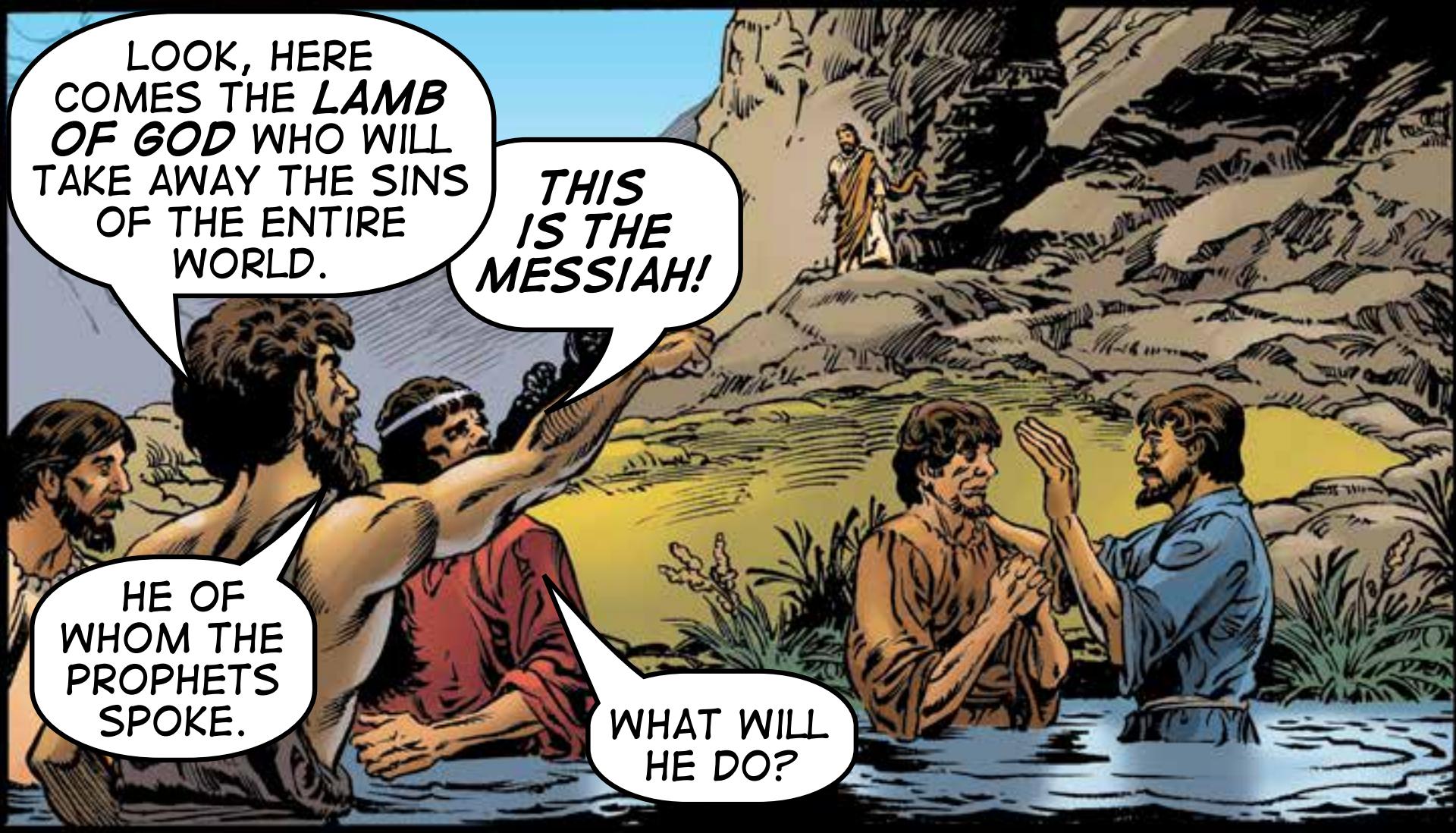




CHAPTER 9

EARLY
MINISTRY



LOOK, HERE
COMES THE **LAMB**
OF GOD WHO WILL
TAKE AWAY THE SINS
OF THE ENTIRE
WORLD.

THIS
IS THE
MESSIAH!

HE OF
WHOM THE
PROPHETS
SPOKE.

WHAT WILL
HE DO?



BUT I
CANNOT
LEAVE YOU,
MASTER.

FOLLOW
JESUS.

I AM NOT YOUR MASTER.
I MUST **DECREASE** TO NOTHING
AND HE MUST **INCREASE** UNTIL HE IS
ALL. HE IS TRULY THE MESSIAH, THE
SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. **FOLLOW HIM.**



MASTER, WE WOULD FOLLOW YOU AND BE YOUR **STUDENTS**. WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?

COME
AND SEE.

**PHILIP,
FOLLOW ME.**

**YES MASTER,
WE HAVE WAITED
FOR YOU, BUT FIRST I
MUST GO AND FIND
NATHANAEL.**

**HE, TOO,
HAS OBEYED
THE LAWS OF GOD
AND WAITED FOR
MESSIAH.**

HE IS IN
THE ORCHARD.
IS ANYTHING
WRONG?

WHERE IS
NATHANAEL?

NO,
EVERYTHING IS
RIGHT.

JOHN 1:35-39, 43-45, 3:30-31

NATHANAEL,
WHERE ARE
YOU?

OVER
HERE, MY
BROTHER.

NATHANAEL, WE
HAVE **FOUND** HIM,
OF WHOM MOSES AND
THE PROPHETS WROTE,
JESUS OF NAZARETH,
THE SON OF MARY.

THE MESSIAH? YOU HAVE TALKED TO HIM? BUT NAZARETH? NOTHING GOOD HAS EVER COME OUT OF NAZARETH. HOW COULD THE MESSIAH COME FROM SUCH A POOR, IGNORANT PLACE? HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAH.



COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. JOHN TESTIFIED OF HIM, AND ANDREW IS WITH HIM.



TRULY, HERE IS
AN ISRAELITE WITH A
PURE HEART.

PHILIP, DID
YOU TELL HIM
ANYTHING
ABOUT ME?

NOT A
THING.



YOU DO NOT KNOW ME. HOW CAN YOU SAY I HAVE A PURE HEART?



BEFORE PHILIP CALLED YOU, WHEN YOU WERE STILL SITTING UNDER THE FIG TREE, I SAW YOU THERE.



HOW COULD YOU HAVE SEEN ME? NO ONE KNEW WHERE I WAS.



**YOU ARE THE
SON OF GOD.
YOU ARE THE KING
OF ISRAEL.**

**DOES THIS IMPRESS
YOU? YOU WILL SEE GREATER
WONDERS THAN THIS. YOU WILL
SEE HEAVEN OPENED AND THE
ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDING AND
DESCENDING ON ME. COME. WE
HAVE MUCH TO DO.**

JOHN 1:45-51

ANDREW ALSO WENT
LOOKING FOR HIS BROTHER
TO TELL HIM OF JESUS.





A comic book illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. On the left, Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wears a white robe with a yellow sash. He is gesturing towards a man named Simon. In the center, Simon, also with a beard and short hair, wears a brown robe and looks surprised. A speech bubble above Jesus contains the text: "YOU ARE SIMON THE SON OF JONA, BUT YOU WILL BE CALLED PETER." On the right, another man with a beard and curly hair, wearing a white robe, looks on. In the background, there's a body of water, distant hills, and a town with buildings. The style is characteristic of mid-20th-century religious comic books.

YOU ARE
SIMON THE SON OF
JONA, BUT YOU WILL
BE CALLED **PETER**.

I WILL TURN
MY BOAT OVER
TO MY FAMILY
AND FOLLOW
YOU.



SOON JESUS HAD CHOSEN TWELVE MEN WHO FOLLOWED HIM AND HEARD HIS TEACHINGS.

THEY WOULD BE CALLED THE TWELVE DISCIPLES. THEY WENT FROM CITY TO CITY PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WENT INTO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY, BUT IT WAS FILLED WITH PEOPLE SELLING STUFF.

WHY DO I HAVE TO CHANGE MY MONEY BEFORE I GIVE IT TO THE TEMPLE? SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE MAKING QUITE A PROFIT.

THE PRIESTS ARE CORRUPT. THEY MAKE A PROFIT FROM EVERYTHING THAT IS SOLD IN THE TEMPLE.

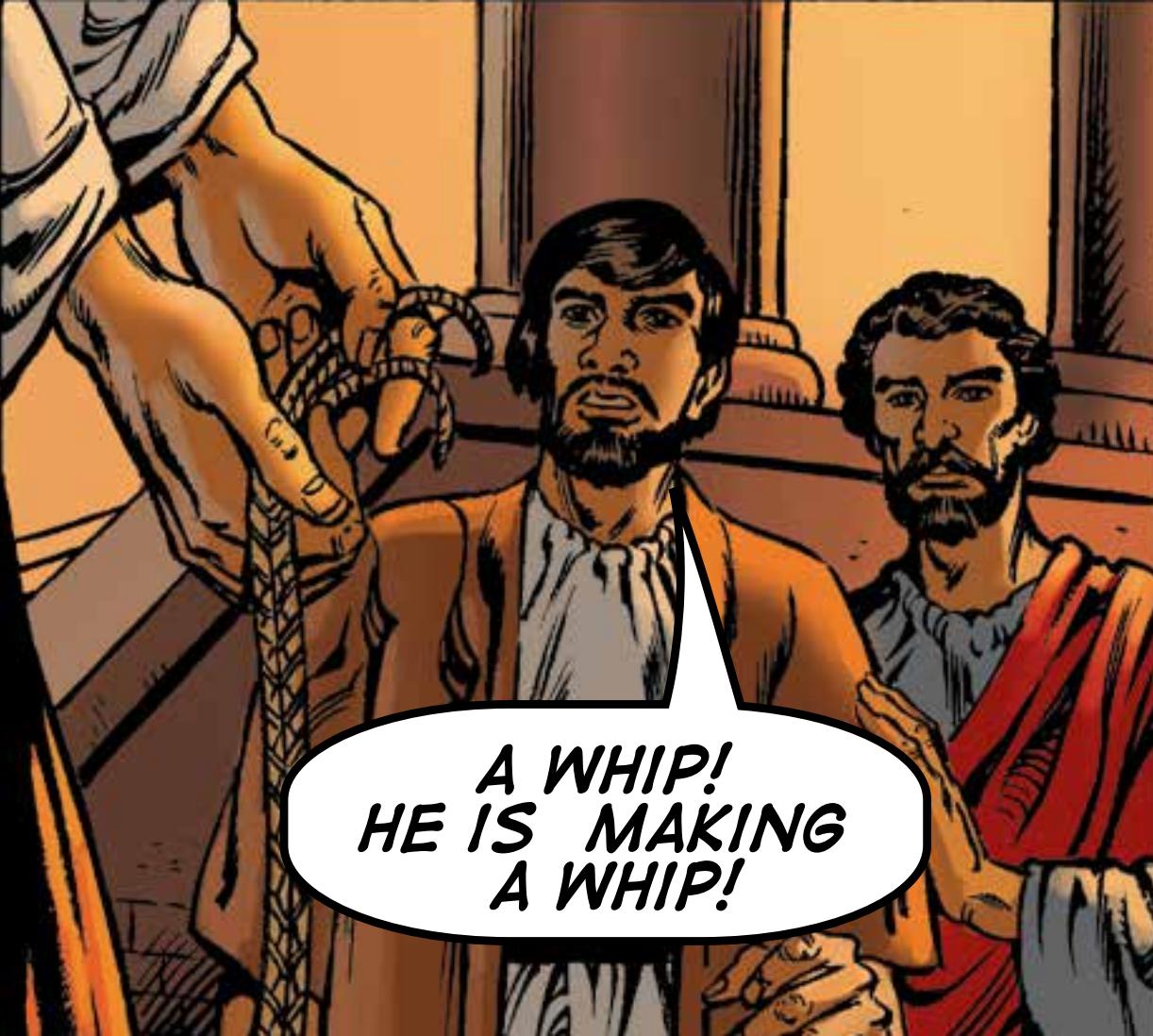
THE PRIESTS APPROVE OF IT.

MARK 3:16; JOHN 1:40-42, 2:12-14



WHAT IS HE DOING? HE HAS BEEN STANDING IN THAT ONE SPOT FOR ALMOST ONE *HOUR*, NOT SAYING ANYTHING, JUST WEAVING THAT CORD INTO *SOMETHING*.

WE MADE QUITE A PROFIT TODAY. THIS IS BETTER THAN *WORKING* FOR A LIVING.



A WHIP!
HE IS MAKING
A WHIP!



MY FATHER'S HOUSE
SHOULD BE A PLACE OF
PRAYER, BUT YOU HAVE
TURNED IT INTO A DEN OF
THIEVES. CLEAR IT ALL
OUT. **NOW!**

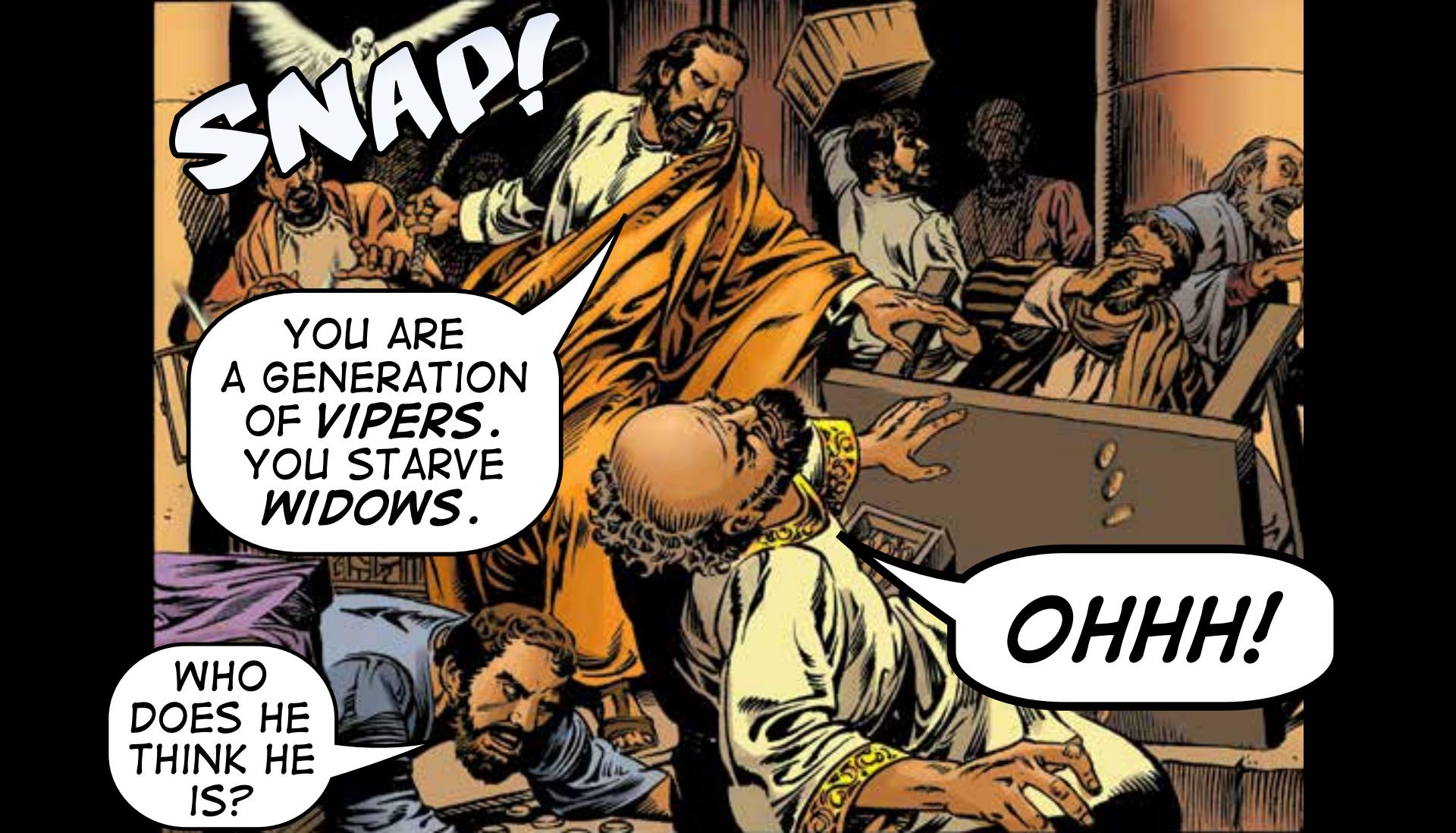
HIS FATHER'S
HOUSE! WHO DOES
HE THINK HE IS?
MESSIAH?



MAKE NOT
MY FATHER'S
HOUSE A HOUSE OF
MERCANDISE. YOU
ARE A BUNCH OF
THIEVES.

CRASH!

SNAP!



YOU ARE
A GENERATION
OF VIPERS.
YOU STARVE
WIDOWS.

OHHH!

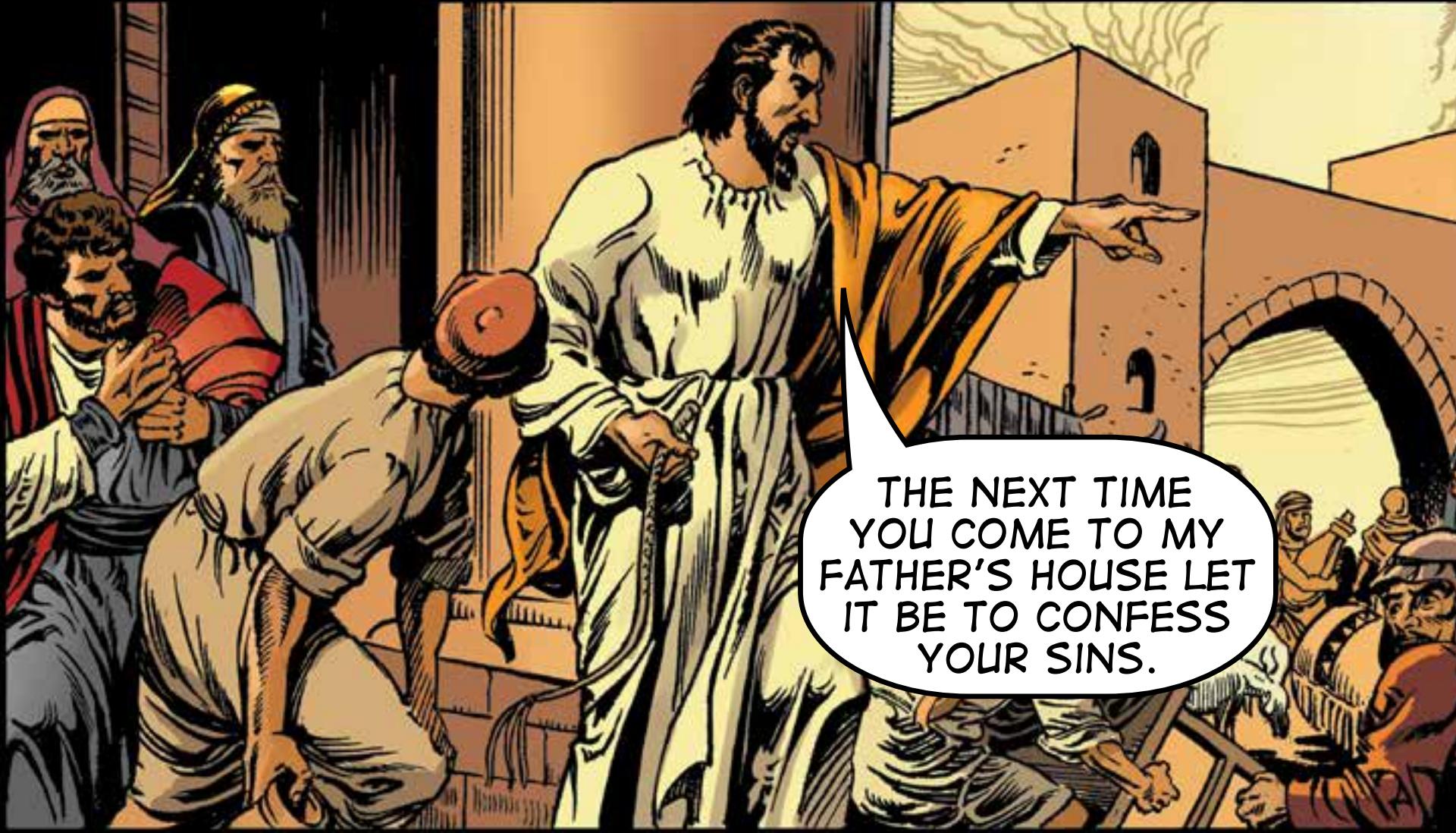
WHO
DOES HE
THINK HE
IS?



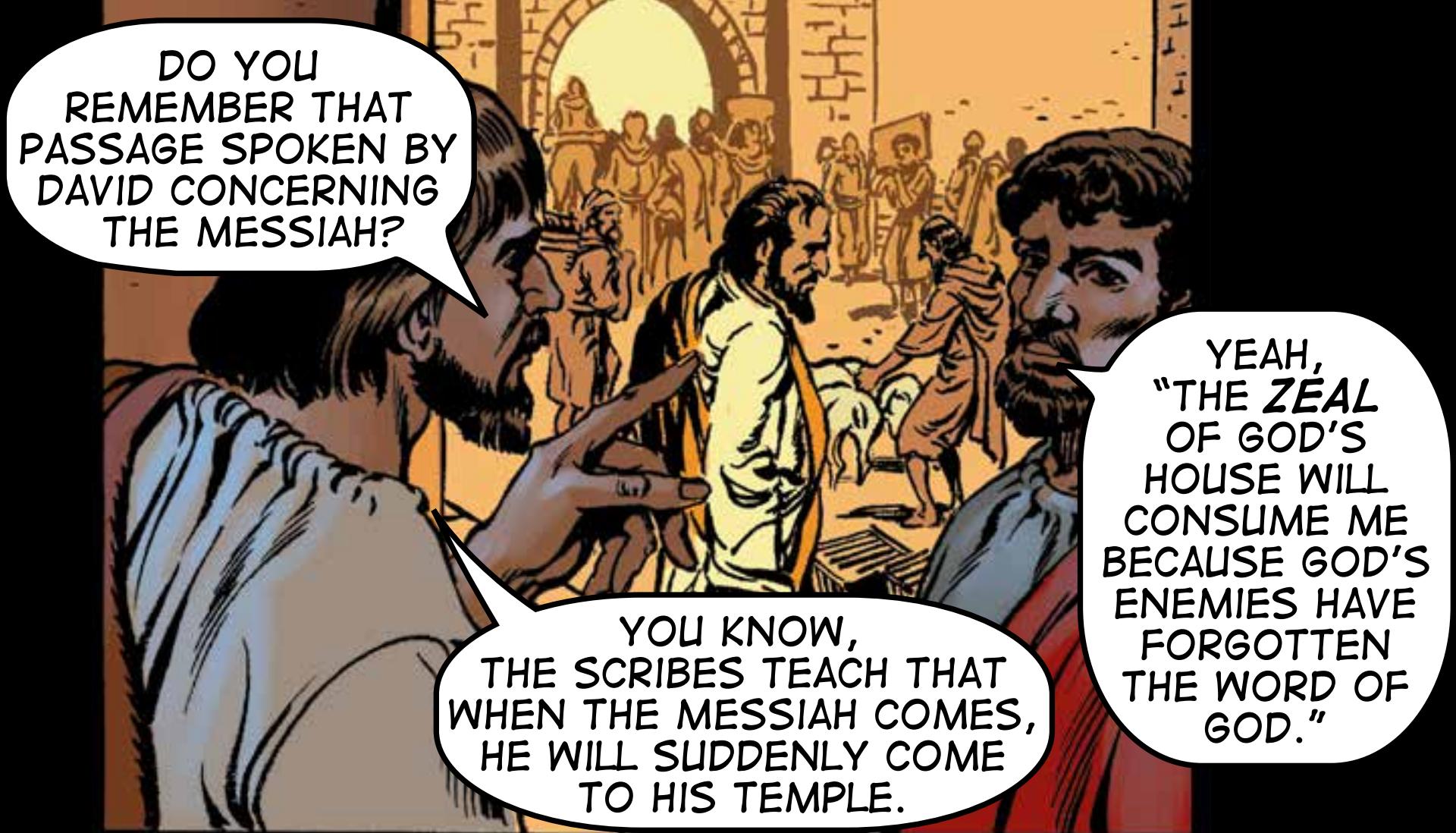
MATTHEW 6:5-7,
12:34; JOHN 2:15-16;
1 TIMOTHY 6:10

FOR A PRETENSE
YOU MAKE LONG
PRAYERS.

