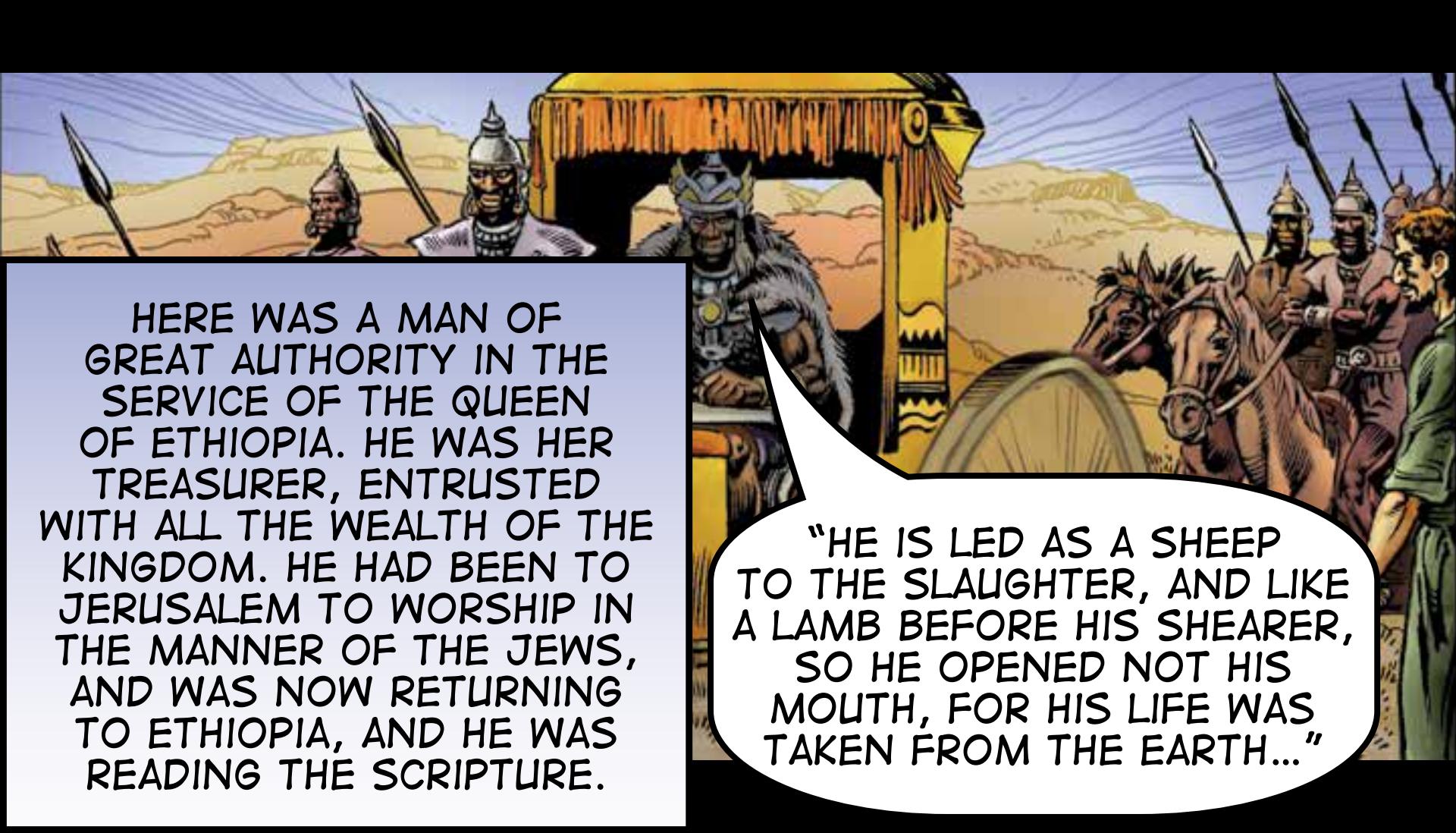
LORD,  
WHAT IS  
IT YOU  
WANT?



A CARAVAN! LORD,  
IS THIS WHY YOU BROUGHT  
ME DOWN HERE? IS THERE  
SOMEONE THERE WHOM  
YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR  
YOUR OWN?

GO AND JOIN  
YOURSELF TO THIS  
CARAVAN.

ACTS 8:26-29



HERE WAS A MAN OF GREAT AUTHORITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE QUEEN OF ETHIOPIA. HE WAS HER TREASURER, ENTRUSTED WITH ALL THE WEALTH OF THE KINGDOM. HE HAD BEEN TO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP IN THE MANNER OF THE JEWS, AND WAS NOW RETURNING TO ETHIOPIA, AND HE WAS READING THE SCRIPTURE.

“HE IS LED AS A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND LIKE A LAMB BEFORE HIS SHEARER, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH, FOR HIS LIFE WAS TAKEN FROM THE EARTH...”



