

John 7:17-24

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17 "If anyone chooses to do what God wants, then he will know that my teaching comes from God. He will know that this teaching is not my own. 18 He who teaches his own ideas is trying to get honor for himself. But he who tries to bring honor to the one who sent him—that person speaks the truth. There is nothing false in him. 19 Moses gave you the law," but none of you obey that law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

20 The people answered,

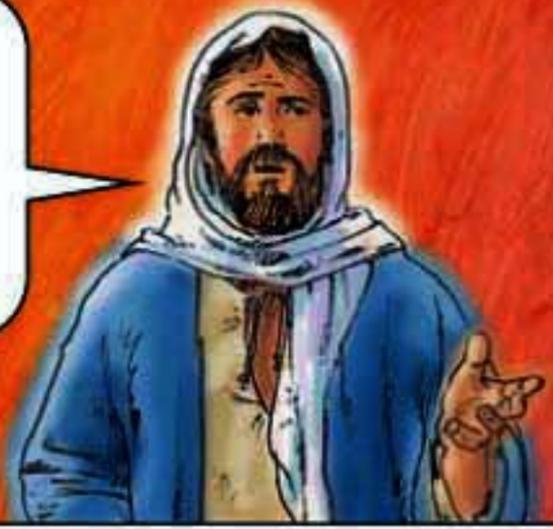
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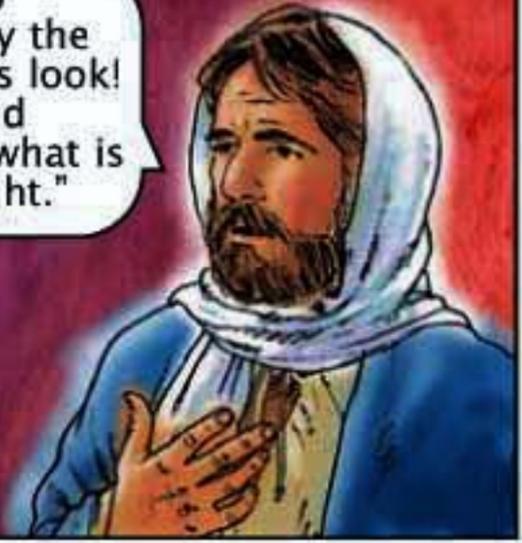
21 Jesus said to them,

"I did one miracle,^d and you are all amazed. 22 Moses gave you the law about circumcision.^d (But really Moses did not give you circumcision. Circumcision came from our ancestors.) And yet you circumcise a baby boy on a Sabbath^d day.

23 This shows that a baby boy can be circumcised on a Sabbath day to obey the law of Moses. So why are you angry at me for healing a person's whole body on the Sabbath day?



24 Stop judging by the way things look! Be fair, and judge by what is really right."

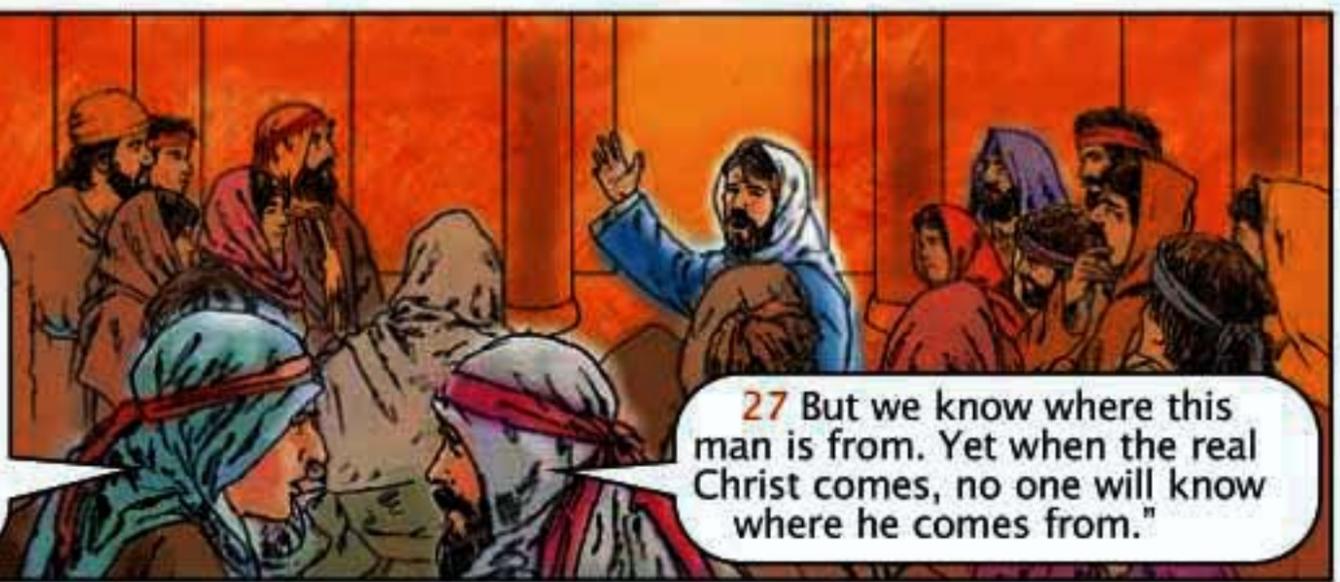


7:19 law Moses gave God's people the law that God gave him on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:29-32).

Is Jesus the Christ?

25 Then some of the people who lived in Jerusalem said,

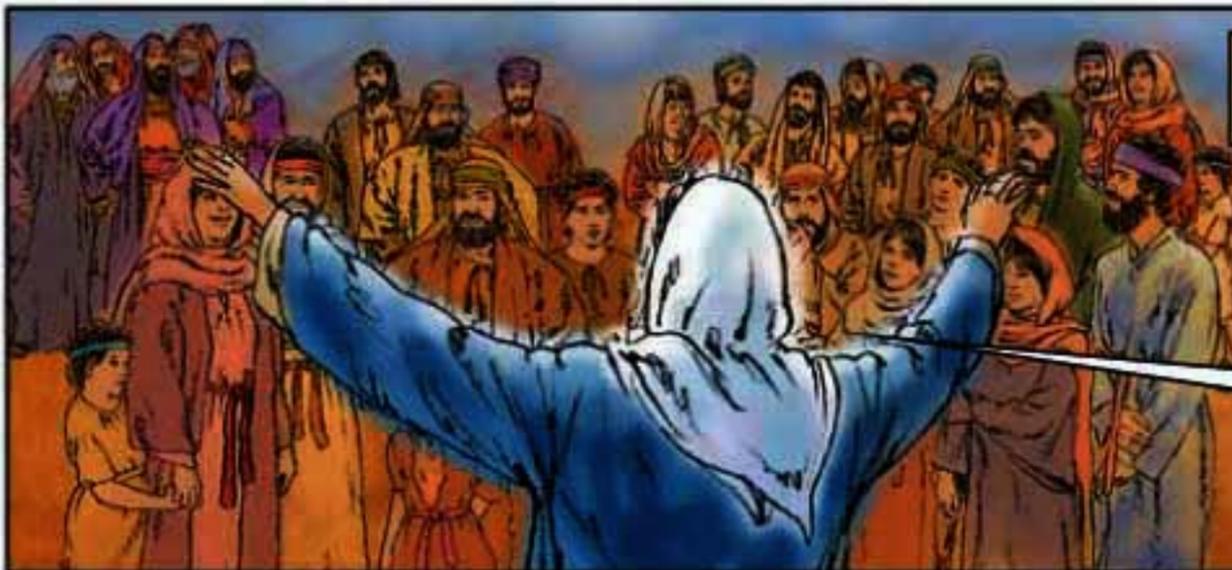
"This is the man they are trying to kill. 26 But he is teaching where everyone can see and hear him. And no one is trying to stop him. Maybe the leaders have decided that he really is the Christ."



27 But we know where this man is from. Yet when the real Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from."

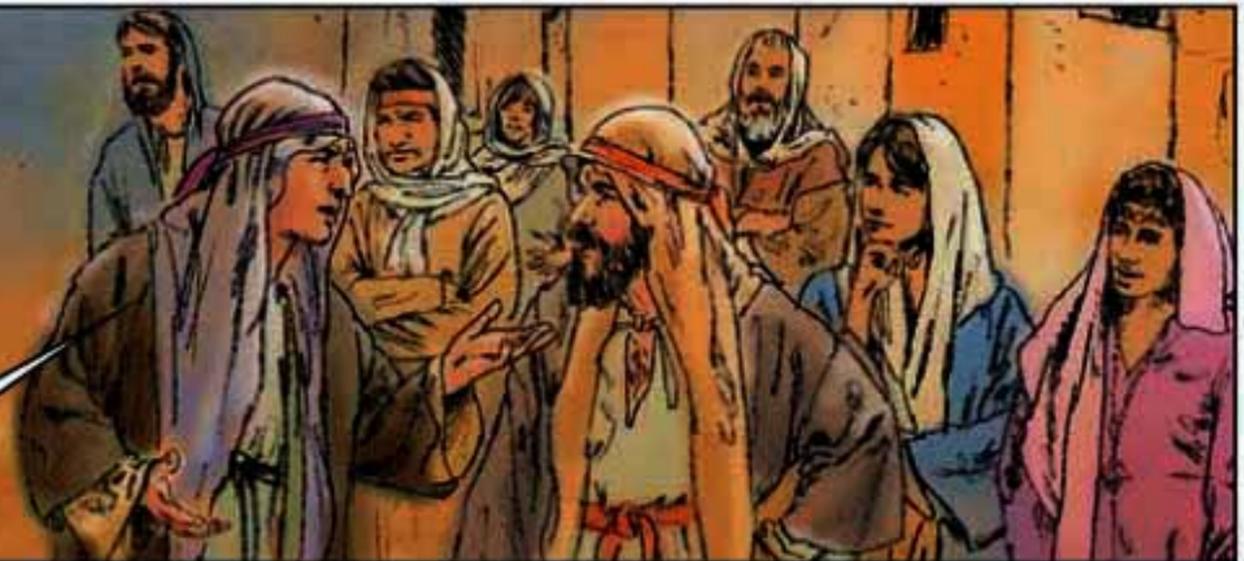
28 Jesus was still teaching in the Temple. He cried out,

"Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. But I have not come by my own authority. I was sent by the One who is true. You don't know him. 29 But I know him. I am from him, and he sent me."



30 When Jesus said this, they tried to seize him. But no one was able to touch him. It was not yet the right time. 31 But many of the people believed in Jesus. They said,

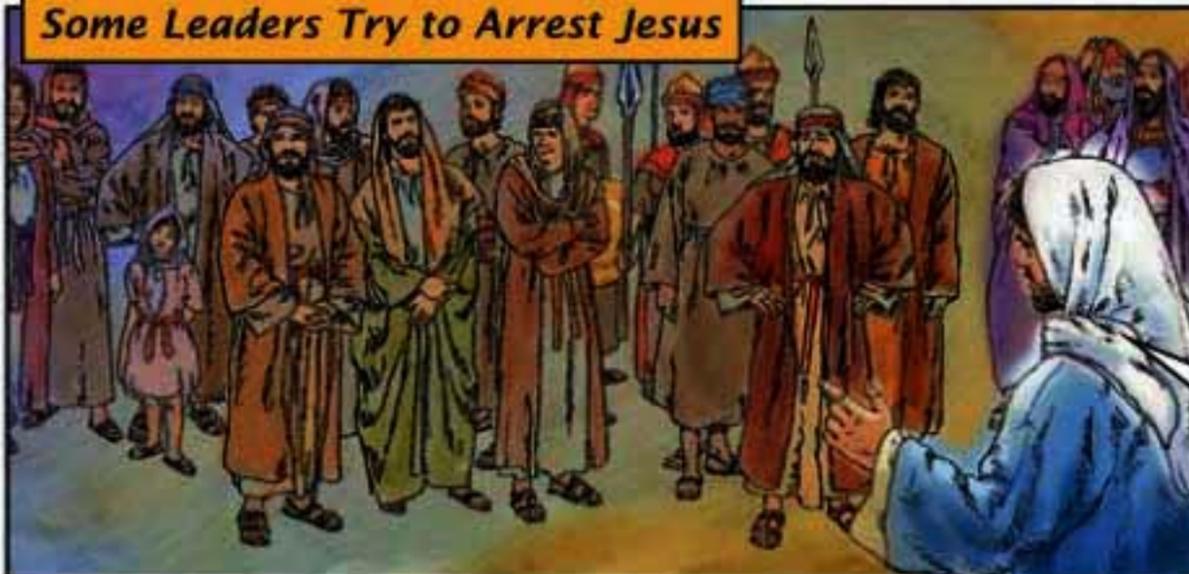
"When the Christ comes, will he do more miracles than this man has done?"



Some Leaders Try to Arrest Jesus

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about Jesus. So the leading priests and the Pharisees sent some Temple guards to arrest him. 33 Then Jesus said,

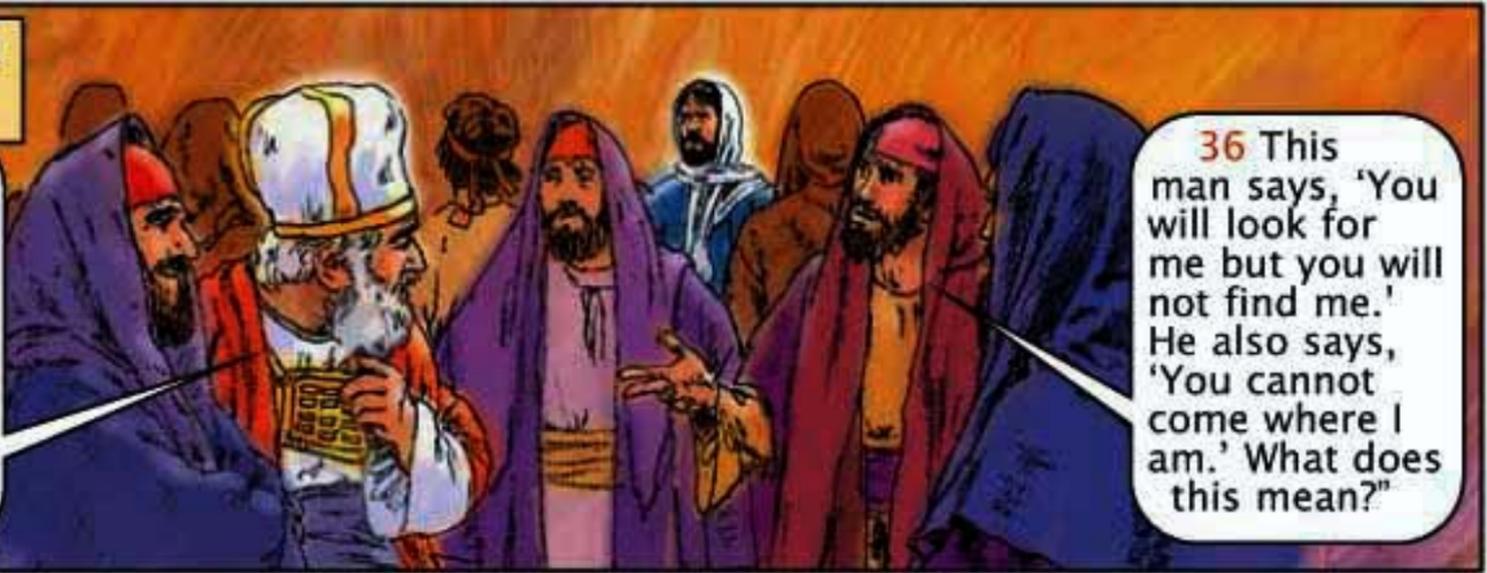
"I will be with you a little while longer. Then I will go back to the One who sent me. 34 You will look for me, but you will not find me. And you cannot come where I am."



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35 The Jews said to each other,

"Where will this man go so we cannot find him? Will he go to the Greek cities where our people live? Will he teach the Greek people there?"



36 This man says, 'You will look for me but you will not find me.' He also says, 'You cannot come where I am.' What does this mean?"

Jesus Talks About the Spirit

37 The last day of the feast came. It was the most important day. On that day Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice,

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 If a person believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out from his heart. This is what the Scripture^d says."



39 Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit.^d The Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory. But later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

The People Argue About Jesus

40 The people heard these things that Jesus said. Some of them said,

"This man really is the Prophet."ⁿ

41 Others said,

"He is the Christ."^d

Still others said,

"The Christ will not come from Galilee. 42 The Scripture^d says that the Christ will come from David's family. And the Scripture says that the Christ will come from Bethlehem, the town where David lived."

43 So the people did not agree with each other about Jesus. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one was able to touch him.

7:40 **Prophet** They probably meant the prophet that God told Moses he would send (Deuteronomy 18:15-19).

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The Leaders Won't Believe

45 The Temple^d guards went back to the leading priests and the Pharisees.^d The priests and the Pharisees asked,

"Why didn't you bring Jesus?"

46 The Temple guards answered,

"The things he says are greater than the words of any man!"

47 The Pharisees answered,

"So Jesus has fooled you too! 48 Have any of the leaders or the Pharisees believed in him? No! 49 But those people, who know nothing about the law, are under God's curse!"

50 But Nicodemus was there in that group. He was the one who had gone to see Jesus before." Nicodemus said,

51 "Our law does not judge a man without hearing him. We cannot judge him until we know what he has done."

52 They answered,

"Are you from Galilee too? Study the Scriptures.^d You will learn that no prophet^d comes from Galilee."