YOU DON'T LOVE
YOUR **NEIGHBOR**;
YOU LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR'S
MONEY.



THE NEXT TIME
YOU COME TO MY
FATHER'S HOUSE LET
IT BE TO CONFESS
YOUR SINS.



DO YOU
REMEMBER THAT
PASSAGE SPOKEN BY
DAVID CONCERNING
THE MESSIAH?

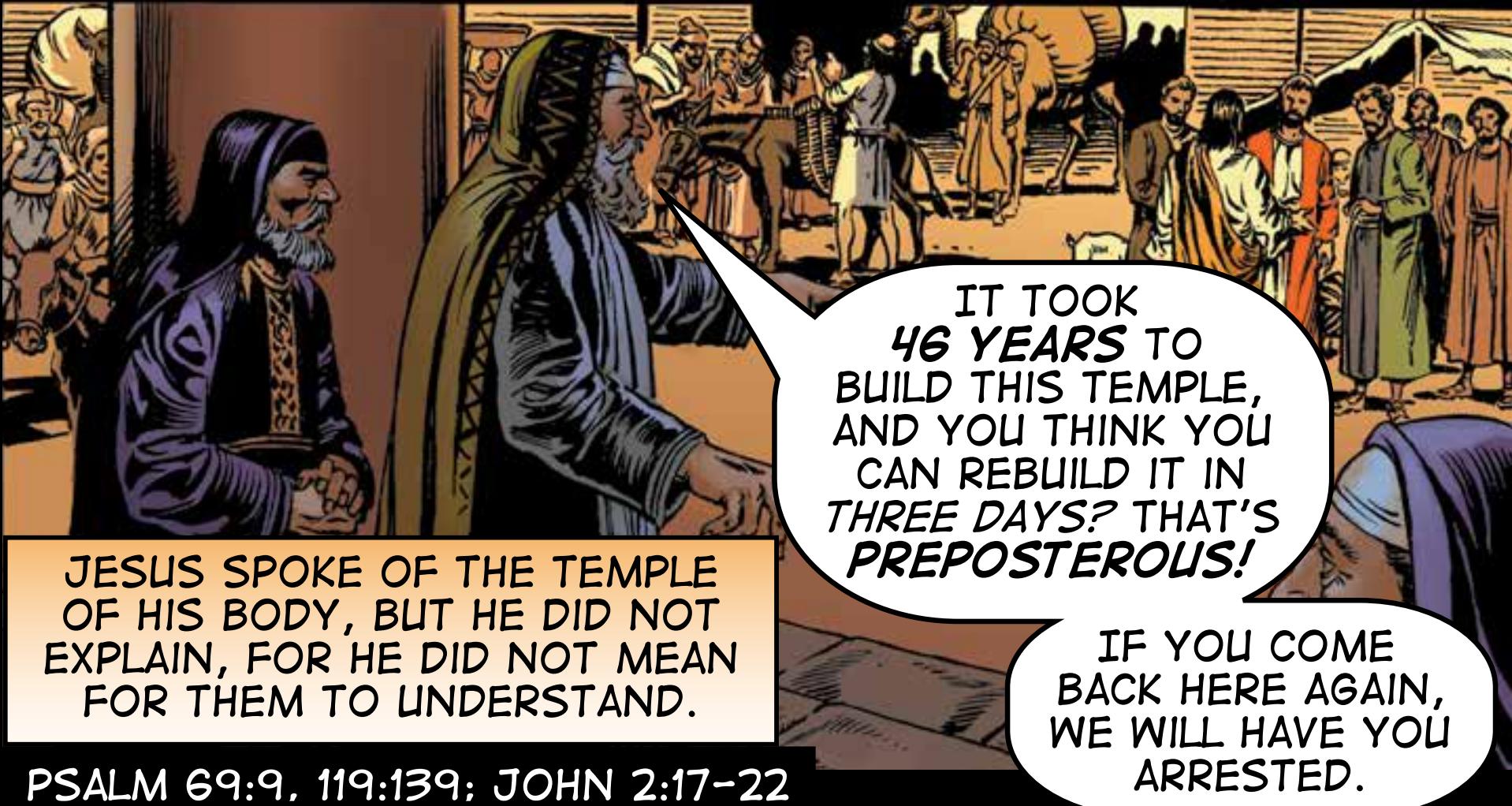
YOU KNOW,
THE SCRIBES TEACH THAT
WHEN THE MESSIAH COMES,
HE WILL SUDDENLY COME
TO HIS TEMPLE.

YEAH,
“THE ZEAL
OF GOD’S
HOUSE WILL
CONSUME ME
BECAUSE GOD’S
ENEMIES HAVE
FORGOTTEN
THE WORD OF
GOD.”



I SUPPOSE YOU ARE
THIS JESUS OF NAZARETH
OF WHOM JOHN SPEAKS.
YOU HAVE CAUSED A LOT OF
TROUBLE TODAY. WHAT SIGN
WILL YOU SHOW US?

THE PROOF
THAT I AM MESSIAH
WILL BE SEEN WHEN
YOU DESTROY THIS
TEMPLE. IN THREE
DAYS I WILL **RAISE**
IT UP AGAIN.



PSALM 69:9, 119:139; JOHN 2:17-22

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES LEFT JERUSALEM AND WENT BACK NORTH TO NAZARETH, JESUS' HOMETOWN.



WE ARE SO **GLAD** TO
SEE ONE OF OUR OWN RETURN
WITH HIS FRIENDS. WE HAVE BEEN
HEARING **STRANGE THINGS** OF
THEM. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
MORE OF THIS LATER.

BUT FOR
NOW, JESUS,
WOULD YOU DO
US THE HONOR
OF READING
THE SCRIPTURE
TODAY?

AS WAS HIS CUSTOM,
JESUS WENT INTO
THE SYNAGOGUE, THE
JEWISH PLACE OF
RELIGIOUS WORSHIP,
ON THE SABBATH*.



*THE SABBATH IS A WEEKLY RELIGIOUS DAY OF REST ESTABLISHED BY GOD ON THE SEVENTH DAY AND ORDAINED AS ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO THE JEWS (GENESIS 2:2-3; EXODUS 20:10).
LUKE 4:16-21

JESUS TURNED TO THE PROPHET ISAIAH AND FOUND A WELL-KNOWN PROPHECY OF MESSIAH.



"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR, AND TO GIVE SIGHT BACK TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE THAT ARE BRUISED, AND TO PREACH THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR GOD TO BRING SALVATION TO HIS PEOPLE."



TODAY,
THIS PROPHECY
IS FULFILLED.



BLASPHEMY!

YOU
ARE JUST A
CARPENTER'S
SON.

JUST CALM
DOWN. WE ARE
LEAVING.

STONE
HIM TO
DEATH. HE
IS CLAIMING
TO BE
MESSIAH!

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO CAPERNAUM, A CITY ON THE LAKE WHERE SOME OF HIS DISCIPLES LIVED. AGAIN THEY ENTERED INTO THE SYNAGOGUE.



AND THE PROPHET SAID THAT MESSIAH WOULD BE A LIGHT UNTO THE GENTILES AND IN HIM THEY WOULD TRUST. HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO IS PURE IN HIS HEART, FOR HE SHALL SEE GOD. GOD DOES NOT CAST OFF ANY WHO WOULD COME TO HIM, WHETHER HE BE JEW OR GENTILE.





I KNOW WHO
YOU ARE. YOU ARE
THE **HOLY ONE**
OF GOD.

HE IS
POSSESSED
OF DEVILS. GET
HIM OUT OF
HERE.

HAVE
YOU COME
TO DESTROY US
DEVILS **BEFORE**
OUR TIME? LET US
ALONE. WHAT HAVE
WE GOT TO DO
WITH YOU?

WHO LET HIM
IN HERE? **LOOK**
OUT! HE IS
DANGEROUS.



DEVILS, I
COMMAND YOU TO
COME OUT OF THIS
MAN AND TORMENT
HIM NO MORE!

LUKE 4:28-35



**BE
GONE!**

EEAAHHH!



WHAT
DID YOU
DO TO
HIM?

IS HE
DEAD?

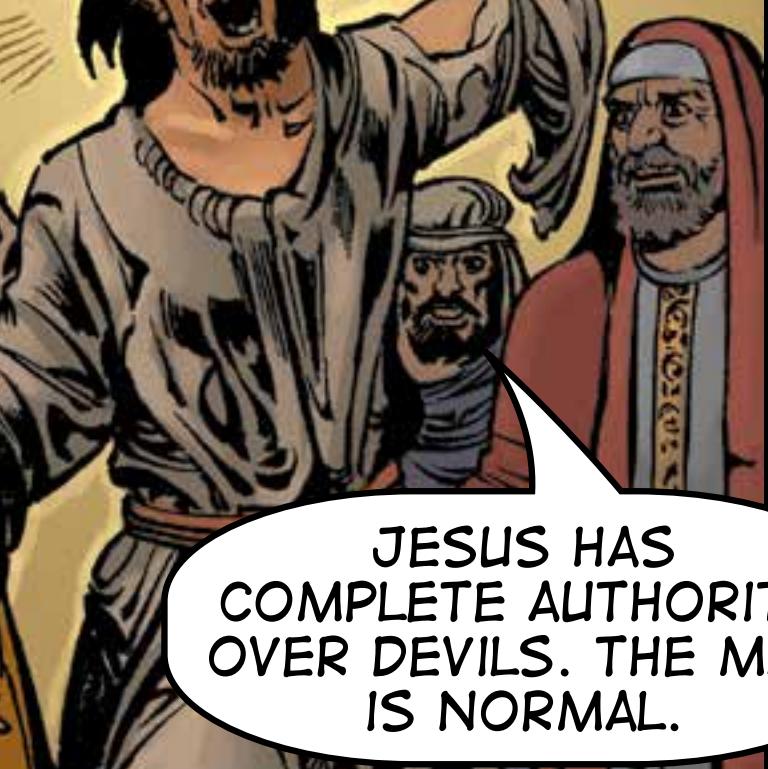
SUDDENLY, HE STOOD TO HIS FEET.



PRAISE
GOD!



THE DEVILS
ARE **GONE**. YOU
ARE FREE. NOW GO
YOUR WAY, AND
SIN NO MORE.



JESUS HAS
COMPLETE AUTHORITY
OVER DEVILS. THE MAN
IS NORMAL.



WE WILL
COME.

PETER,
YOUR
WIFE SAYS
YOU SHOULD
COME HOME.
HER MOTHER
IS **VERY SICK**
WITH A HIGH
FEVER.



OH, PETER,
MY HUSBAND, I
AM SO AFRAID.
THE FEVER GROWS
WORSE.

DON'T
BE AFRAID.
THE MASTER
IS HERE.



ARISE, DEAR
LADY, YOUR
SICKNESS IS
GONE.

MARK 1:25-30;
LUKE 4:35-38

SHE IS
GETTING
UP! SHE IS
CURED!

SHE AROSE FROM HER BED
AND MINISTERED UNTO
JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES.

WORD OF THE HEALING SPREAD, AND THEY BROUGHT MANY SICK PEOPLE TO JESUS.



MASTER, MY FATHER HAS BEEN
PARALYZED SINCE I
WAS A LITTLE BOY. A LOG
FELL ON HIM AND BROKE
HIS BACK. **PLEASE**, IF
YOU CAN, HELP.

ARISE
AND WALK.



**GLORY
TO GOD!**

I CAN
WALK! IT'S A
MIRACLE!

MASTER, MY
DAUGHTER WAS
BORN **BLIND**,
CAN YOU HELP
HER?

MARK 1:30-34; LUKE 4:38-40

AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS,
“THE **BLIND** SHALL RECEIVE THEIR
SIGHT.” YOUR DAUGHTER
NOW SEES.



A close-up illustration of a woman's face, looking upwards with a hopeful expression. She has dark, curly hair, green eyes, and is wearing a red headband and a large gold hoop earring. A speech bubble originates from her mouth, containing the text.

**DADDY, IS
THAT YOU?**



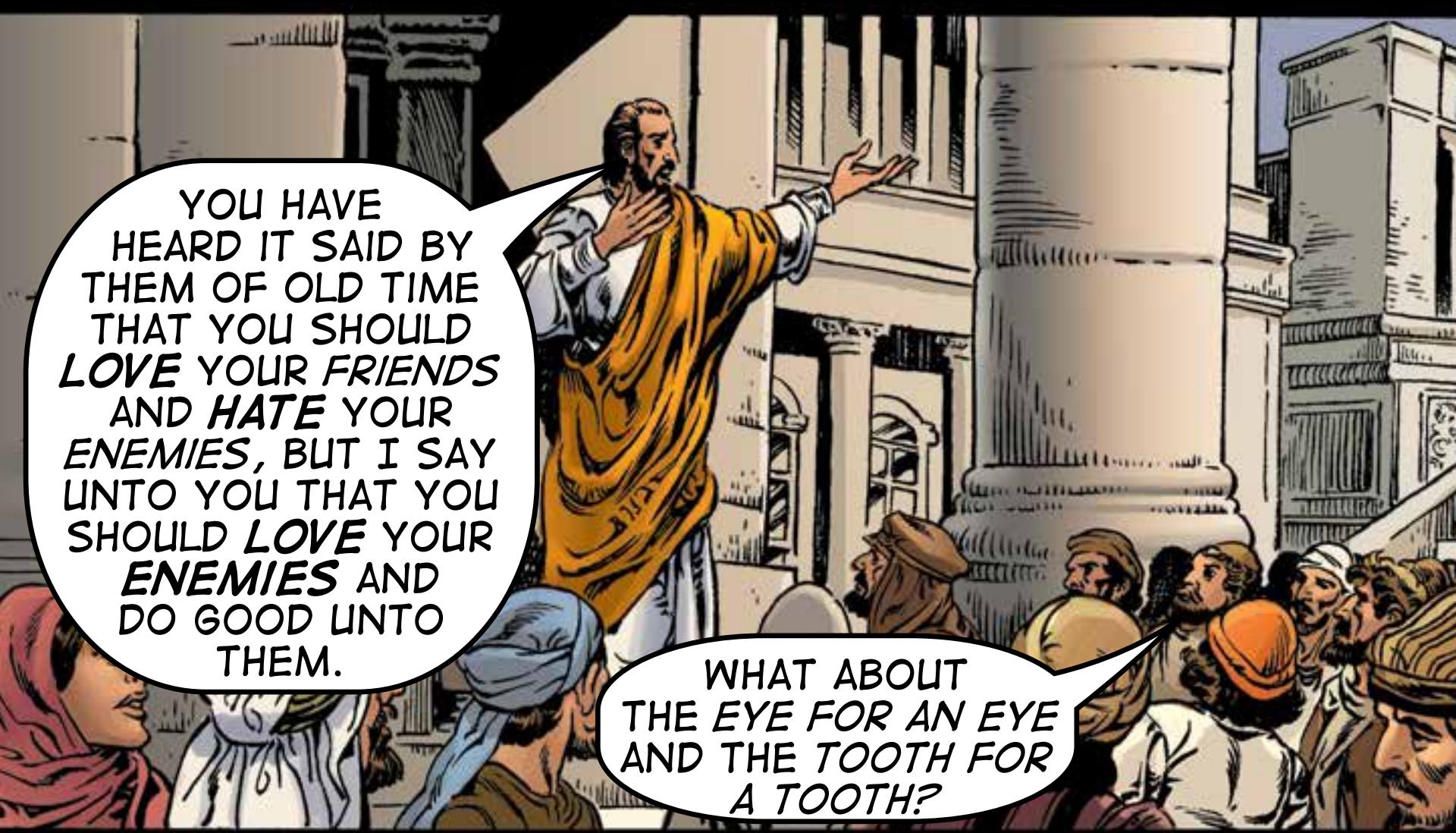
OH, DADDY, I
NEVER KNEW WHAT
YOU LOOKED LIKE,
BUT YOU ARE MORE
HANDSOME THAN I
IMAGINED.

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WENT DOWN TO JERUSALEM DURING THE FEAST DAYS, AND JESUS TAUGHT IN THE TEMPLE.



WHEN MEN COMMIT A TRESPASS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD **FORGIVE** THEM. YOU WILL BE BLESSED IF YOU HAVE A **PURE HEART**, FOR YOU WILL SEE GOD. IF YOU MAKE PEACE, YOU WILL BE MOST BLESSED.

WHEN SOMEONE CURSES YOU, DO **NOT** RETURN THE CURSING, BUT RATHER PRAY THAT A **BLESSING** WILL COME ON THEM. TREAT OTHER PEOPLE THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED IF YOU WERE IN THEIR PLACE.



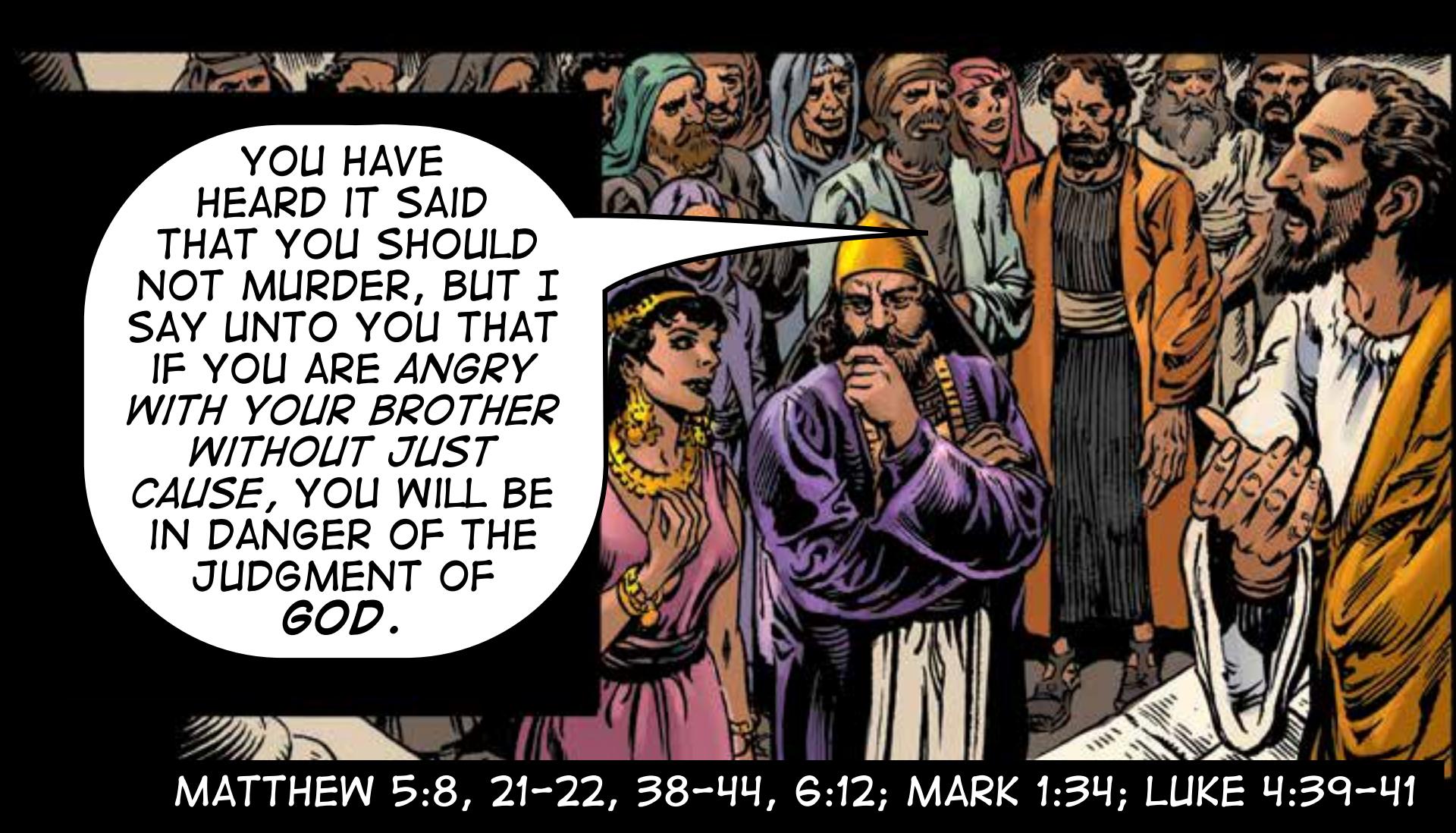
A man with a beard and a yellow shawl over his shoulders stands on a raised platform, gesturing with his right hand. He is speaking to a group of people in a city setting with buildings and columns in the background. A speech bubble originates from him.

YOU HAVE
HEARD IT SAID BY
THEM OF OLD TIME
THAT YOU SHOULD
LOVE YOUR FRIENDS
AND **HATE YOUR**
ENEMIES, BUT I SAY
UNTO YOU THAT YOU
SHOULD **LOVE YOUR**
ENEMIES AND
DO GOOD UNTO
THEM.

WHAT ABOUT
THE EYE FOR AN EYE
AND THE TOOTH FOR
A TOOTH?