I HEAR YOU'RE  
READING FROM THE  
PROPHET *ISAIAH*. DO  
YOU *UNDERSTAND*  
WHAT YOU ARE  
READING?

YOU RECOGNIZED  
WHAT I WAS READING.  
BUT I CANNOT UNDER-  
STAND IT UNLESS  
SOMEONE *EXPLAINS*  
IT TO ME. COME  
*RIDE* WITH ME.



YOU  
HAVE JUST  
COME FROM  
**JERUSALEM?**

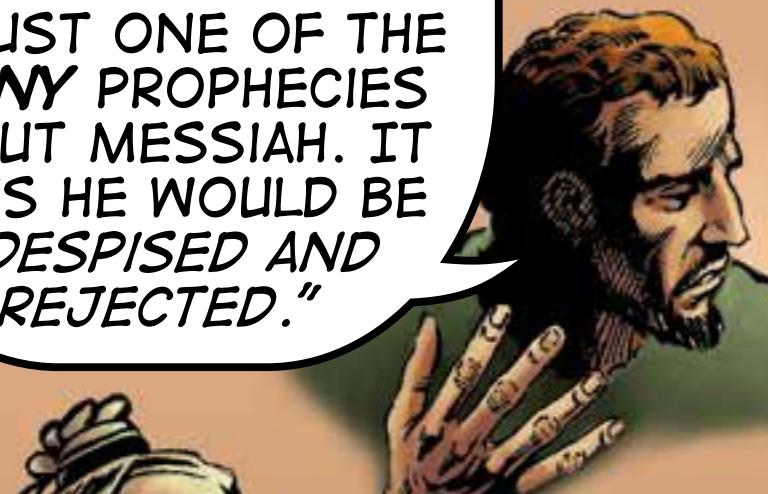
YES, I WAS THERE  
TO WORSHIP. THE  
RELIGION OF MY COUNTRY  
NEVER BROUGHT **PEACE**.  
GOD SEEMED SO  
FAR AWAY.



I HAVE READ OF A PROMISED MESSIAH. NOW WHEN I GO TO JERUSALEM THERE ARE THOUSANDS PROCLAIMING THAT HE **HAS COME**, BUT THAT HE WAS **CRUCIFIED** AND THEN **RAISED** FROM THE DEAD.

I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING THE PROPHETS TO SEE IF ANY SUCH THING **WAS** PREDICTED. DO YOU KNOW IF THE PROPHET ISAIAH IS SPEAKING OF **HIMSELF**, OR OF SOME **OTHER MAN**?

ISAIAH 53;  
ACTS 8:27. 30-34



AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOOK OF ISAIAH WAS WRITTEN NEARLY 800 YEARS AGO. THIS ENTIRE 53<sup>RD</sup> CHAPTER IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY PROPHECIES ABOUT MESSIAH. IT SAYS HE WOULD BE "DESPISED AND REJECTED."

