

CHAPTER 12  
RESURRECTION  
AND  
EARLY CHURCH



HURRY UP.  
IT IS GETTING  
LATE.

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.



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 IS  
MOVING THE  
STONE!***

***HE'LL  
KILL US!***

***MOTHER  
OF GOD, HAVE  
MERCY!***

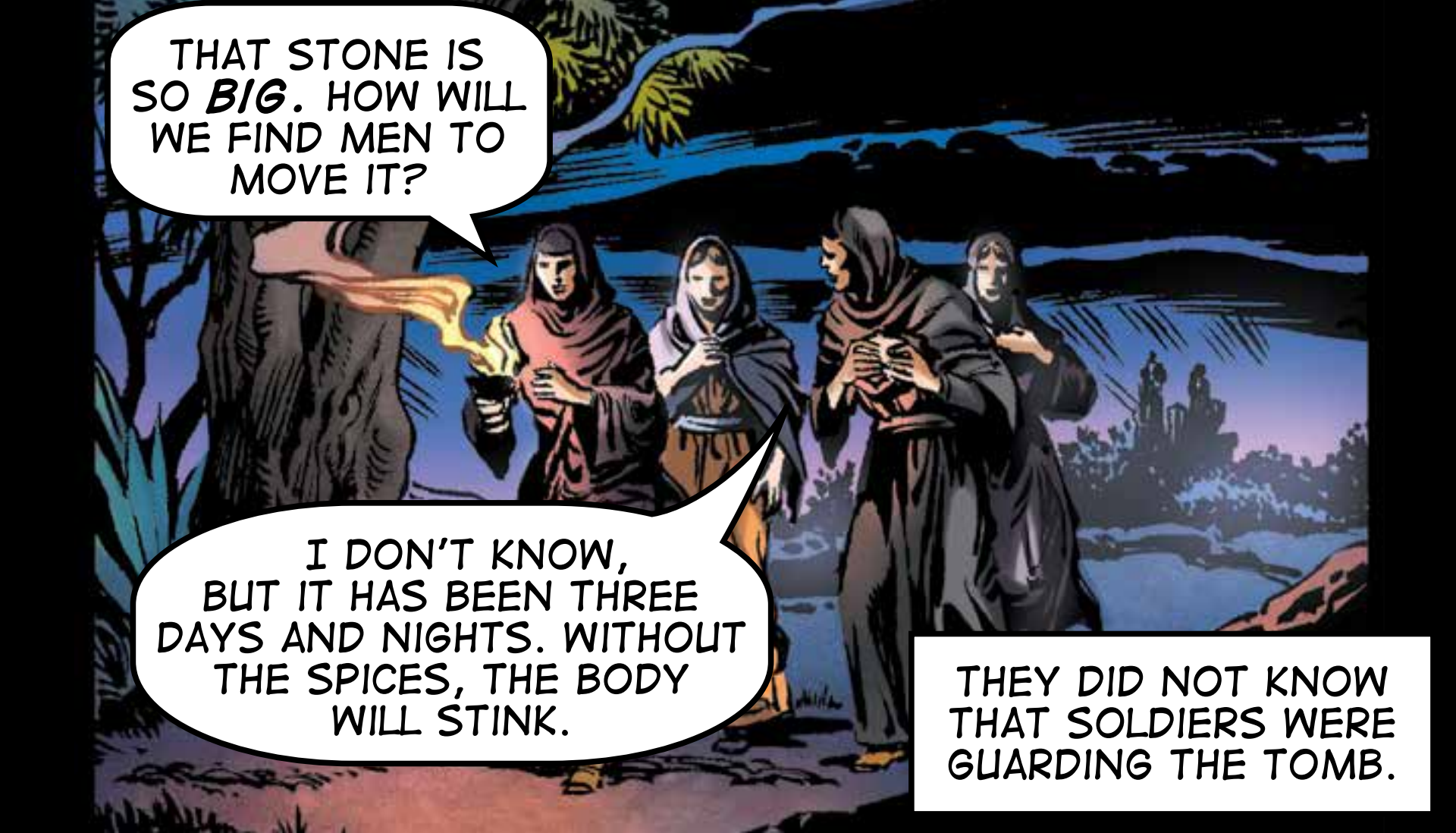


**DON'T  
LEAVE ME!  
GOD HAVE  
MERCY!**

**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.

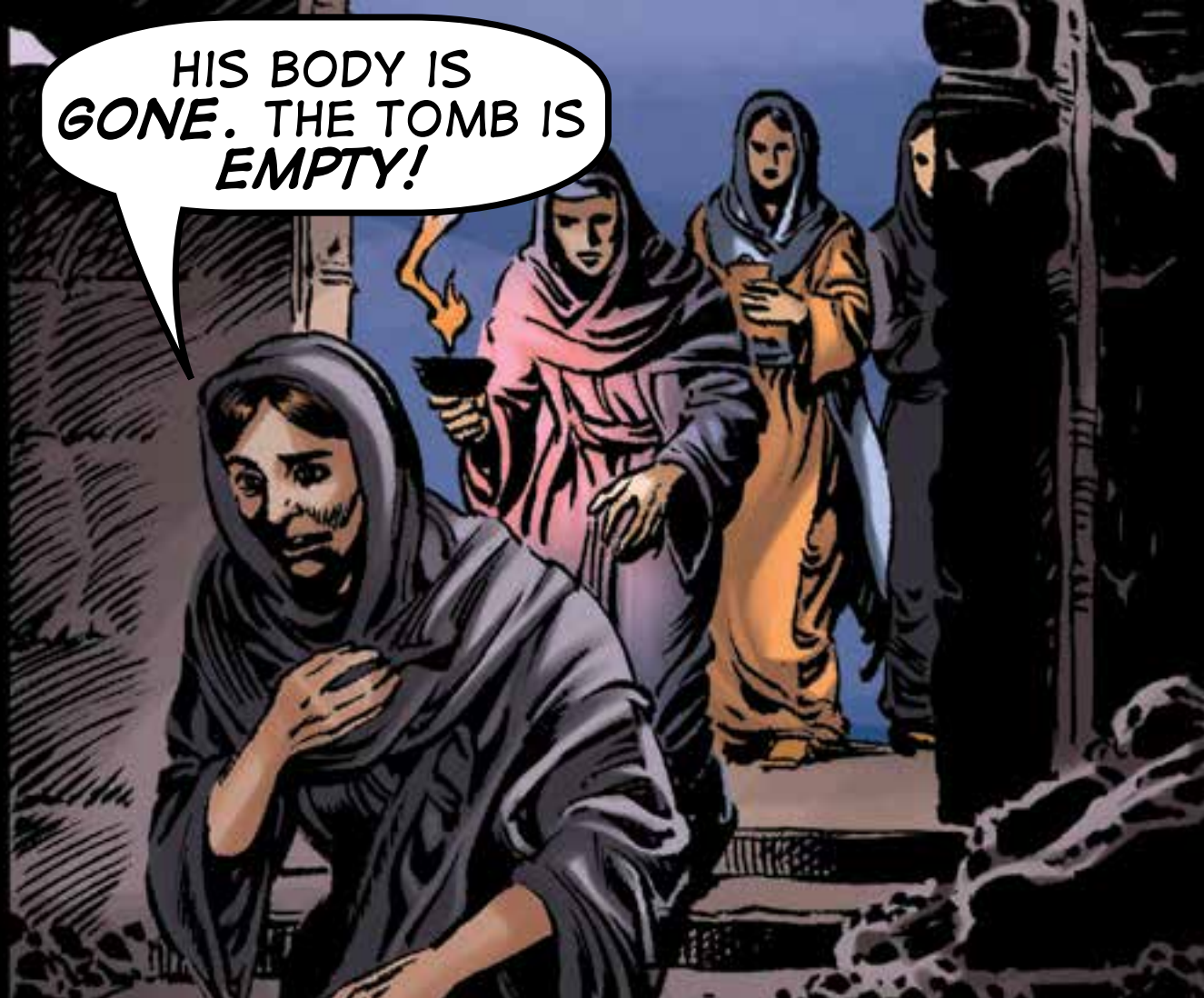
THEY DID NOT KNOW  
THAT SOLDIERS WERE  
GUARDING THE TOMB.