IF A MAN STRIKES YOU ON ONE CHEEK, TURN THE **OTHER CHEEK** SO THAT HE MIGHT STRIKE IT ALSO. DO NOT BE VIOLENT. IF YOU SEE THAT YOUR NEIGHBOR NEEDS A COAT AND YOU HAVE TWO, THEN GIVE HIM ONE. IF HE IS HUNGRY, **FEED** HIM. YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL SEE AND **BLESS** YOU FOR IT.

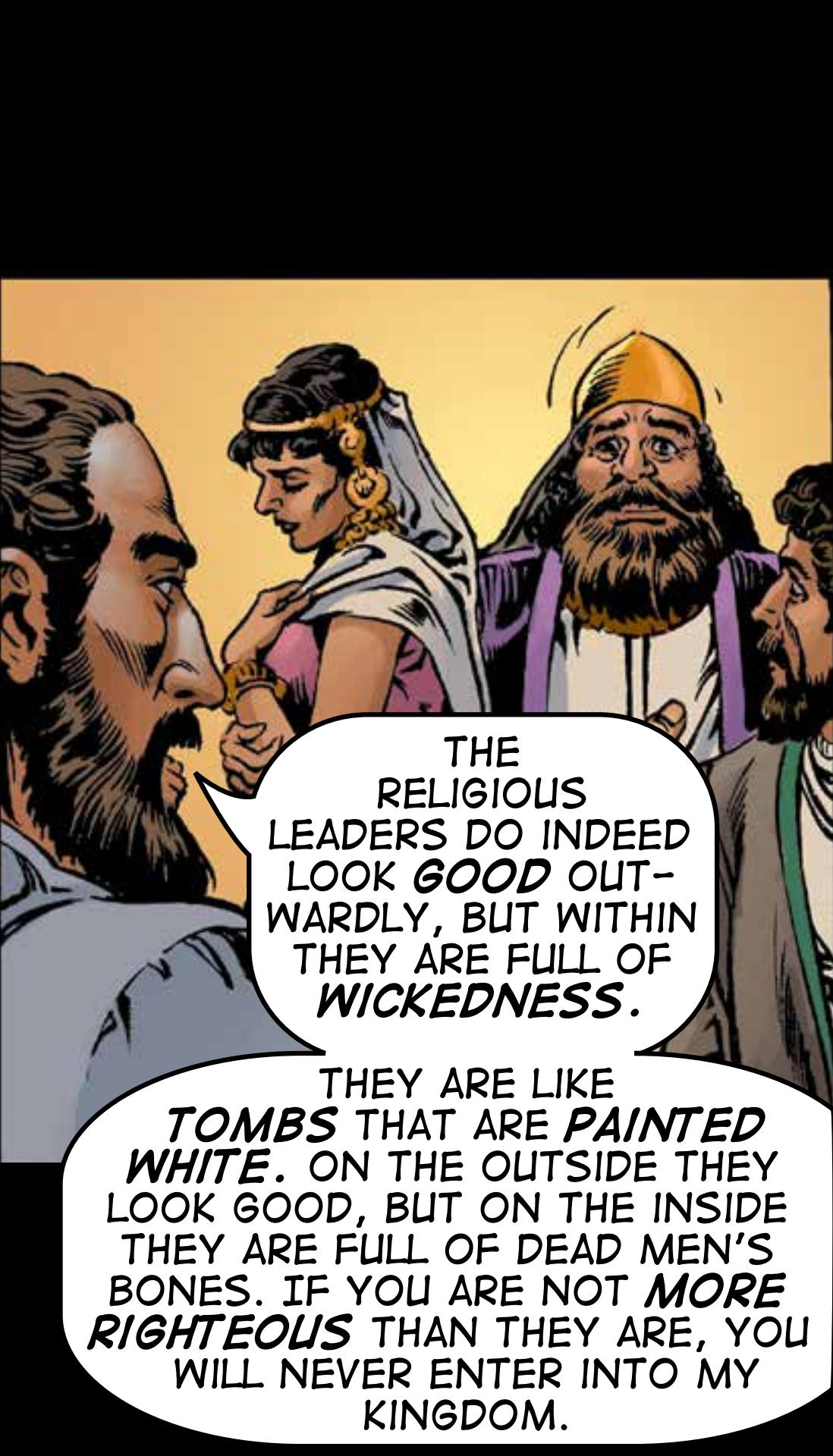


YOU HAVE
HEARD IT SAID
THAT YOU SHOULD
NOT MURDER, BUT I
SAY UNTO YOU THAT
IF YOU ARE ANGRY
WITH YOUR BROTHER
WITHOUT JUST
CAUSE, YOU WILL BE
IN DANGER OF THE
JUDGMENT OF
GOD.

MATTHEW 5:8, 21-22, 38-44, 6:12; MARK 1:34; LUKE 4:39-41

YOU
HAVE HEARD IT
SAID THAT A MAN
SHOULD NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY, BUT I
SAY UNTO YOU THAT
IF YOU SO MUCH AS
LOOK UPON A WOMAN
TO **LUST** AFTER HER,
YOU HAVE COMMITTED
ADULTERY WITH HER
ALREADY IN YOUR
HEART.





THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS DO INDEED LOOK **GOOD** OUTWARDLY, BUT WITHIN THEY ARE FULL OF **WICKEDNESS**.

THEY ARE LIKE **TOMBS** THAT ARE **PAINTED WHITE**. ON THE OUTSIDE THEY LOOK GOOD, BUT ON THE INSIDE THEY ARE FULL OF DEAD MEN'S BONES. IF YOU ARE NOT **MORE RIGHTEOUS** THAN THEY ARE, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER INTO MY KINGDOM.



THERE IS
A BROAD WAY
THAT LEADS TO
DESTRUCTION
AND MANY ARE
TRAVELING IT.

I AM THE DOOR
TO HEAVEN. IF YOU
ENTER IN THROUGH **ME** YOU
WILL HAVE **ETERNAL** LIFE. IF
YOU TRY TO GO ANY OTHER
WAY, YOU WILL DIE IN
YOUR SINS.



WHY DO
YOU HEAL ON THE
SABBATH DAY? **MOSES**
COMMANDED THAT
WE WERE TO DO **NO**
WORK ON THE
SABBATH.

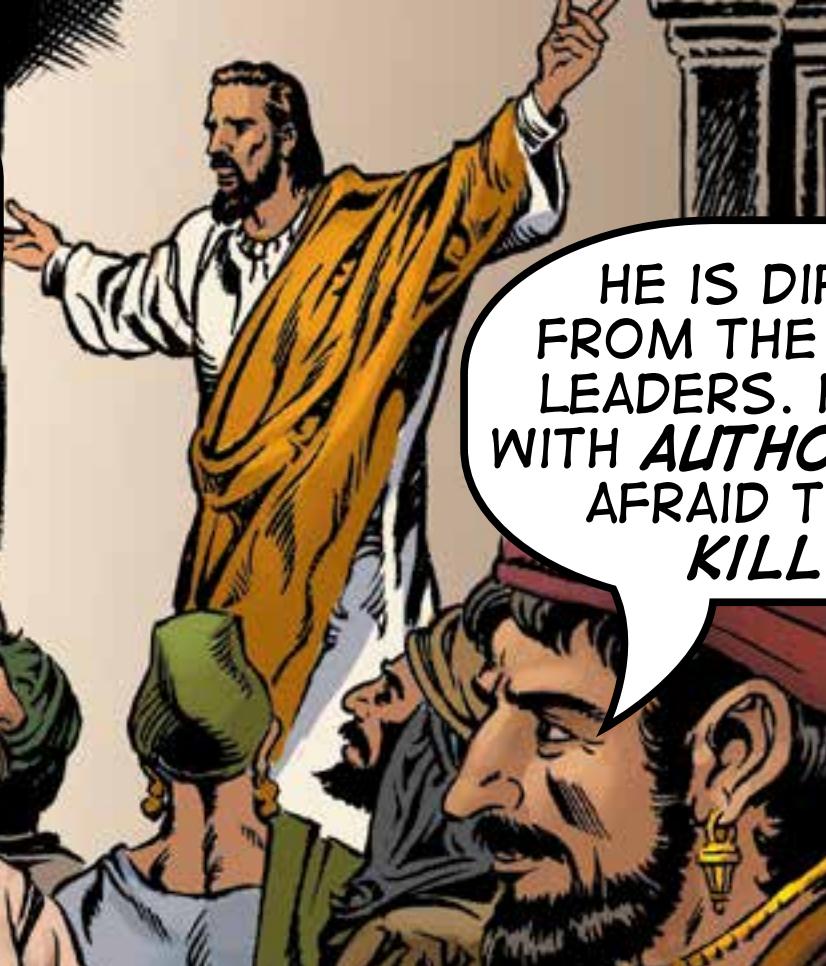
MY FATHER
SENT ME INTO
THE WORLD TO DO
HIS WORK. I DO
ONLY THOSE THINGS
THAT HE TELLS ME
TO DO.

YOU ARE
MAKING YOURSELF
EQUAL TO GOD.
THAT'S **BLASPHEMY**,
PUNISHABLE BY
DEATH!



IT IS THE
HEAVENLY FATHER'S
WILL THAT ALL MEN
SHOULD WORSHIP
AND HONOR THE SON
JUST AS THEY DO
THE FATHER.

THERE WILL COME A
TIME WHEN THOSE WHO ARE IN
THE GRAVES WILL HEAR MY VOICE
AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD, SOME
TO ETERNAL LIFE AND SOME TO
ETERNAL DAMNATION.



TRULY THIS IS
THE MESSIAH. FIRST
THE MIRACLES AND
NOW HE MAKES THIS
BOLD CLAIM.

HE IS DIFFERENT
FROM THE RELIGIOUS
LEADERS. HE SPEAKS
WITH **AUTHORITY**. I AM
AFRAID THEY WILL
KILL HIM.



I MUST
GO AND TELL
MY WIFE.

MATTHEW 5:27-28, 7:13-14, 28-29, 23:27-28;
JOHN 5:18-19, 23, 29-30, 14:6

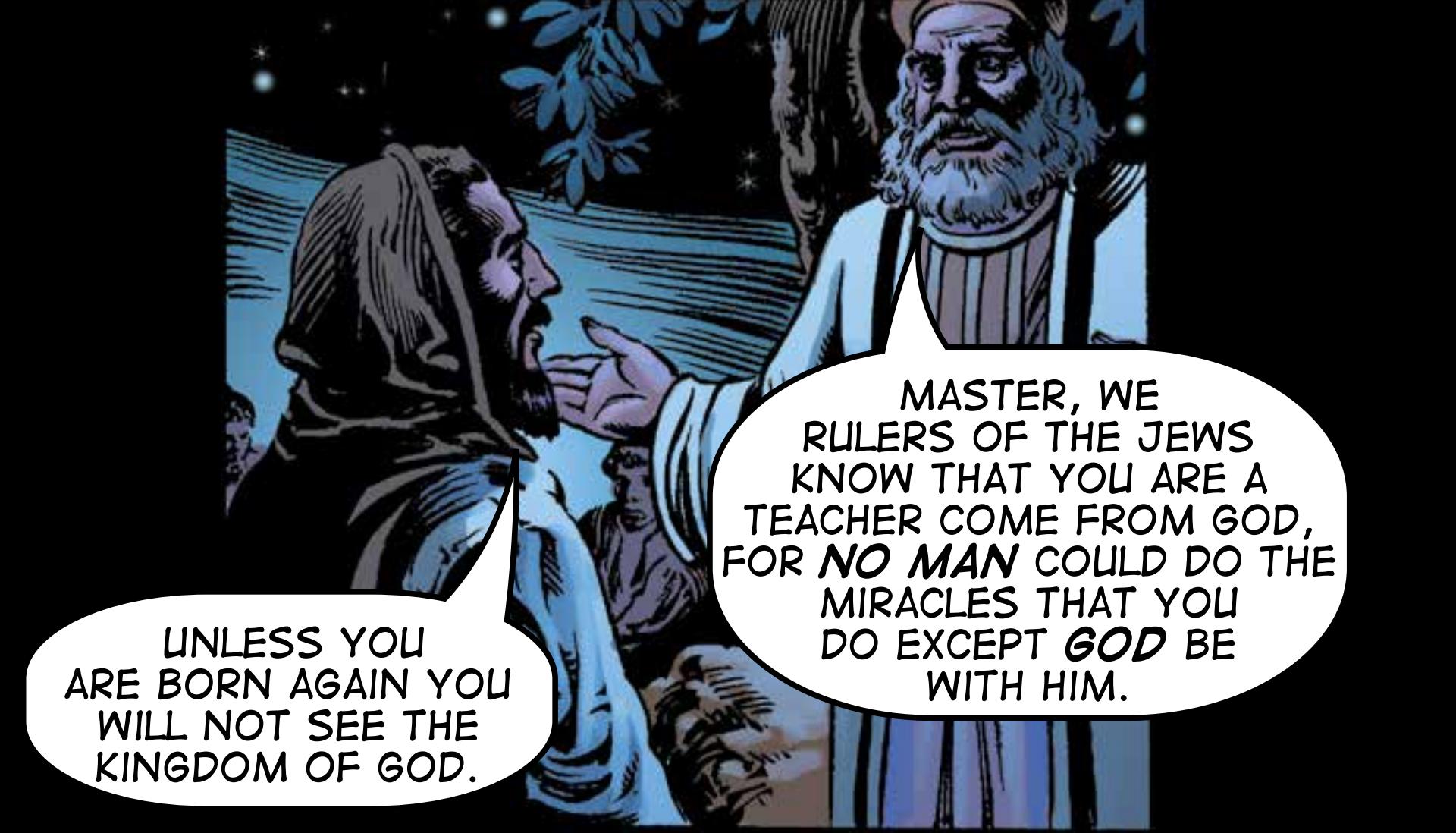


WHY DOES HE
COME AT NIGHT? IS
HE EMBARRASSED TO
BE SEEN TALKING
TO JESUS?

I WILL
GO AND TALK
WITH HIM
PRIVATELY.

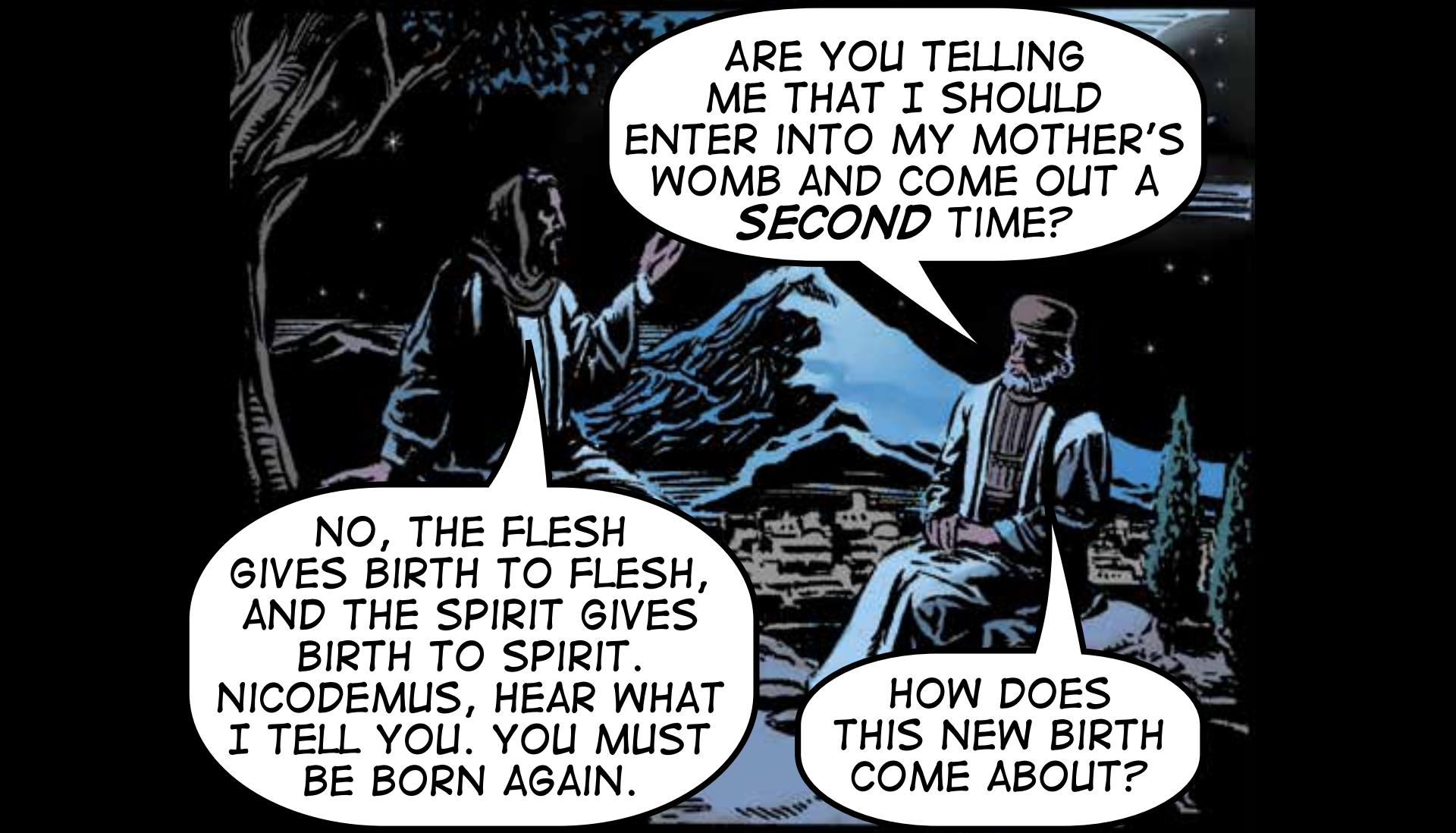
MASTER, THERE IS
A **PHARISEE*** HERE TO
SEE YOU. HE IS A **RULER**
OF THE JEWS, A VERY
IMPORTANT MAN.

*A MEMBER OF AN ANCIENT JEWISH SECT NOTED FOR STRICT
OBEDIENCE TO JEWISH TRADITIONS.

A night scene from a comic book. In the foreground, Jesus is shown from the side, wearing a white robe. He is looking up at Nicodemus, who is also in profile, facing Jesus. Nicodemus has a beard and is wearing a dark hooded cloak. They are standing outdoors under a dark sky filled with stars and some foliage in the background.

UNLESS YOU
ARE BORN AGAIN YOU
WILL NOT SEE THE
KINGDOM OF GOD.

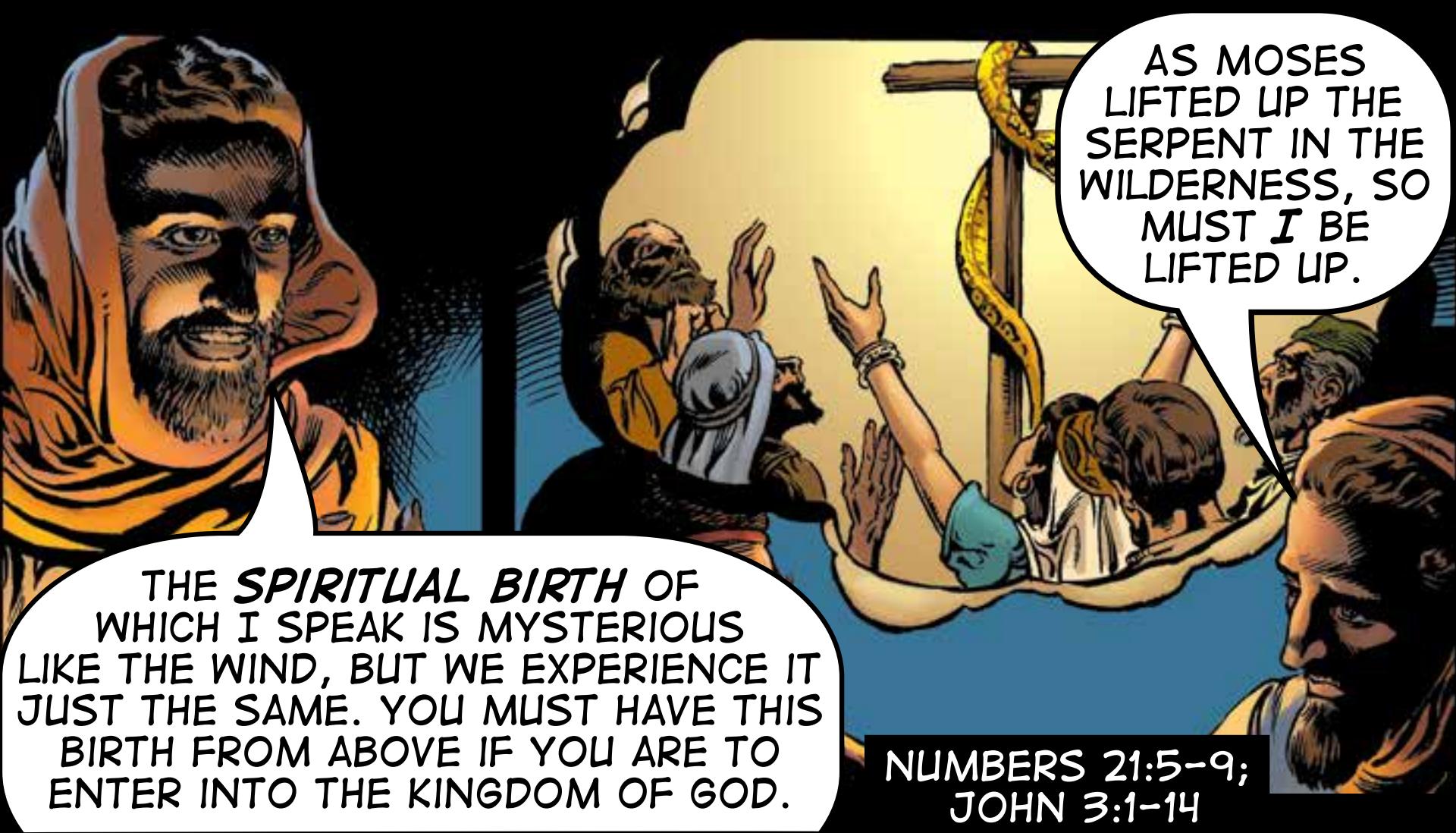
MASTER, WE
RULERS OF THE JEWS
KNOW THAT YOU ARE A
TEACHER COME FROM GOD,
FOR NO MAN COULD DO THE
MIRACLES THAT YOU
DO EXCEPT GOD BE
WITH HIM.



ARE YOU TELLING
ME THAT I SHOULD
ENTER INTO MY MOTHER'S
WOMB AND COME OUT A
SECOND TIME?