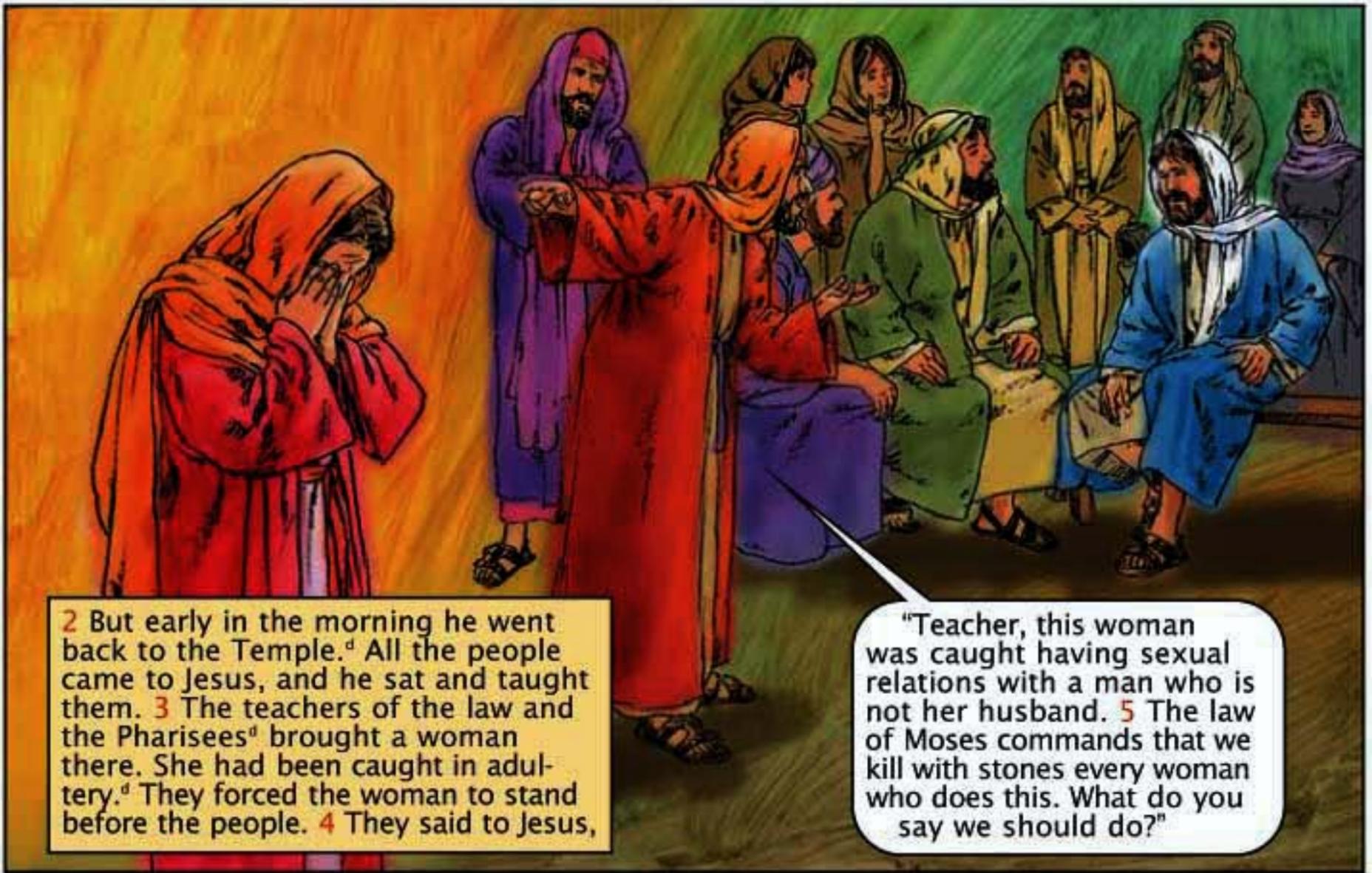
53 And everyone left and went home."

Chapter 8

The Woman Caught in Adultery

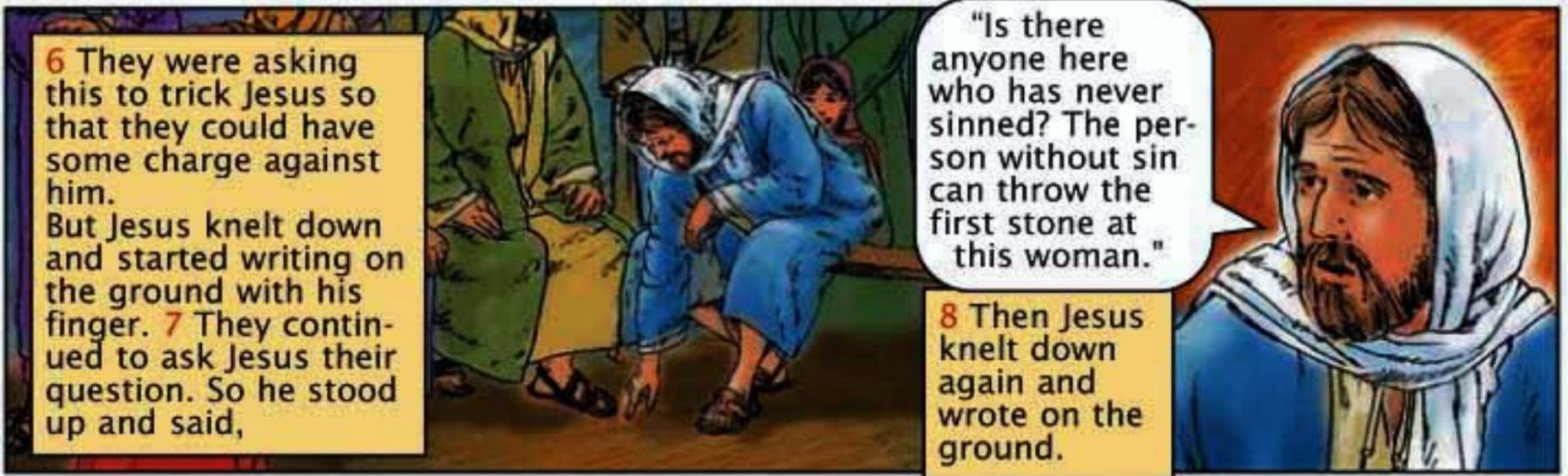
1 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.^d

7:50 But Nicodemus . . . before. The story about Nicodemus going and talking to Jesus is in John 3:1-21. 7:53 Verse 53 Some of the earliest surviving Greek copies do not contain 7:53-8:11.



2 But early in the morning he went back to the Temple.^d All the people came to Jesus, and he sat and taught them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees^e brought a woman there. She had been caught in adultery.^d They forced the woman to stand before the people. 4 They said to Jesus,

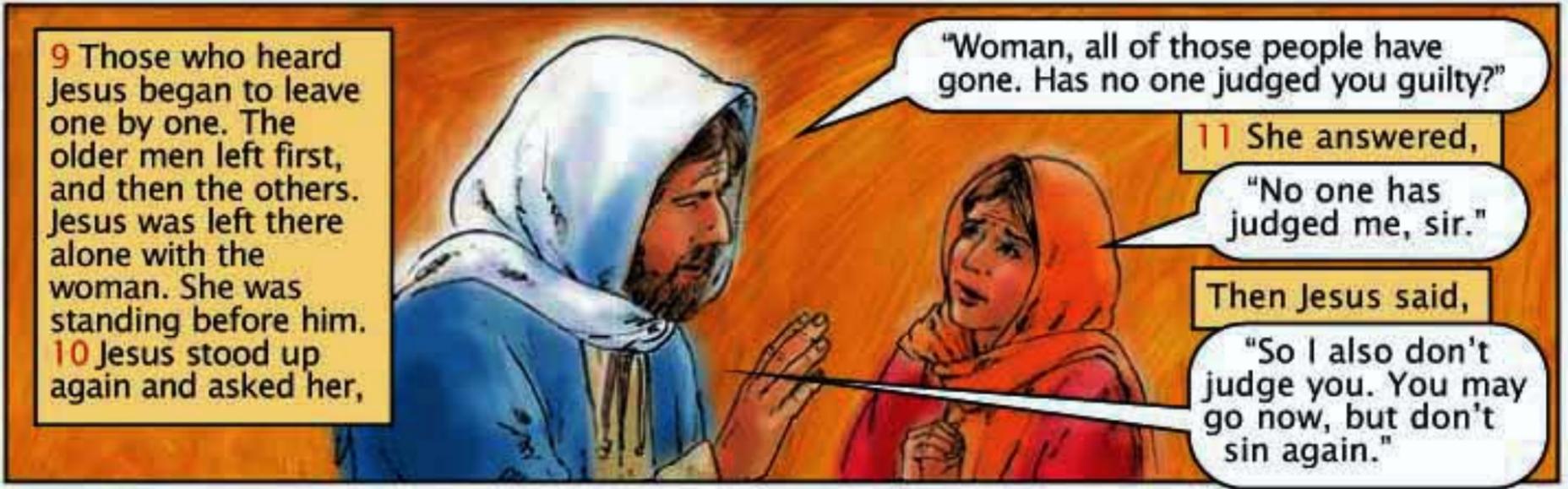
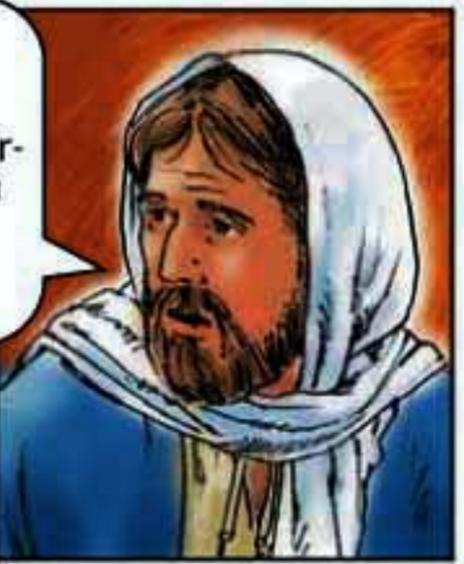
"Teacher, this woman was caught having sexual relations with a man who is not her husband. 5 The law of Moses commands that we kill with stones every woman who does this. What do you say we should do?"



6 They were asking this to trick Jesus so that they could have some charge against him. But Jesus knelt down and started writing on the ground with his finger. 7 They continued to ask Jesus their question. So he stood up and said,

"Is there anyone here who has never sinned? The person without sin can throw the first stone at this woman."

8 Then Jesus knelt down again and wrote on the ground.



9 Those who heard Jesus began to leave one by one. The older men left first, and then the others. Jesus was left there alone with the woman. She was standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up again and asked her,

"Woman, all of those people have gone. Has no one judged you guilty?"

11 She answered, "No one has judged me, sir."

Then Jesus said, "So I also don't judge you. You may go now, but don't sin again."

Jesus Is the Light of the World

12 Later, Jesus talked to the people again. He said,

"I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness. He will have the light that gives life."

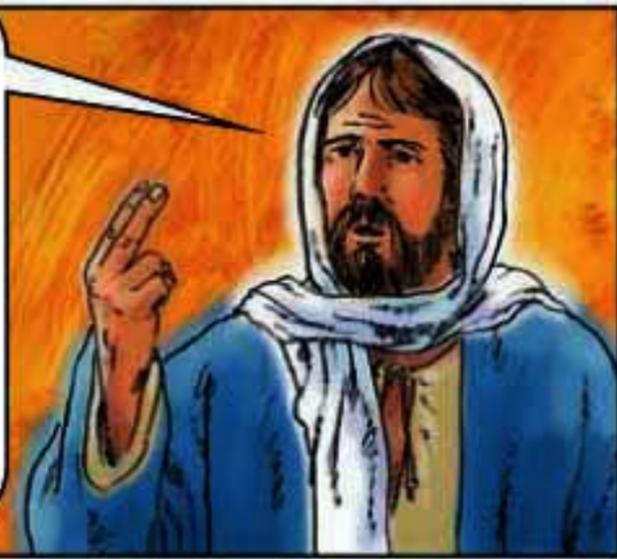
13 But the Pharisees^d said to Jesus,

"When you talk about yourself, you are the only one to say these things are true. We cannot accept these things you say."

14 Jesus answered,

"Yes, I am saying these things about myself, but they are true. I know where I came from. And I know where I am going. You don't know where I came from or where I am going. 15 You judge me the way you would judge any man. I don't judge anyone."

16 But if I judge, I judge truthfully. When I judge, I am not alone. The Father who sent me is with me. 17 Your own law says that when two witnesses say the same thing, then you must accept what they say. 18 I am one of the witnesses who speaks about myself. And the Father who sent me is my other witness."



19 They asked,

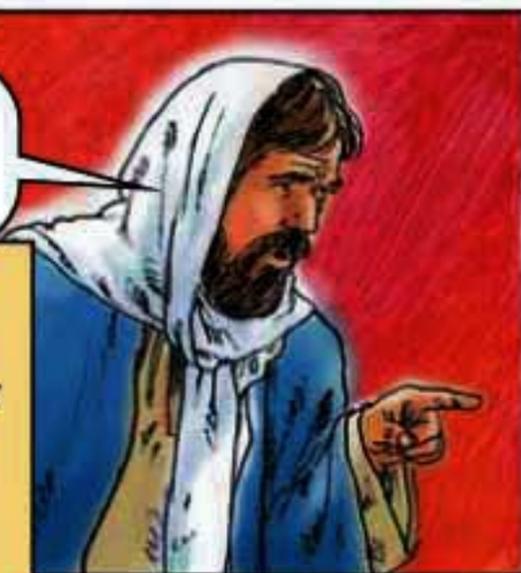
"Where is your father?"



Jesus answered,

"You don't know me or my Father. But if you knew me, then you would know my Father, too."

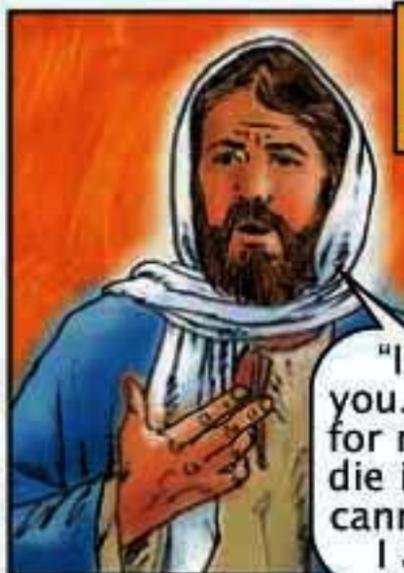
20 Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the Temple.^e He was near the place where the money that the people give is kept. But no one arrested him. The right time for Jesus had not yet come.



The People Misunderstand Jesus

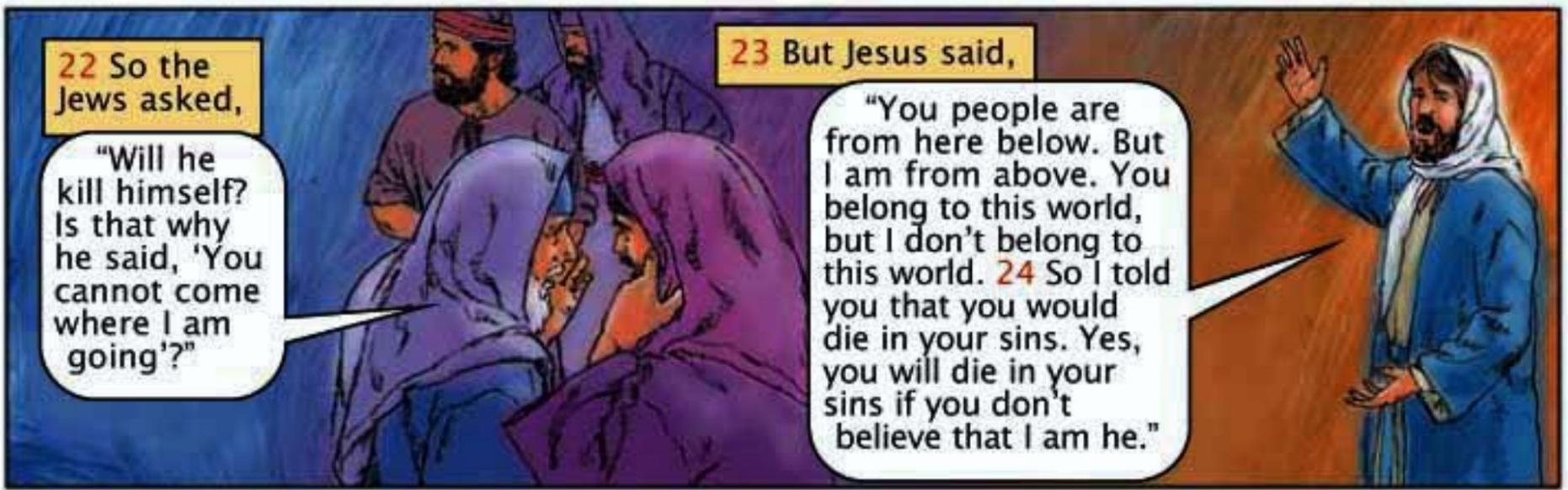
21 Again, Jesus said to the people,

"I will leave you. You will look for me, but you will die in your sins. You cannot come where I am going."



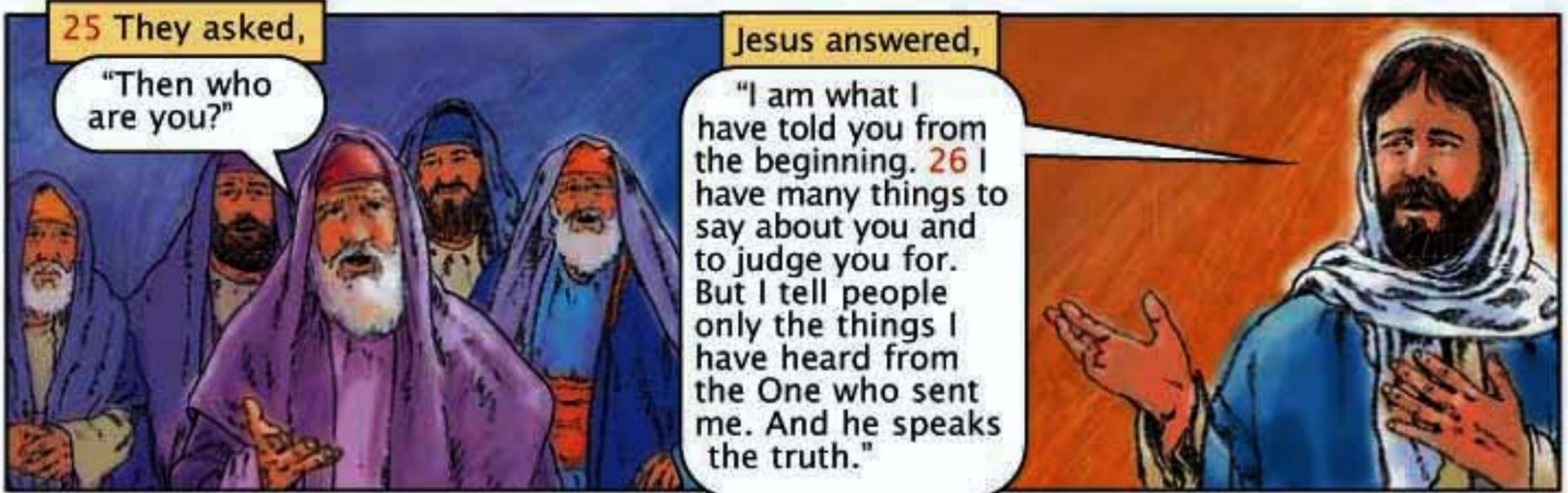
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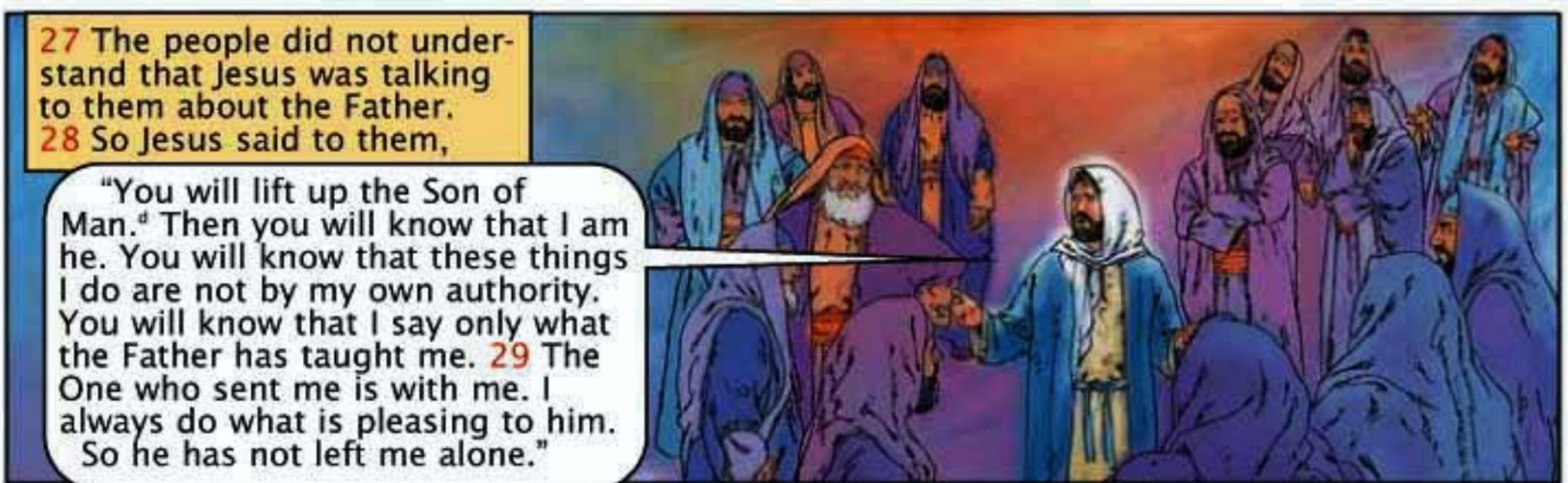
22 So the Jews asked, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he said, 'You cannot come where I am going'?"