A FEW MINUTES LATER

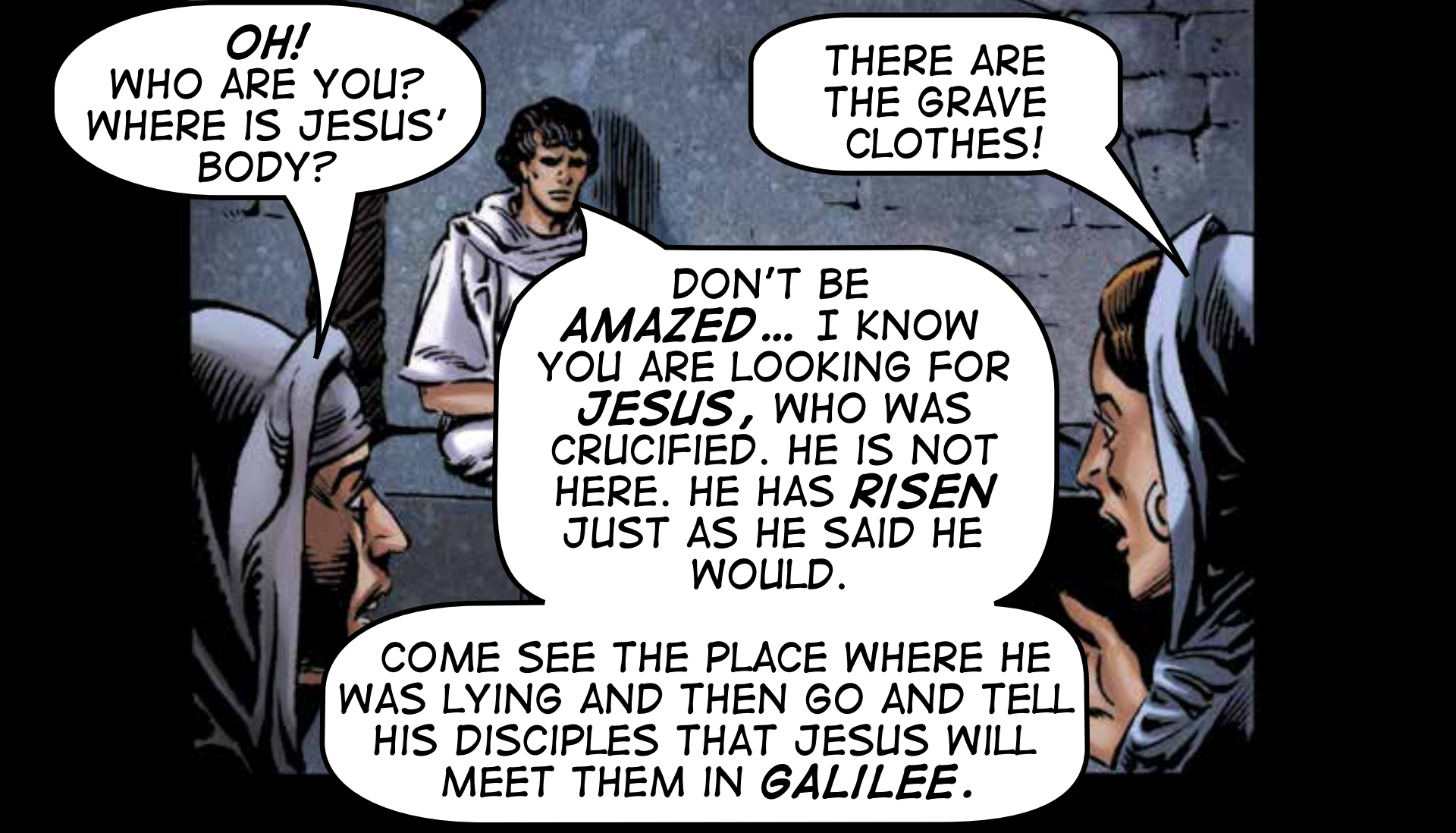
**SOMEONE  
HAS ALREADY  
MOVED THE  
STONE!**



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**.




**JESUS  
IS ALIVE!**  
YOU SAY HE IS  
RISEN FROM THE  
DEAD; JUST LIKE  
**LAZARUS!**

**HURRY,**  
WE MUST GO  
AND TELL THE  
DISCIPLES.

THOSE  
MEN ARE  
**ANGELS!**

**JESUS  
IS ALIVE!**

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.

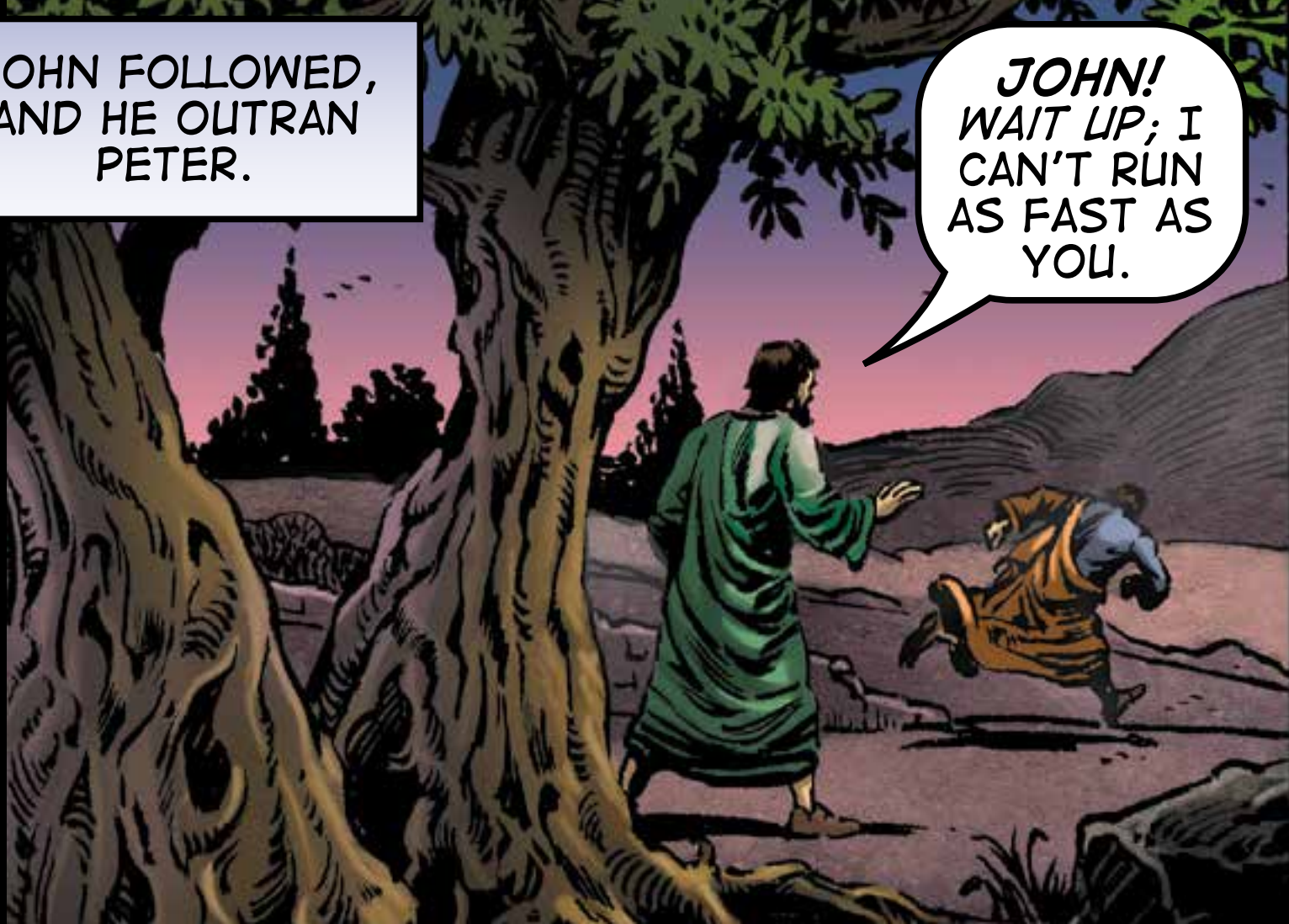


PETER, WHERE  
ARE YOU GOING?

TO THE  
TOMB.

JOHN FOLLOWED,  
AND HE OUTRAN  
PETER.

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





**IT'S EMPTY!**



WHAT  
DOES IT  
MEAN?

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 grey, hooded robe is shown in a state of distress, weeping. She has her hands pressed against her face, with one hand covering her eyes and the other near her cheek. Her expression is one of deep sorrow. The background is a desert landscape with rocky terrain, palm trees, and a hazy, sunset-colored sky. The scene is rendered in a classic comic book style with bold lines and a muted color palette.