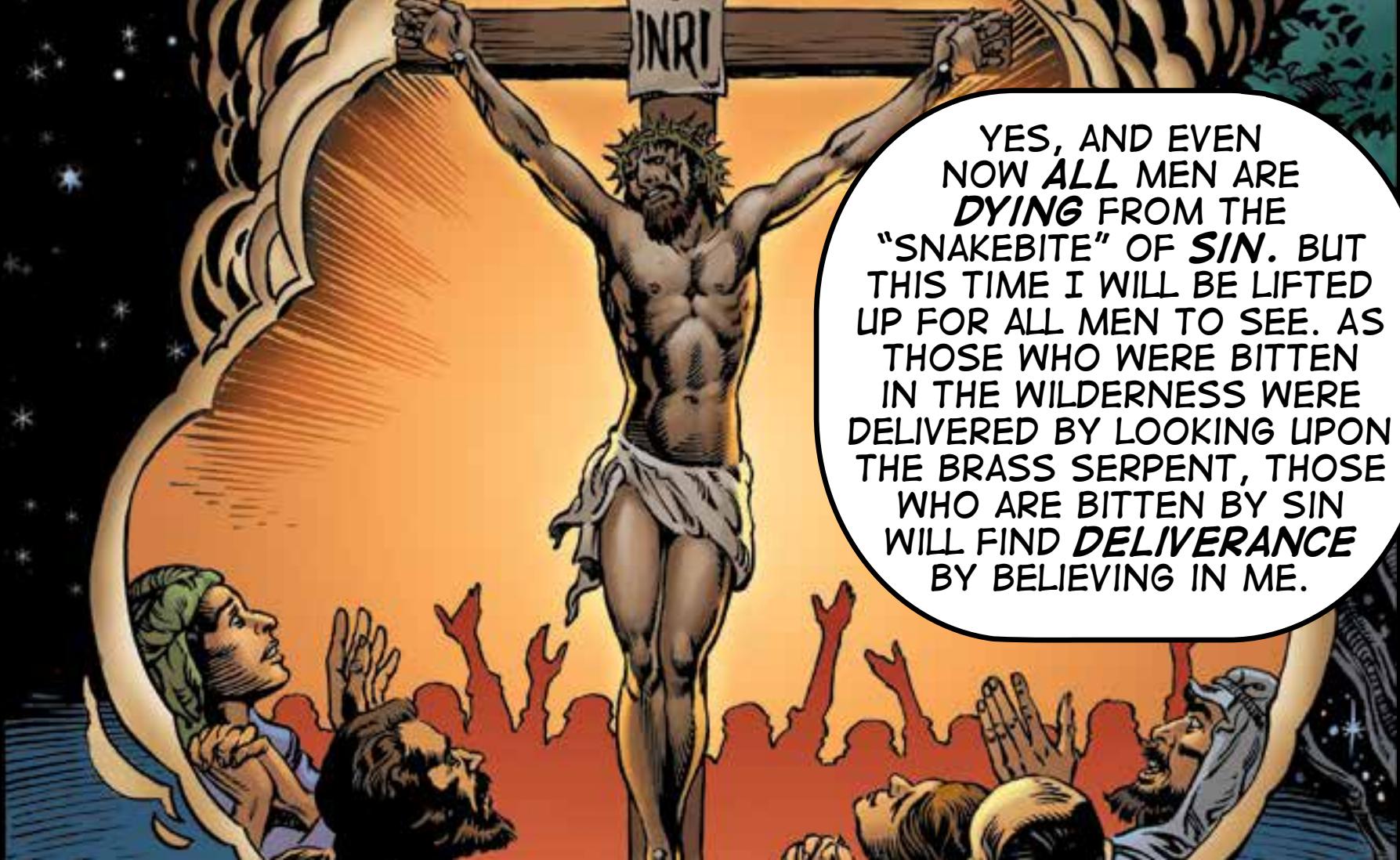
NO, THE FLESH
GIVES BIRTH TO FLESH,
AND THE SPIRIT GIVES
BIRTH TO SPIRIT.
NICODEMUS, HEAR WHAT
I TELL YOU. YOU MUST
BE BORN AGAIN.

HOW DOES
THIS NEW BIRTH
COME ABOUT?

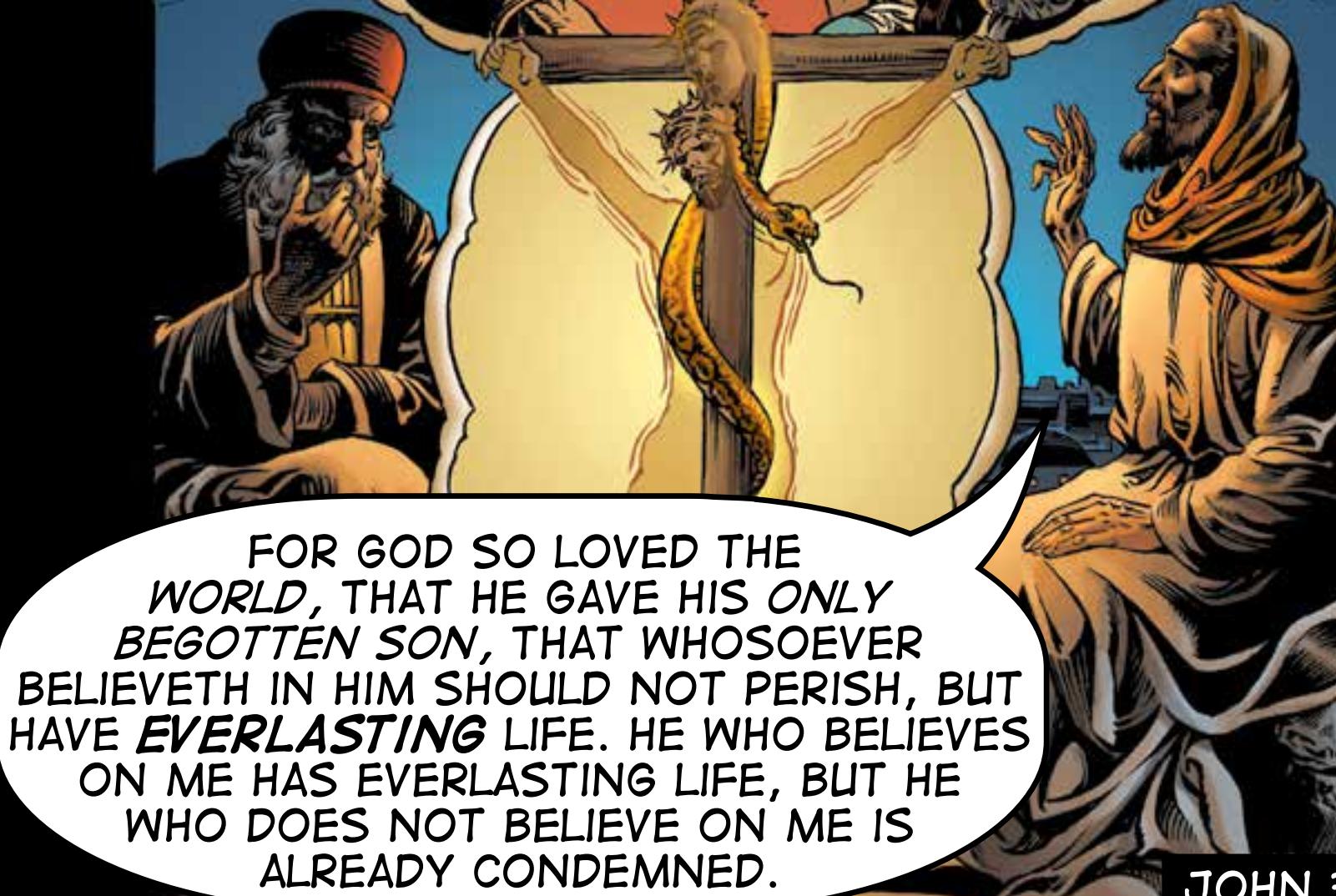


BUT THEY WERE
DYING FROM
SNAKEBITE BECAUSE
THEY HAD SINNED
AGAINST GOD.
WHEN THEY LOOKED
AT THE BRASS
SERPENT THEY
WERE INSTANTLY
HEALED.





YES, AND EVEN NOW ALL MEN ARE DYING FROM THE "SNAKEBITE" OF SIN. BUT THIS TIME I WILL BE LIFTED UP FOR ALL MEN TO SEE. AS THOSE WHO WERE BITTEN IN THE WILDERNESS WERE DELIVERED BY LOOKING UPON THE BRASS SERPENT, THOSE WHO ARE BITTEN BY SIN WILL FIND *DELIVERANCE* BY BELIEVING IN ME.



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. HE WHO BELIEVES
ON ME HAS EVERLASTING LIFE, BUT HE
WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE ON ME IS
ALREADY CONDEMNED.

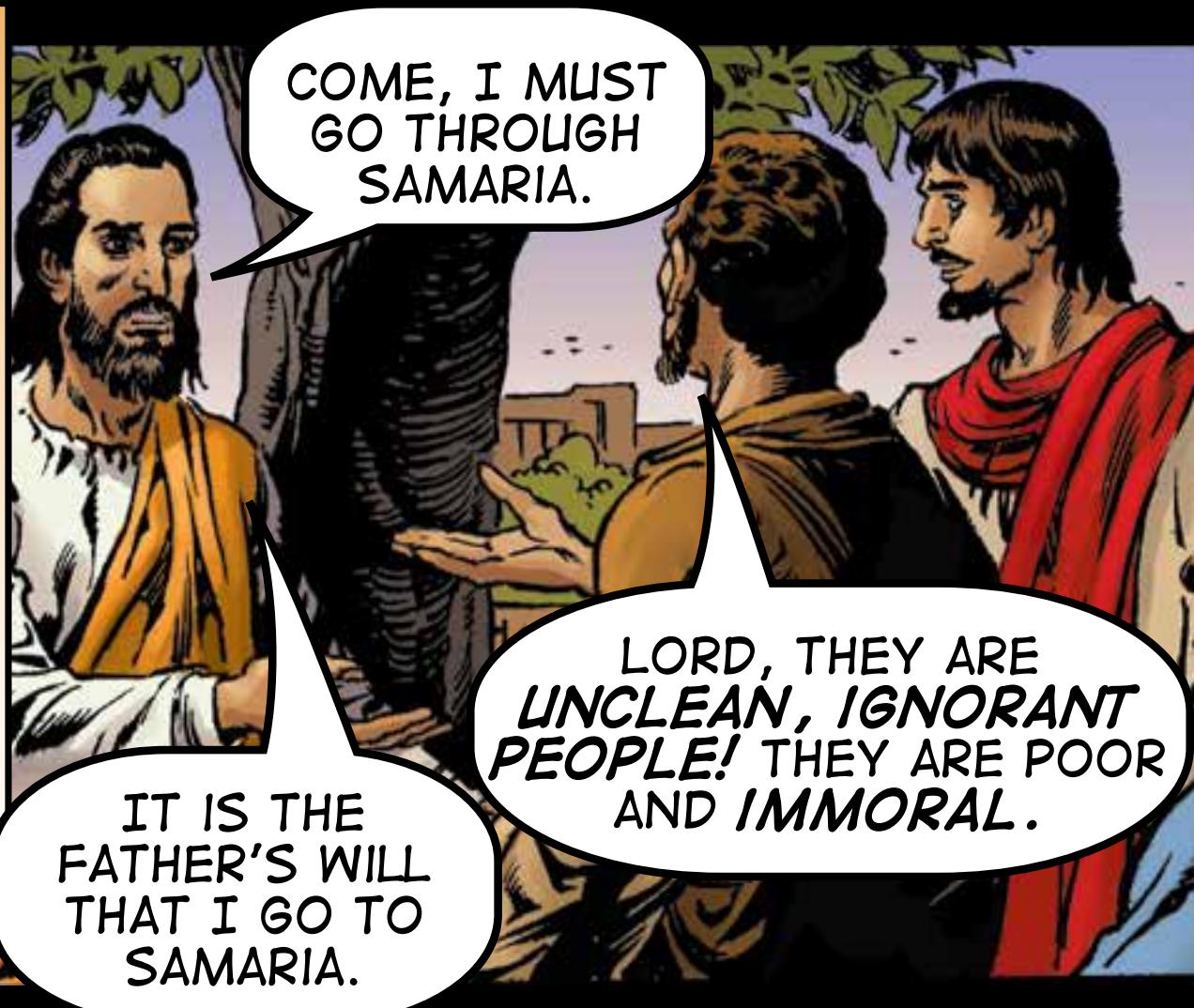
JOHN 3:14-18

SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT THE **ONLY** CURE FOR SIN, AND THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE PLACED ON A POLE TO PROVIDE DELIVERANCE.

WHEN WILL THIS NEW BIRTH OCCUR?

AFTER I HAVE BEEN LIFTED UP FOR ALL TO SEE.

THE SAMARITANS LIVED BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND GALILEE. THE JEWS AVOIDED ALL CONTACT WITH SAMARITANS, NOT EVEN PASSING THROUGH THEIR CITIES, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THE SAMARITANS TO BE SPIRITUALLY DEFILED. ONE DAY JESUS SURPRISED HIS DISCIPLES BY SAYING:



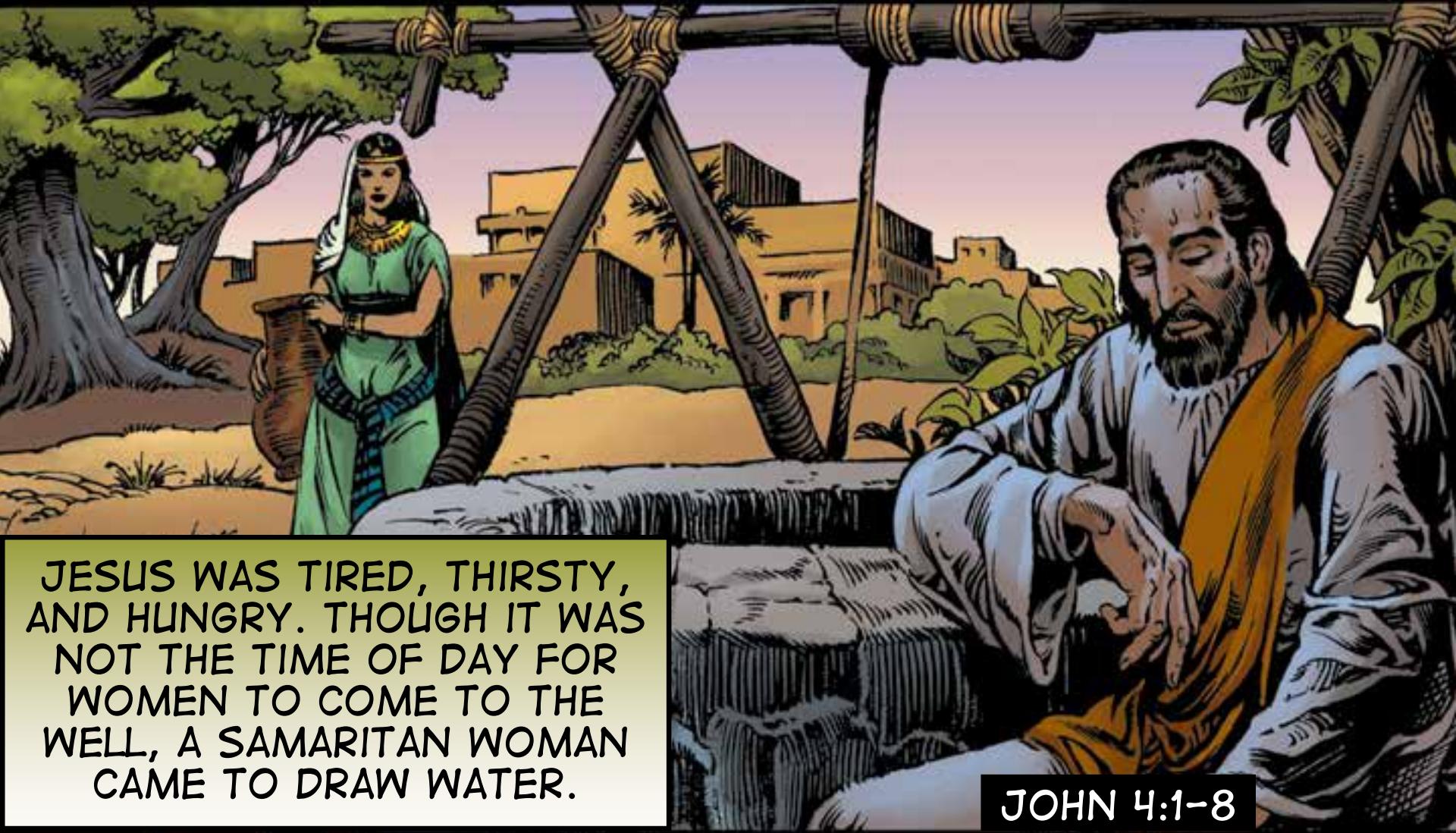
ABOUT MID-DAY
THEY ARRIVED AT
THE WELL OUTSIDE
THE CITY.



ARE YOU
GOING TO
STAY HERE
ALONE?

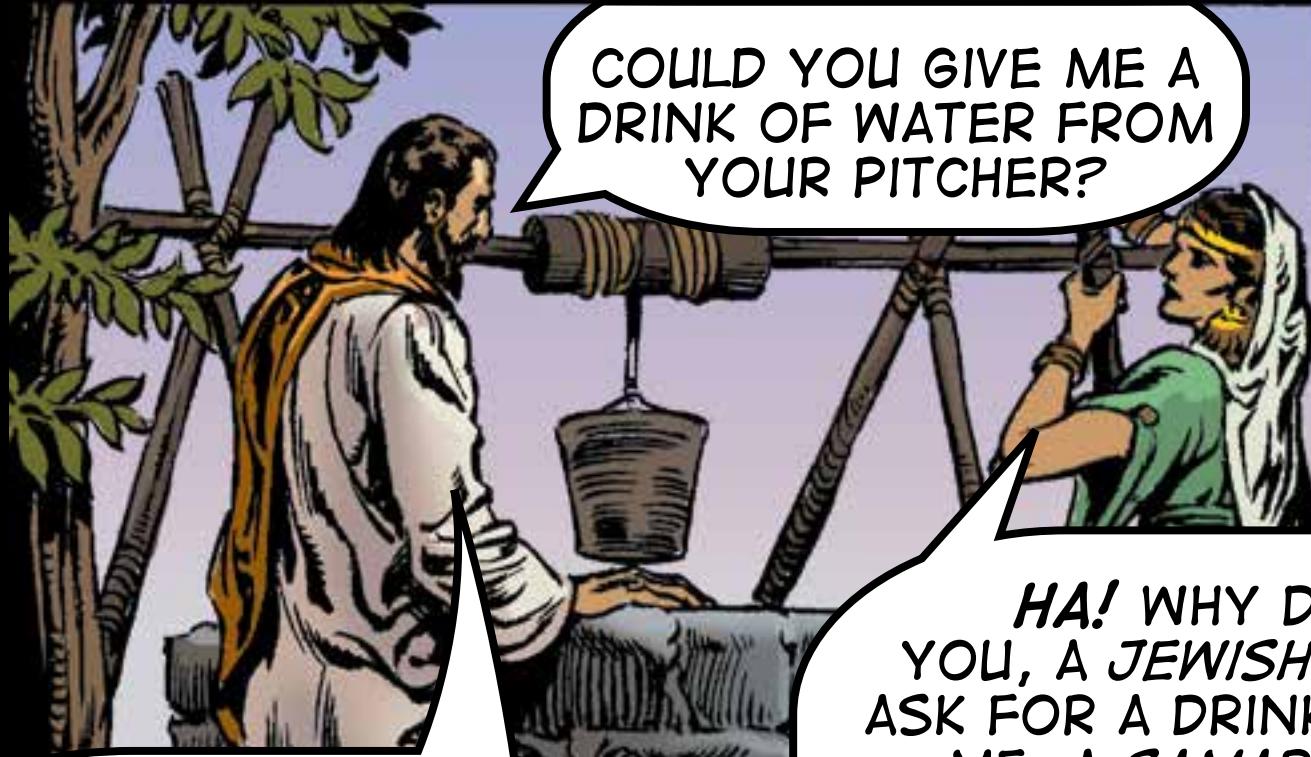
YOU GO
ON INTO TOWN
AND BUY MEAT.
I WILL **WAIT** FOR
YOU HERE BY
THE WELL.

YES, I
MUST DO THE
WORK OF MY
FATHER.



JESUS WAS TIRED, THIRSTY,
AND HUNGRY. THOUGH IT WAS
NOT THE TIME OF DAY FOR
WOMEN TO COME TO THE
WELL, A SAMARITAN WOMAN
CAME TO DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:1-8



COULD YOU GIVE ME A DRINK OF WATER FROM YOUR PITCHER?

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO I AM, YOU COULD ASK ME AND I WOULD GIVE YOU *LIVING WATER*.

HA! WHY DO YOU, A JEWISH MAN, ASK FOR A DRINK FROM ME, A SAMARITAN WOMAN? I THOUGHT YOU JEWS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH US.



**YOU OFFER ME
WATER? YOU HAVE NOTHING
TO DRAW WITH AND THE WELL IS
DEEP. WHERE ARE YOU GOING
TO GET LIVING WATER?**

**WHEN YOU
DRINK OF THIS WELL
YOU THIRST AGAIN. THE
WATER I OFFER YOU
WILL BE INSIDE YOUR
SOUL AS A SPRING OF
EVERLASTING LIFE.**

**THEN GIVE
ME A DRINK OF THIS
LIVING WATER SO THAT
I WILL NEVER THIRST
AGAIN.**

A comic book panel showing a man with a beard and a woman in a white dress. The man is on the left, looking towards the right. The woman is on the right, looking towards the left. They are both wearing traditional-style clothing.

GO AND CALL YOUR
HUSBAND AND I WILL
TELL YOU OF THIS
WATER.

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
HUSBAND.