23 But Jesus said, "You people are from here below. But I am from above. You belong to this world, but I don't belong to this world. 24 So I told you that you would die in your sins. Yes, you will die in your sins if you don't believe that I am he."

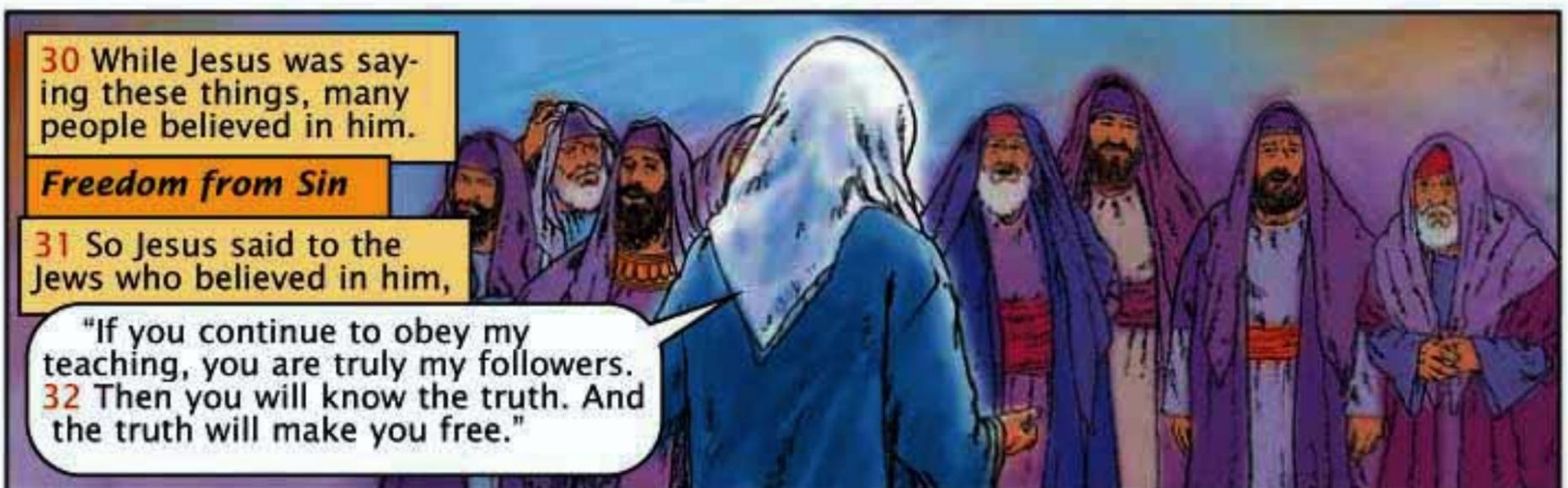


25 They asked, "Then who are you?"

Jesus answered, "I am what I have told you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to say about you and to judge you for. But I tell people only the things I have heard from the One who sent me. And he speaks the truth."



27 The people did not understand that Jesus was talking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said to them, "You will lift up the Son of Man." Then you will know that I am he. You will know that these things I do are not by my own authority. You will know that I say only what the Father has taught me. 29 The One who sent me is with me. I always do what is pleasing to him. So he has not left me alone."



30 While Jesus was saying these things, many people believed in him.

Freedom from Sin

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, "If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my followers. 32 Then you will know the truth. And the truth will make you free."

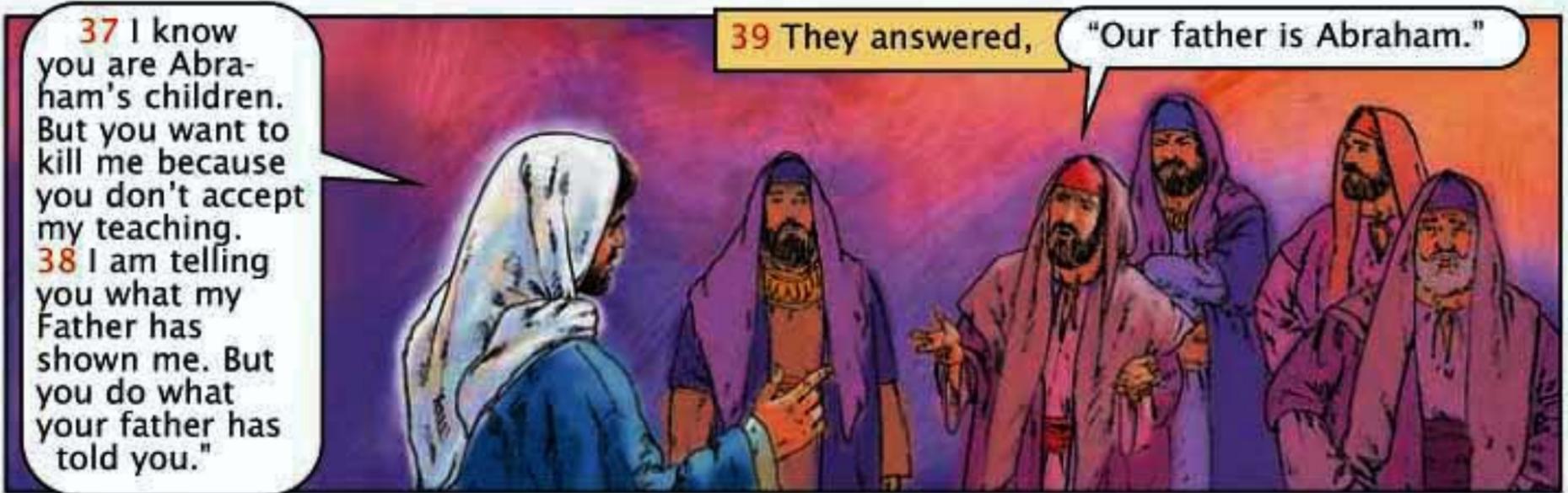


33 They answered,

"We are Abraham's children. And we have never been slaves. So why do you say that we will be free?"

34 Jesus answered,

"I tell you the truth. Everyone who lives in sin is a slave to sin. 35 A slave does not stay with a family forever, but a son belongs to the family forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, then you will be truly free."



37 I know you are Abraham's children. But you want to kill me because you don't accept my teaching. 38 I am telling you what my Father has shown me. But you do what your father has told you."

39 They answered,

"Our father is Abraham."



Jesus said,

"If you were really Abraham's children, you would do the things that Abraham did. 40 I am a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. But you are trying to kill me. Abraham did nothing like that. 41 So you are doing the things that your own father did."

But they said,

"We are not like children who never knew who their father was. God is our Father. He is the only Father we have."

8:39 If . . . do Some Greek copies read "If you are really Abraham's children, you will do."

42 Jesus said to them,

"If God were really your Father, you would love me. I came from God and now I am here. I did not come by my own authority. God sent me. 43 You don't understand what I say because you cannot accept my teaching. 44 Your father is the devil. You belong to him and want to do what he wants. He was a murderer from the beginning. He was against the truth, for there is

no truth in him. He is a liar, and he is like the lies he tells. He is the father of lies. 45 But I speak the truth. That is why you don't believe me. 46 Can any of you prove that I am guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 He who belongs to God accepts what God says. But you don't accept what God says, because you don't belong to God."

Jesus and Abraham

48 The Jews answered,

"We say you are a Samaritan! We say a demon has come into you. Are we not right?"

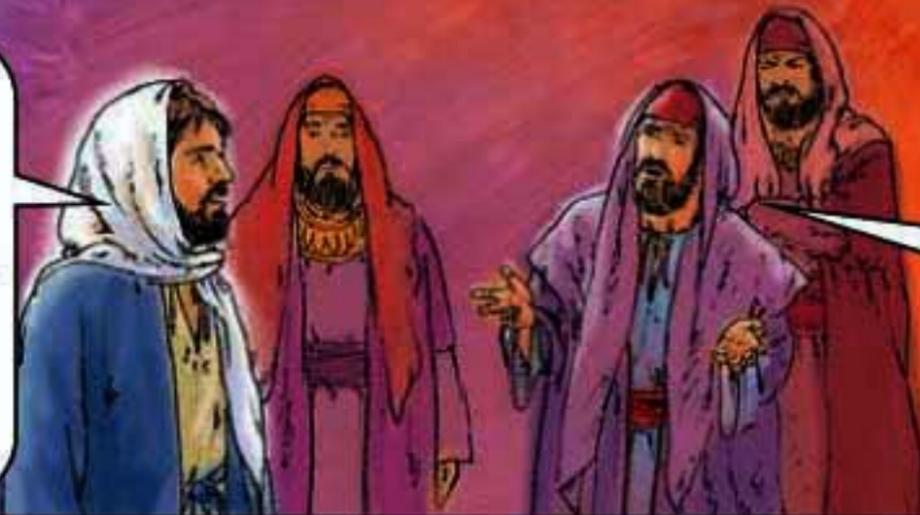


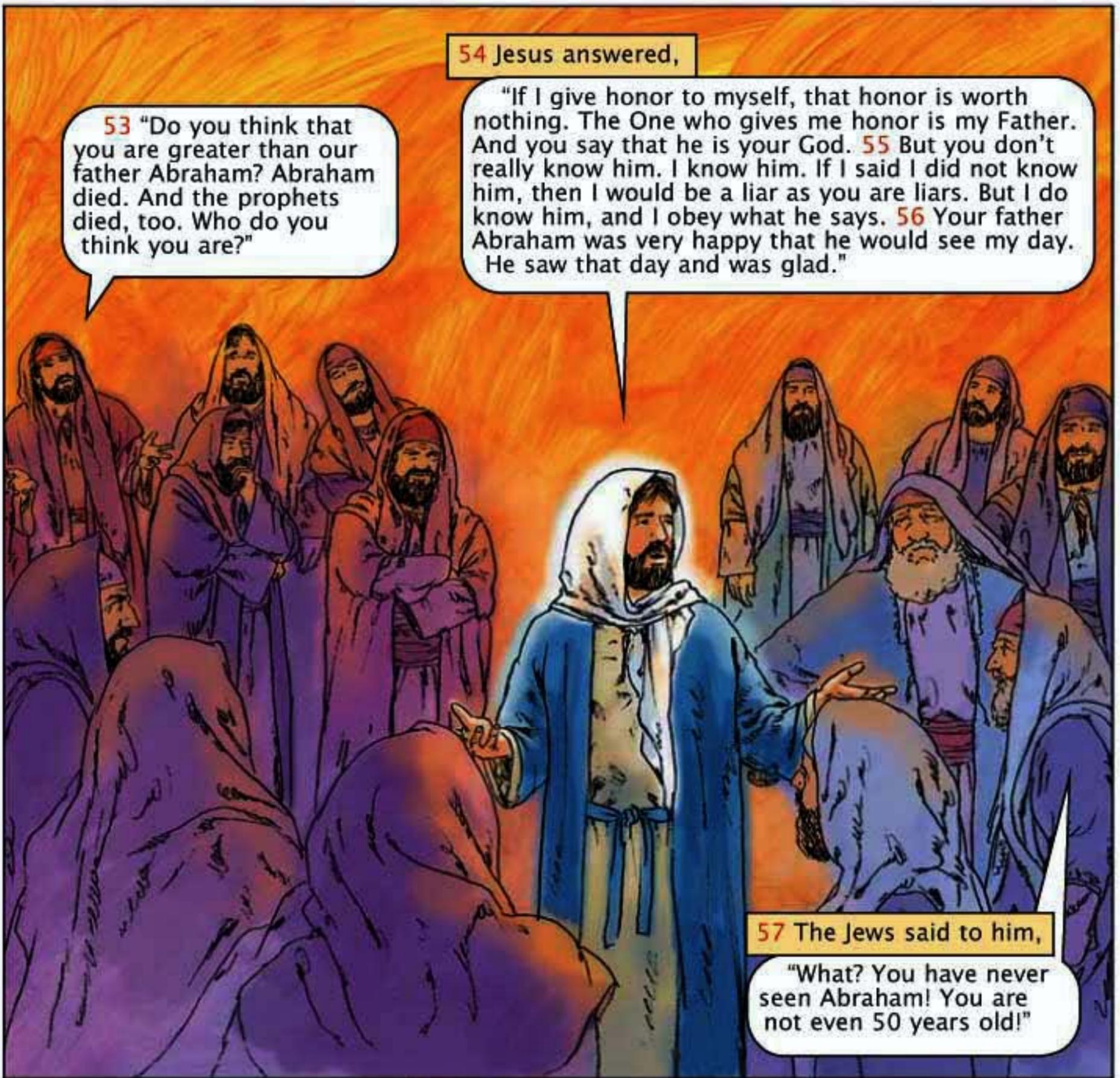
49 Jesus answered,

"I have no demon in me. I give honor to my Father, but you dishonor me. 50 I am not trying to get honor for myself. There is One who wants this honor for me, and he is the judge. 51 I tell you the truth. If anyone obeys my teaching, he will never die."

52 The Jews said to Jesus,

"Now we know that you have a demon in you! Even Abraham and the prophets died. But you say, 'Whoever obeys my teaching will never die.'





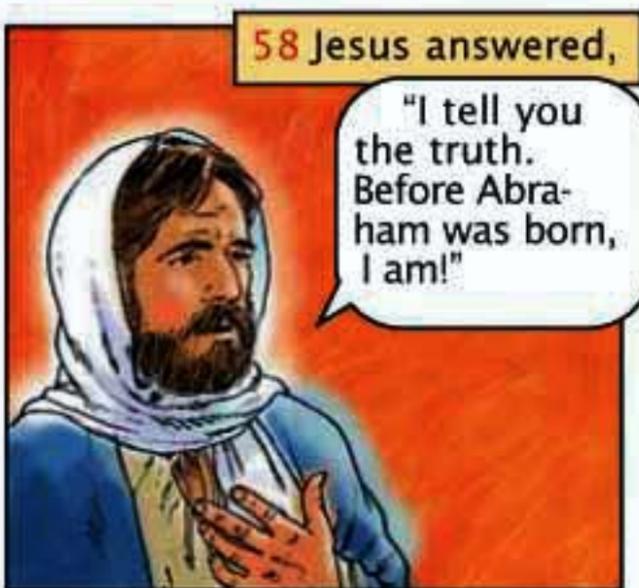
53 "Do you think that you are greater than our father Abraham? Abraham died. And the prophets died, too. Who do you think you are?"

54 Jesus answered,

"If I give honor to myself, that honor is worth nothing. The One who gives me honor is my Father. And you say that he is your God. 55 But you don't really know him. I know him. If I said I did not know him, then I would be a liar as you are liars. But I do know him, and I obey what he says. 56 Your father Abraham was very happy that he would see my day. He saw that day and was glad."

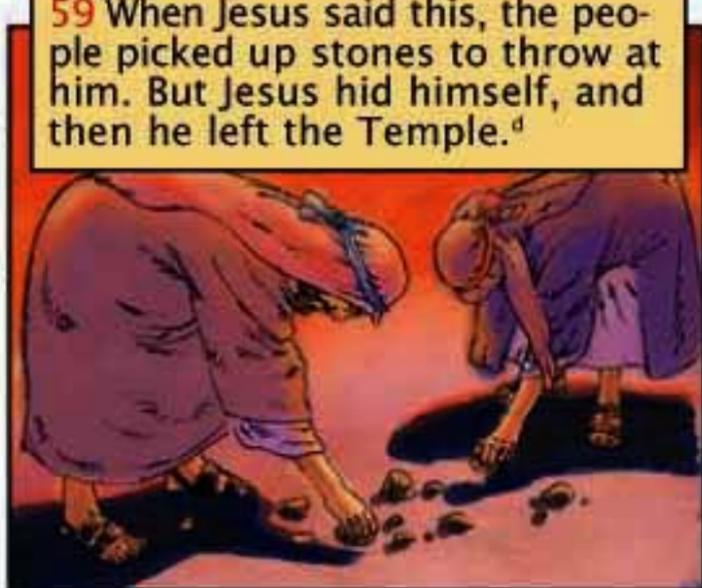
57 The Jews said to him,

"What? You have never seen Abraham! You are not even 50 years old!"



58 Jesus answered,

"I tell you the truth. Before Abraham was born, I am!"