*SNIFF,  
SNIFF.*

WOMAN,  
WHY ARE YOU  
*WEEPING?*




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

*MARY.*



***MASTER!***

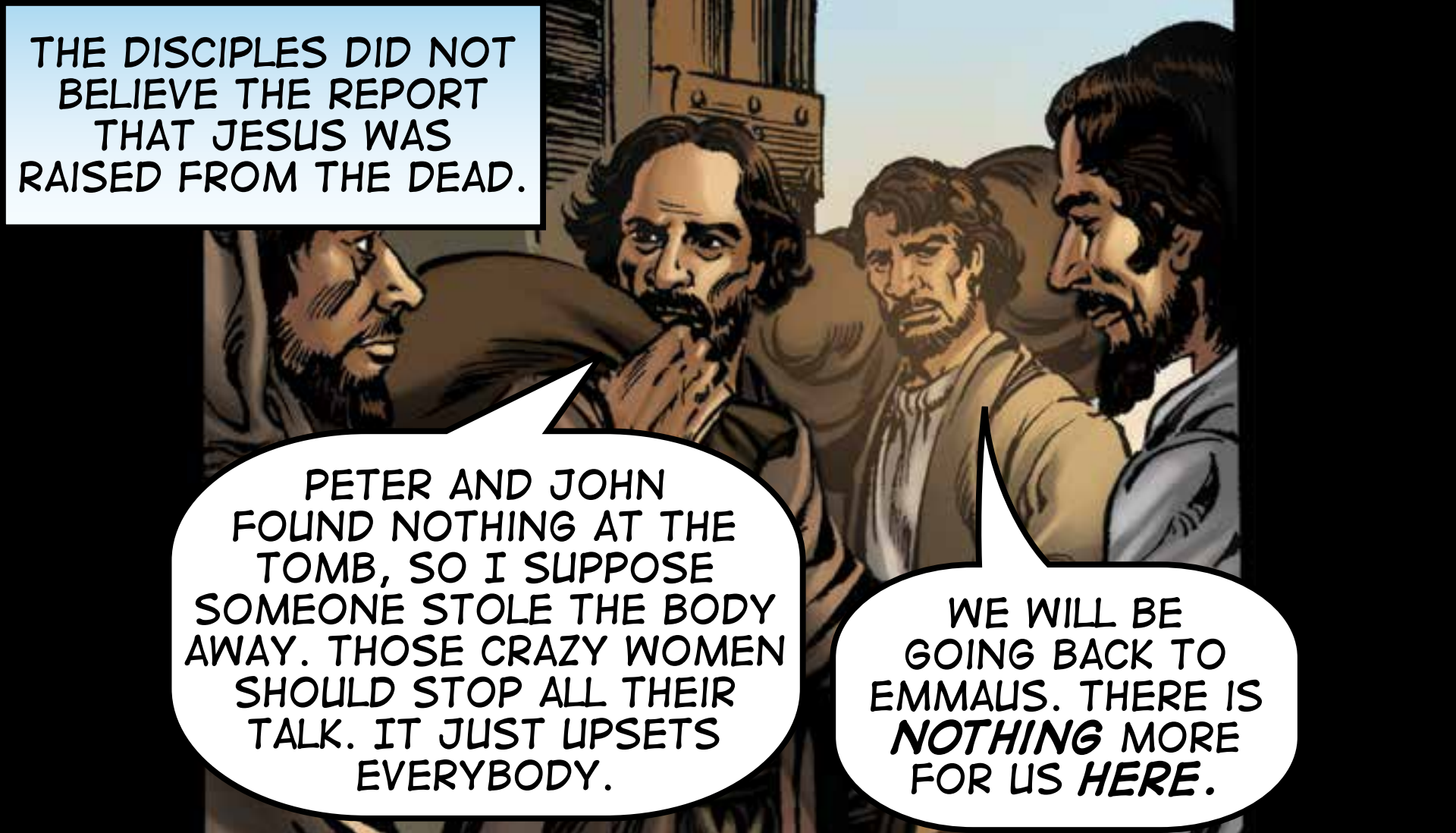




MARY, DO NOT *TOUCH* ME NOW. I HAVE NOT YET ASCENDED UNTO THE FATHER. BUT GO AND TELL THE *DISCIPLES* WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND THAT I WILL MEET THEM IN GALILEE.

MY LORD, YOU ARE *ALIVE*.


JOHN 20:7-17



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***.




THIS IS  
THE THIRD  
DAY.

YEAH, BUT  
WHY WOULD HE LET  
THEM KILL HIM IF HE  
INTENDED TO RISE  
FROM THE DEAD?

YEAH, AND  
IF HE WANTED  
TO BE *KING*, HE  
WOULD NOT DO ALL  
THIS IN *SECRET*,  
WOULD HE?





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.





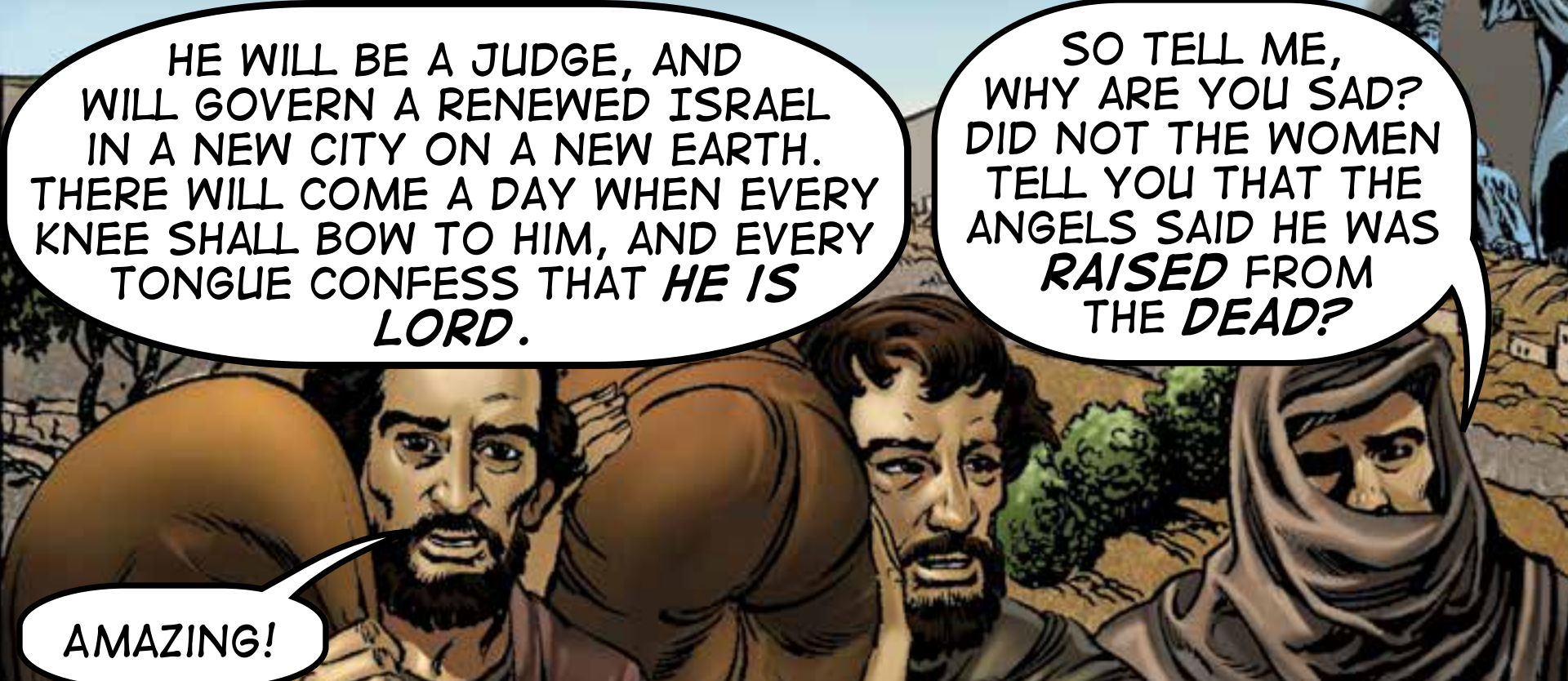
THE PROPHET  
ZECHARIAH TELLS US  
THAT THE SAVIOR WOULD  
BE **PIERCED**, AND THAT HIS  
FRIENDS WOULD SMITE HIM  
AND CREATE WOUNDS IN  
HIS HANDS, THAT HE WOULD  
BE AS A LAMB LED TO THE  
SLAUGHTER, AND ALL OF  
THIS WOULD RESULT IN HIS  
**DEATH**, AND THAT HE  
WOULD BE BURIED IN A  
**RICH MAN'S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