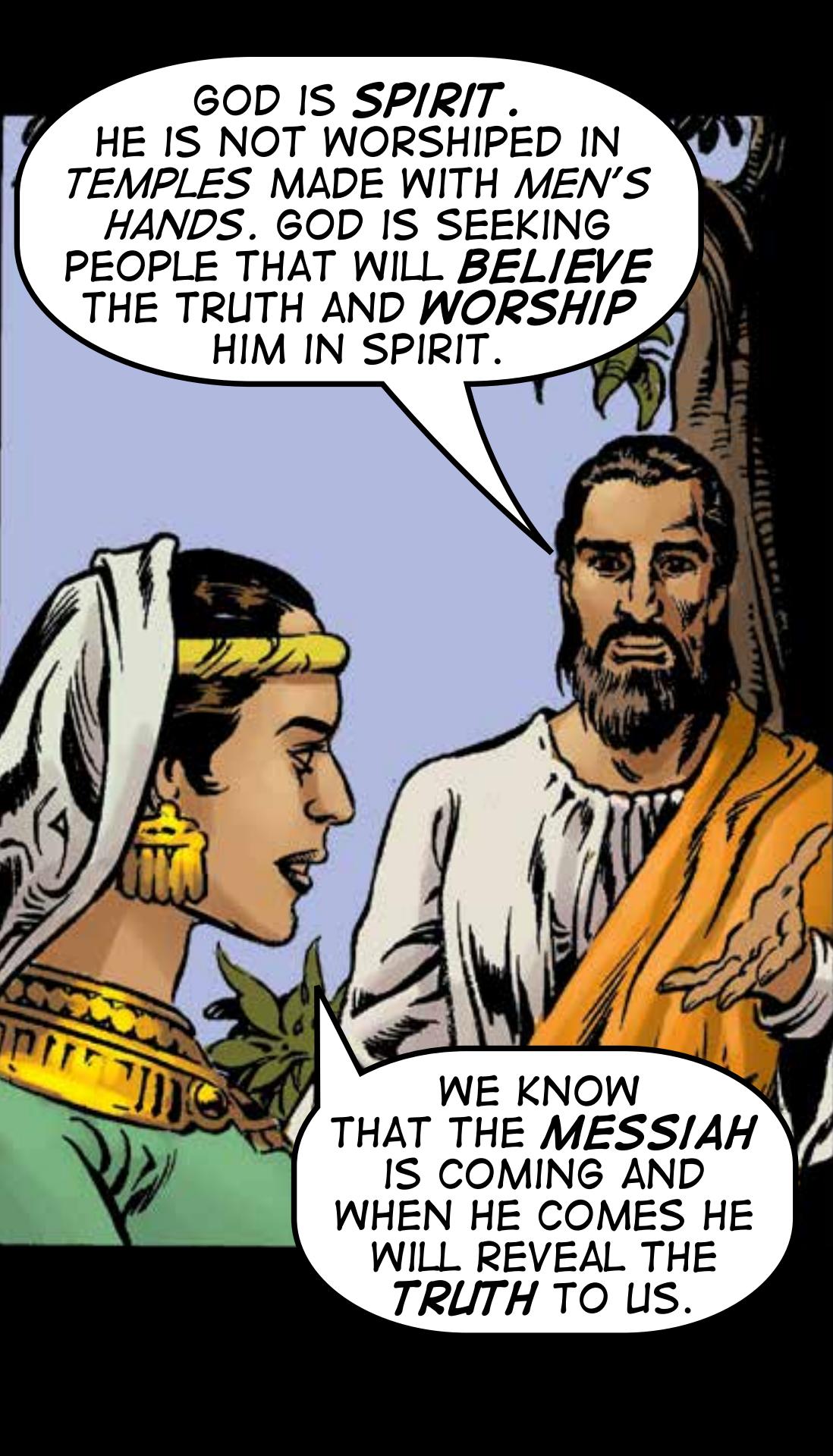
YOU HAVE HAD
FIVE HUSBANDS,
BUT THE MAN YOU
ARE LIVING WITH
NOW IS NOT YOUR
HUSBAND.



SURELY YOU
ARE A PROPHET
TO KNOW MY
SECRET SIN.

YOU JEWS
WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM
AND OUR FATHERS WORSHIP
ON **THIS** MOUNTAIN. WHICH
MOUNTAIN IS THE CORRECT
PLACE TO WORSHIP?

GOD IS **SPIRIT**.
HE IS NOT WORSHIPED IN
TEMPLES MADE WITH MEN'S
HANDS. GOD IS SEEKING
PEOPLE THAT WILL **BELIEVE**
THE TRUTH AND **WORSHIP**
HIM IN SPIRIT.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white headscarf and a green dress with a gold chain necklace, is shown in profile, looking towards the right. In the background, the back of another person's head is visible, showing dark hair and a yellow headband. On the right side of the image, the upper body of a man with a beard and long dark hair is shown, wearing a white tunic over an orange sash. He appears to be speaking.

WE KNOW
THAT THE **MESSIAH**
IS COMING AND
WHEN HE COMES HE
WILL REVEAL THE
TRUTH TO US.

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of a man with a beard and mustache, resembling Jesus Christ. He has dark hair and eyes, and is wearing a yellow robe over a white shirt. A white speech bubble is positioned above his head, containing the text "YOU ARE SPEAKING TO THE MESSIAH." The background is dark with some blue and black shading.

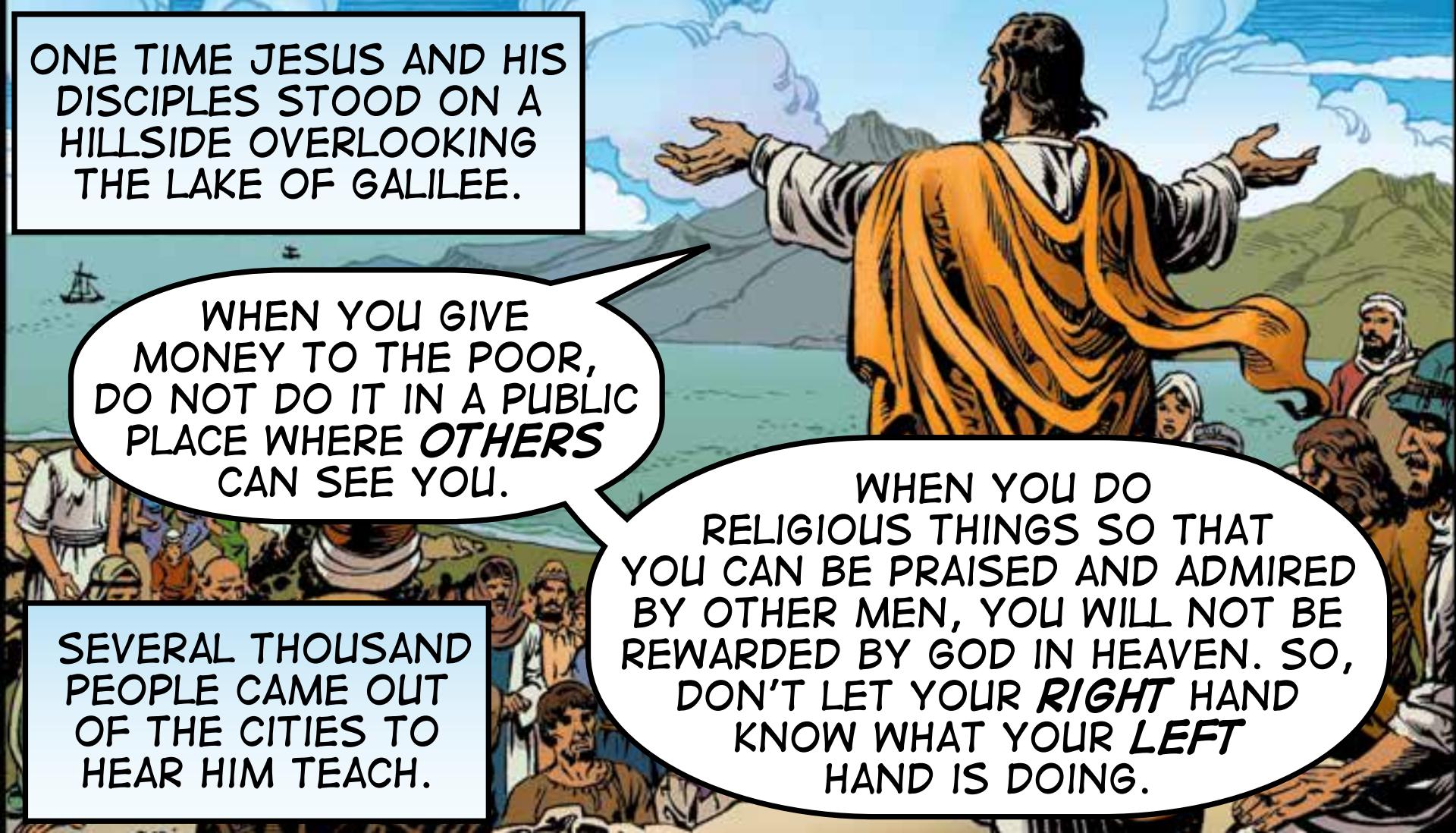
YOU ARE
SPEAKING TO
THE MESSIAH.



**I MUST GO
TO FIND MY
FRIENDS AND
TELL THEM!**

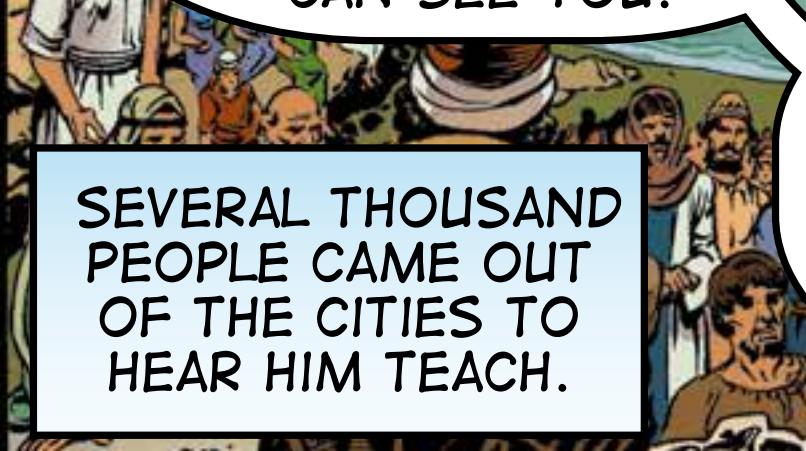
JESUS STAYED IN SAMARIA FOR TWO DAYS AND TAUGHT THE PEOPLE THE WORD OF GOD.

JOHN 4:7-29, 40



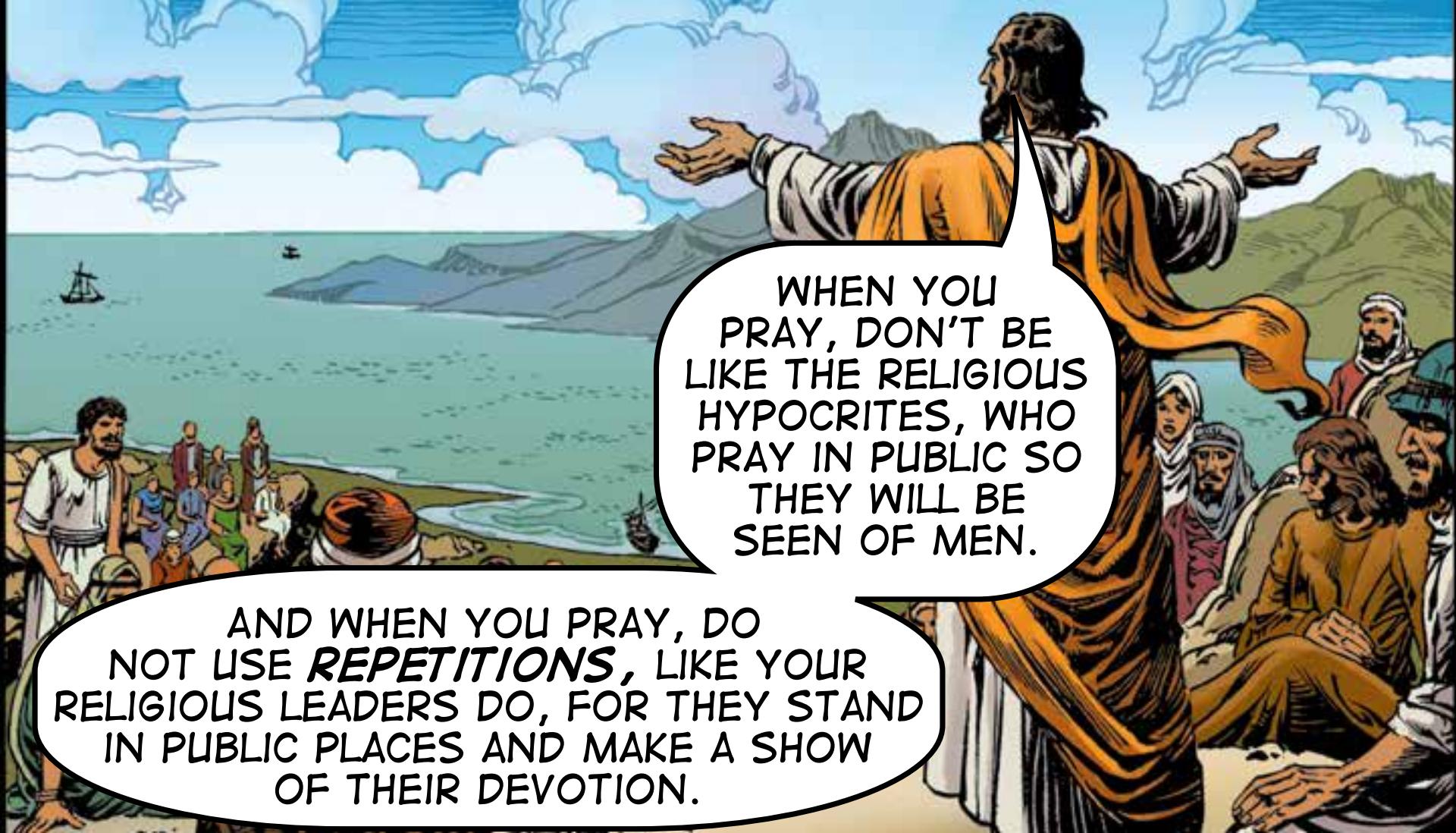
ONE TIME JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES STOOD ON A HILLSIDE OVERLOOKING THE LAKE OF GALILEE.

WHEN YOU GIVE MONEY TO THE POOR, DO NOT DO IT IN A PUBLIC PLACE WHERE *OTHERS* CAN SEE YOU.



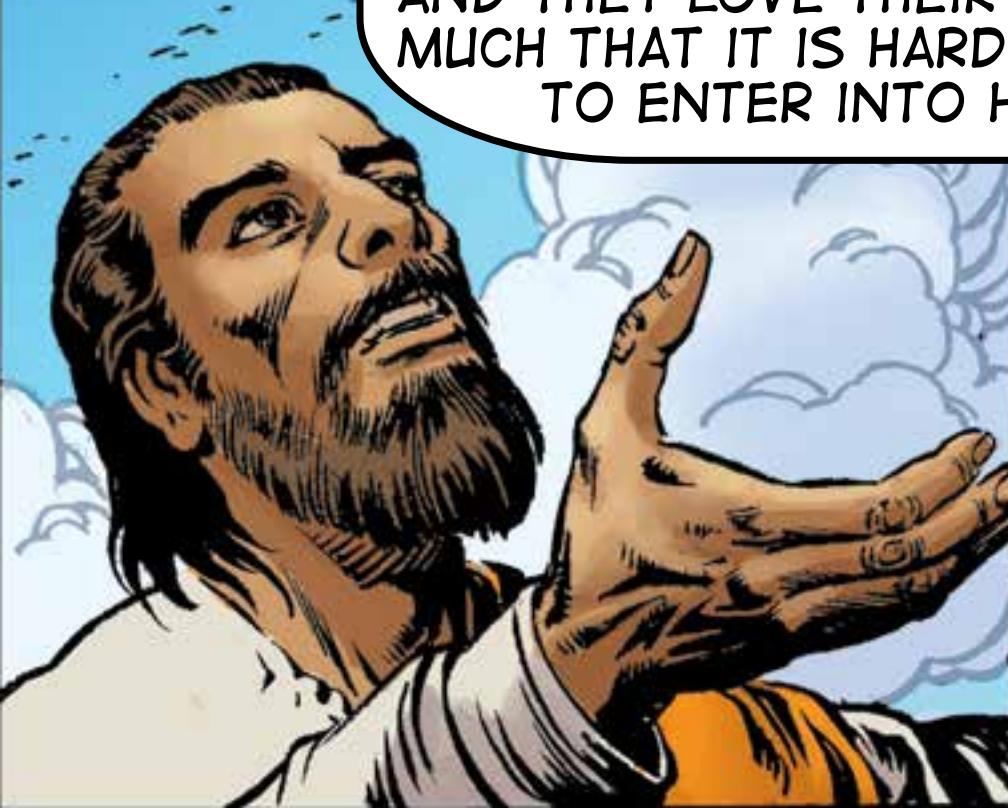
SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE CAME OUT OF THE CITIES TO HEAR HIM TEACH.

WHEN YOU DO RELIGIOUS THINGS SO THAT YOU CAN BE PRAISED AND ADMIREDBY OTHER MEN, YOU WILL NOT BE REWARDED BY GOD IN HEAVEN. SO, DON'T LET YOUR **RIGHT** HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR **LEFT** HAND IS DOING.



WHEN YOU PRAY, DON'T BE LIKE THE RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES, WHO PRAY IN PUBLIC SO THEY WILL BE SEEN OF MEN.

AND WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT USE **REPETITIONS**, LIKE YOUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS DO, FOR THEY STAND IN PUBLIC PLACES AND MAKE A SHOW OF THEIR DEVOTION.



DO NOT SPEND ALL YOUR ENERGY AND TIME TRYING TO GET *RICH*. RICH PEOPLE HAVE **MORE TROUBLE** THAN ANYONE, AND THEY LOVE THEIR RICHES SO MUCH THAT IT IS HARD FOR THEM TO ENTER INTO HEAVEN.

DON'T LAY UP YOUR TREASURES IN THIS WORLD, BUT LAY UP TREASURE IN **HEAVEN** WHERE IT WILL LAST FOREVER. YOU CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS, GOD AND MONEY. YOU WILL END UP HATING ONE AND LOVING THE OTHER.



MASTER, IT IS LATE IN THE DAY, AND THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WITH US ALL DAY. THEY MUST BE **HUNGRY**, AND IT IS FAR TO ANY CITY WHERE THEY COULD BUY FOOD.



YOU MUST SEND THEM AWAY NOW SO THEY CAN GO BUY FOOD.

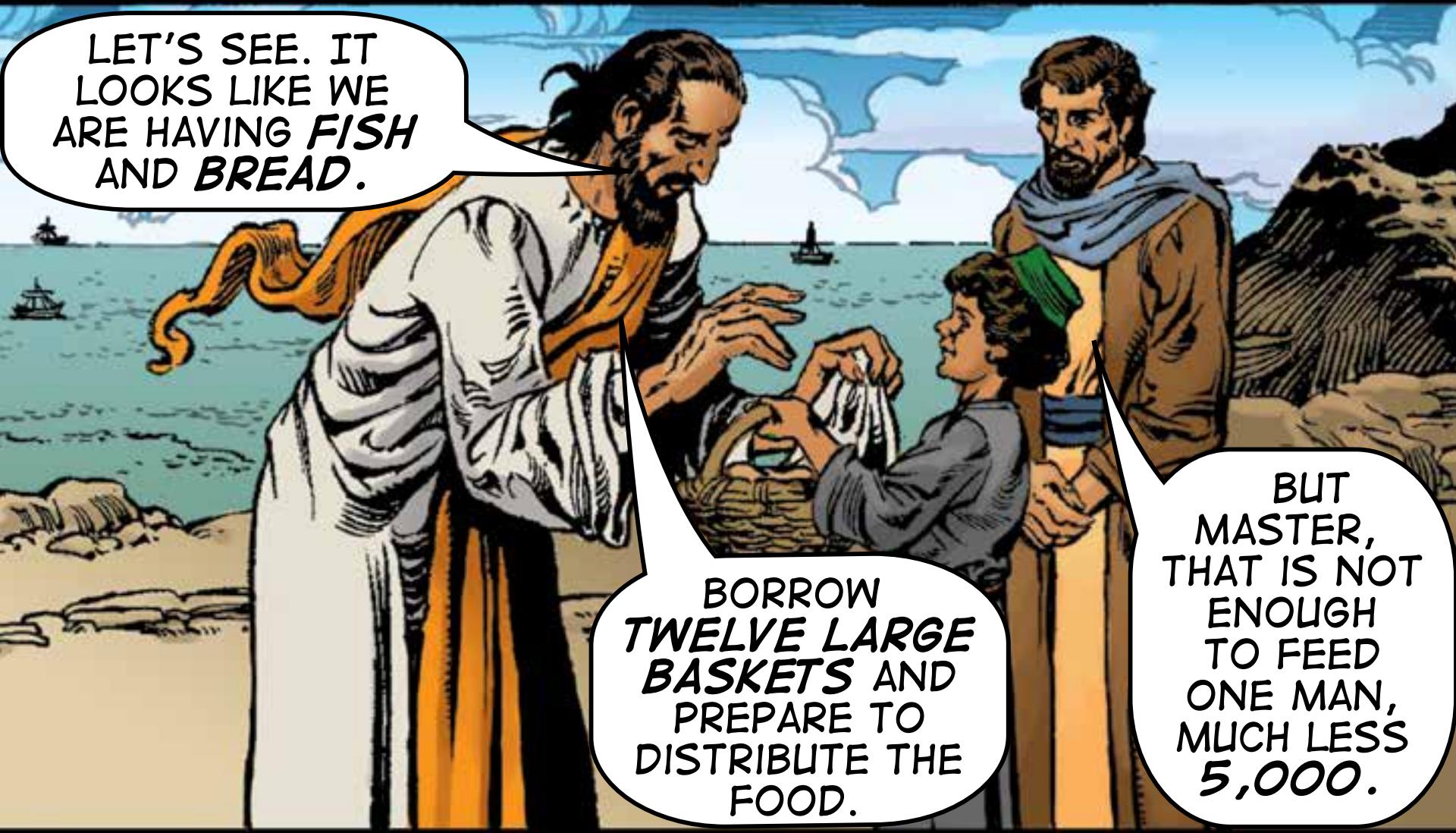


MASTER, YOU CAN
HAVE *MY* LUNCH. MY
MOTHER PREPARED FOR ME
FIVE LOAVES AND TWO
SMALL FISH.



HAVE
EVERYONE
SIT DOWN AND
WE WILL SERVE
THEM.

MATTHEW 6:1-7, 19-21, 14:15



LET'S SEE. IT
LOOKS LIKE WE
ARE HAVING *FISH*
AND *BREAD*.

BORROW
*TWELVE LARGE
BASKETS* AND
PREPARE TO
DISTRIBUTE THE
FOOD.

BUT
MASTER,
THAT IS NOT
ENOUGH
TO FEED
ONE MAN,
MUCH LESS
5,000.



BLESSED
ART THOU
O LORD OUR
GOD, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE,
WHO BRINGS
FORTH BREAD
FROM
THE EARTH.

A man with a beard and a yellow cloth draped over his shoulders is pouring fish from a small woven basket into a much larger one. Two children, a boy in a yellow shirt and a girl in a brown dress, are watching him. A speech bubble originates from the boy.

WHAT'S HE
DOING POURING
THAT LITTLE LUNCH
IN THAT BIG
BASKET?