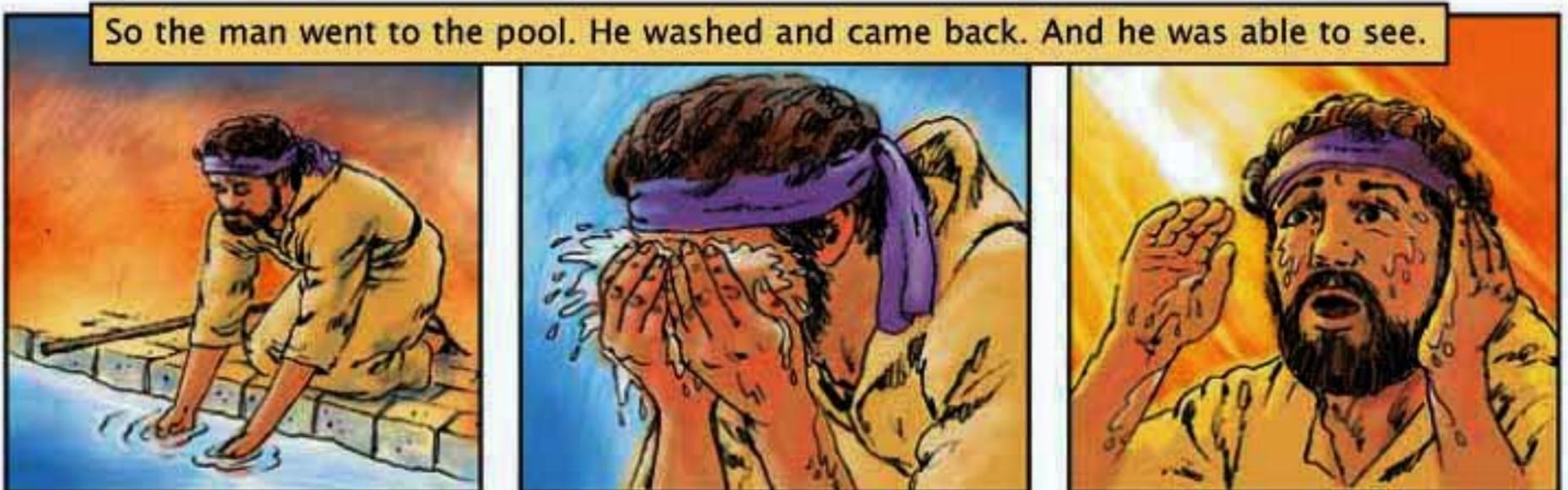
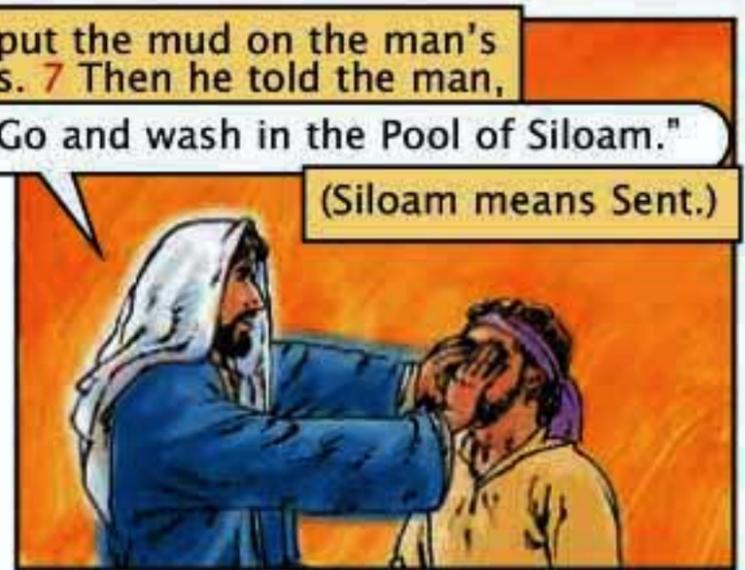
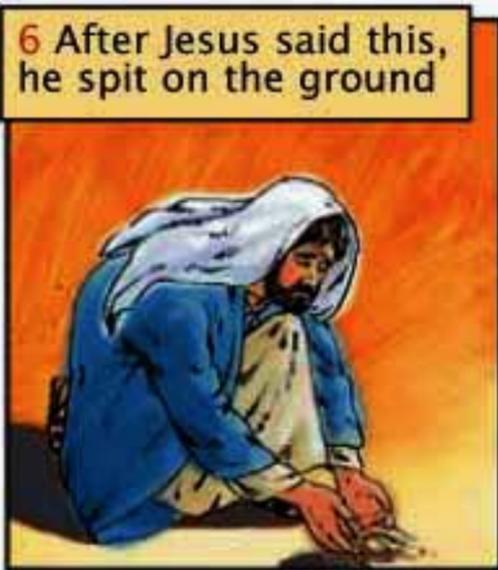
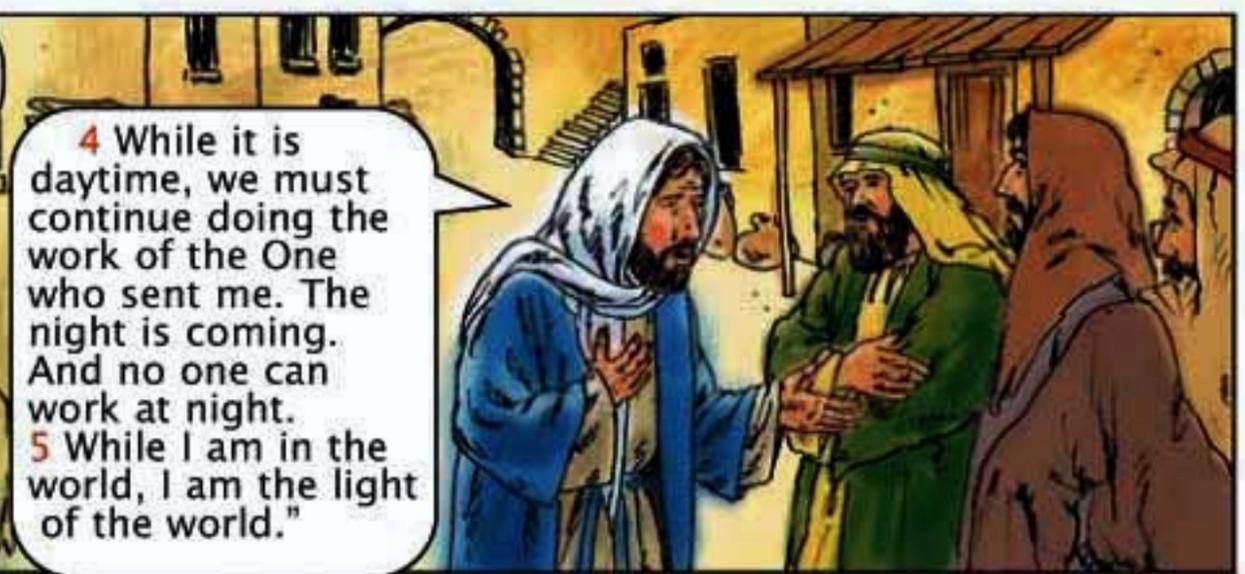
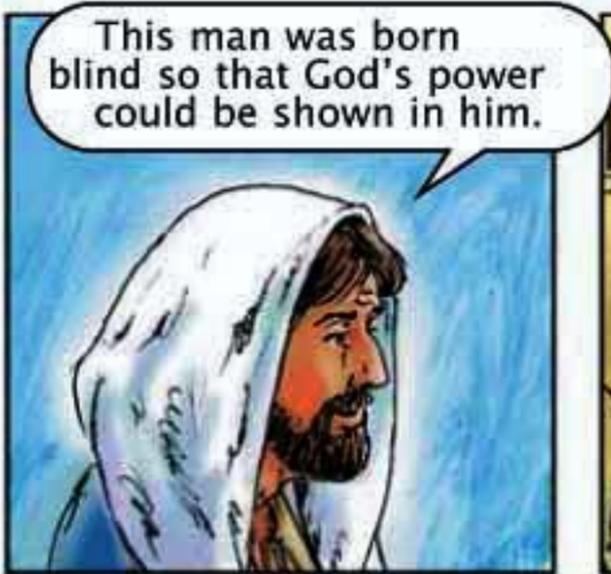
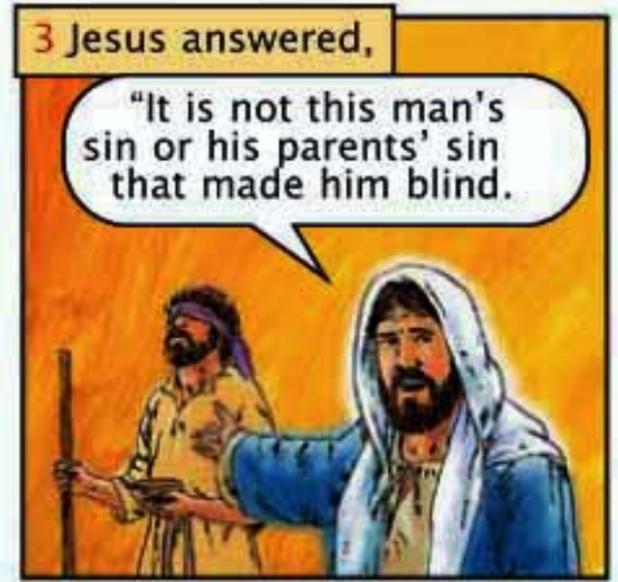
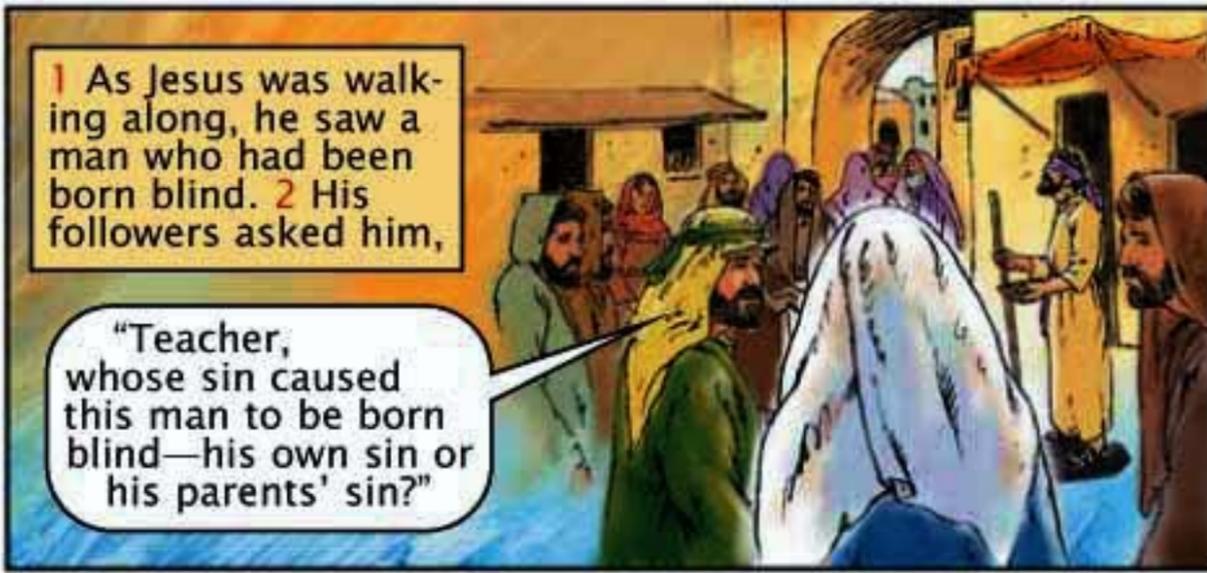


59 When Jesus said this, the people picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus hid himself, and then he left the Temple.

Chapter
9
Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9:1-7

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8 Some people had seen this man begging before. They and the man's neighbors said,

"Look! Is this the same man who always sits and begs?"

9 Some said,

"Yes! He is the one."

But others said,

"No, he's not the same man. He only looks like him."

So the man himself said,

"I am the man."

10 They asked,

"What happened? How did you get your sight?"

11 He answered,

"The man named Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. Then he told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed and came back seeing."

12 They asked him,

"Where is this man?"

The man answered,

"I don't know."

Pharisees Question the Healing

13 Then the people took to the Pharisees^d the man who had been blind. 14 The day Jesus had made mud and healed his eyes was a Sabbath^d day. 15 So now the Pharisees asked the man,

"How did you get your sight?"

Others said,

"But a man who is a sinner can't do miracles^d like these."

So they could not agree with each other.

16 Some of the Pharisees were saying,

"This man does not keep the Sabbath day. He is not from God!"

He answered,

"He put mud on my eyes. I washed, and now I can see."

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17 They asked the man again,

"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man answered,

"He is a prophet."^d

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and could now see again. So they sent for the man's parents
19 and asked them,

"Is this your son? You say that he was born blind. Then how does he see now?"

20 His parents answered,

"We know that this is our son, and we know that he was born blind.
21 But we don't know how he can see now. We don't know who opened his eyes. Ask him. He is old enough to answer for himself."

22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews. The Jews had already decided that anyone who said that Jesus was the Christ^d would be put out of the synagogue.^d 23 That is why his parents said, "He is old enough. Ask him."
24 So for the second time, they called the man who had been blind. They said,

"You should give God the glory by telling the truth. We know that this man is a sinner."

25 He answered,

"I don't know if he is a sinner. But one thing I do know. I was blind, and now I can see."

26 They asked,

"What did he do to you? How did he make you see again?"

27 He answered,

"I have already told you that. But you would not listen to me. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his followers, too?"

28 Then they insulted him and said,

"You are his follower. We are followers of Moses. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses. But we don't even know where this man comes from!"



30 The man answered,

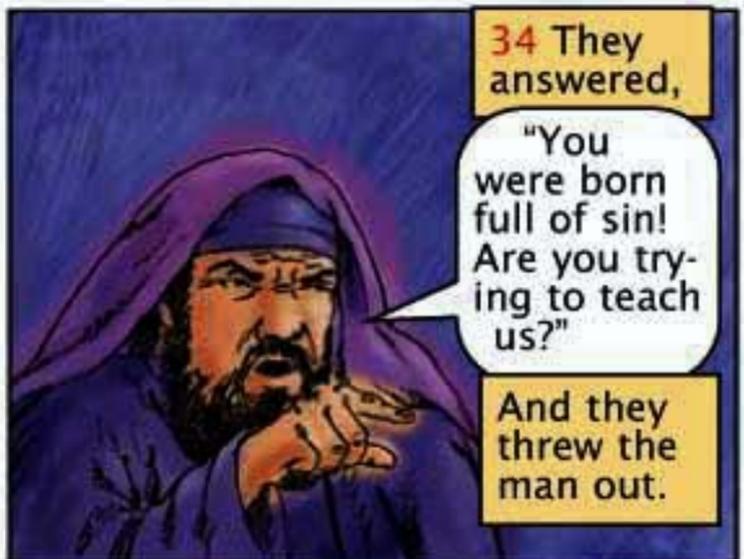
"This is a very strange thing. You don't know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes."



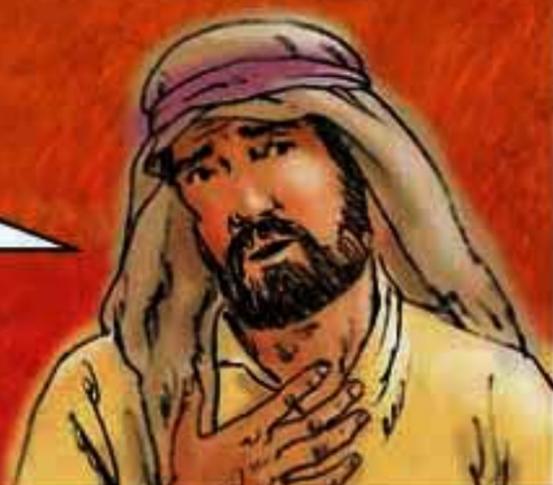
34 They answered,

"You were born full of sin! Are you trying to teach us?"

And they threw the man out.

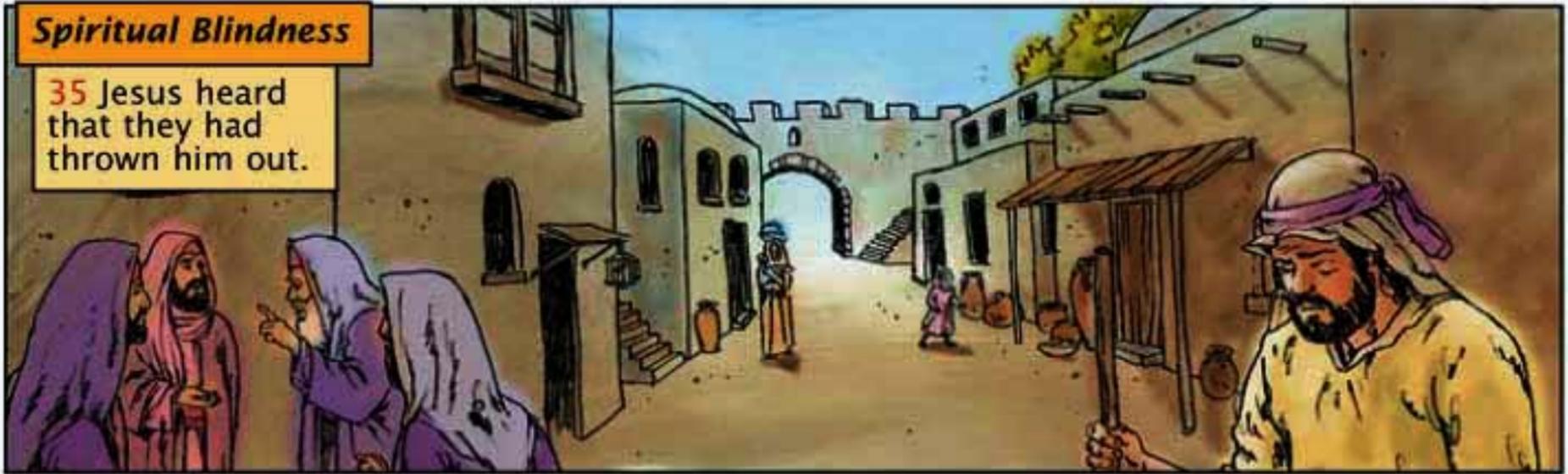


31 We all know that God does not listen to sinners. But God listens to anyone who worships and obeys him. 32 Nobody has ever heard of anyone giving sight to a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."



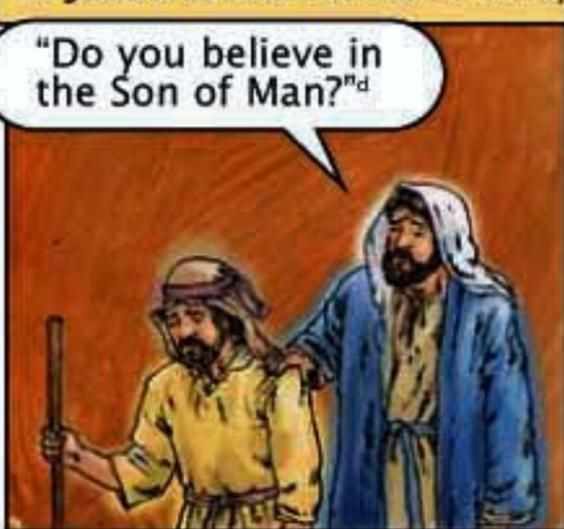
Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out.