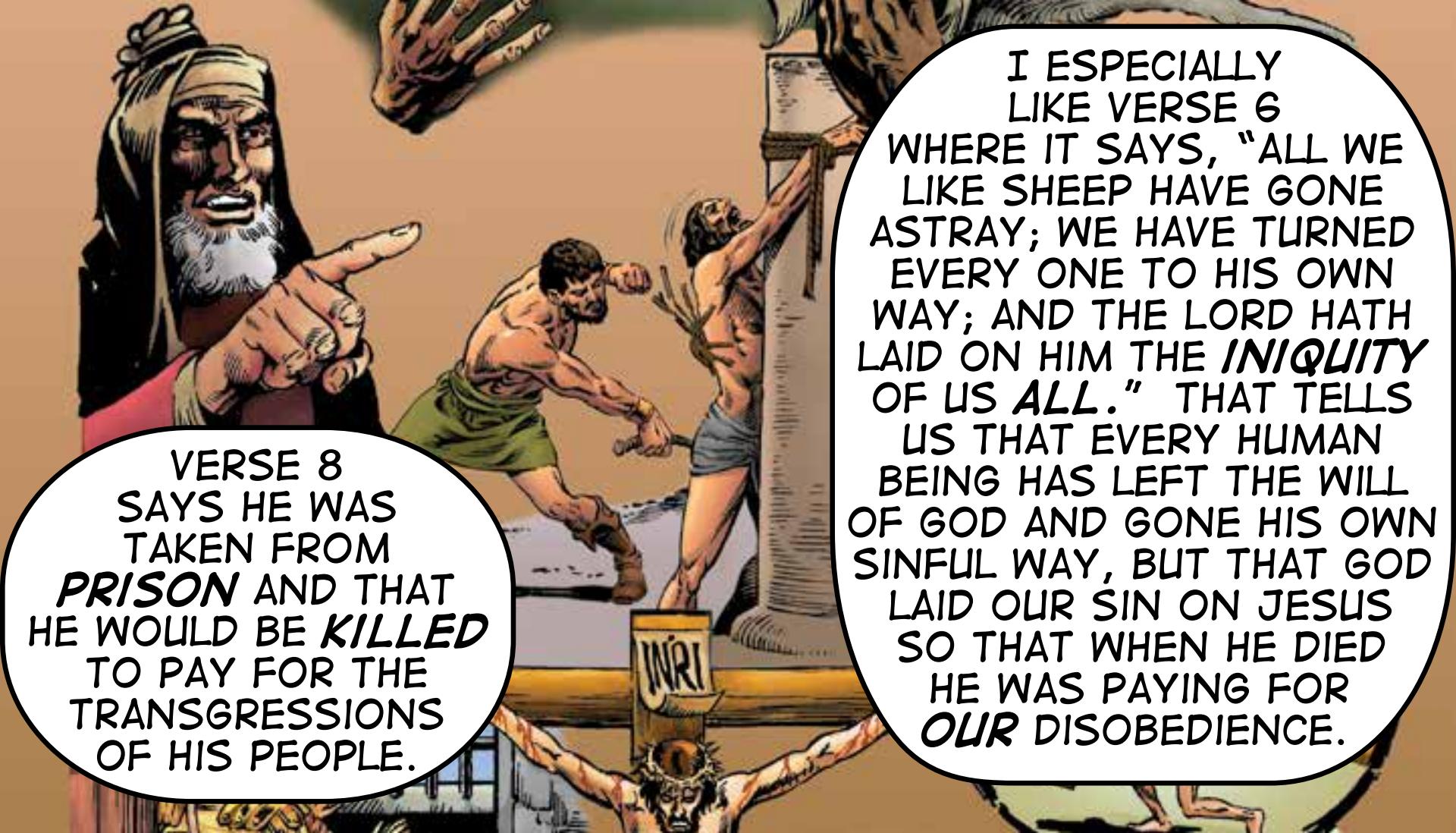


YOU JUST CAME FROM JERUSALEM, SO YOU KNOW THAT THOUGH JESUS DID **MIGHTY** MIRACLES, OUR LEADERS **REJECTED** HIM.

An illustration showing Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns, standing before a group of men in robes. One man in a red robe is gesturing towards Jesus. In the foreground, another man is kneeling, holding a large wooden crossbar. A small circular inset in the bottom left shows a close-up of the crossbar with a bag labeled "SIN" hanging from it.

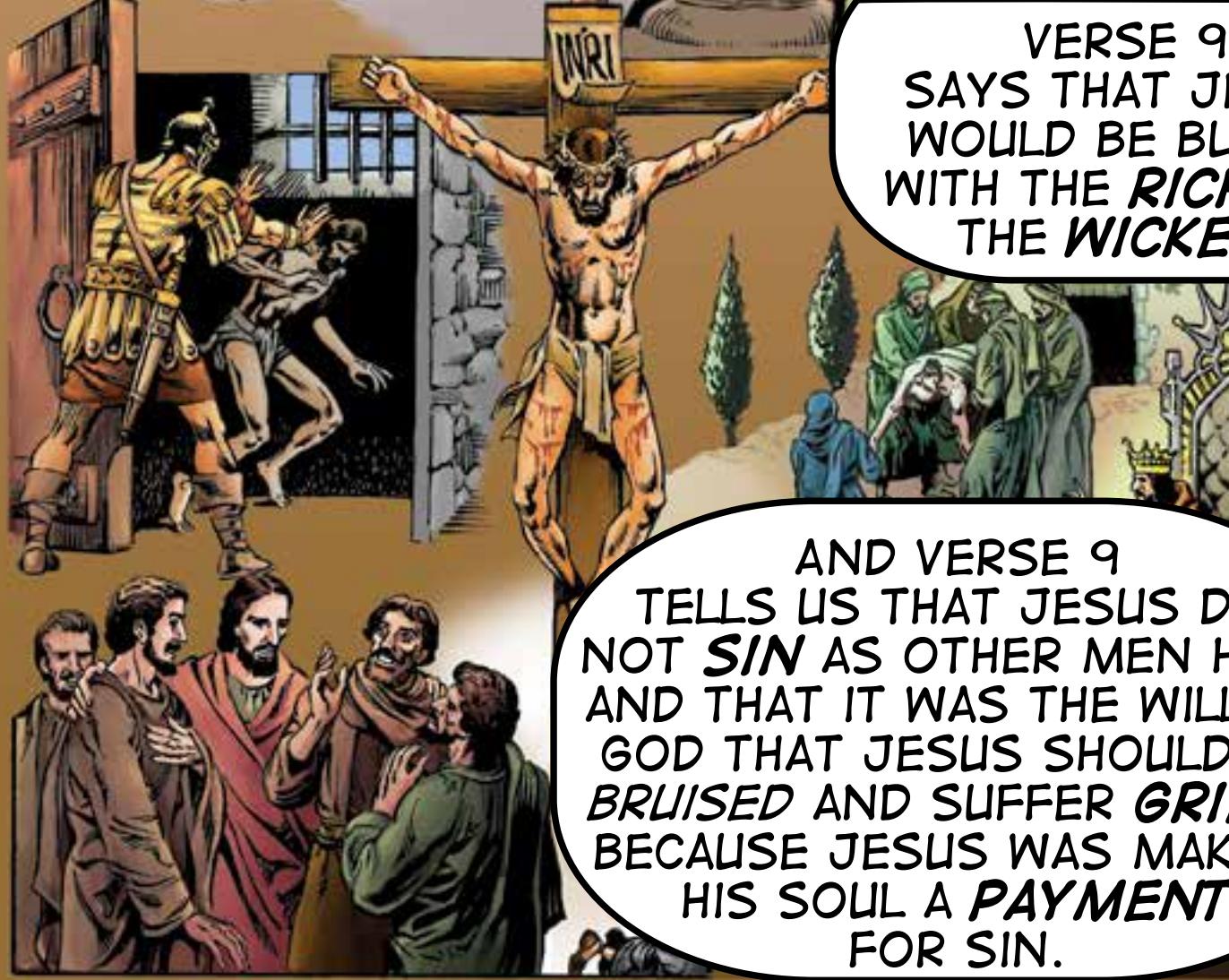
VERSE 7 IS  
A PROPHECY THAT  
WHEN JESUS STOOD  
BEFORE HIS JUDGES HE  
WOULD **NOT DEFEND**  
HIMSELF.