MATTHEW 14:19-21; LUKE 9:16-17



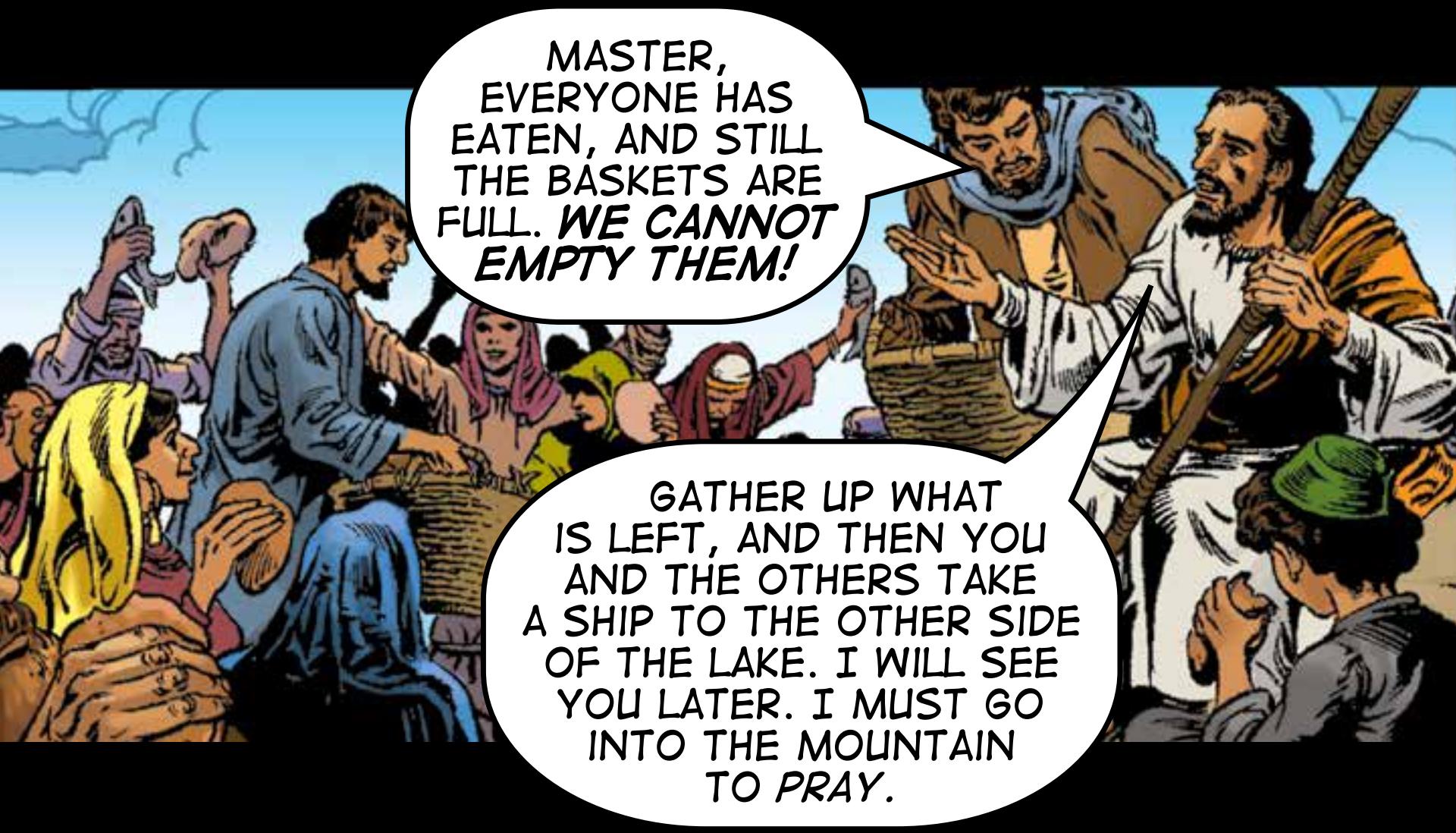
PRAISE
GOD!

HE GIVES US
BREAD FROM
HEAVEN...JUST
LIKE MOSES.

MOTHER
WON'T BELIEVE
THIS!



PEOPLE TOOK BREAD AND FISH FROM THE BASKETS. THE FOOD JUST MULTIPLIED AGAIN AND AGAIN.



MASTER,
EVERYONE HAS
EATEN, AND STILL
THE BASKETS ARE
FULL. **WE CANNOT
EMPTY THEM!**

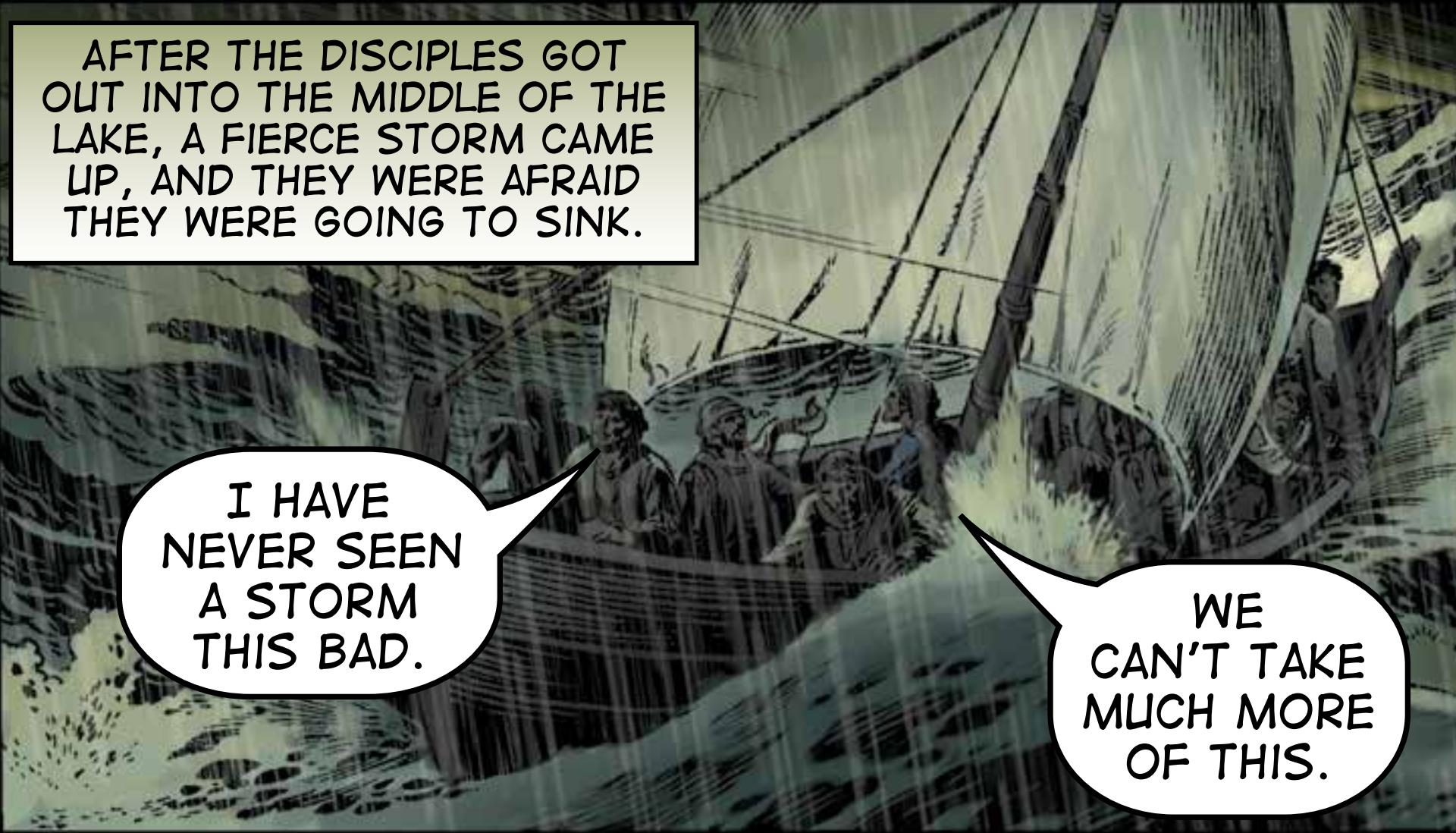
GATHER UP WHAT
IS LEFT, AND THEN YOU
AND THE OTHERS TAKE
A SHIP TO THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE LAKE. I WILL SEE
YOU LATER. I MUST GO
INTO THE MOUNTAIN
TO PRAY.

JESUS WENT UP INTO THE MOUNTAIN ALONE,
AND HIS DISCIPLES ALL GOT INTO A SHIP AND
LEFT FOR THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.



JESUS OFTEN WENT ALONE INTO
THE WILDERNESS TO PRAY.

MATTHEW 14:20-23



AFTER THE DISCIPLES GOT OUT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE, A FIERCE STORM CAME UP, AND THEY WERE AFRAID THEY WERE GOING TO SINK.

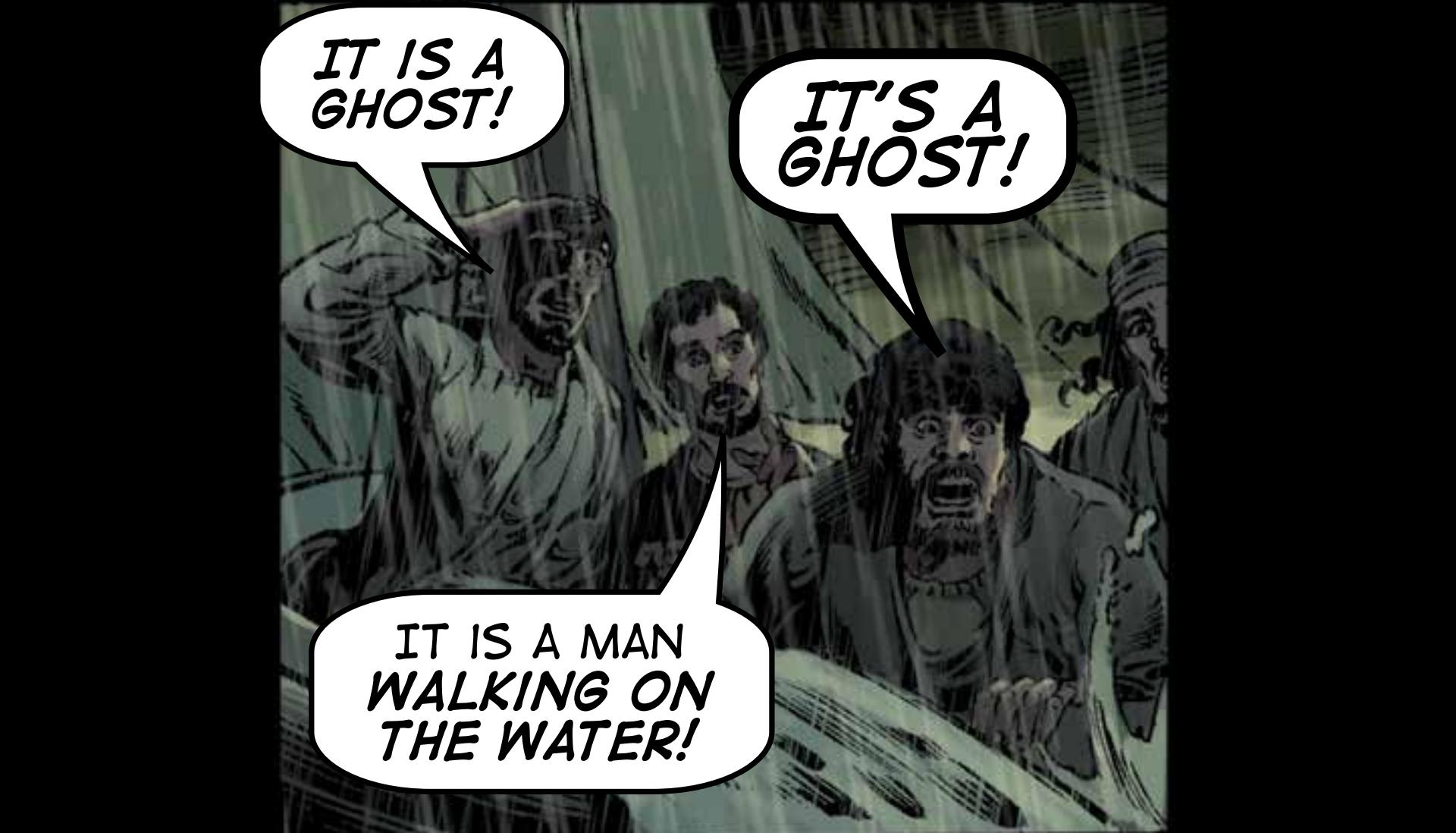
I HAVE NEVER SEEN A STORM THIS BAD.

WE CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS.



**WE ARE
GOING TO
SINK!**

**LOOK! THERE IS
SOMETHING OUT THERE
ON THE WATER!**



**IT IS A
GHOST!**

**IT'S A
GHOST!**

**IT IS A MAN
WALKING ON
THE WATER!**



MATTHEW 14:24-29



I AM
COMING,
LORD.

NO,
PETER!



PETER WAS REALLY
WALKING ON THE
WATER TO JESUS.

WHEN PETER SAW THE BIG WAVES AND LOST SIGHT OF JESUS, HE BECAME AFRAID.



FEAR DESTROYED
HIS FAITH, AND HE
BEGAN TO SINK.



LORD,
SAVE ME!

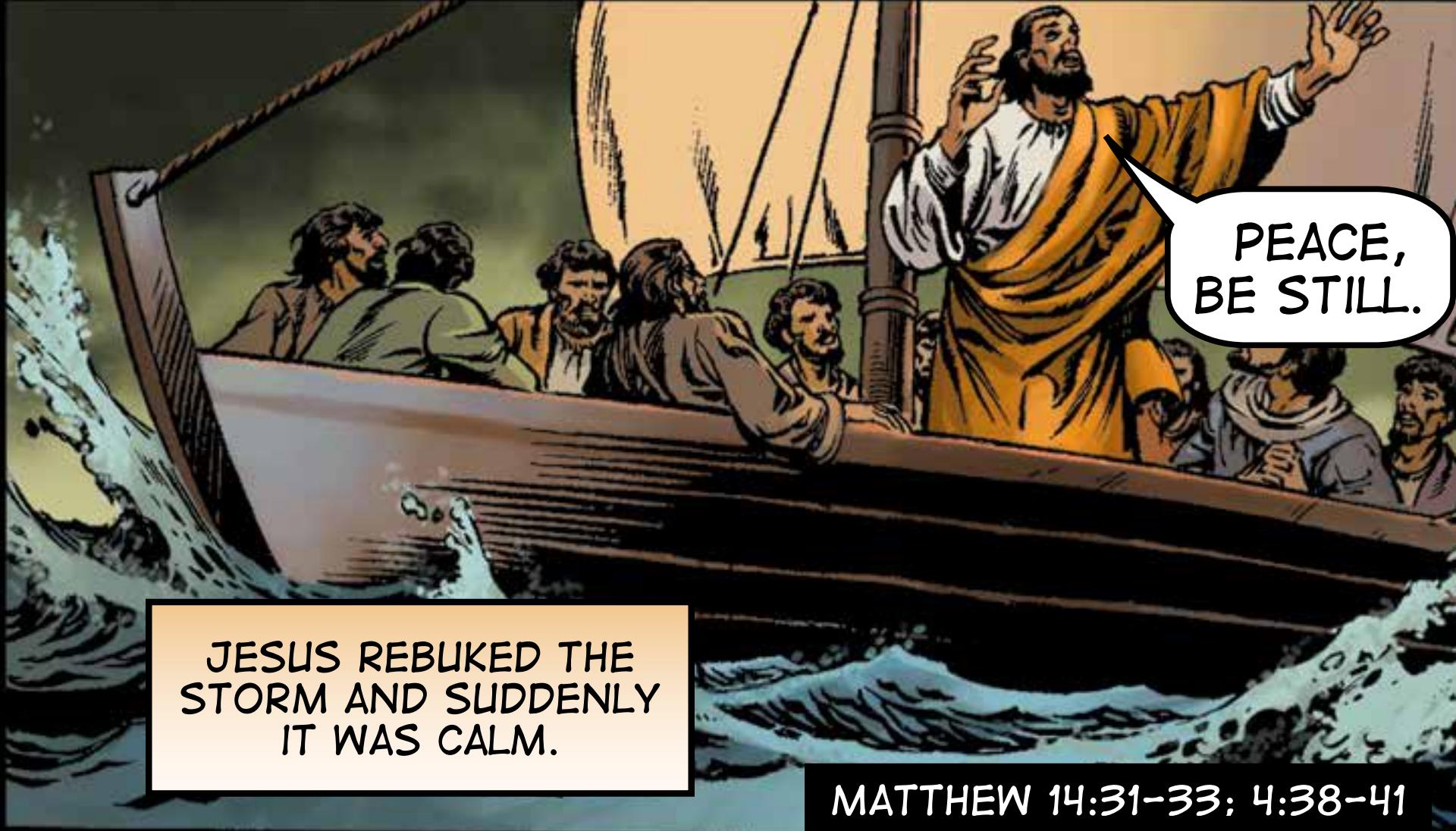
MATTHEW 14:29-30



PETER,
YOU BEGAN
TO DOUBT
ME.

JESUS BROUGHT
PETER BACK TO
THE BOAT, BOTH
OF THEM STILL
WALKING ON
THE WATER.





JESUS REBUKED THE
STORM AND SUDDENLY
IT WAS CALM.

MATTHEW 14:31-33; 4:38-41



DEPART
FROM ME, O
LORD, FOR I
AM A **SINFUL**
MAN.

SURELY YOU
ARE THE **SON**
OF GOD.

MY
LORD AND
MY GOD.

THE
CHRIST OF
ISRAEL.

LATER...

A colorful illustration depicting a crowded outdoor scene, likely a Roman feast or festival. In the foreground, a woman with a pink headscarf and a man in an orange tunic are looking towards the right. A speech bubble originates from them. Behind them, a large crowd of people in various Roman-style tunics and head coverings is visible, some carrying items like a basket of eggs. In the background, there are several multi-story buildings with tiled roofs and a prominent wall with a gate.

THESE FEAST DAYS
ARE SO **CROWDED**. THERE
ARE PEOPLE HERE FROM ALL
OVER THE COUNTRY, SOME
FROM AS FAR AWAY AS
ROME AND EGYPT.

LET US GO
DOWN BY THE
POOL.

HE HAS BEEN
HERE FOR AS
LONG AS I CAN
REMEMBER.





WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO BE MADE
WHOLE?

I HAVE
NO MAN TO
HELP ME.



RISE, TAKE UP
YOUR BED, AND
WALK.

YOU ARE
JESUS, AREN'T
YOU? I HAVE
HEARD OF YOUR
MIRACLES.

JOHN 5:1-8

WHAT A
CRUEL JOKE.
THE POOR MAN HAS
BEEN LAME FOR
38 YEARS.

THIS IS OUR HOLY
SABBATH. HE'S GOT NO
BUSINESS DISTURBING
OUR ***PEACE.***



I HEAR THERE IS A
MOVEMENT TO HAVE HIM
REMOVED. HE IS GETTING FAR
TOO MUCH ATTENTION.

WHO DOES THIS
JESUS THINK HE IS, THE
MESSIAH?

YEAH, HE
HAS THE PEOPLE
CONVINCED THAT
HE CAN DO
MIRACLES.



**HIS LEGS!
THEY ARE
GROWING!**



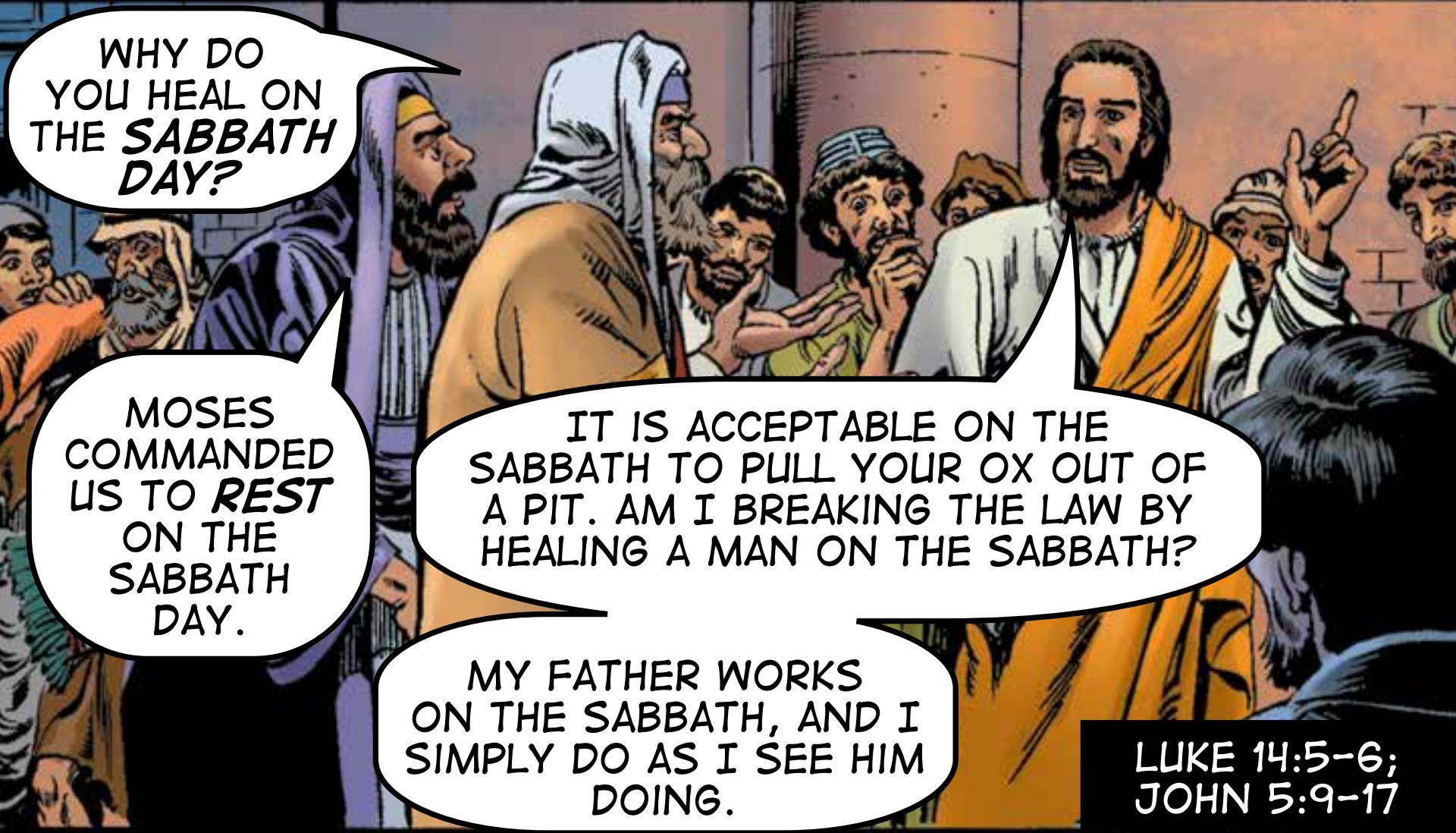
**HE'S
GETTING
UP!**

**IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE!**



PRAISE BE
TO GOD! AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS!