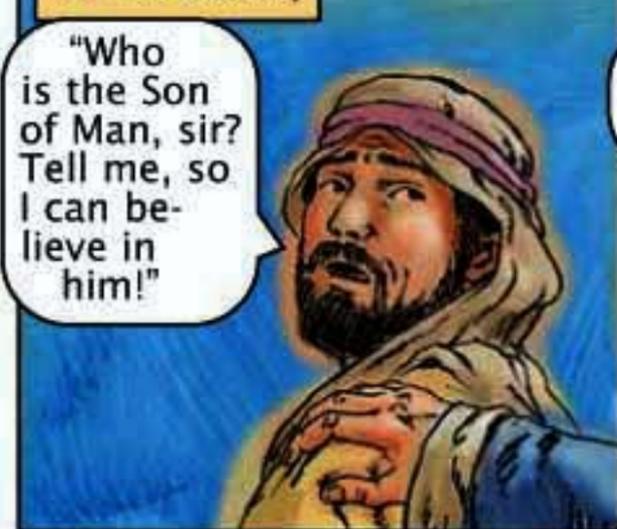
So Jesus found him and said,

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"^d



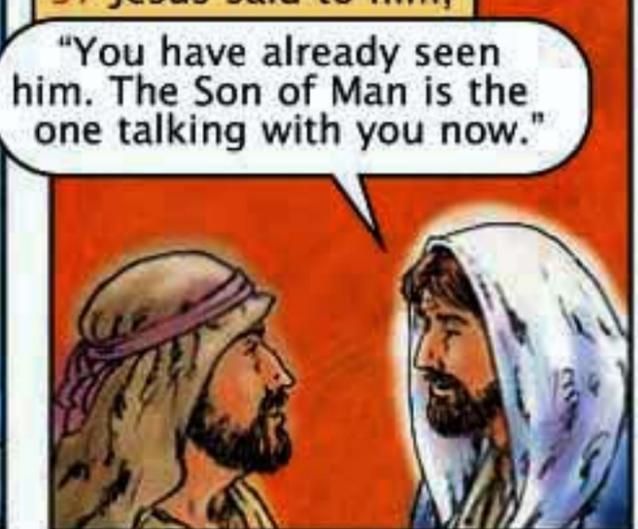
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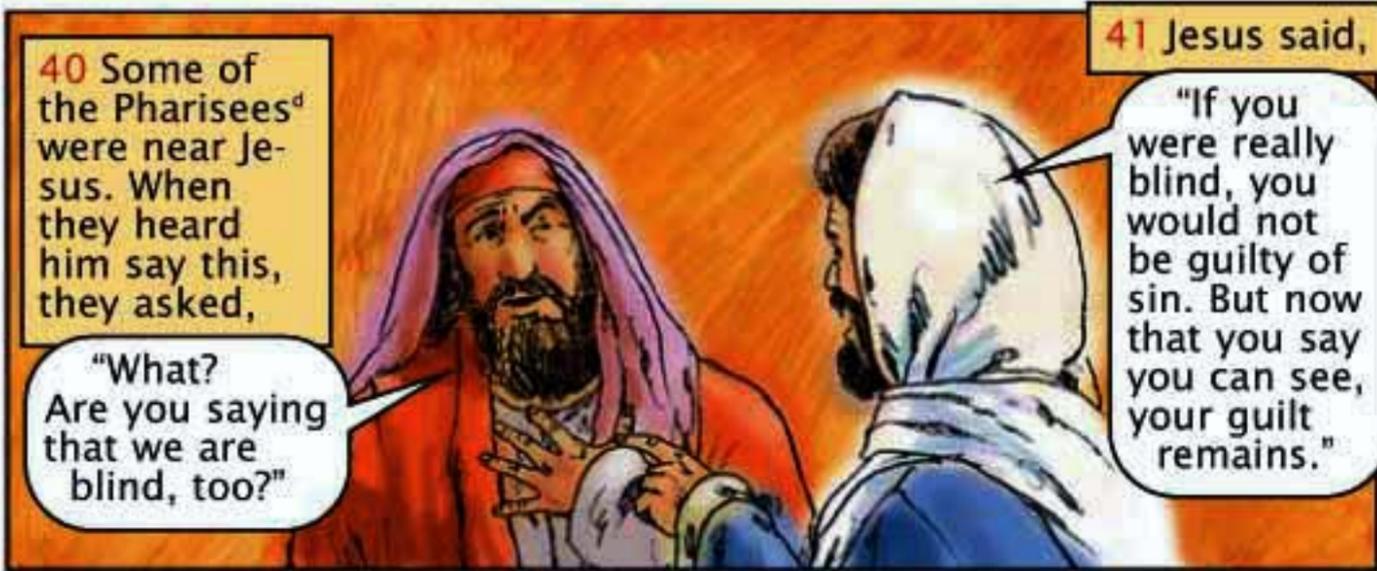
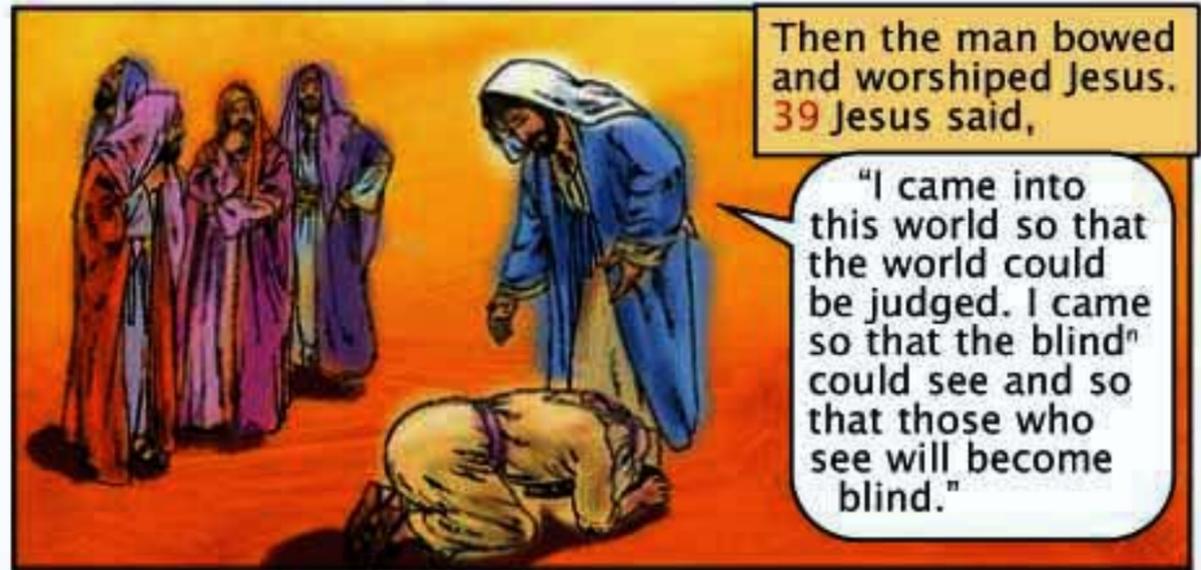
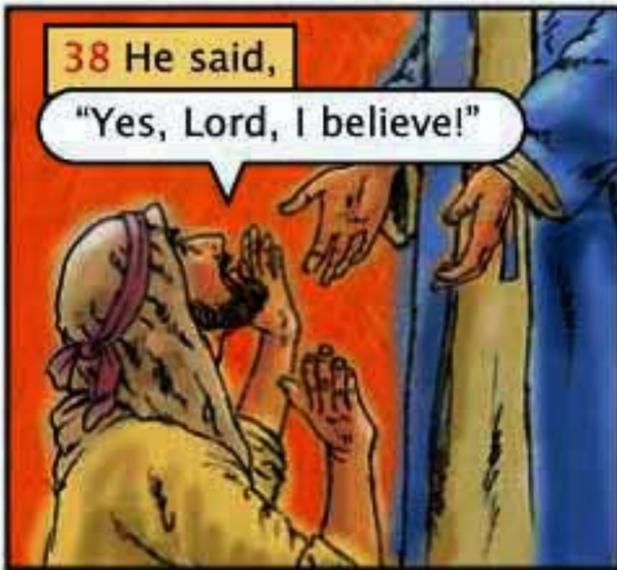
"Who is the Son of Man, sir? Tell me, so I can believe in him!"



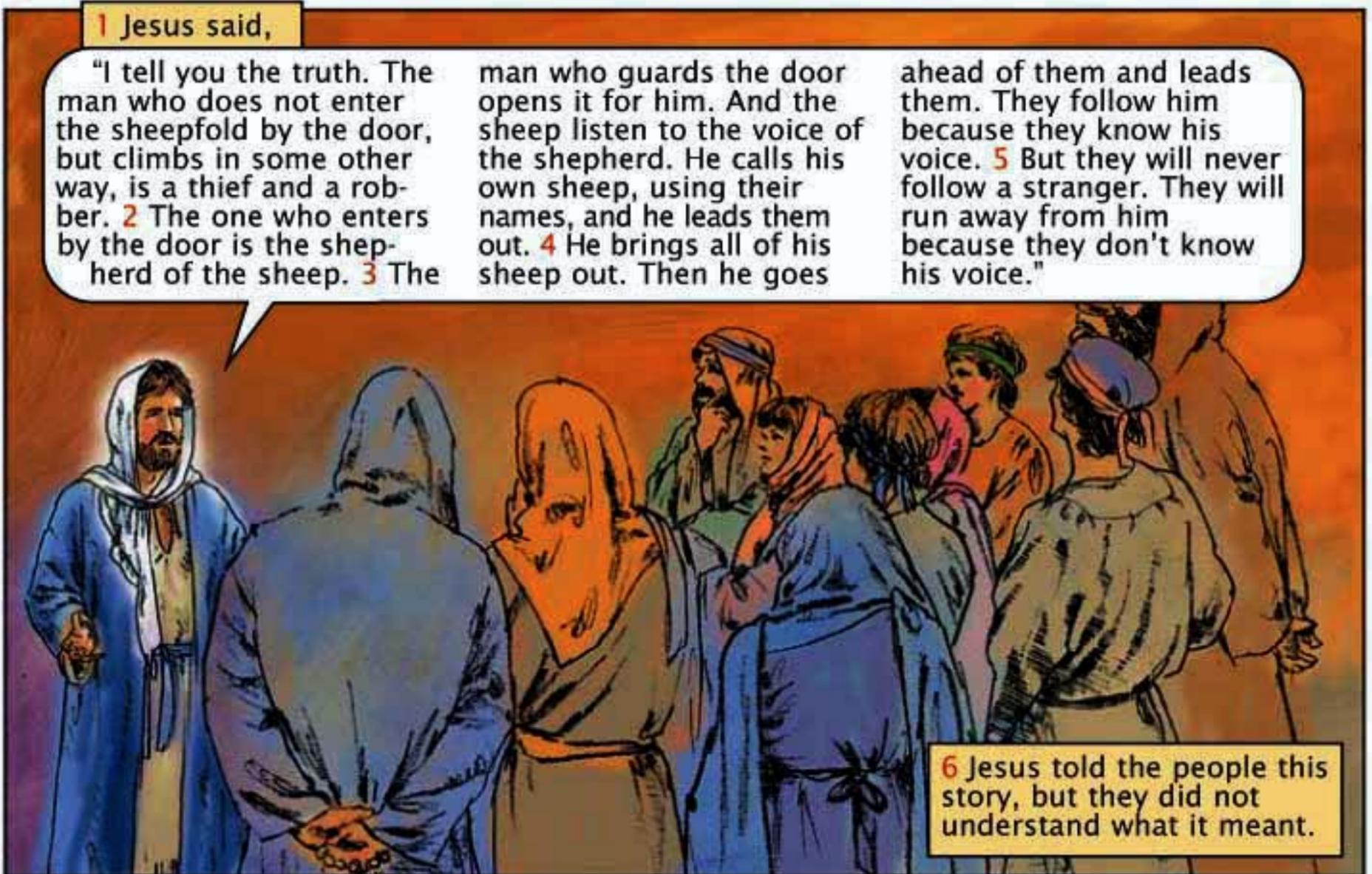
37 Jesus said to him,

"You have already seen him. The Son of Man is the one talking with you now."





Chapter
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The Shepherd and His Sheep



9:39 **blind** Jesus is talking about people who are spiritually blind, not physically blind.

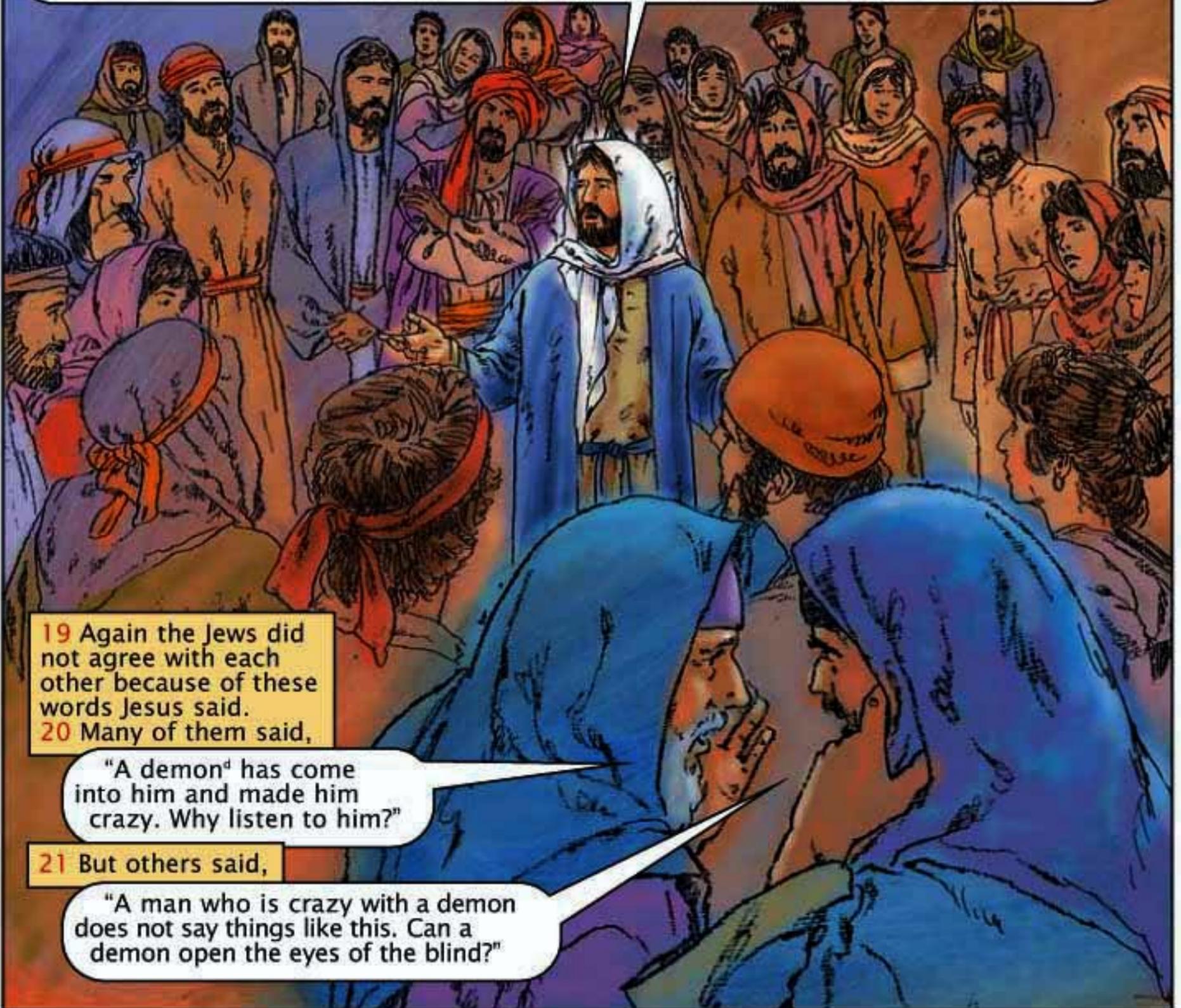
Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

7 So Jesus said again,

"I tell you the truth. I am the door for the sheep. 8 All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. The person who enters through me will be saved. He will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. 10 A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. But I came to give life—life in all its fullness. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. 12 The worker who is paid

to keep the sheep is different from the shepherd who owns them. So when the worker sees a wolf coming, he runs away and leaves the sheep alone. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13 The man runs away because he is only a paid worker. He does not really care for the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me, 15 just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I give my life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep that are not in this flock here. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The Father loves me because I give my life. I give my life so that I can take it back again. 18 No one takes it away from me. I give my own life freely. I have the right to give my life, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father commanded me to do."



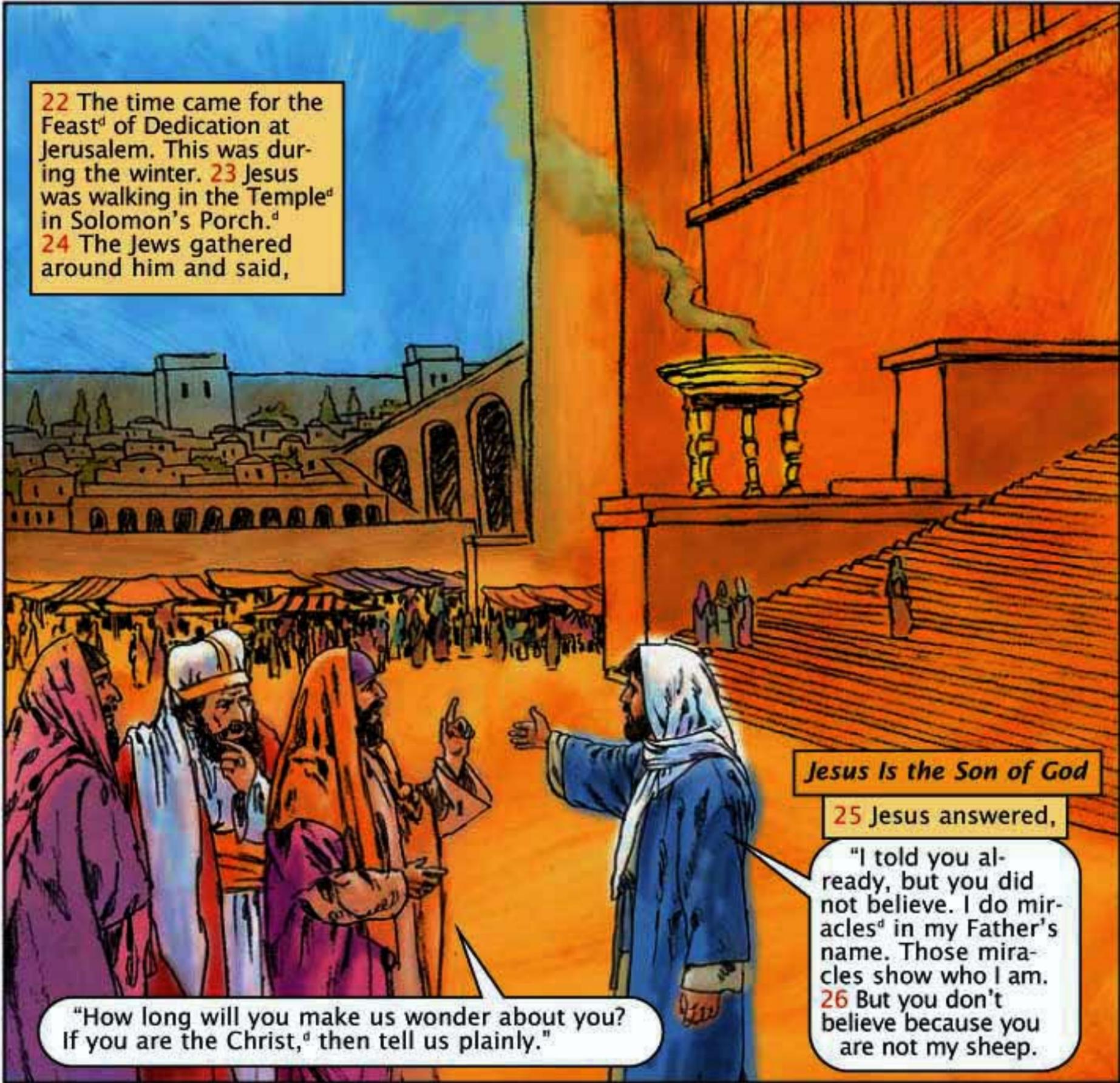
19 Again the Jews did not agree with each other because of these words Jesus said. 20 Many of them said,

"A demon^d has come into him and made him crazy. Why listen to him?"