ISAIAH  
PROPHESIED THAT JESUS  
WOULD SUFFER **WOUNDS**  
TO PAY FOR **OUR** SINS. AND  
IN VERSE 5, IT SAYS THAT  
THE PUNISHMENT DUE US  
SINNERS WOULD BE LAID  
ON JESUS.



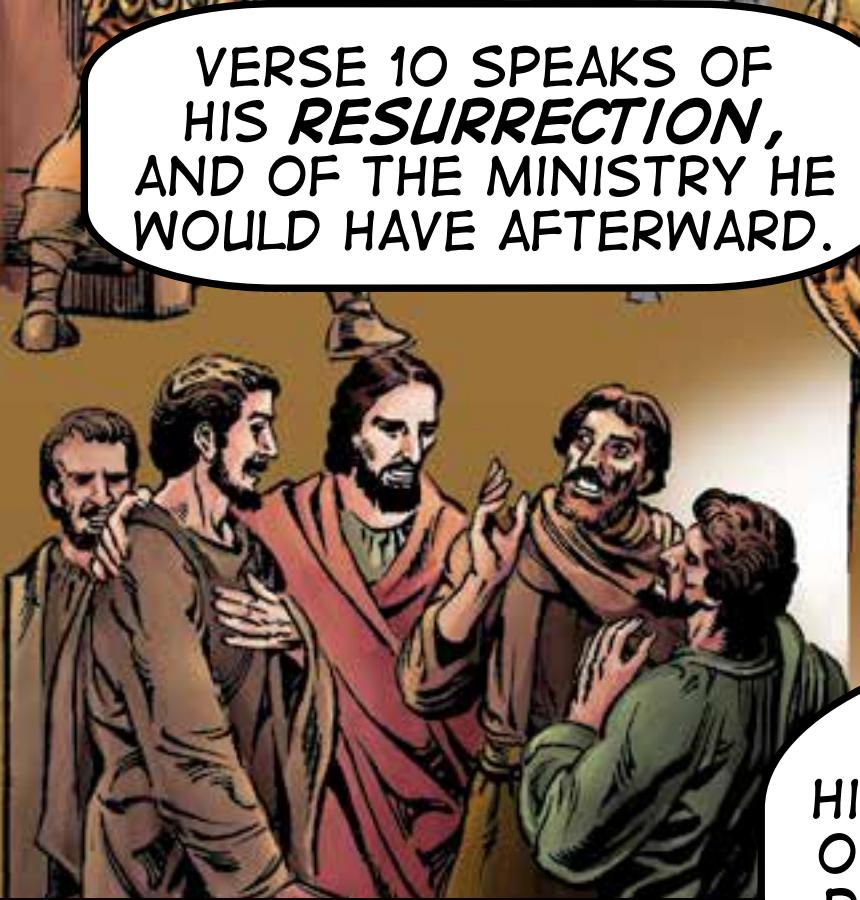
VERSE 8  
SAYS HE WAS  
TAKEN FROM  
**PRISON** AND THAT  
HE WOULD BE **KILLED**  
TO PAY FOR THE  
TRANSGRESSIONS  
OF HIS PEOPLE.