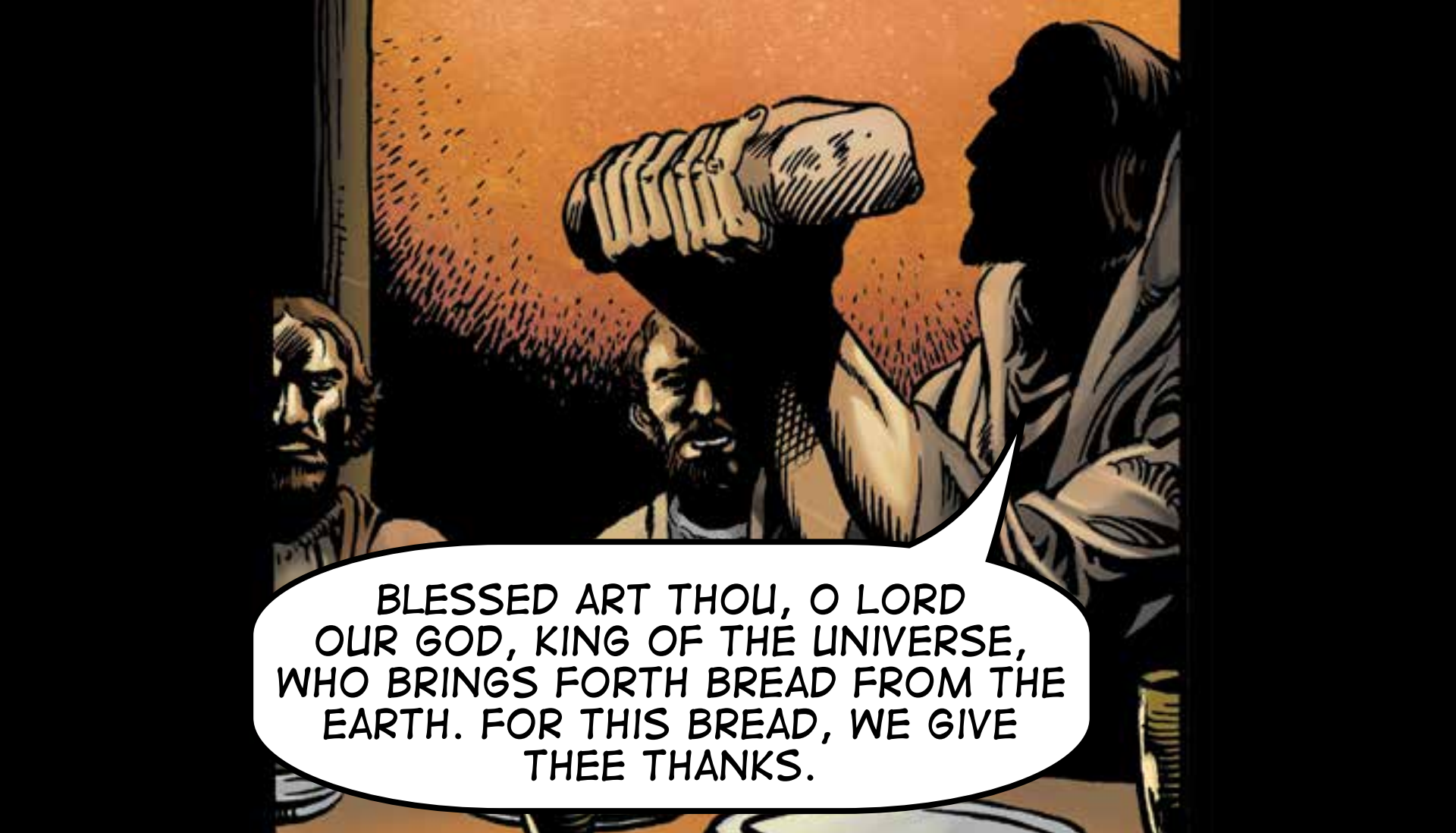
PSALM 22:15, 41:9; ISAIAH 7:14, 16, 9:6, 11:1, 4, 40:11, 42:4, 6-7,  
45:23, 49:6-7, 50:6, 52:13-14, 53:1, 3, 5, 7, 9-10, 12, 59:20;  
JEREMIAH 23:5-6; MICAH 5:2; ZECHARIAH 11:12-13, 12:10, 13:6-7;  
JOHN 10:18

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!**



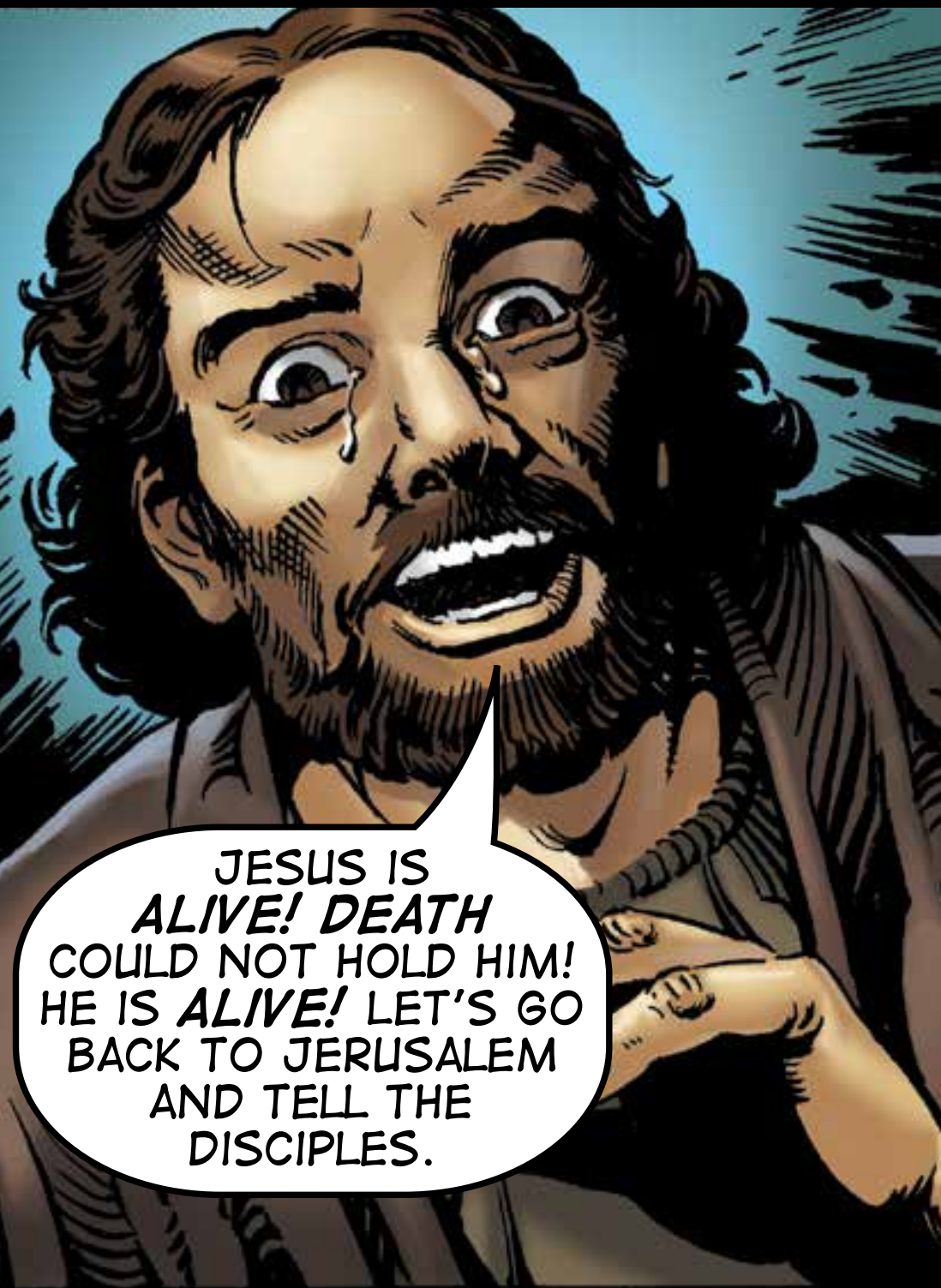
**HE DISAPPEARED!**

**HE IS  
GONE!**

IT WAS **JESUS**  
THE WHOLE TIME!

NO WONDER HE  
KNEW ALL THOSE  
PROPHECIES.