JESUS
IS THE
MESSIAH!



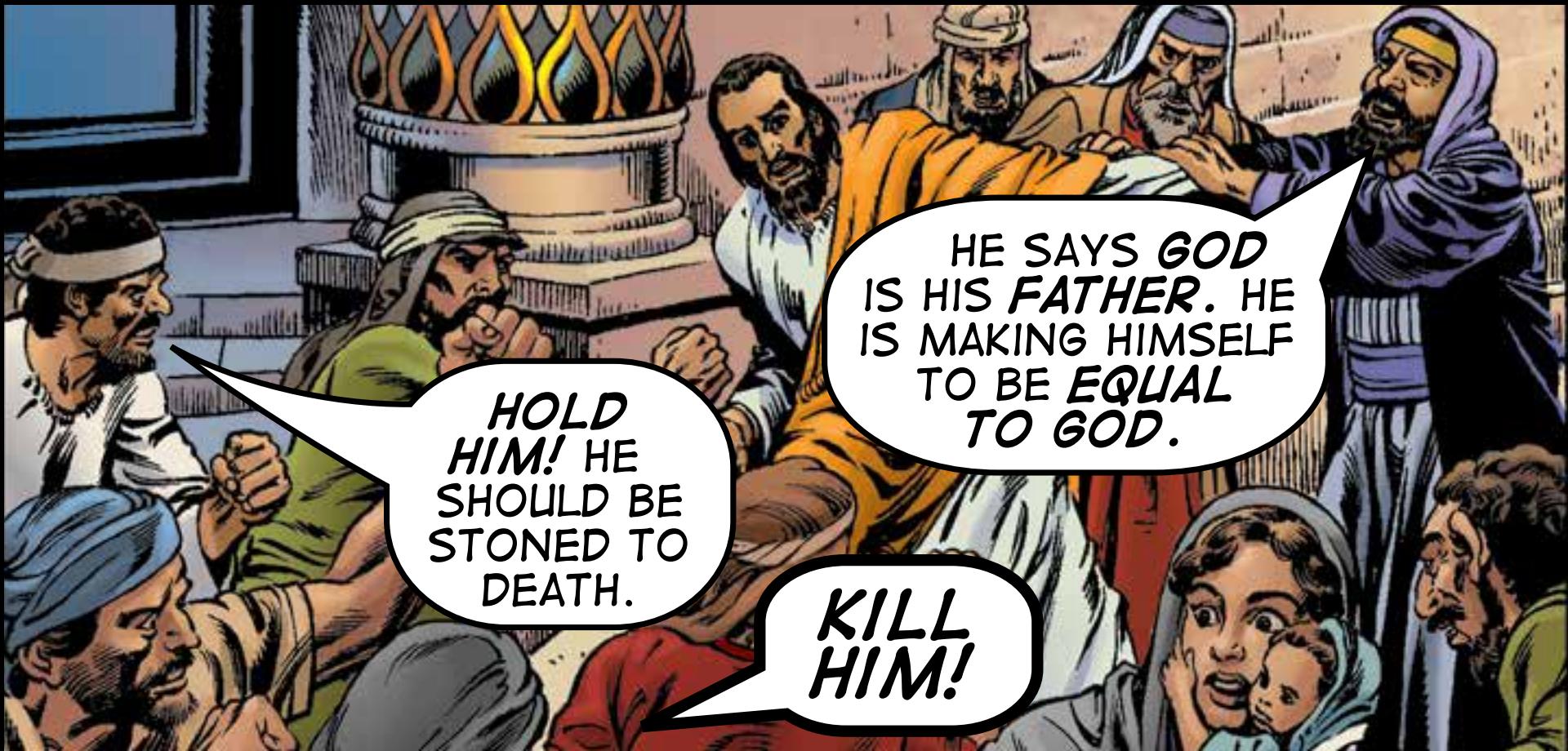
WHY DO
YOU HEAL ON
THE **SHABBATH**
DAY?

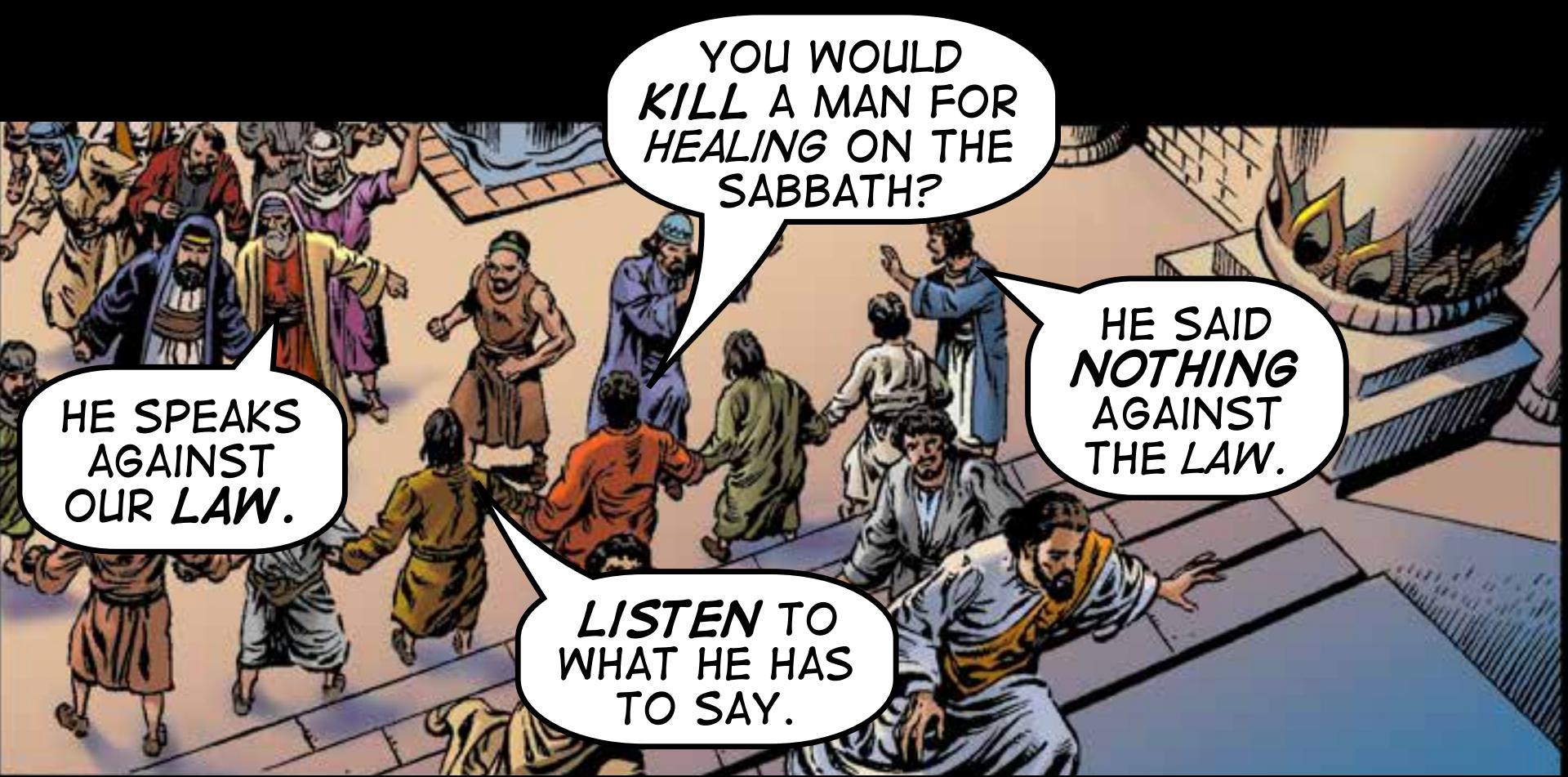
MOSES
COMMANDED
US TO **REST**
ON THE
SHABBATH
DAY.

IT IS ACCEPTABLE ON THE
SHABBATH TO PULL YOUR OX OUT OF
A PIT. AM I BREAKING THE LAW BY
HEALING A MAN ON THE SHABBATH?

MY FATHER WORKS
ON THE SHABBATH, AND I
SIMPLY DO AS I SEE HIM
DOING.

LUKE 14:5-6;
JOHN 5:9-17



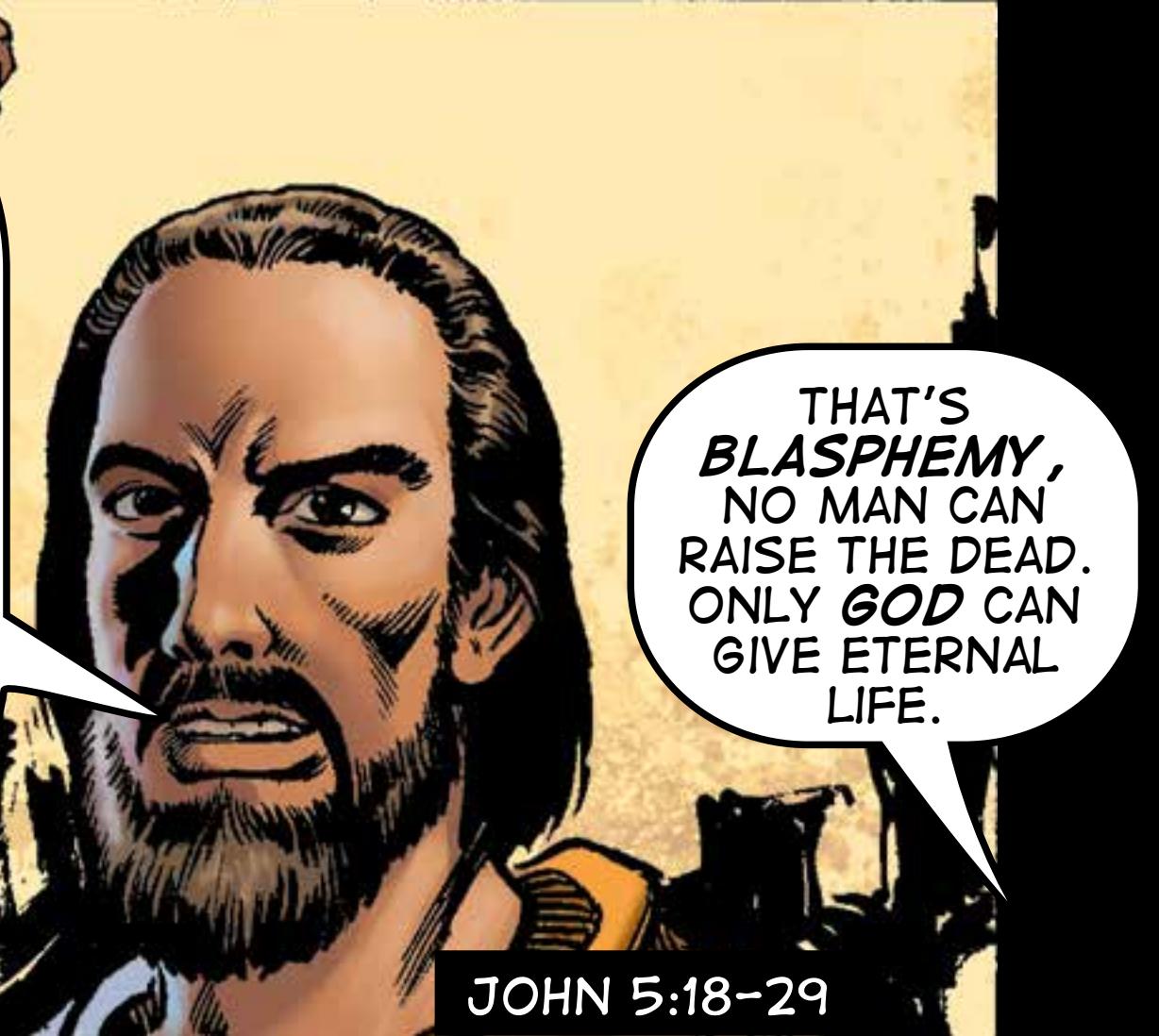




HEAR ME. YOU MARVEL BECAUSE I DO THIS **ONE** MIRACLE. YOU WILL SEE MANY MIRACLES GREATER THAN THIS. AS MY FATHER CAN RESURRECT THOSE FROM THE DEAD, HE HAS GIVEN ME THAT SAME AUTHORITY. THE FATHER HAS PUT ME IN **COMPLETE AUTHORITY** OVER THIS WORLD.

IF YOU DO NOT HONOR ME, YOU DO NOT HONOR GOD. TRULY I TELL YOU, HE THAT BELIEVES ON ME BELIEVES IN HIM THAT SENT ME, AND WILL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

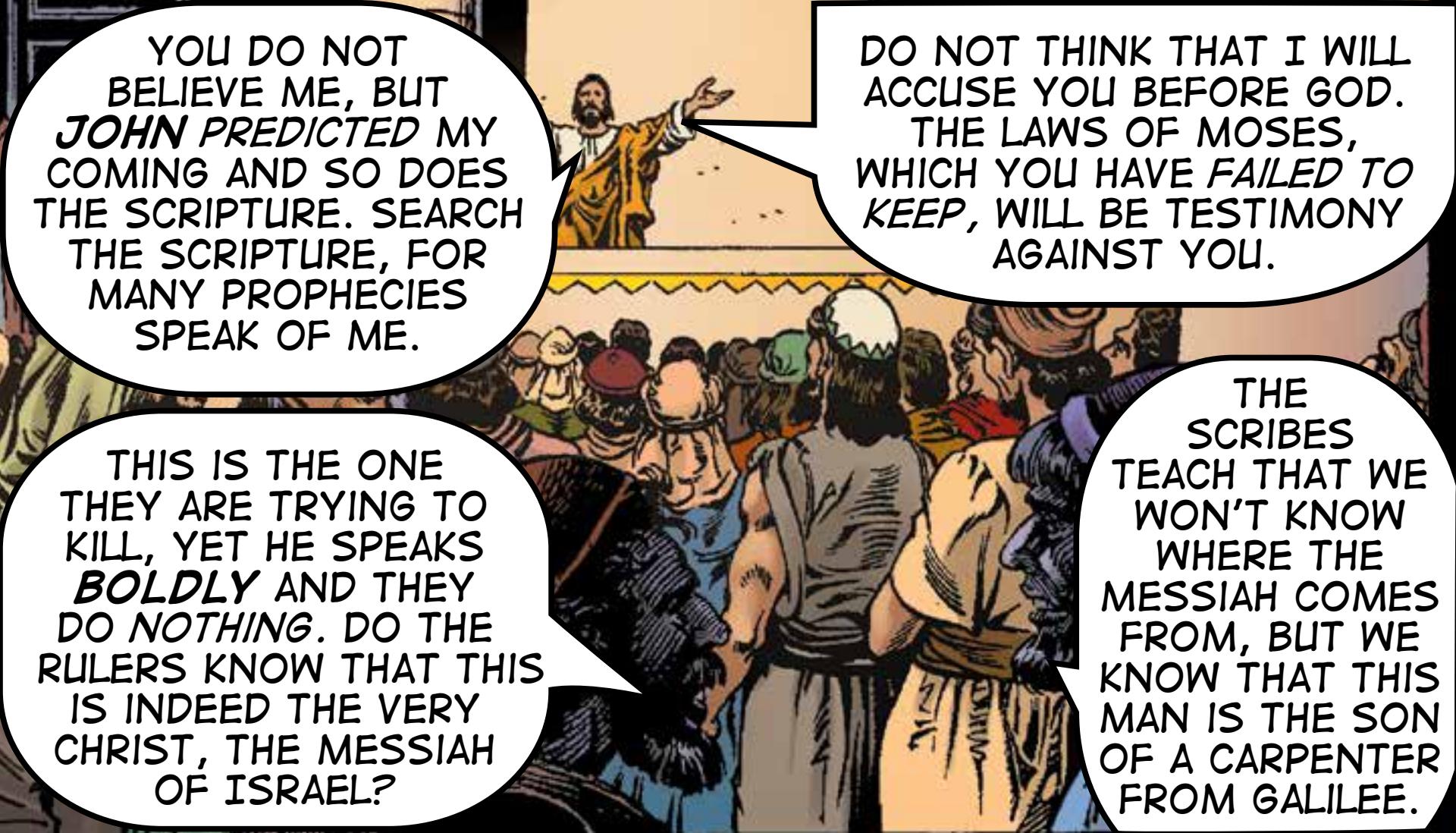
HOW CAN **YOU** GIVE EVERLASTING LIFE?



THERE WILL
COME A TIME
WHEN THE DEAD WILL
HEAR MY VOICE
AND COME OUT OF
THEIR **GRAVES**.
THOSE WHO HAVE
DONE **GOOD** WILL BE
RAISED TO
ETERNAL LIFE, BUT
THOSE WHO HAVE
DONE **EVIL** WILL BE
CAST INTO ETERNAL
DAMNATION IN THE
LAKE OF FIRE.

THAT'S
BLASPHEMY,
NO MAN CAN
RAISE THE DEAD.
ONLY **GOD** CAN
GIVE ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN 5:18-29



YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ME, BUT **JOHN PREDICTED** MY COMING AND SO DOES THE SCRIPTURE. SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE, FOR MANY PROPHECIES SPEAK OF ME.

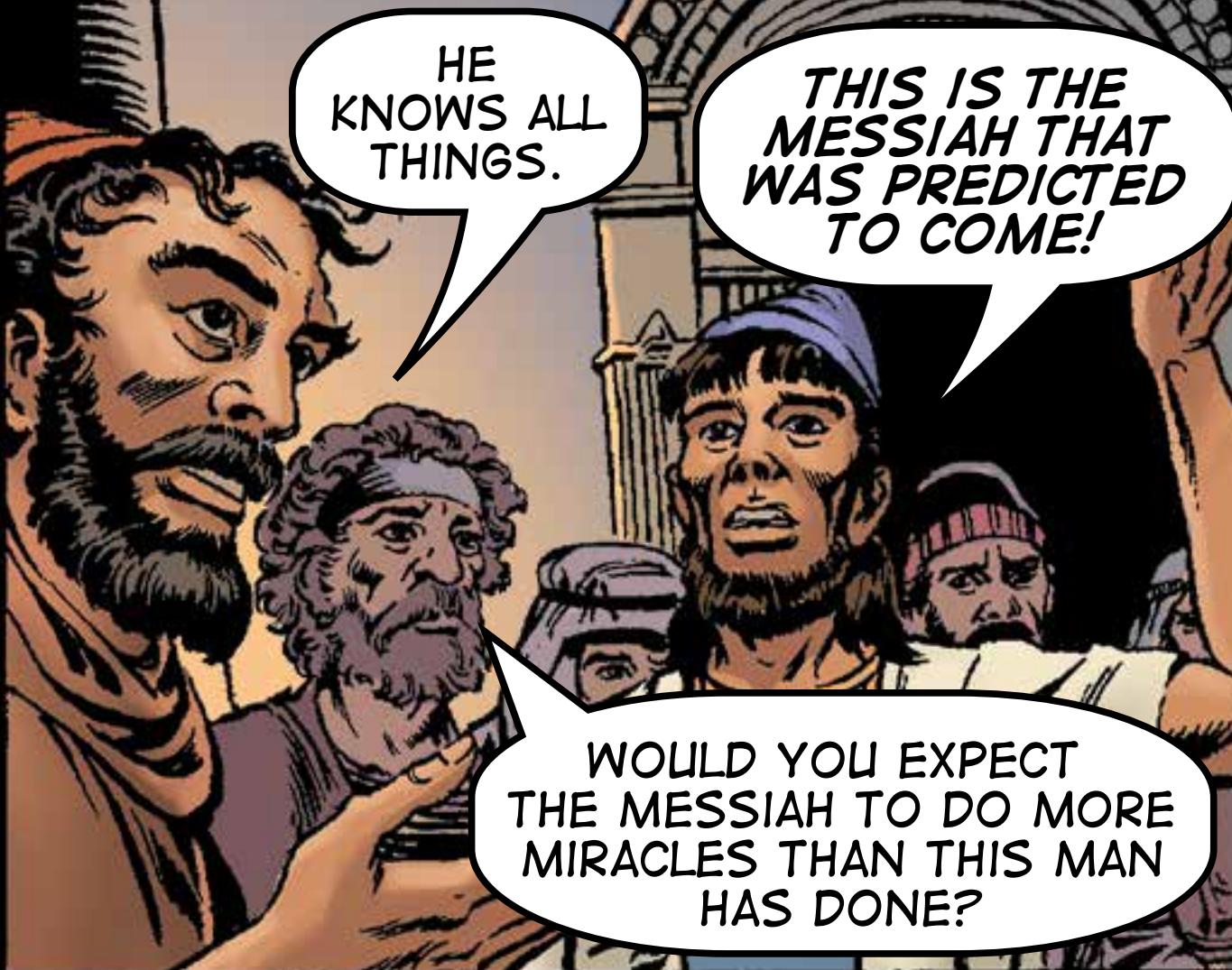
DO NOT THINK THAT I WILL ACCUSE YOU BEFORE GOD. THE LAWS OF MOSES, WHICH YOU HAVE FAILED TO KEEP, WILL BE TESTIMONY AGAINST YOU.

THIS IS THE ONE THEY ARE TRYING TO KILL, YET HE SPEAKS **BOLDLY** AND THEY DO NOTHING. DO THE RULERS KNOW THAT THIS IS INDEED THE VERY CHRIST, THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL?

THE Scribes TEACH THAT WE WON'T KNOW WHERE THE MESSIAH COMES FROM, BUT WE KNOW THAT THIS MAN IS THE SON OF A CARPENTER FROM GALILEE.

YOU SAY
YOU KNOW ME AND
YOU KNOW WHERE I
CAME FROM. I DID NOT
COME TO THIS EARTH BY
MYSELF. MY FATHER
SENT ME, BUT YOU DO
NOT KNOW MY FATHER;
BUT I KNOW HIM AND
HE HAS SENT ME
TO YOU.

HOW DID HE
HEAR ME?