I ESPECIALLY  
LIKE VERSE 6  
WHERE IT SAYS, "ALL WE  
LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE  
ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED  
EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN  
WAY; AND THE LORD HATH  
LAID ON HIM THE *INQUITY*  
OF US ALL." THAT TELLS  
US THAT EVERY HUMAN  
BEING HAS LEFT THE WILL  
OF GOD AND GONE HIS OWN  
SINFUL WAY, BUT THAT GOD  
LAID OUR SIN ON JESUS  
SO THAT WHEN HE DIED  
HE WAS PAYING FOR  
**OUR** DISOBEDIENCE.



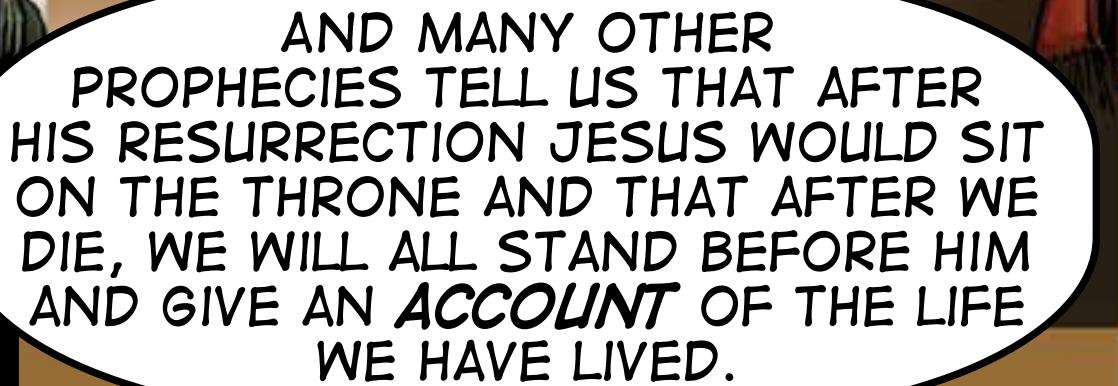
VERSE 9  
SAYS THAT JESUS  
WOULD BE BURIED  
WITH THE *RICH* AND  
THE *WICKED*.

AND VERSE 9  
TELLS US THAT JESUS DID  
NOT *SIN* AS OTHER MEN HAVE  
AND THAT IT WAS THE WILL OF  
GOD THAT JESUS SHOULD BE  
*BRUISED* AND SUFFER *GRIEF*,  
BECAUSE JESUS WAS MAKING  
HIS SOUL A *PAYMENT*  
FOR *SIN*.



VERSE 10 SPEAKS OF HIS **RESURRECTION**, AND OF THE MINISTRY HE WOULD HAVE AFTERWARD.

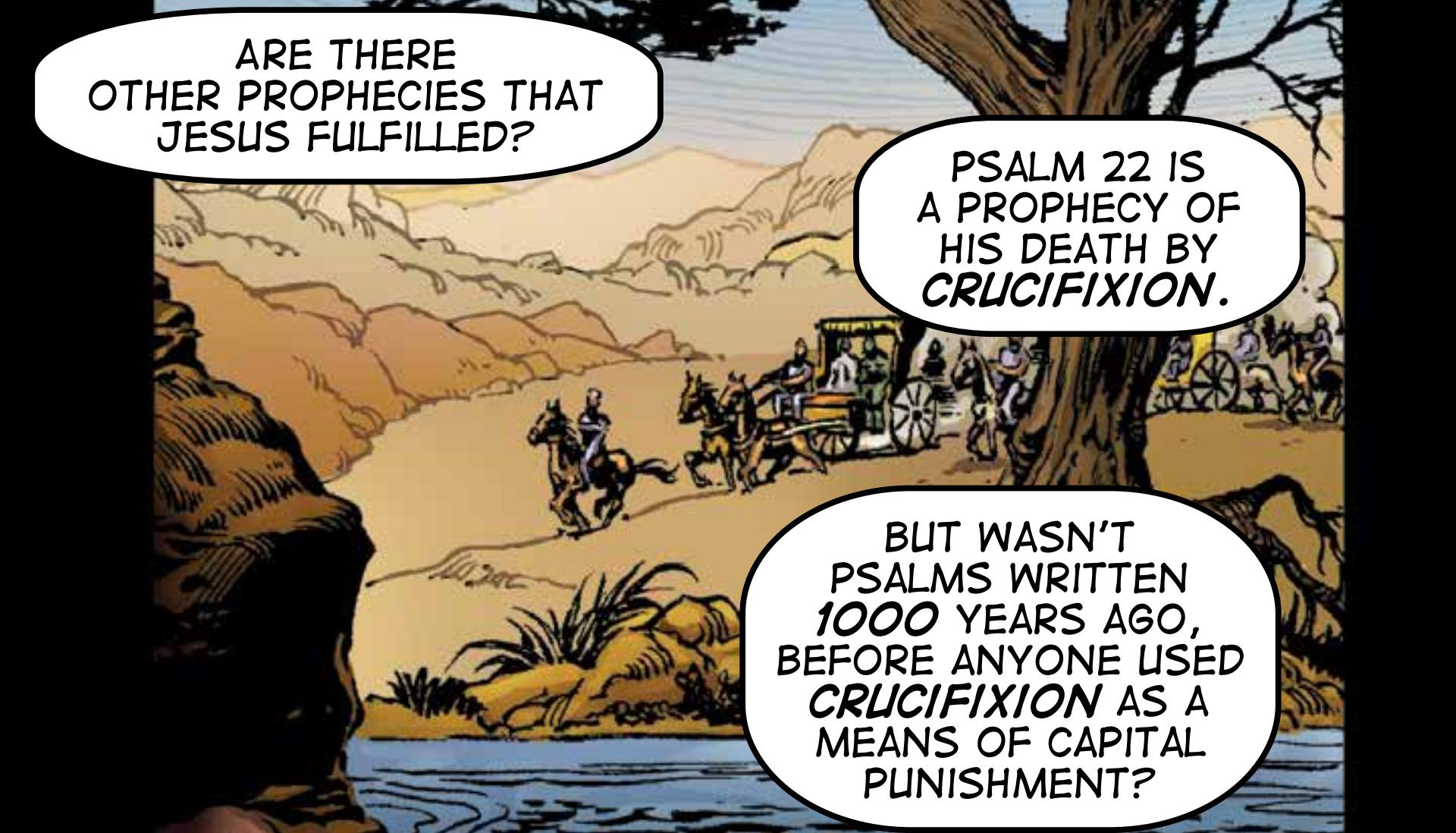
ISAIAH 53:3-10;  
ACTS 8:35; ROMANS 2:16;  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:21