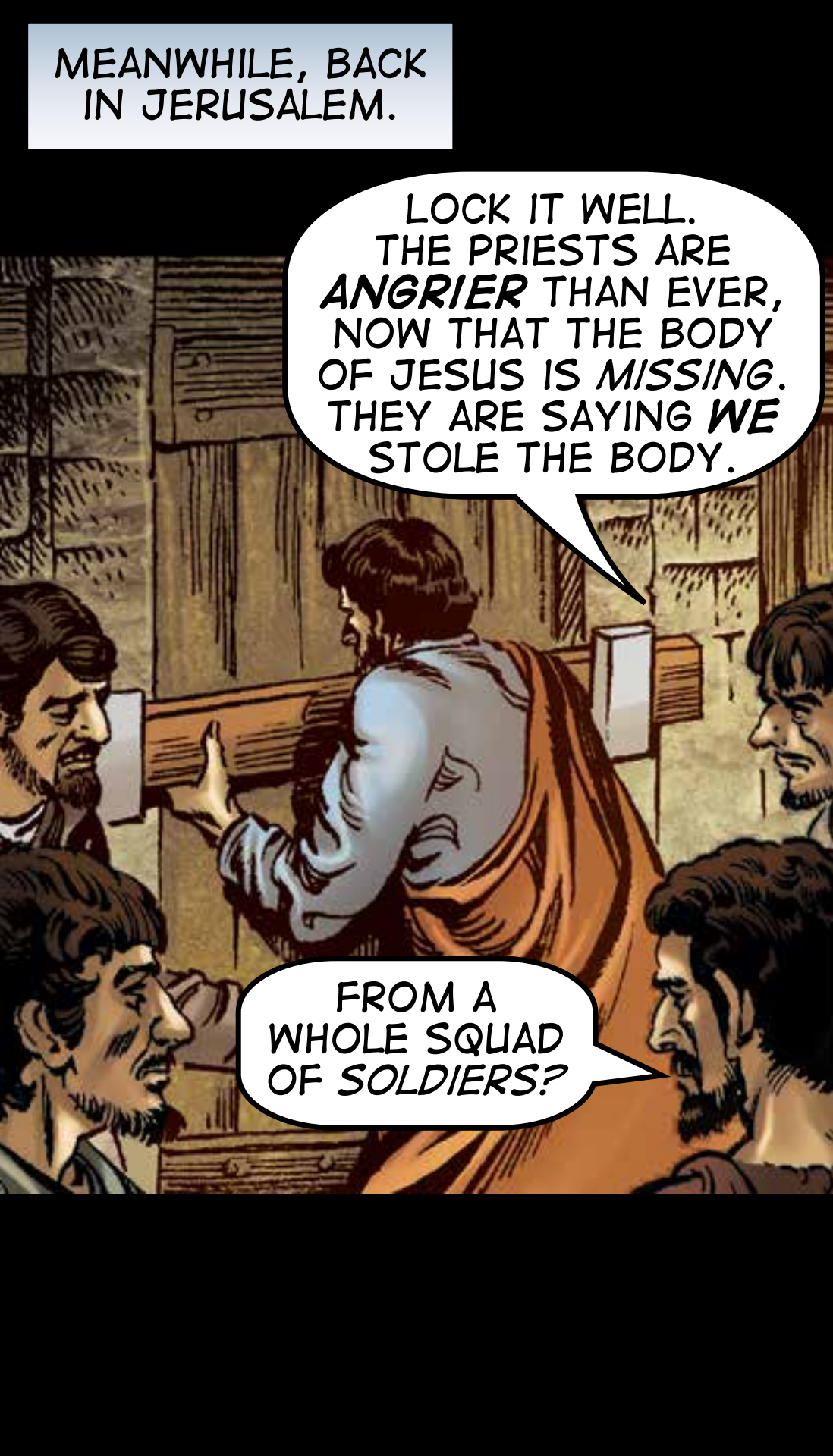




JESUS IS  
**ALIVE! DEATH**  
COULD NOT HOLD HIM!  
HE IS **ALIVE!** LET'S GO  
BACK TO JERUSALEM  
AND TELL THE  
DISCIPLES.

LUKE 24:28-32

MEANWHILE, BACK  
IN JERUSALEM.

A man with a beard, wearing a blue tunic and an orange shawl, is shown from the back, locking a large stone door. He is surrounded by four other men with beards, who are looking at him with various expressions of concern and skepticism. The setting appears to be an ancient stone building.

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*.