21 But others said,

"A man who is crazy with a demon does not say things like this. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

22 The time came for the Feast^d of Dedication at Jerusalem. This was during the winter. 23 Jesus was walking in the Temple^d in Solomon's Porch.^d 24 The Jews gathered around him and said,

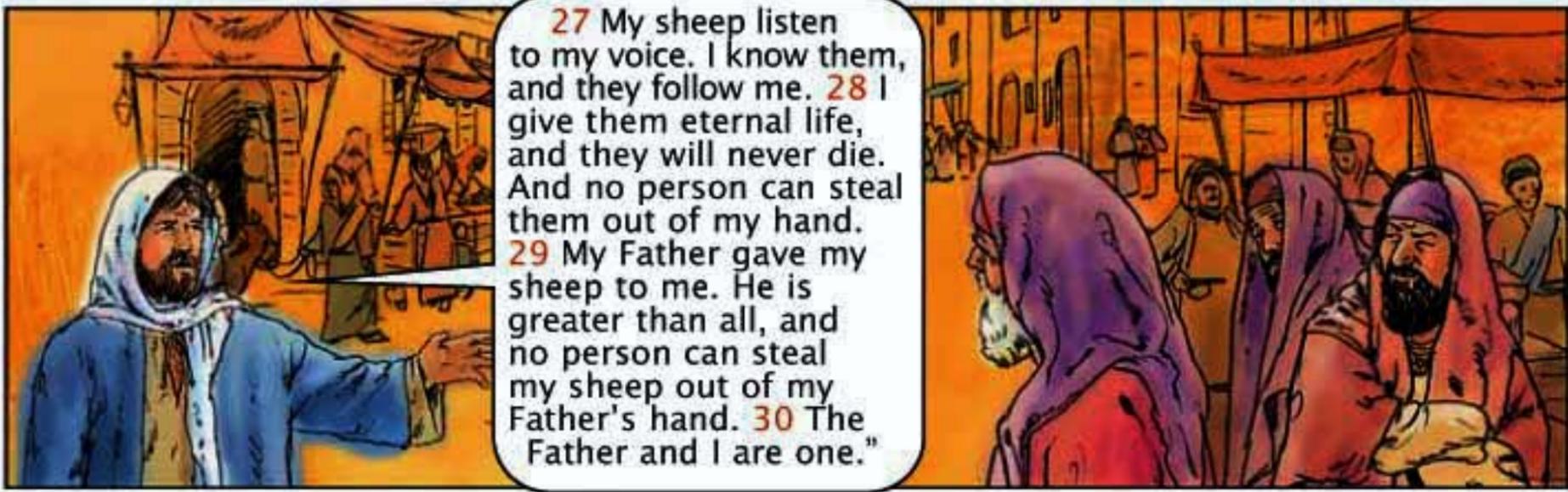


Jesus Is the Son of God

25 Jesus answered,

"I told you already, but you did not believe. I do miracles^d in my Father's name. Those miracles show who I am. 26 But you don't believe because you are not my sheep."

"How long will you make us wonder about you? If you are the Christ,^d then tell us plainly."



27 My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never die. And no person can steal them out of my hand. 29 My Father gave my sheep to me. He is greater than all, and no person can steal my sheep out of my Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

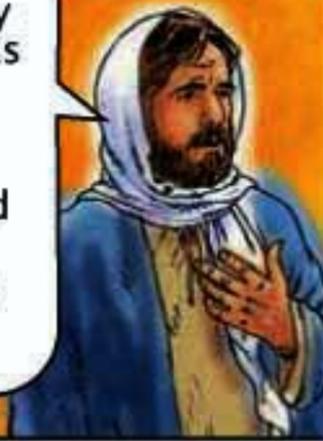
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31 Again the Jews picked up stones to kill Jesus.



32 But Jesus said to them,

"I have done many good works from the Father. Which of these good works are you killing me for?"



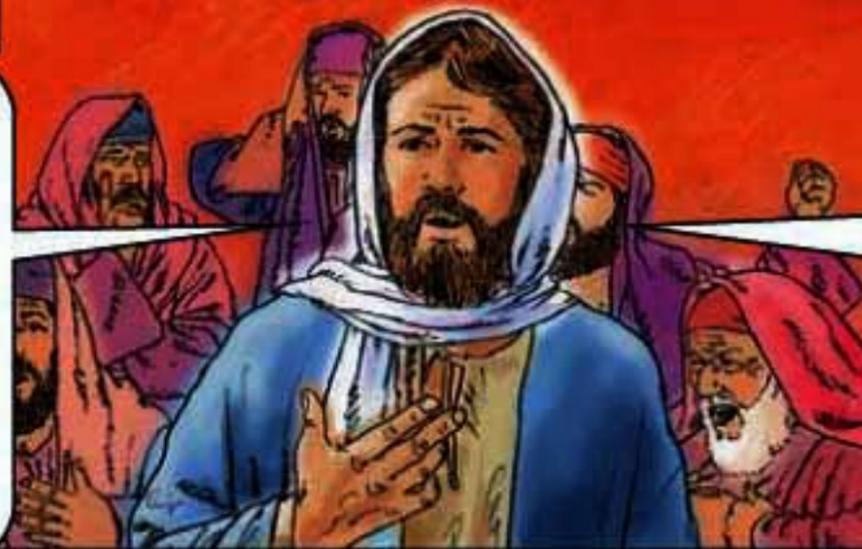
33 The Jews answered,

"We are not killing you for any good work you did. But you say things that are against God. You are only a man, but you say you are the same as God!"



34 Jesus answered,

"It is written in your law that God said, 'I have said you are gods!'" 35 This Scripture^d called those people gods, the people who received God's message. And Scripture is always true. 36 So why do you say that I speak against God



because I said, 'I am God's Son'? I am the one God chose and sent into the world. 37 If I don't do what my Father does, then don't believe me. 38 But if I do what my Father does, even though you don't believe in me, believe what I do. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

39 They tried to take Jesus again, but he escaped from them. 40 Then Jesus went back across the Jordan River to the place where John had first baptized. Jesus stayed there,



41 and many people came to him. They said,

"John never did a miracle. But everything John said about this man is true."

42 And in that place many believed in Jesus.

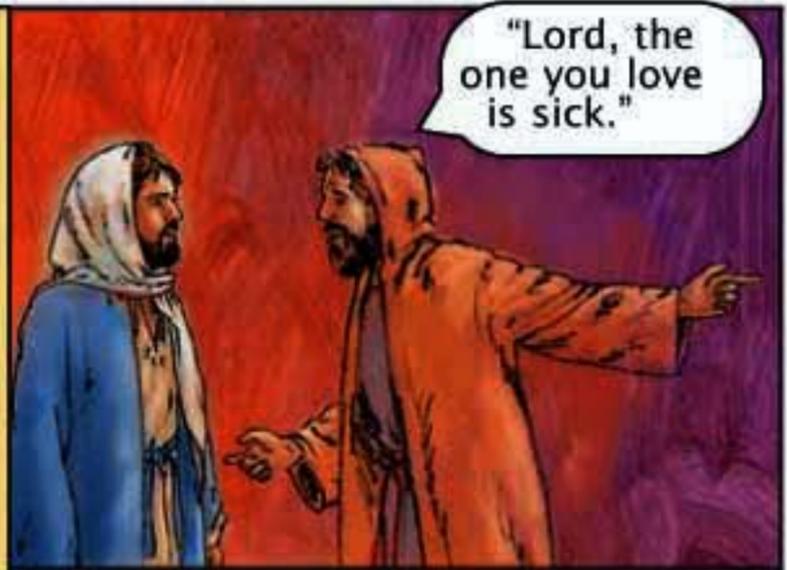


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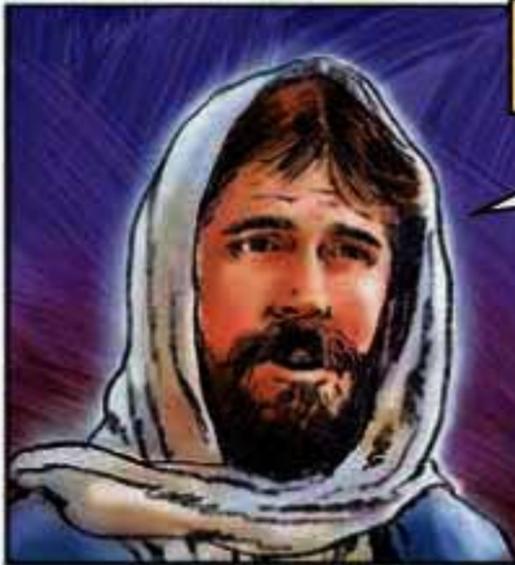
Chapter 11

The Death of Lazarus

1 There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of Bethany, where Mary and her sister Martha lived. 2 Mary is the woman who later put perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. Mary's brother was Lazarus, the man who was now sick. 3 So Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus,



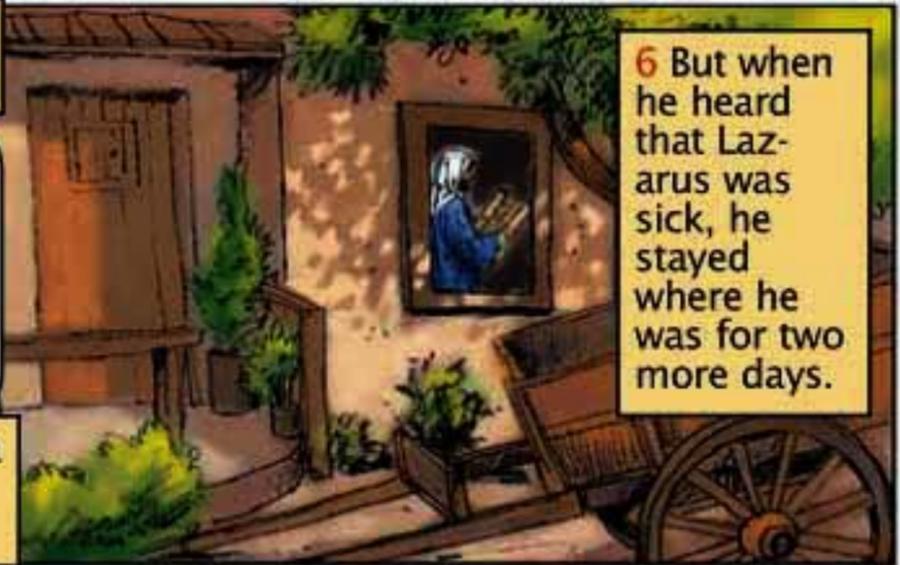
"Lord, the one you love is sick."



4 When Jesus heard this he said,

"This sickness will not end in death. It is for the glory of God. This has happened to bring glory to the Son of God."

5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.



6 But when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days.

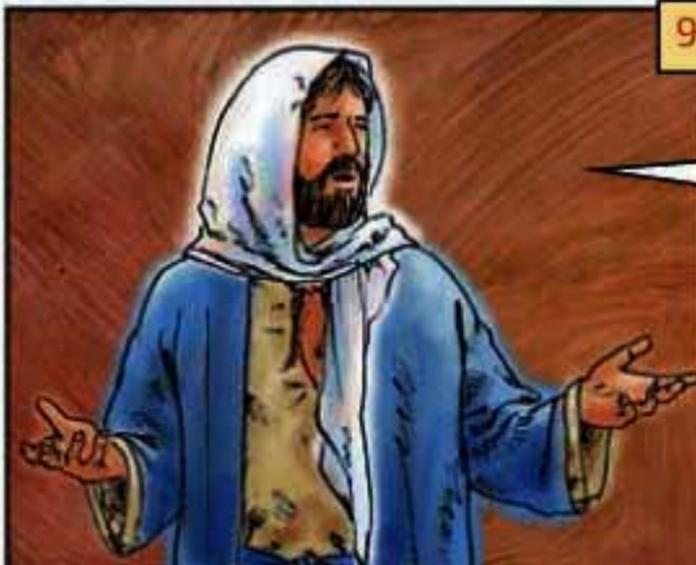


7 Then Jesus said to his followers,

"Let us go back to Judea."

8 The followers said,

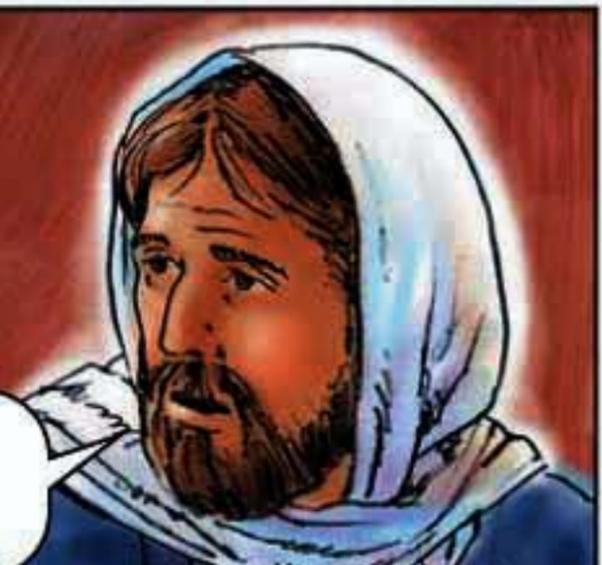
"But Teacher, the Jews there tried to kill you with stones. That was only a short time ago. Now you want to go back there?"



9 Jesus answered,

"Are there not 12 hours in the day? If anyone walks in the daylight, he will not stumble because he can see by this world's light.

10 But if anyone walks at night he stumbles because there is no light to help him see."



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11 After Jesus said this, he added,

"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. But I am going there to wake him."



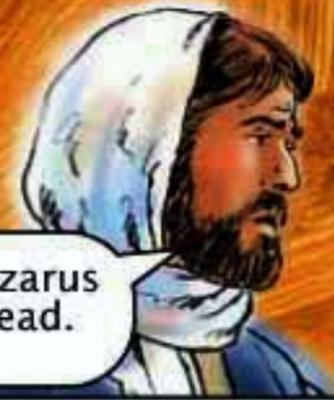
12 The followers said,

"But Lord, if he can sleep, he will get well."

13 Jesus meant that Lazarus was dead. But Jesus' followers thought that he meant Lazarus was really sleeping.

14 So then Jesus said plainly,

"Lazarus is dead."

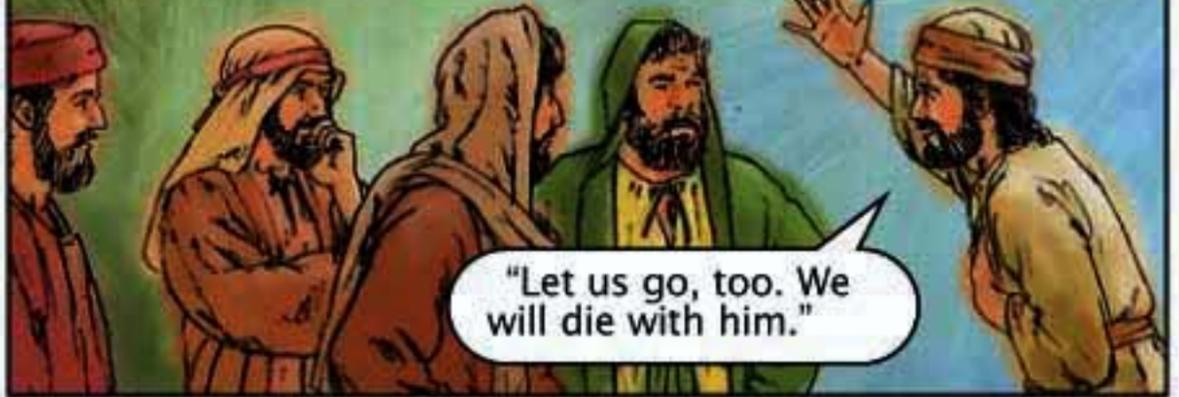


15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there so that you may believe. But let us go to him now."



16 Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other followers,

"Let us go, too. We will die with him."



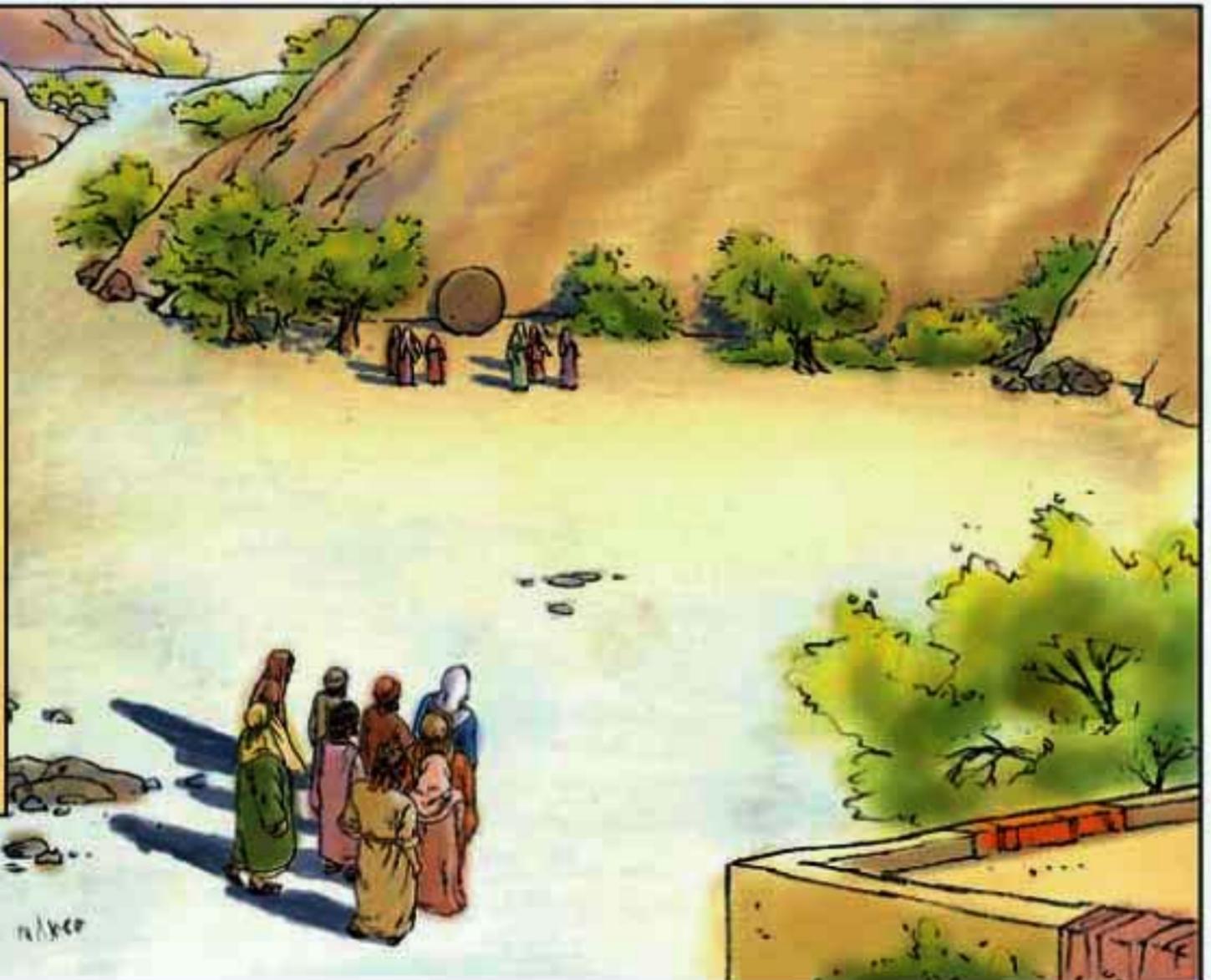
Jesus in Bethany

17 Jesus arrived in Bethany. There he learned that Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb for four days.

18 Bethany was about two miles from Jerusalem.

19 Many Jews had come there to comfort Martha and Mary about their brother.

20 Martha heard that Jesus was coming, and she went out to meet him. But Mary stayed at home.



John 11:21-33

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21 Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask."