AND MANY OTHER PROPHECIES TELL US THAT AFTER HIS RESURRECTION JESUS WOULD SIT ON THE THRONE AND THAT AFTER WE DIE, WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE HIM AND GIVE AN **ACCOUNT** OF THE LIFE WE HAVE LIVED.



**SOME OF THE PRIESTS AND SCRIBES HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS, BUT THE OTHERS WERE OFFENDED WHEN HE POINTED OUT THEIR HYPOCRISY. THEY WANTED A MESSIAH THAT KILLED ROMANS, NOT ONE THAT EXPOSED THEIR SINS. THEY WANTED TO RULE OVER A KINGDOM, BUT THEY DID NOT WANT GOD RULING OVER THEIR HEARTS.**



ARE THERE  
OTHER PROPHECIES THAT  
JESUS FULFILLED?

PSALM 22 IS  
A PROPHECY OF  
HIS DEATH BY  
**CRUCIFIXION.**

BUT WASN'T  
PSALMS WRITTEN  
1000 YEARS AGO,  
BEFORE ANYONE USED  
**CRUCIFIXION** AS A  
MEANS OF CAPITAL  
PUNISHMENT?



YES, BUT GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING BEFORE IT HAPPENS AND THERE WERE OVER 340 PROPHECIES GIVEN CONCERNING THE MESSIAH. THAT IS HOW WE KNOW JESUS IS THE ONLY TRUE ONE SENT FROM GOD.

PSALM 22:16 IT TELLS US THAT HIS HANDS AND FEET WOULD BE PIERCED - AS THEY WERE WITH THE NAILS. VERSE 14 OF PSALM 22 TELLS HOW HE WOULD BE THIRSTY AND THAT HIS BONES WOULD ALL BE PULLED OUT OF JOINT IN HIS DEATH, BUT THEN PSALM 34:20 TELLS US THAT NOT ONE BONE WOULD BE BROKEN WHEN HE WAS CRUCIFIED. AND AS YOU KNOW, IT IS CUSTOMARY TO BREAK THE BONES OF THOSE CRUCIFIED, BUT JESUS DIED BEFORE THEY COULD BREAK HIS.

VERSE 17 OF PSALM 22 PREDICTED THAT THEY WOULD LOOK UPON HIS NAKEDNESS AND VERSE 18 TELLS HOW THEY WOULD CAST LOTS FOR ONE OF HIS GARMENTS WHILE THEY DIVIDED THE OTHER INTO SMALLER PIECES AMONG THEMSELVES.

ALSO, ZECHARIAH 12:10 TELLS US THAT HIS HANDS WOULD BE PIERCED, AND THAT LATER, THE JEWS WOULD SEE THE PRINTS IN HIS HANDS. ISAIAH 50:6 SAYS THAT HIS BACK WOULD BE BEATEN AND THAT HE WOULD BE STRUCK UPON THE CHEEK.