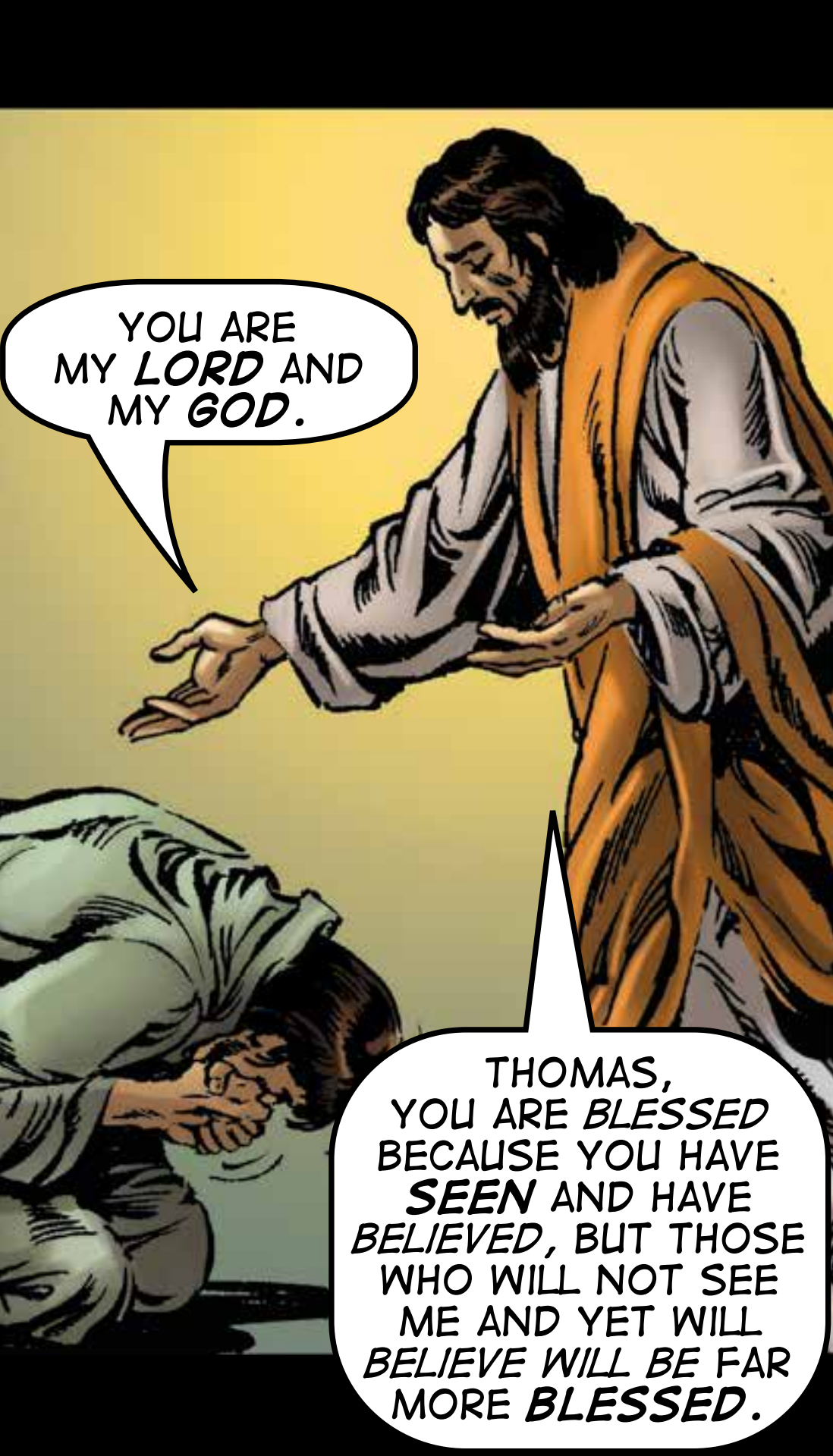


**IT'S A SPIRIT!**

**HELP!**

**IT'S JESUS!**

**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**.

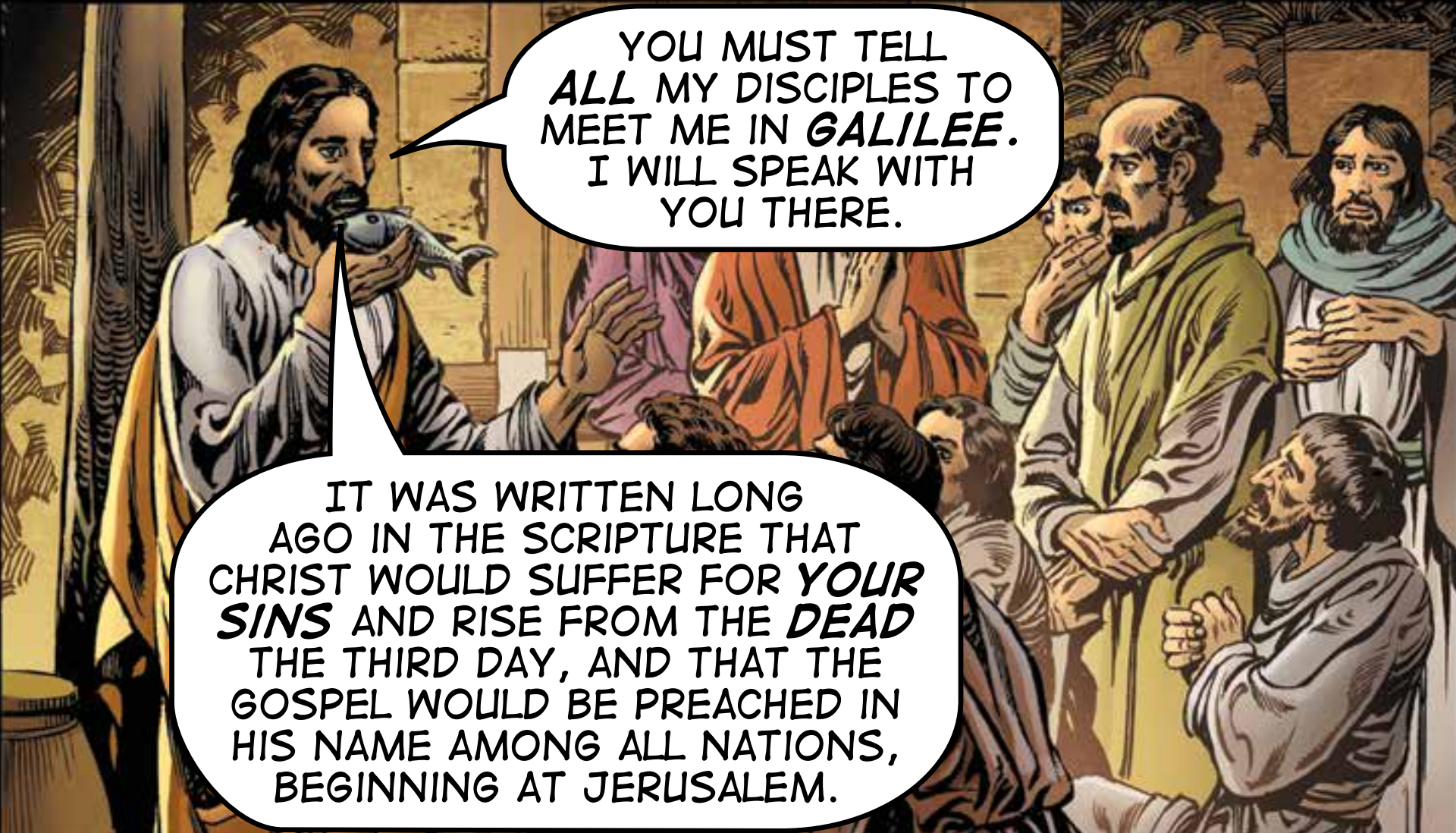


**MASTER!**

BRING ME  
SOMETHING TO  
*EAT*. I HAVE MANY  
THINGS TO TEACH  
YOU, AND I WILL  
BE WITH YOU FOR  
JUST A *FEW*  
*DAYS*.

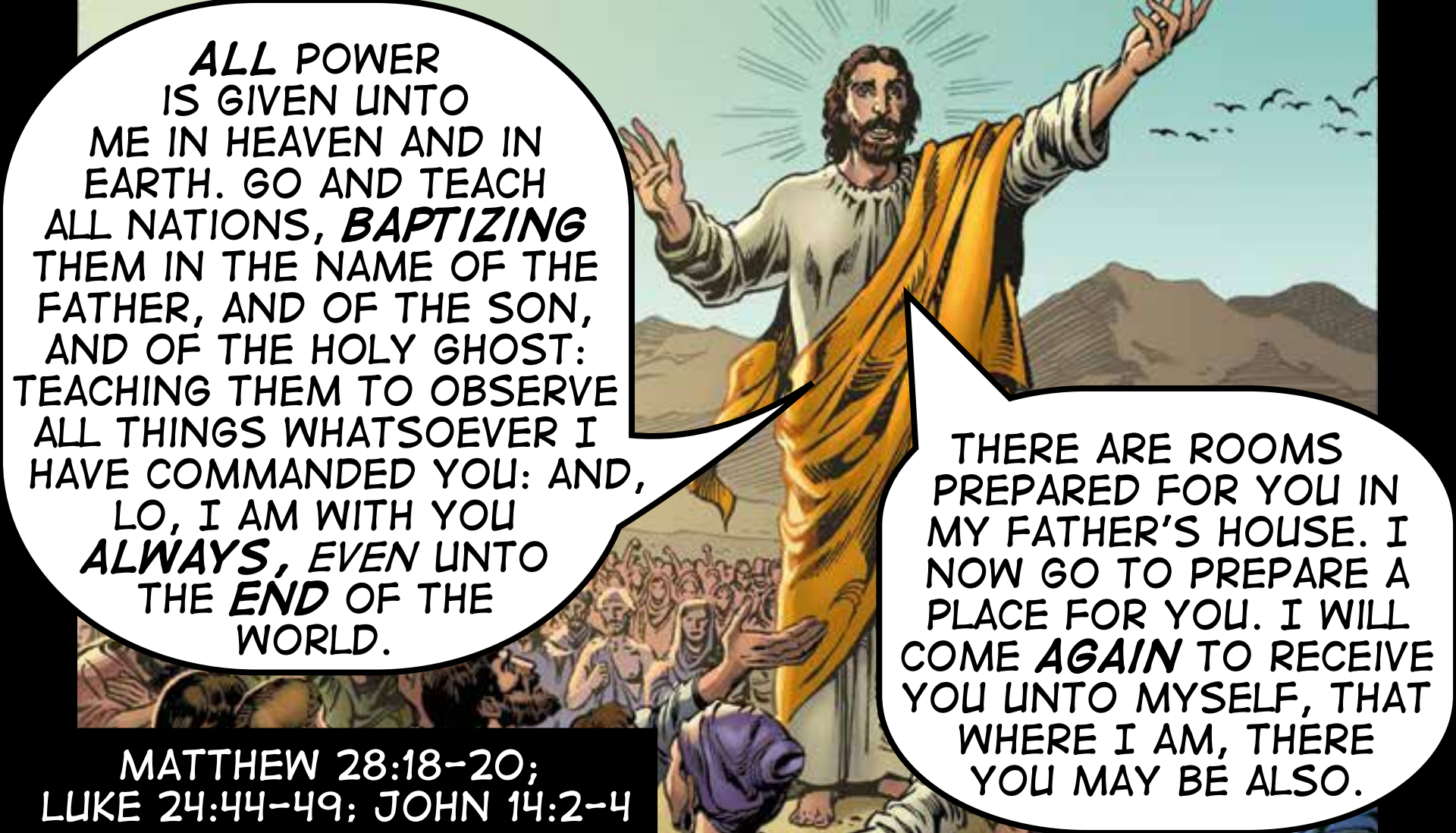
**JESUS!**

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.**

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.

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






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*.



WHY ARE  
YOU STILL  
LOOKING IN  
THE SKY?


WHAT?  
WHO IS  
THAT?

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



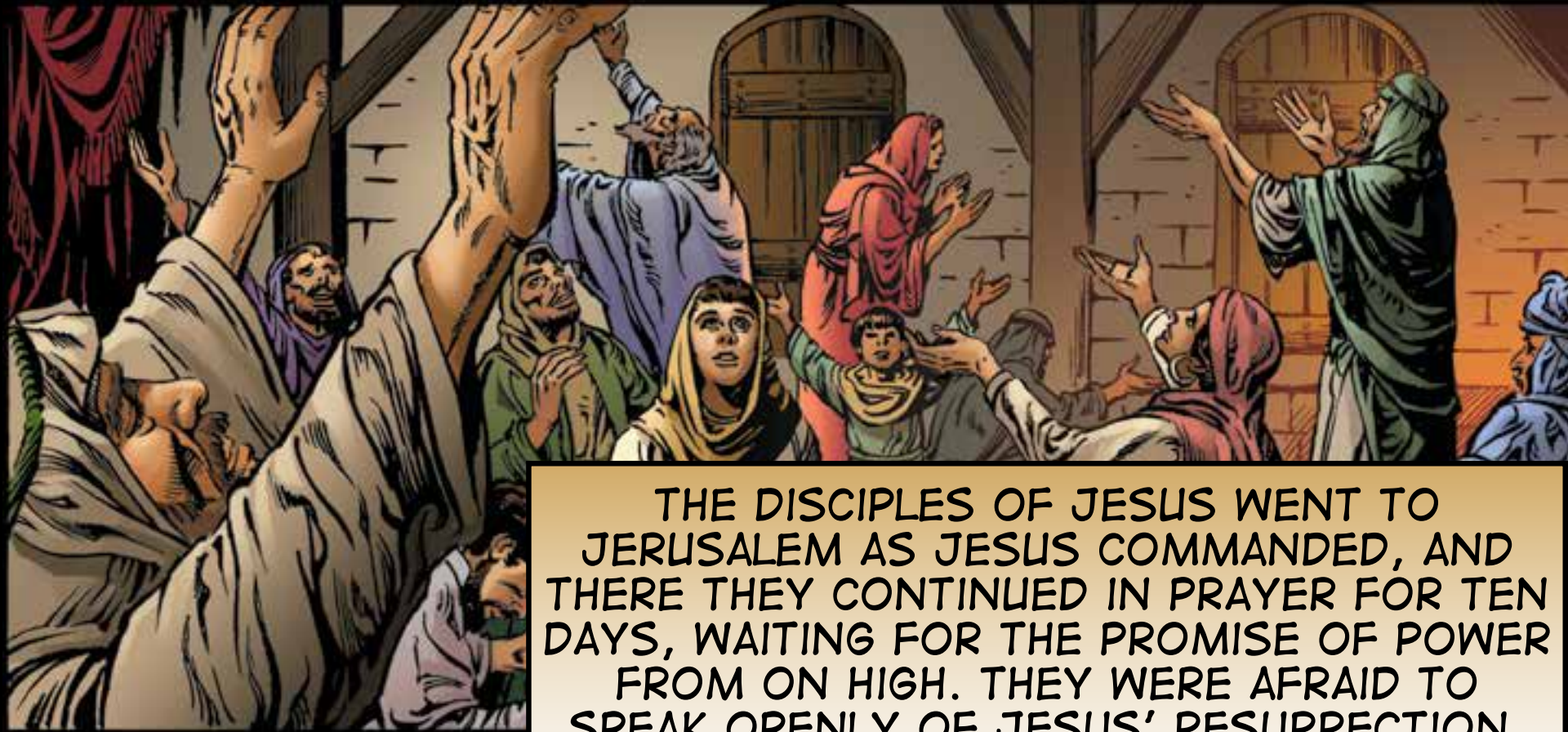
SOMEDAY JESUS  
WILL COME BACK IN A  
CLOUD JUST AS YOU HAVE  
SEEN HIM GO.