23 Jesus said,

"Your brother will rise and live again."



24 Martha answered,

"I know that he will rise and live again in the resurrection" on the last day."



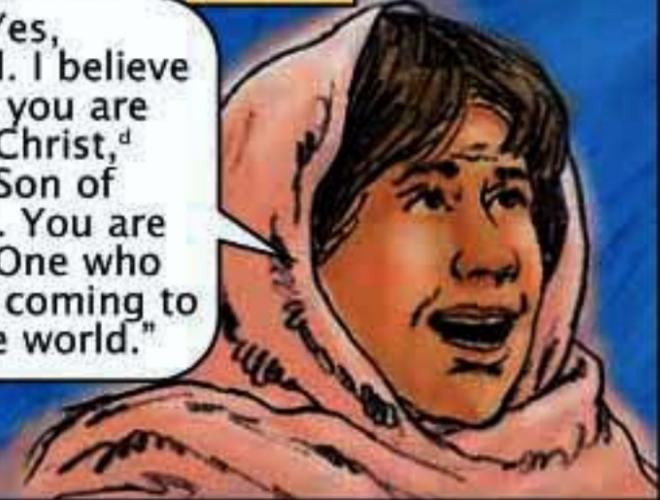
25 Jesus said to her,

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even if he dies. **26** And he who lives and believes in me will never die. Martha, do you believe this?"



27 Martha answered,

"Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ,^d the Son of God. You are the One who was coming to the world."



Jesus Cries

28 After Martha said this, she went back to her sister Mary. She talked to Mary alone. Martha said,

"The Teacher is here and he is asking for you."



29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. **30** Jesus had not yet come into the town. He was still at the place where Martha had met him. **31** The Jews were with Mary in the house, comforting her. They saw Mary stand and leave quickly. They followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to cry there.

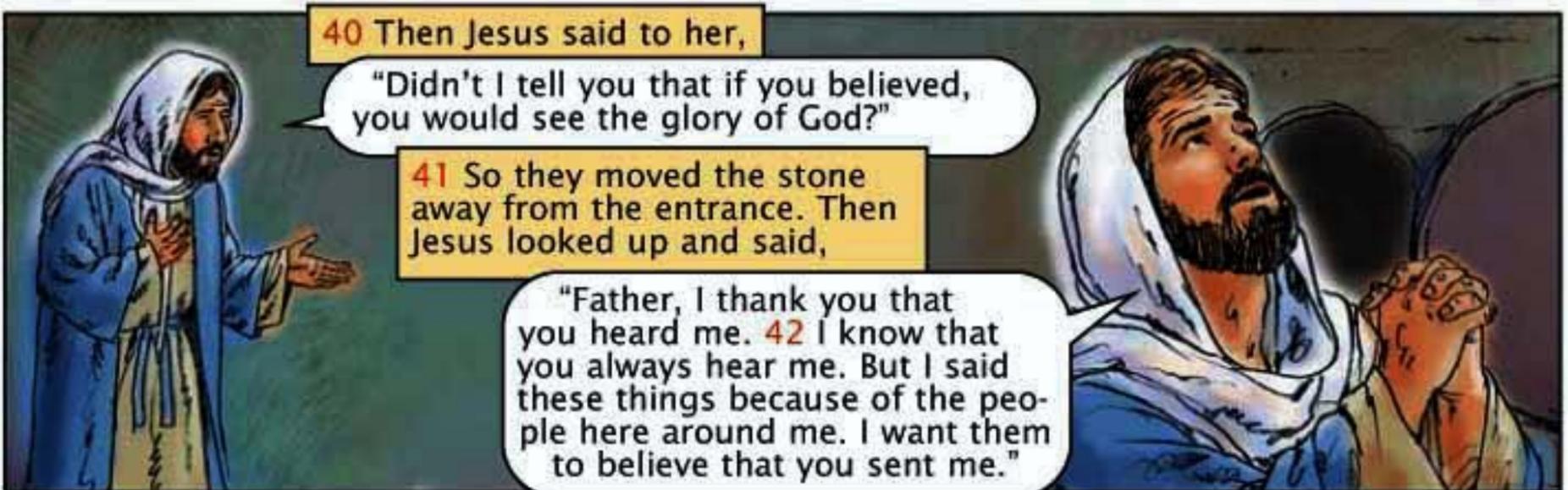
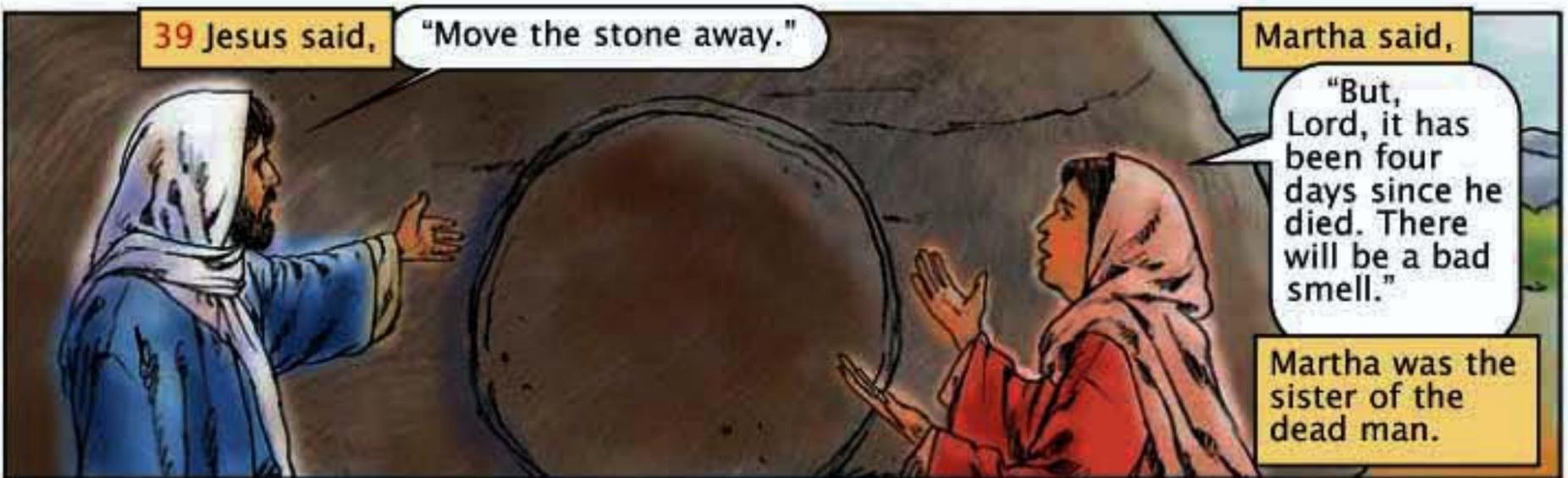
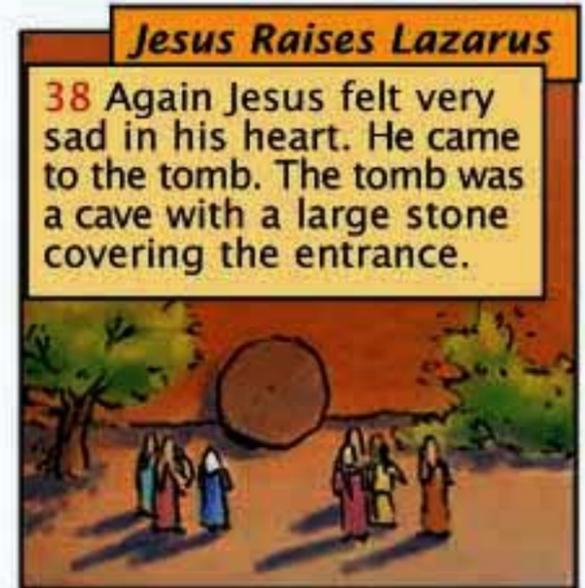
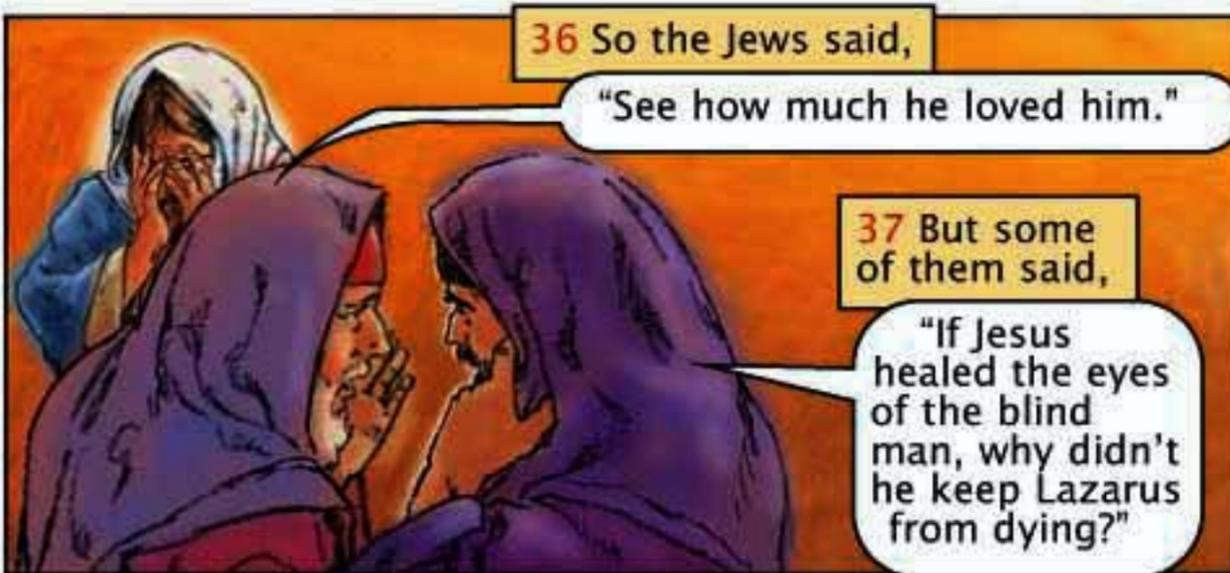
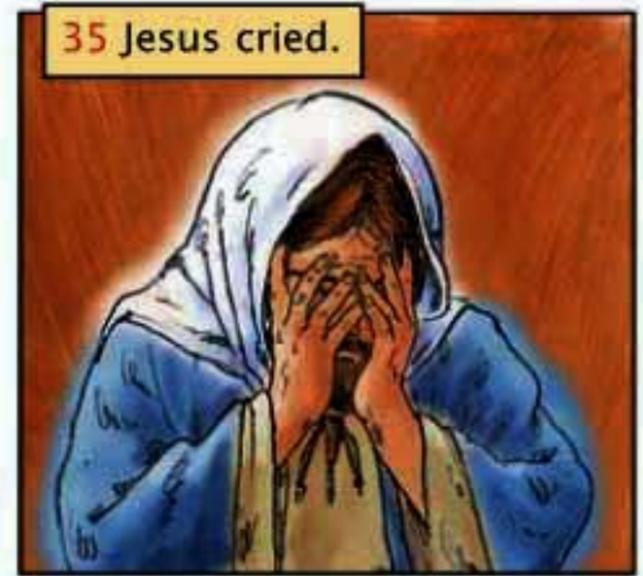
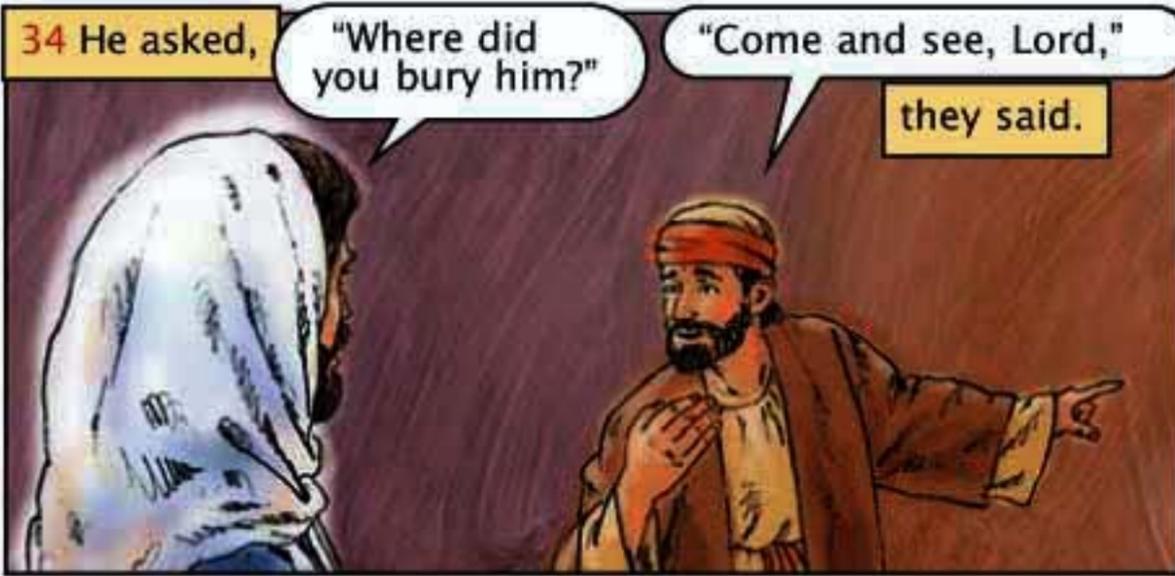
32 But Mary went to the place where Jesus was. When she saw him, she fell at his feet and said,

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 Jesus saw that Mary was crying and that the Jews who came with her were crying, too. Jesus felt very sad in his heart and was deeply troubled.



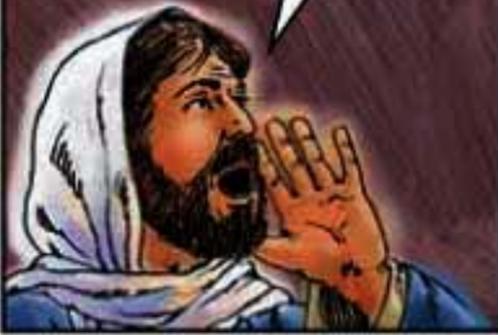

11:24 resurrection Being raised from death to live again.



John 11:43-53

43 After Jesus said this, he cried out in a loud voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"

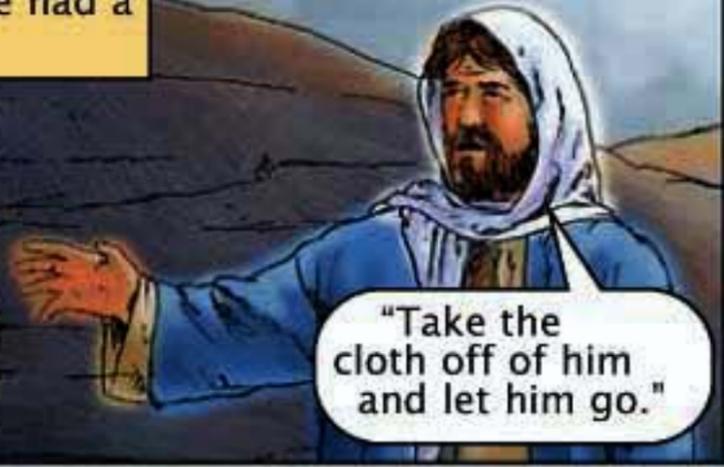


44 The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with pieces of cloth, and he had a cloth around his face.



Jesus said to them,

"Take the cloth off of him and let him go."



The Leaders Plan to Kill Jesus

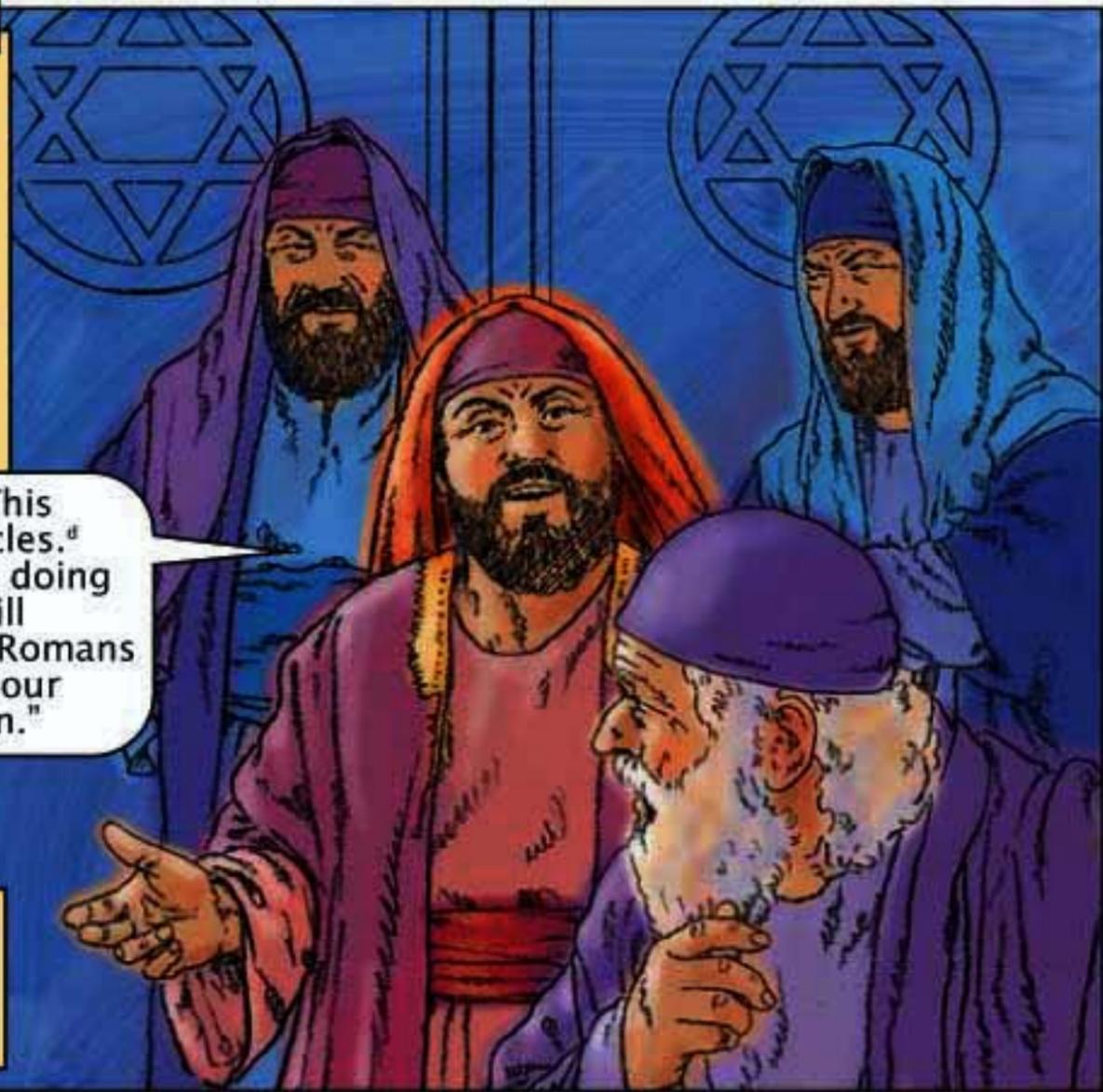
45 There were many Jews who had come to visit Mary. They saw what Jesus did. And many of them believed in him.