PSALM 16:10 TELLS US THAT THOUGH HE WOULD BE BURIED, HIS BODY WOULD NOT STAY IN THE GRAVE LONG ENOUGH TO DETERIORATE. THE PROPHECIES TELL US THAT HE WOULD BE BETRAYED BY A FRIEND, AND THAT HIS BETRAYER WOULD HANG HIMSELF, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN HIS BODY FALLING AND SPILLING HIS BOWELS IN A FIELD, WHICH WOULD THEN BE USED TO BURY STRANGERS IN.

ALL THESE THINGS AND MANY MORE WERE FULFILLED JUST AS THE PROPHETS WROTE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH IS THE MESSIAH, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

PSALM 22:6, 17-18, 16:10, 34:20;  
ISAIAH 50:6. ZECHARIAH 12:10

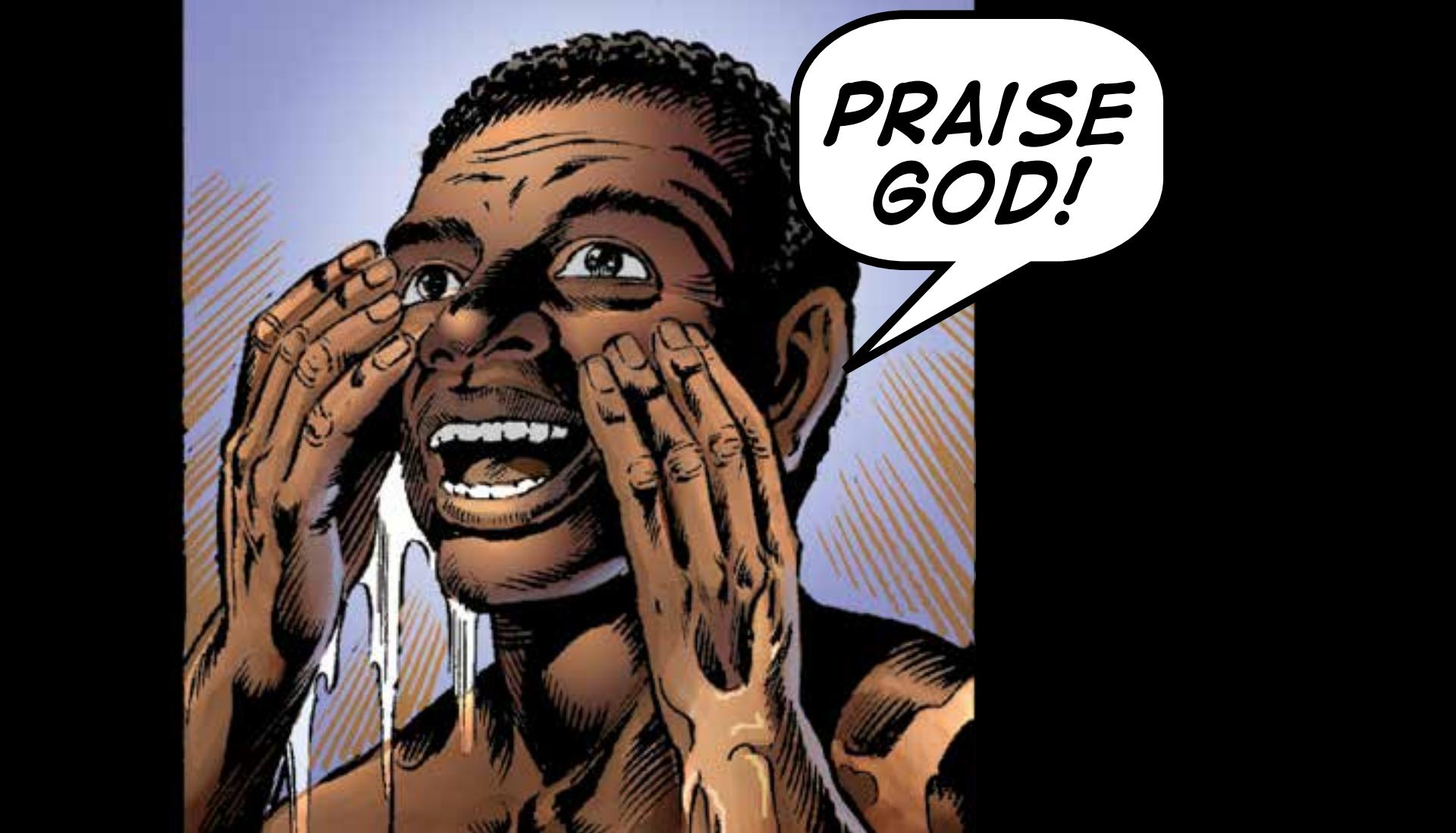


I BELIEVE THAT JESUS  
IS THE **MESSIAH**. HE IS THE  
PROMISED LAMB TO TAKE AWAY  
OUR SINS. WE NEED NOT SACRIFICE  
ANY MORE. JESUS IS THE DOOR  
TO GOD. I WILL BECOME A  
**DISCIPLE** OF JESUS.