HE HAS  
RETURNED TO  
HIS FATHER IN  
HEAVEN.



GO BACK TO  
JERUSALEM AND  
WAIT FOR THE  
SPIRIT.

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.

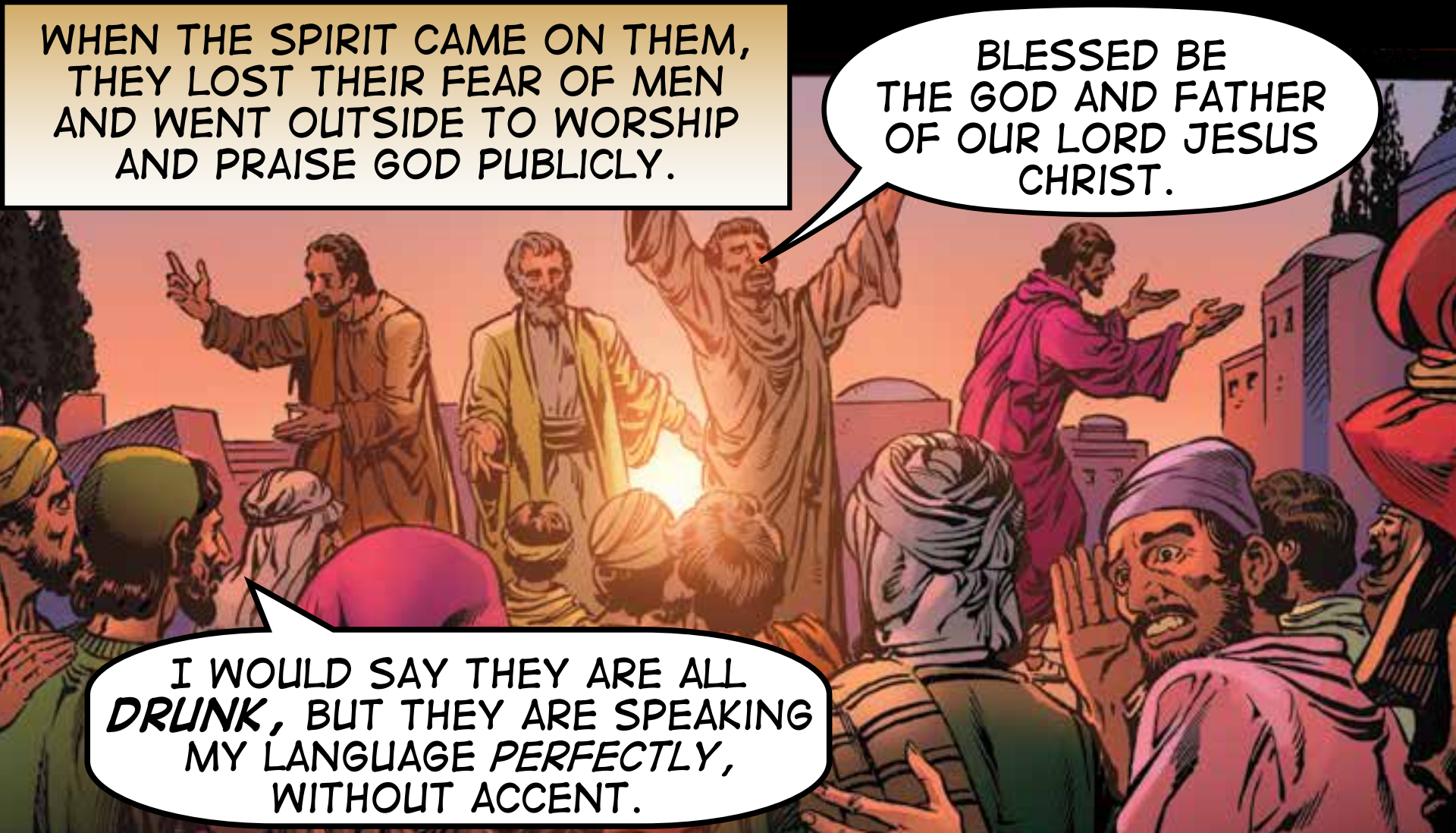
THEY WERE FILLED WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND  
BEGAN TO PRAISE GOD  
IN MANY DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGES THAT WERE  
UNKNOWN TO THEM.



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

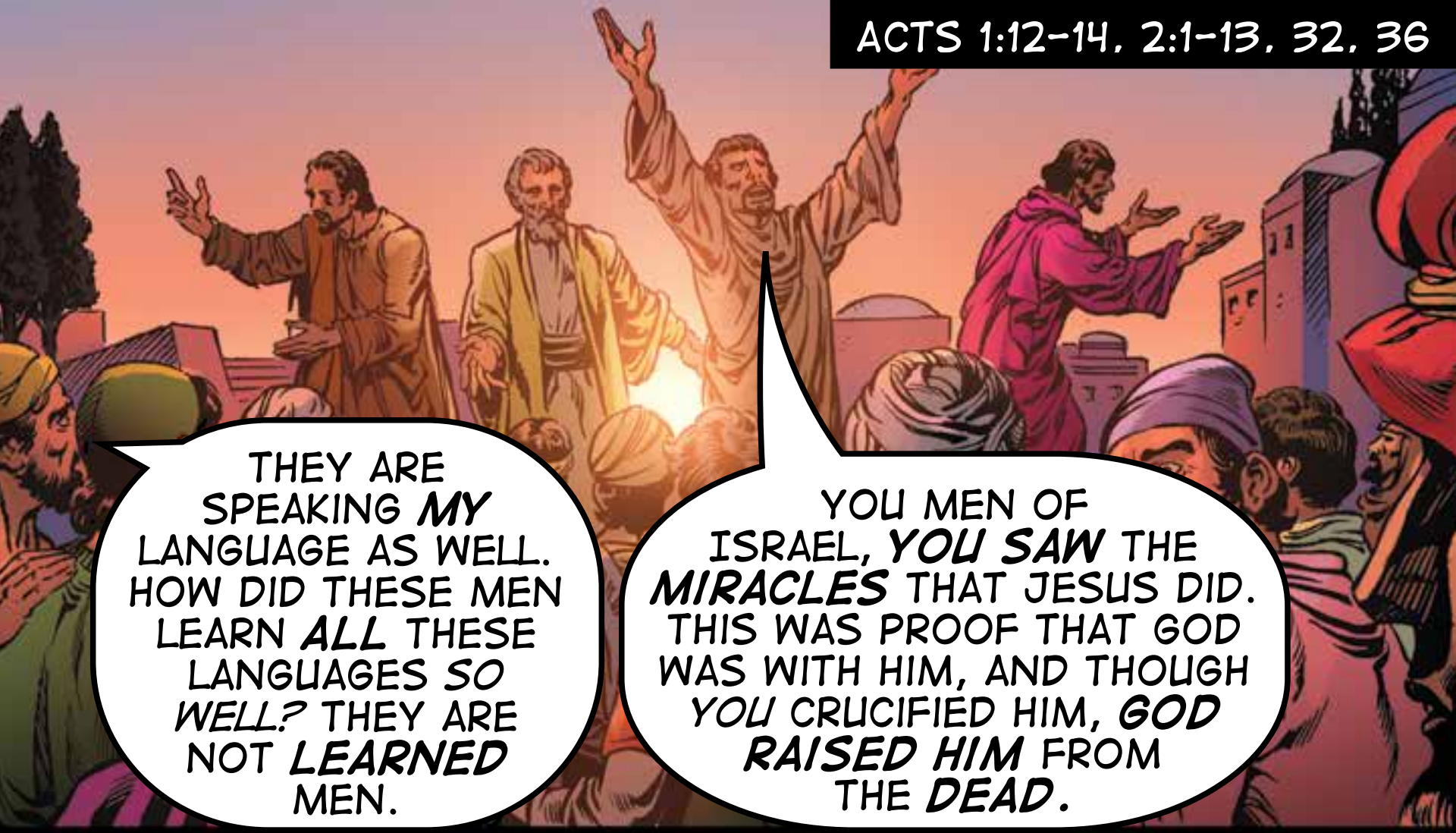
BLESSED BE  
THE GOD AND FATHER  
OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST.