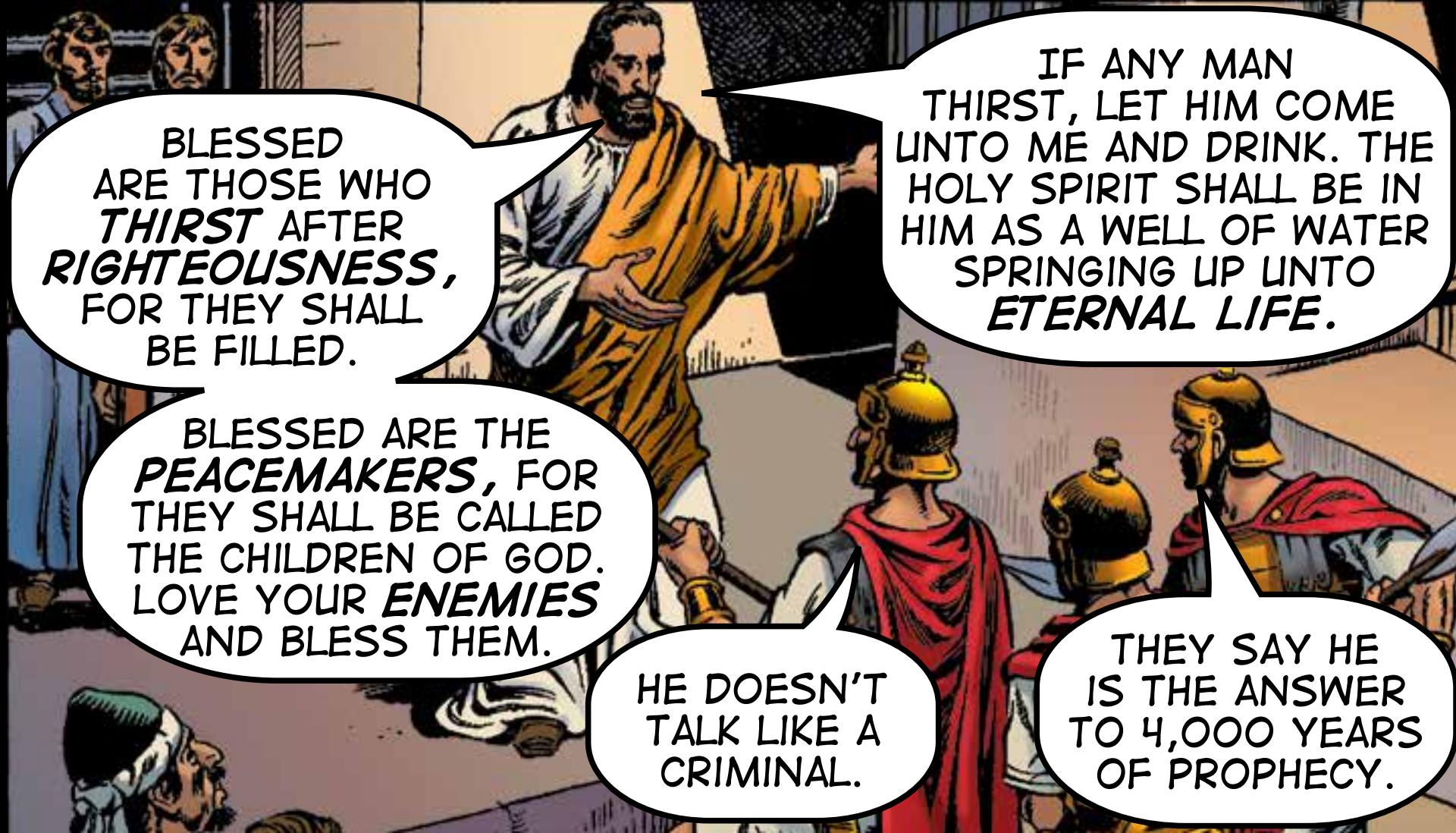


GO IMMEDIATELY
AND **ARREST** THE
BLASPHEMER.

THE PEOPLE
ARE BELIEVING ON
HIM. HE MUST BE
SILENCED.

IT LOOKS
BAD THIS
TIME.

JOHN 5:30-39, 45, 6:42-43, 7:25-32, 40-41



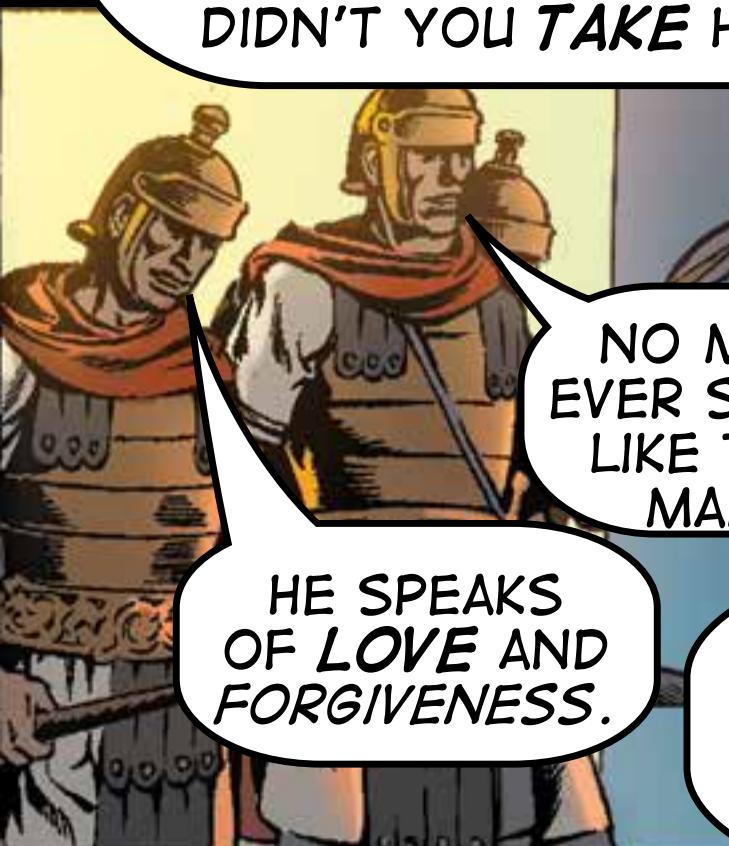
BLESSED
ARE THOSE WHO
THIRST AFTER
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY SHALL
BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS, FOR
THEY SHALL BE CALLED
THE CHILDREN OF GOD.
LOVE YOUR *ENEMIES*
AND BLESS THEM.

HE DOESN'T
TALK LIKE A
CRIMINAL.

IF ANY MAN
THIRST, LET HIM COME
UNTO ME AND DRINK. THE
HOLY SPIRIT SHALL BE IN
HIM AS A WELL OF WATER
SPRINGING UP UNTO
ETERNAL LIFE.

THEY SAY HE
IS THE ANSWER
TO 4,000 YEARS
OF PROPHECY.



WHY HAVE YOU NOT BROUGHT
HIM TO US? HE WAS STANDING
RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU. WHY
DIDN'T YOU TAKE HIM?

NO MAN
EVER SPOKE
LIKE THIS
MAN.

HE SPEAKS
OF LOVE AND
FORGIVENESS.



HA! HAS HE DECEIVED
YOU ALSO? HAVE ANY OF
THE EDUCATED RULERS AND
PHARISEES BELIEVED ON HIM?
THIS JESUS SHOULD DIE.

NICODEMUS, THE MAN WHO CAME TO JESUS BY NIGHT, SPOKE UP.

DOES OUR LAW CONDEMN ANY MAN BEFORE IT HAS HEARD WHAT HE HAS TO SAY?

NICODEMUS, ARE YOU ALSO ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS FROM GALILEE? SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE, FOR THE MESSIAH DOES NOT COME FROM GALILEE. HE IS TO COME FROM BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA, AND HE MUST BE THE SON OF DAVID.

MATTHEW 5:6, 9;
JOHN 4:14, 7:45-52



HE DECEIVES THE
COMMON PEOPLE
WITH HIS *LIES*.

HE SEEMS TO
HAVE AN ANSWER
FOR EVERYTHING.

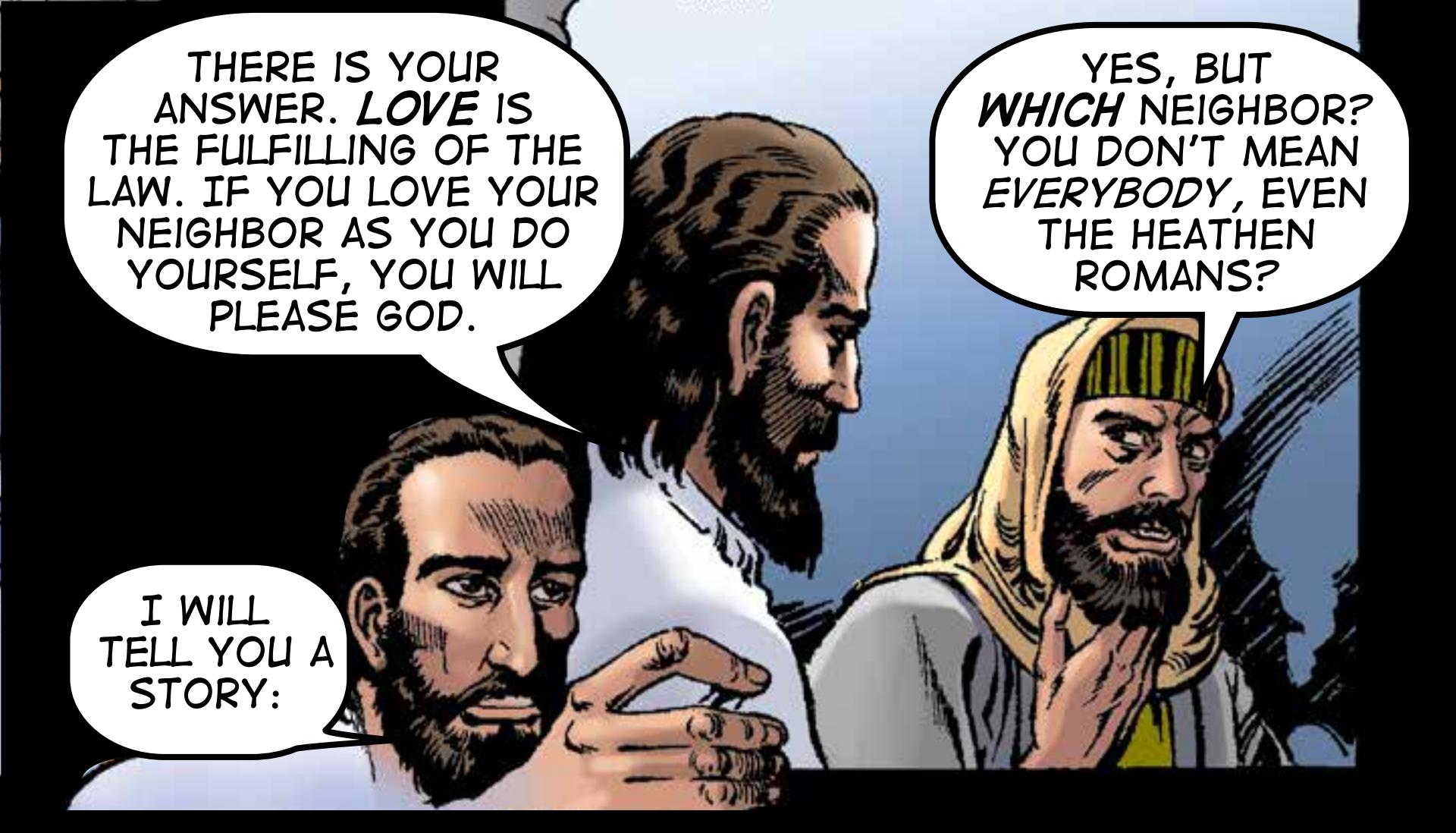
WHY DON'T WE
SEND ONE OF THE
MORE BRILLIANT LAWYERS
TO TRIP HIM UP IN HIS
WORDS?



I KNOW
JUST THE LAWYER.
HE IS **BRILLIANT** AND
RUTHLESS.

THE LAWYER
CAME TO
CHALLENGE
JESUS.

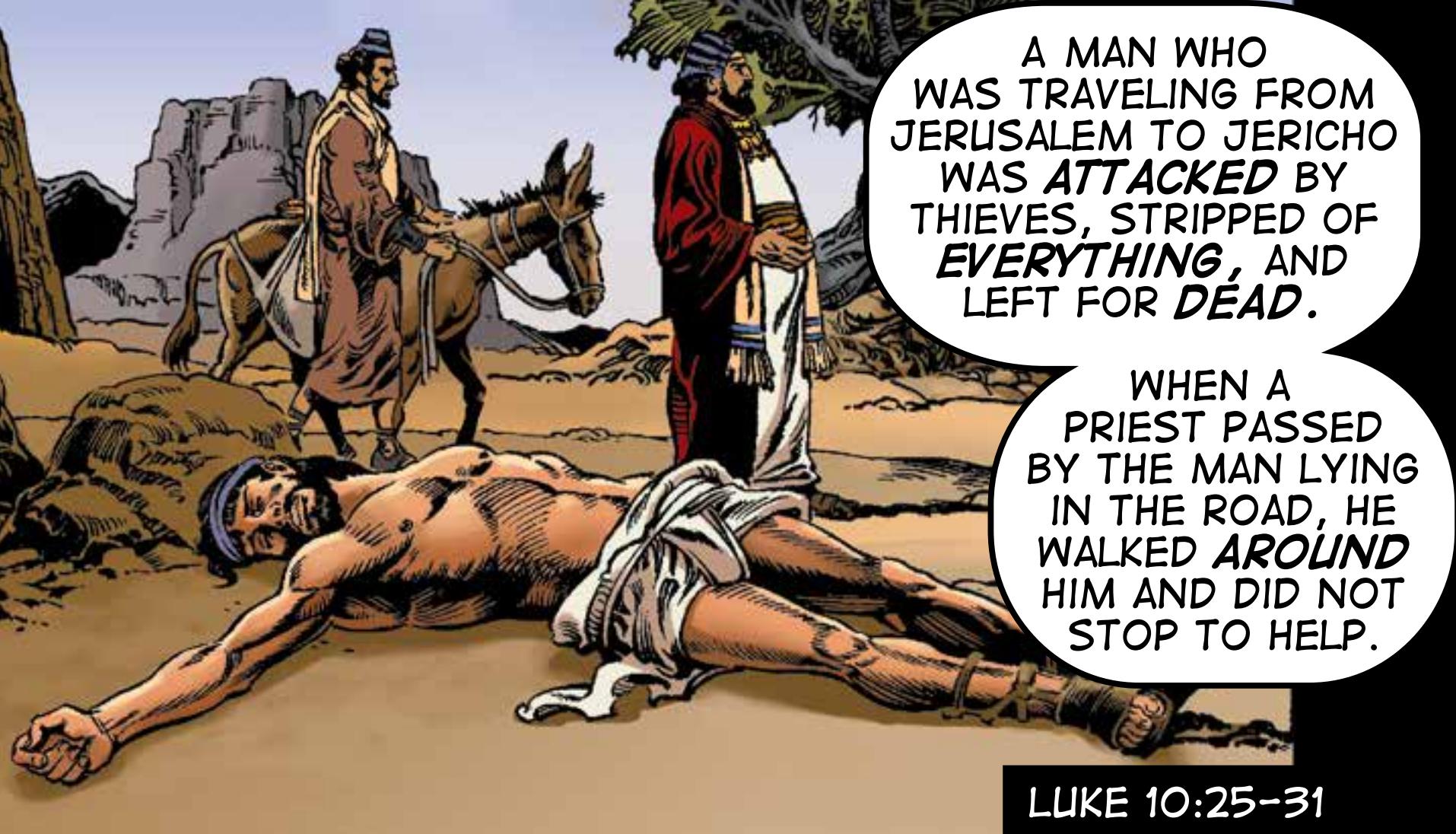




THERE IS YOUR ANSWER. **LOVE** IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW. IF YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU DO YOURSELF, YOU WILL PLEASE GOD.

YES, BUT **WHICH** NEIGHBOR? YOU DON'T MEAN EVERYBODY, EVEN THE HEATHEN ROMANS?

I WILL TELL YOU A STORY:



A MAN WHO
WAS TRAVELING FROM
JERUSALEM TO JERICHO
WAS **ATTACKED** BY
THIEVES, STRIPPED OF
EVERYTHING, AND
LEFT FOR **DEAD**.

WHEN A
PRIEST PASSED
BY THE MAN LYING
IN THE ROAD, HE
WALKED **AROUND**
HIM AND DID NOT
STOP TO HELP.

LUKE 10:25-31

LIKewise a *LEVITE*,
A MAN CHOSEN TO SERVE IN THE
TEMPLE, PASSED BY AND STOPPED
JUST LONG ENOUGH TO LOOK AT
THE WOUNDED MAN, BUT HE
DID NOT HELP.



WHAT GOOD DOES IT
DO TO SAY YOU HAVE LOVE IF
YOU DO NOT SHOW **WORKS** OF
LOVE? IF YOU DO NOT LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR, YOU DO
NOT LOVE GOD.

THEN A **SAMARITAN** PASSED THAT WAY; A MAN **DESPISED** BY THE JEWS AND CONSIDERED TO BE **UNCLEAN**.

WHEN HE SAW THE WOUNDED MAN, STRIPPED AND LYING IN THE ROAD, HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE MAN WAS A JEW.



THE SAMARITAN HAD **COMPASSION** ON HIM, AND STOPPED TO HELP.



THE SAMARITAN CLEANED
AND BOUND THE WOUNDS OF
THE MAN. HIS LOVE WAS NOT
IN WORDS, BUT IN *DEEDS*.



THE SAMARITAN
THEN PUT THE
WOUNDED MAN ON
HIS OWN DONKEY AND
TOOK HIM TO AN INN,
WHERE HE COULD
GET REST AND
RECOVER.



EASY NOW.
I HAVE YOU. YOU
WILL SOON BE
IN A *BED*.



I WILL PAY
YOU FOR TWO WEEKS
OF ROOM AND FOOD.
IF HIS CARE COSTS
MORE, I WILL PAY YOU
WHEN I PASS THIS
WAY AGAIN.

LUKE 10:32-35



YOU ASKED ME WHO WAS YOUR NEIGHBOR. TELL ME NOW, WHICH OF THESE THREE WAS A NEIGHBOR UNTO THIS MAN?

HE THAT SHOWED MERCY, OF COURSE.

AWESOME!

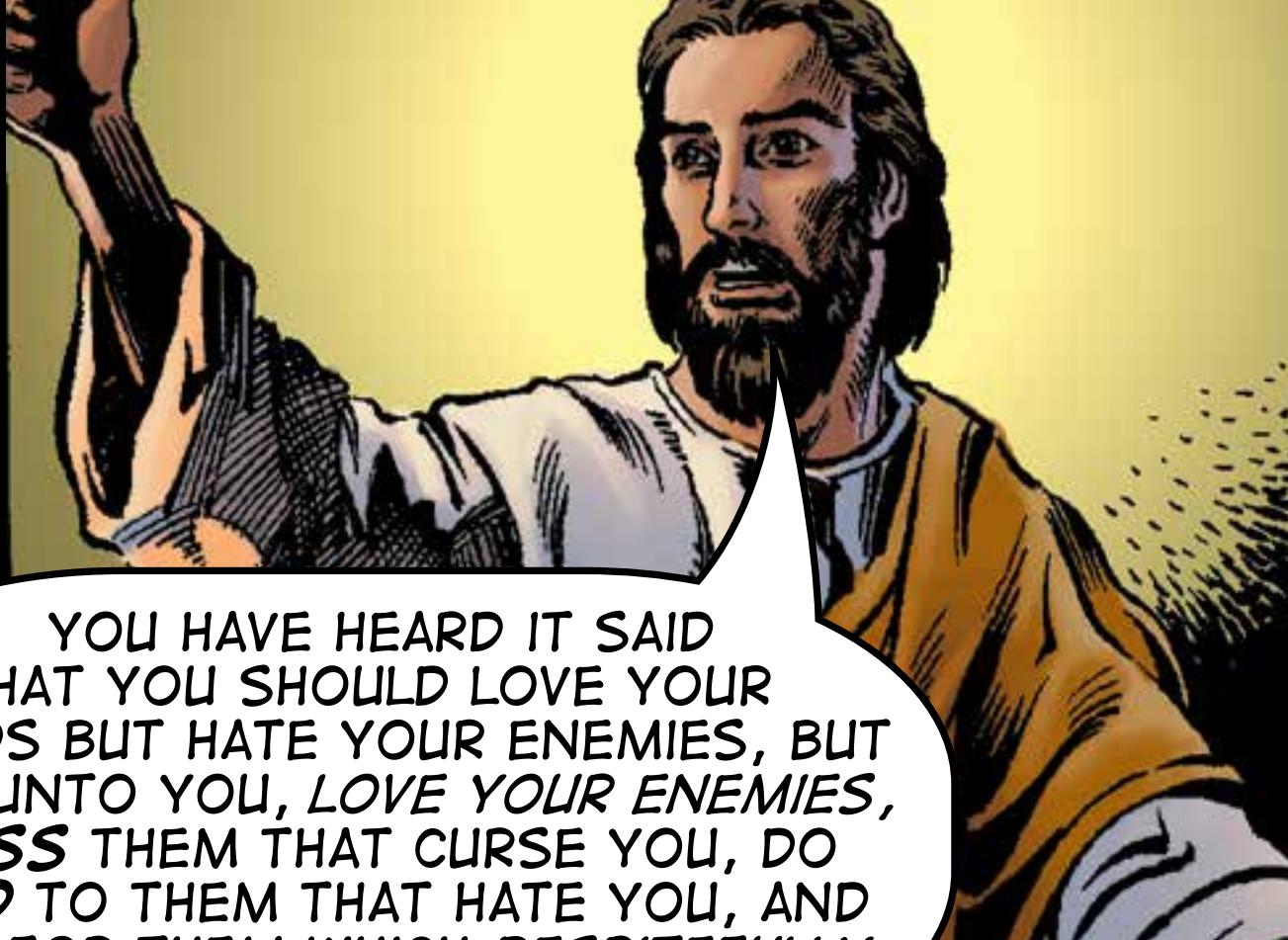
A comic book illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. On the left, Jesus, with a beard and long dark hair, is shown from the waist up, wearing a white tunic over an orange sash. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking. To his right, a Samaritan man with a beard and a striped headband is listening attentively. In the background, several other men in traditional robes are visible, some looking towards the two main figures. A speech bubble originates from Jesus's mouth.

THEN YOU
CAN GO AND DO AS
THIS **SAMARITAN**.
YOU CAN LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR.



THE FOOL!
GET HIM OUT OF
THERE BEFORE JESUS
MAKES A **CONVERT**
OUT OF HIM.

WHAT KIND
OF CRAZY TEACHING
IS THIS? IT'S NOT
PRACTICAL. SOME
PEOPLE JUST WON'T
RESPOND TO LOVE.



YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID
THAT YOU SHOULD LOVE YOUR
FRIENDS BUT HATE YOUR ENEMIES, BUT
I SAY UNTO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO
GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE YOU, AND
PRAY FOR THEM WHICH **DESPITEFULLY**
USE YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU.

MATTHEW 5:43-44;
LUKE 10:36-37



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