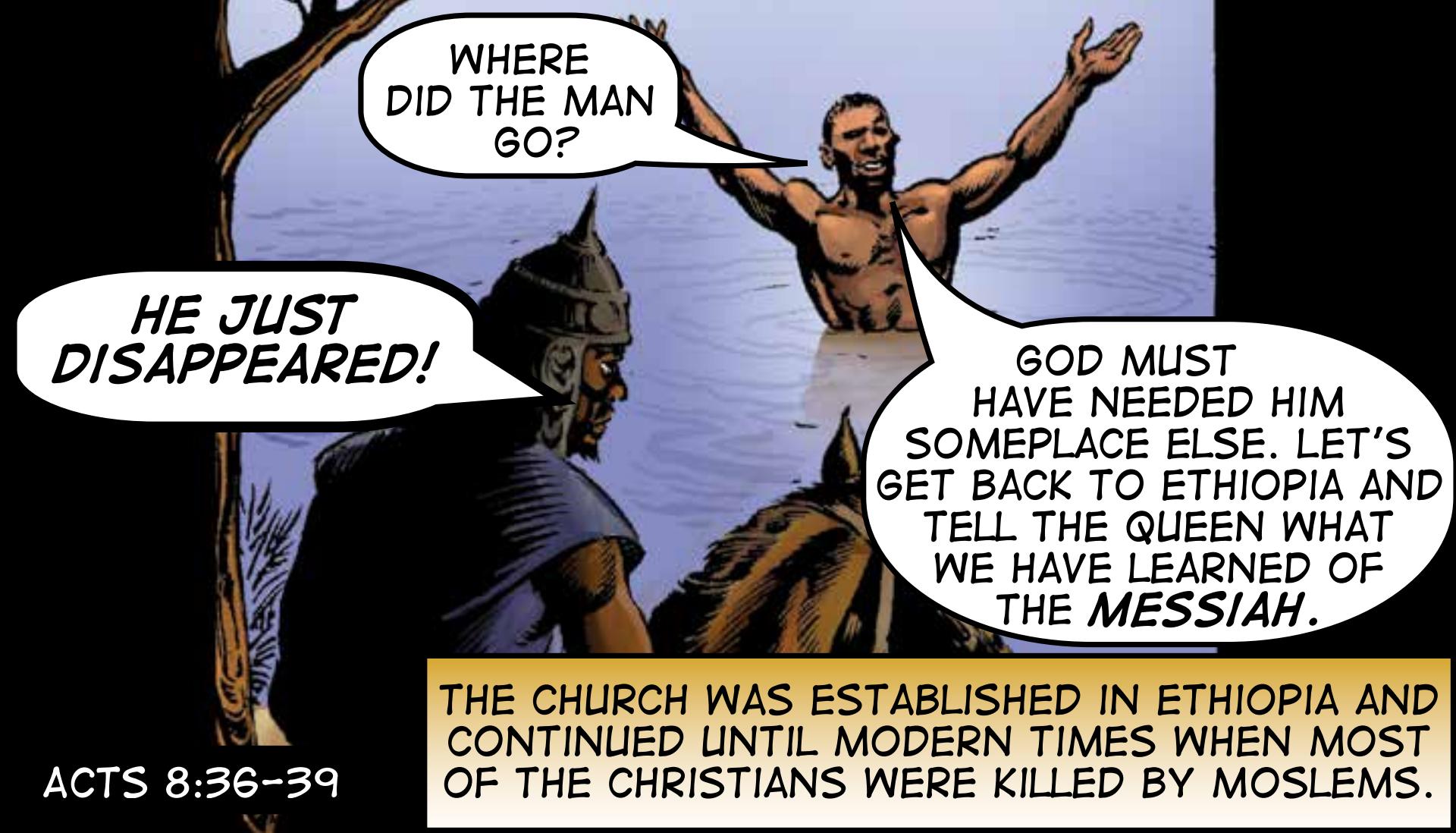




I BAPTIZE  
YOU IN THE NAME  
OF OUR LORD AND  
SAVIOR, JESUS  
CHRIST.



**PRAISE  
GOD!**



WHERE  
DID THE MAN  
GO?

HE JUST  
DISAPPEARED!

GOD MUST  
HAVE NEEDED HIM  
SOMEPLACE ELSE. LET'S  
GET BACK TO ETHIOPIA AND  
TELL THE QUEEN WHAT  
WE HAVE LEARNED OF  
THE **MESSIAH**.

ACTS 8:36-39

THE CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED IN ETHIOPIA AND  
CONTINUED UNTIL MODERN TIMES WHEN MOST  
OF THE CHRISTIANS WERE KILLED BY MOSLEMS.



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