46 But some of them went to the Pharisees.^d They told the Pharisees what Jesus had done.

47 Then the leading priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the Jewish council. They asked,

"What should we do? This man is doing many miracles.^d
48 If we let him continue doing these things, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away our Temple^d and our nation."

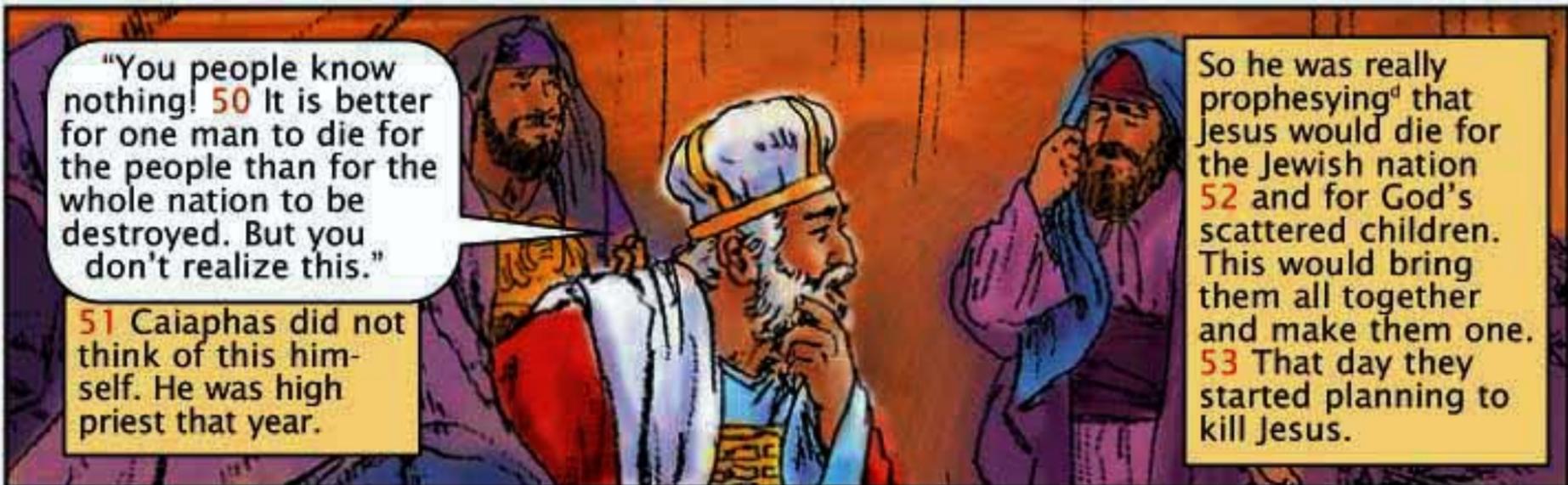
49 One of the men there was Caiaphas. He was the high priest that year. Caiaphas said,

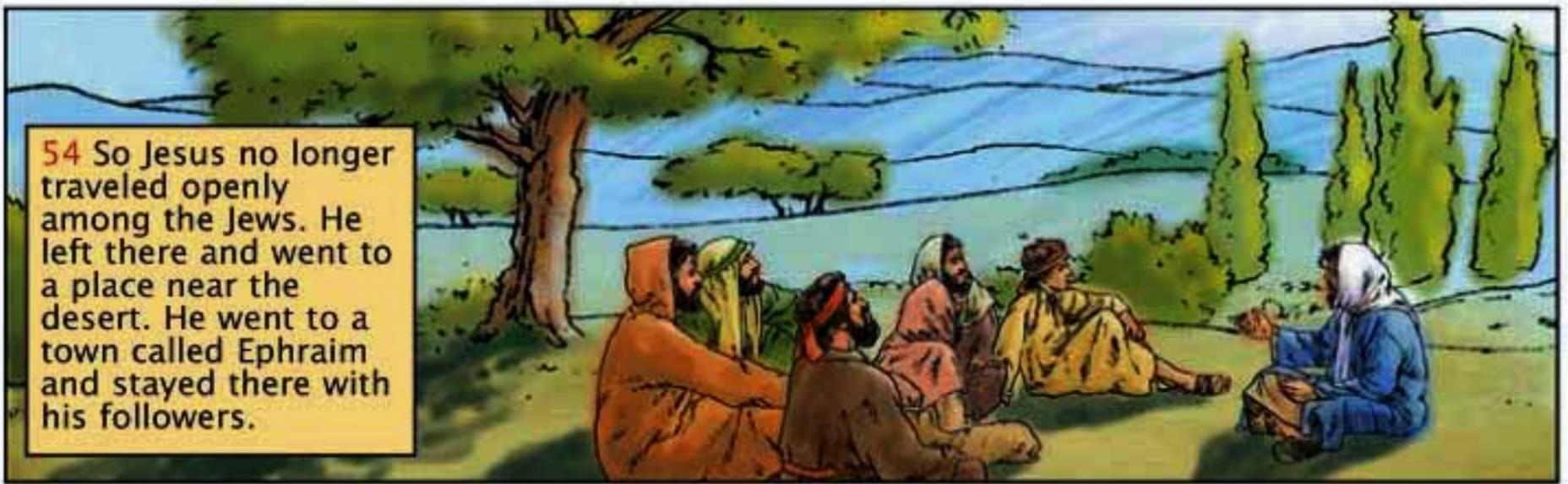


"You people know nothing! 50 It is better for one man to die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed. But you don't realize this."

51 Caiaphas did not think of this himself. He was high priest that year.

So he was really prophesying^d that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation 52 and for God's scattered children. This would bring them all together and make them one. 53 That day they started planning to kill Jesus.





54 So Jesus no longer traveled openly among the Jews. He left there and went to a place near the desert. He went to a town called Ephraim and stayed there with his followers.



55 It was almost time for the Jewish Passover^d Feast. Many from the country went up to Jerusalem before the Passover. They went to do the special things to make themselves pure.
56 The people looked for Jesus. They stood in the Temple and were asking each other,

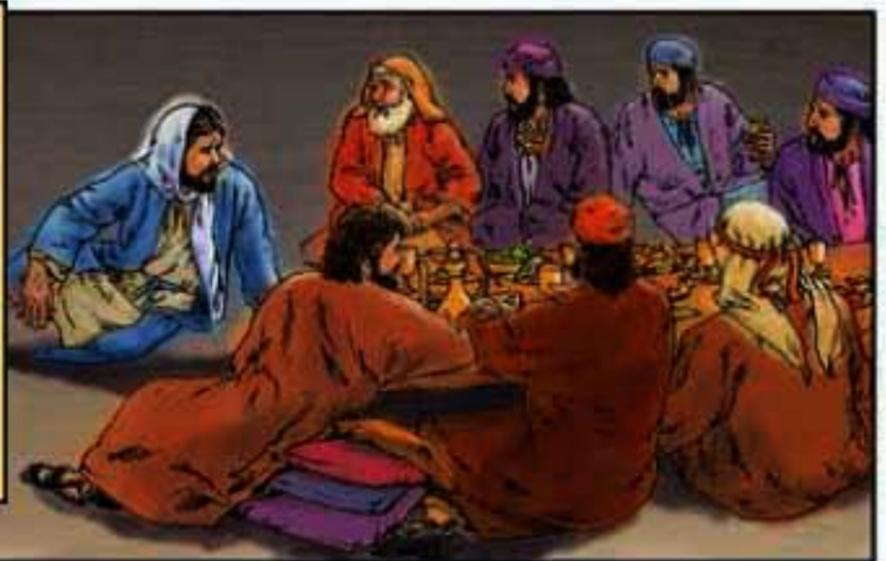
"Is he coming to the Feast? What do you think?"

57 But the leading priests and the Pharisees had given orders about Jesus. They said that if anyone knew where Jesus was, he must tell them. Then they could arrest Jesus.

Chapter 12

Jesus with Friends in Bethany

1 Six days before the Passover^d Feast, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus lived. (Lazarus is the man Jesus raised from death.) **2** There they had a dinner for Jesus. Martha served the food. Lazarus was one of the people eating with Jesus.



3 Mary brought in a pint of very expensive perfume made from pure nard.^d She poured the perfume on Jesus' feet,



and then she wiped his feet with her hair. And the sweet smell from the perfume filled the whole house.
4 Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' followers, was there. (He was the one who would later turn against Jesus.) Judas said,

John 12:5-15

5 "This perfume was worth an entire year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."



6 But Judas did not really care about the poor. He said this because he was a thief. He was the one who kept the money box, and he often stole money from it.
7 Jesus answered,

"Let her alone. It was right for her to save this perfume for today—the day for me to be prepared for burial.
8 The poor will always be with you, but you will not always have me."



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The Plot Against Lazarus

9 A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was in Bethany. So they went there to see not only Jesus but also Lazarus. Lazarus was the one Jesus raised from death.
10 So the leading priests made plans to kill Lazarus, too. 11 Because of Lazarus many Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

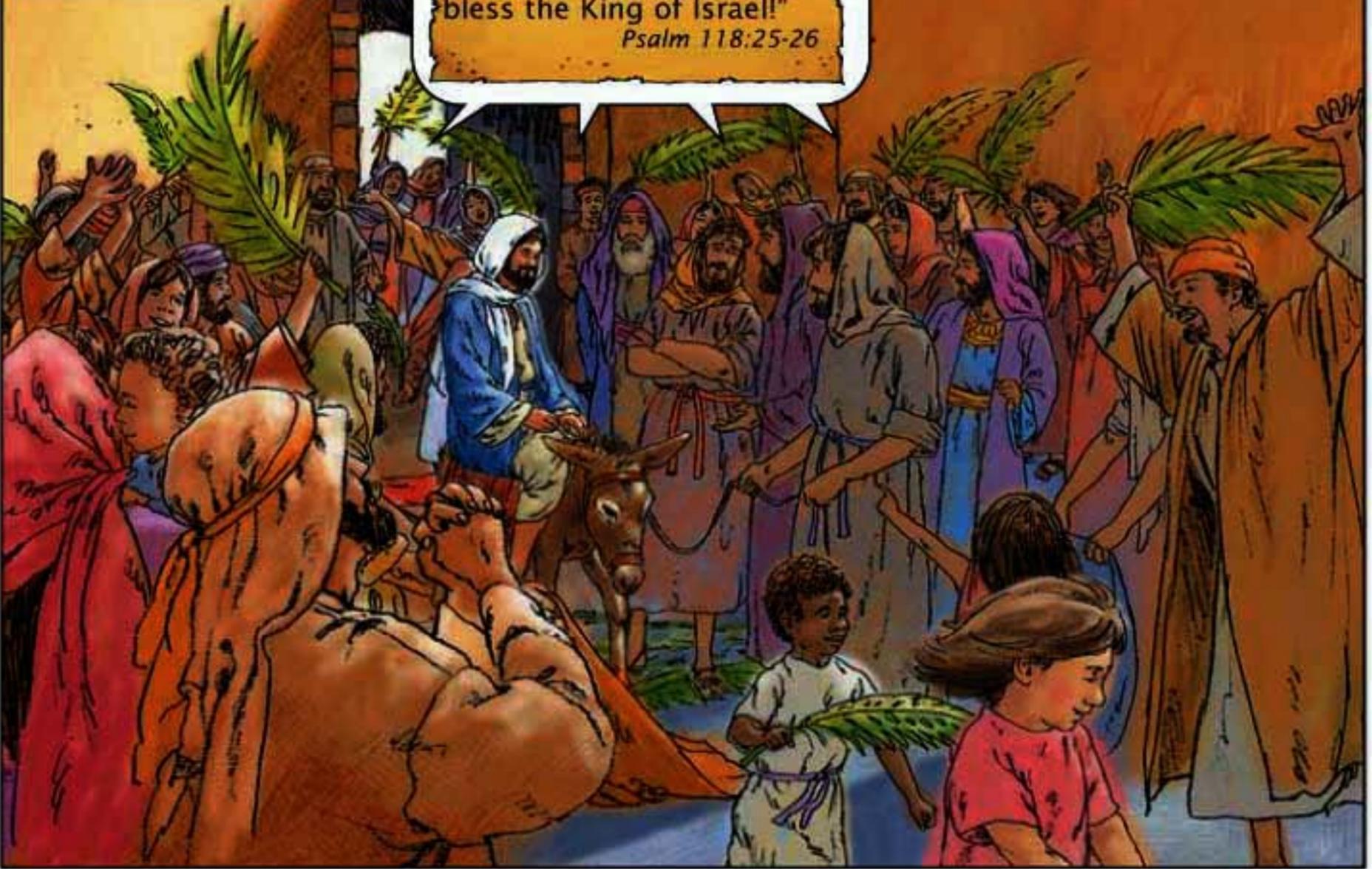
Jesus Enters Jerusalem

12 The next day a great crowd in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming there. These were the people who had come to the Passover^d Feast. 13 They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus. They shouted,

"Praise" God! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!"
Psalm 118:25-26

14 Jesus found a colt and sat on it. This was as the Scripture^d says,

15 "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem! Your king is coming. He is sitting on the colt of a donkey."
Zechariah 9:9



12:13 **Praise** Literally, "Hosanna," a Hebrew word used at first in praying to God for help, but at this time it was probably a shout of joy used in praising God or his Messiah.

16 The followers of Jesus did not understand this at first. But after Jesus was raised to glory, they remembered that this had been written about him. And they remembered that they had done these things to him.

People Tell About Jesus

17 There had been many people with Jesus when he raised Lazarus from death and told him to come out of the tomb. Now they were telling others about what Jesus did. 18 Many people went out to meet Jesus, because they had heard about this miracle.^d 19 So the Pharisees^d said to each other,

"You can see that nothing is going right for us. Look! The whole world is following him."



Jesus Talks About His Death

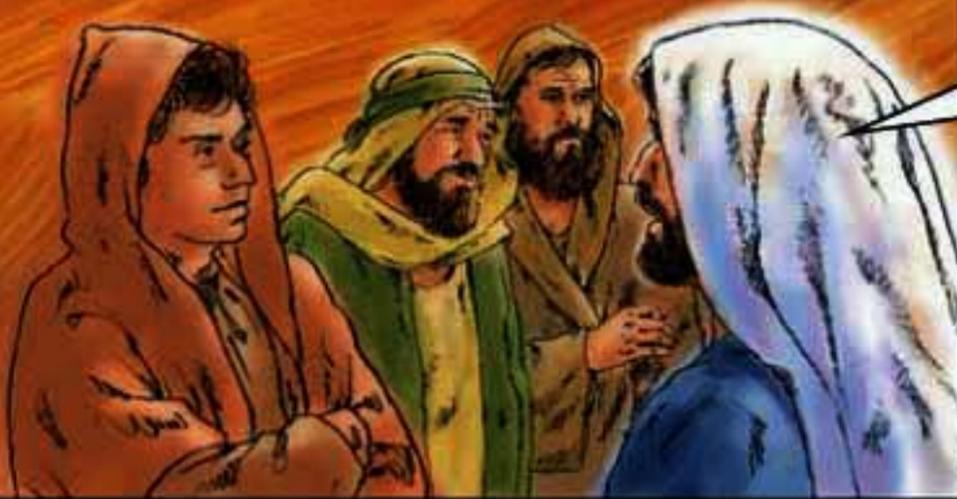
20 There were some Greek people, too, who came to Jerusalem to worship at the Passover^d Feast. 21 They went to Philip. (Philip was from Bethsaida, in Galilee.) They said,

"Sir, we would like to see Jesus."



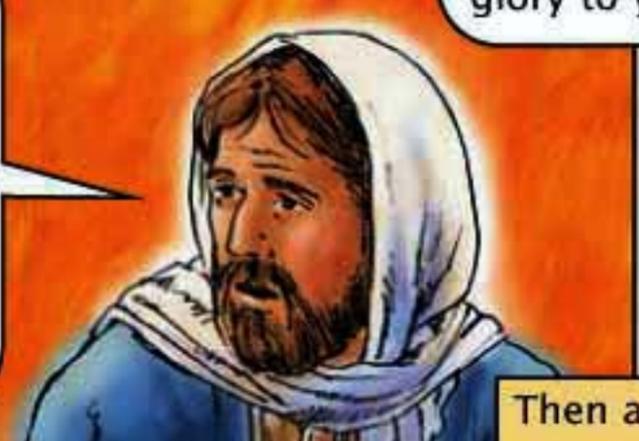
22 Philip told Andrew. Then Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 Jesus said to them,

"The time has come for the Son of Man^d to receive his glory. 24 I tell you the truth. A grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die. Then it makes many seeds. But if it never dies, it remains only a single seed. 25 The person who loves his life will give up true life. But the person who hates his life in this world will keep true life forever."



John 12:26-37

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26 "Whoever serves me must follow me. Then my servant will be with me everywhere I am. My Father will honor anyone who serves me.

27 "Now I am very troubled. What should I say? Should I say, 'Father, save me from this time'? No, I came to this time so that I could suffer.

28 Father, bring glory to your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven,



"I have brought glory to it, and I will do it again."



29 The crowd standing there heard the voice. They said it was thunder. But others said,

"An angel has spoken to him."



30 Jesus said,

"That voice was for you, not for me. 31 Now is the time for the world to be judged. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown down. 32 I will be lifted up from the earth. And when this happens, I will draw all people toward me."

33 Jesus said this to show how he would die. 34 The crowd said,

"We have heard from the law that the Christ^d will live forever. So why do you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"



35 Then Jesus said,

"The light will be with you for a little longer. So walk while you have the light. Then the darkness will not catch you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 So believe in the light while you still have it. Then you will become sons of light."

When Jesus had said this, he left and hid himself from them.

Some Don't Believe in Jesus

37 Though Jesus had done many miracles^d before the people, they still did not believe in him.

38 This was to make clear the full meaning of what Isaiah the prophet^d said:

39 This is why the people could not believe: Isaiah also said,

41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. 42 But many people believed in Jesus, even many of the leaders.

"Lord, who believed the things we told them? Who has seen the Lord's power?"
Isaiah 53:1

40 "He has blinded their eyes. He has closed their minds. This is so that they will not see with their eyes nor understand in their minds. This is so they will not come back to me and be forgiven."
Isaiah 6:10

But because of the Pharisees,^d they did not say that they believed in him. They were afraid that they would be put out of the synagogue.^d 43 They loved praise from men more than praise from God. 44 Then Jesus cried out,

"He who believes in me is really believing in the One who sent me. 45 He who sees me sees the One who sent me. 46 I have come as light into the world. I came so that whoever believes in me would not stay in darkness.

47 "If anyone hears my words and does not obey them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who refuses

to believe in me and does not accept my words. The word I have taught will be his judge on the last day. 49 The things I taught were not from myself. The Father who sent me told me what

to say and what to teach. 50 And I know that eternal life comes from what the Father commands. So whatever I say is what the Father told me to say."

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