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



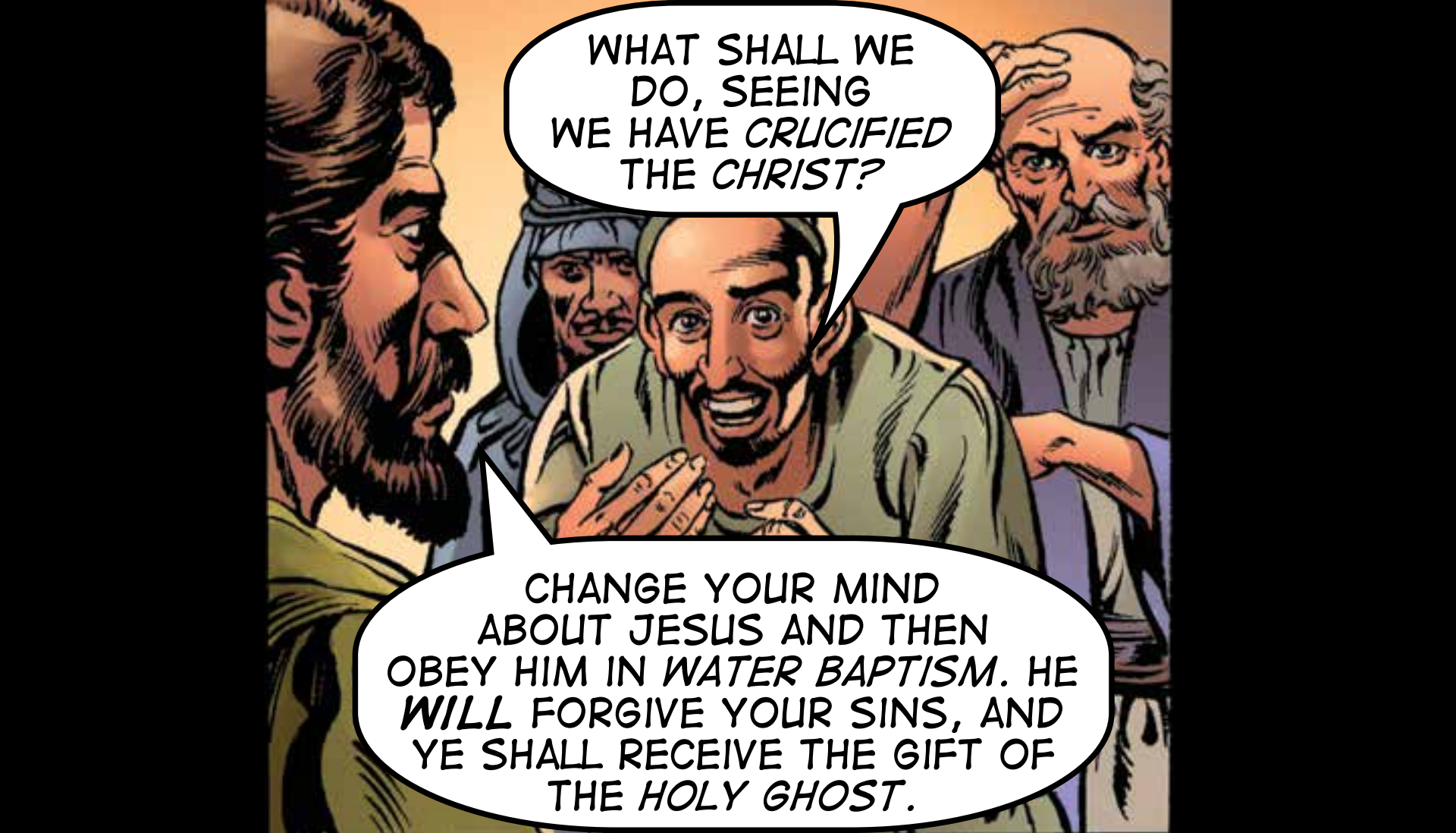
THEY ARE  
SPEAKING *MY*  
LANGUAGE AS WELL.  
HOW DID THESE MEN  
LEARN *ALL* THESE  
LANGUAGES SO  
*WELL*? THEY ARE  
NOT *LEARNED*  
MEN.

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 PROPHESED 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.

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

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


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.*





***GASP!***

***LORD GOD  
ALMIGHTY!***

***HIS  
LEGS ARE  
GROWING!***



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

GLORY TO *GOD!* THANK YOU *JESUS!*

NO, HE IS *LEAPING.*

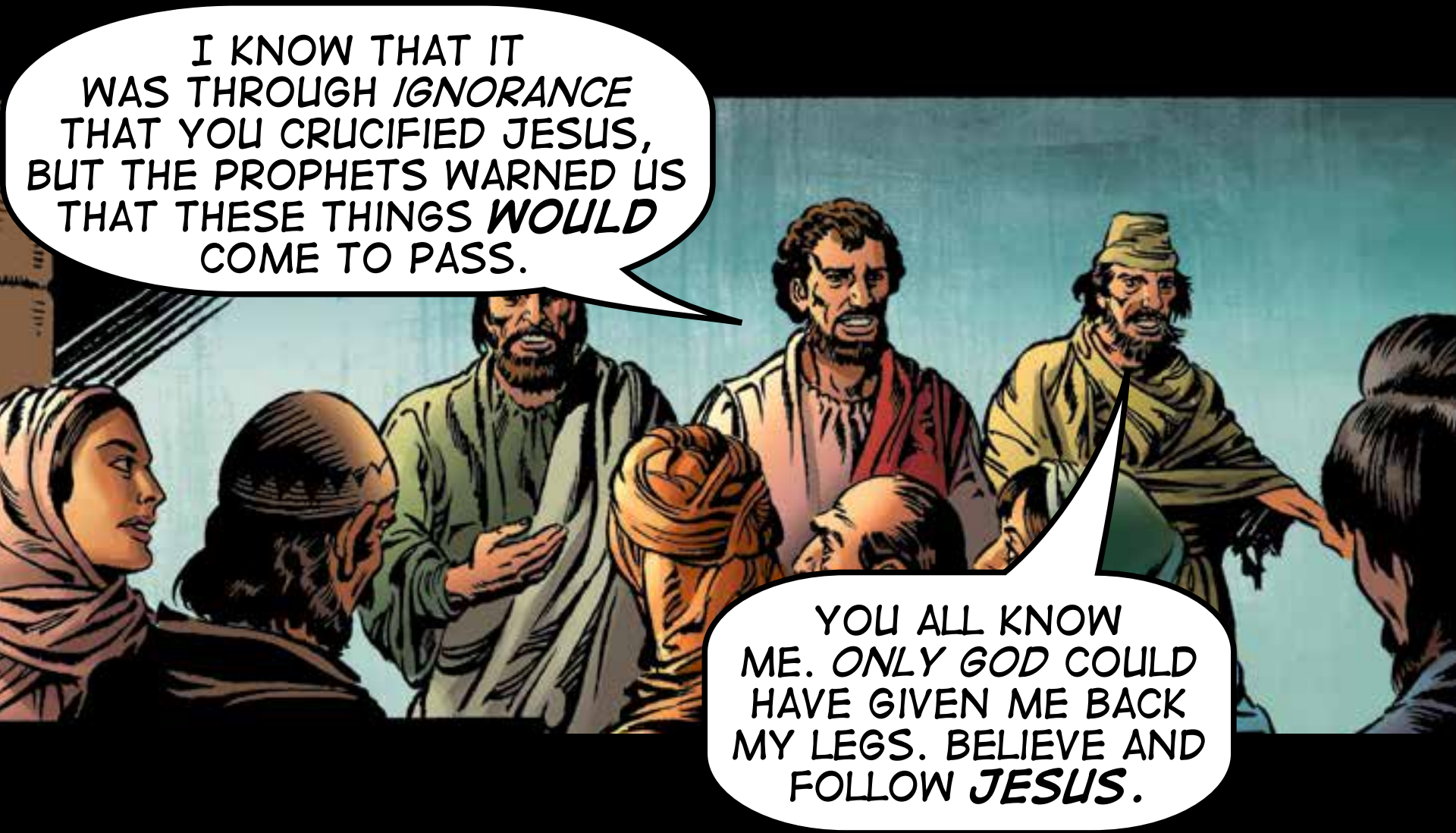


THAT'S THE  
MAN THAT WAS  
**LAME**. HIS LEGS  
WERE SHRIVELED  
TO NOTHING.

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.**



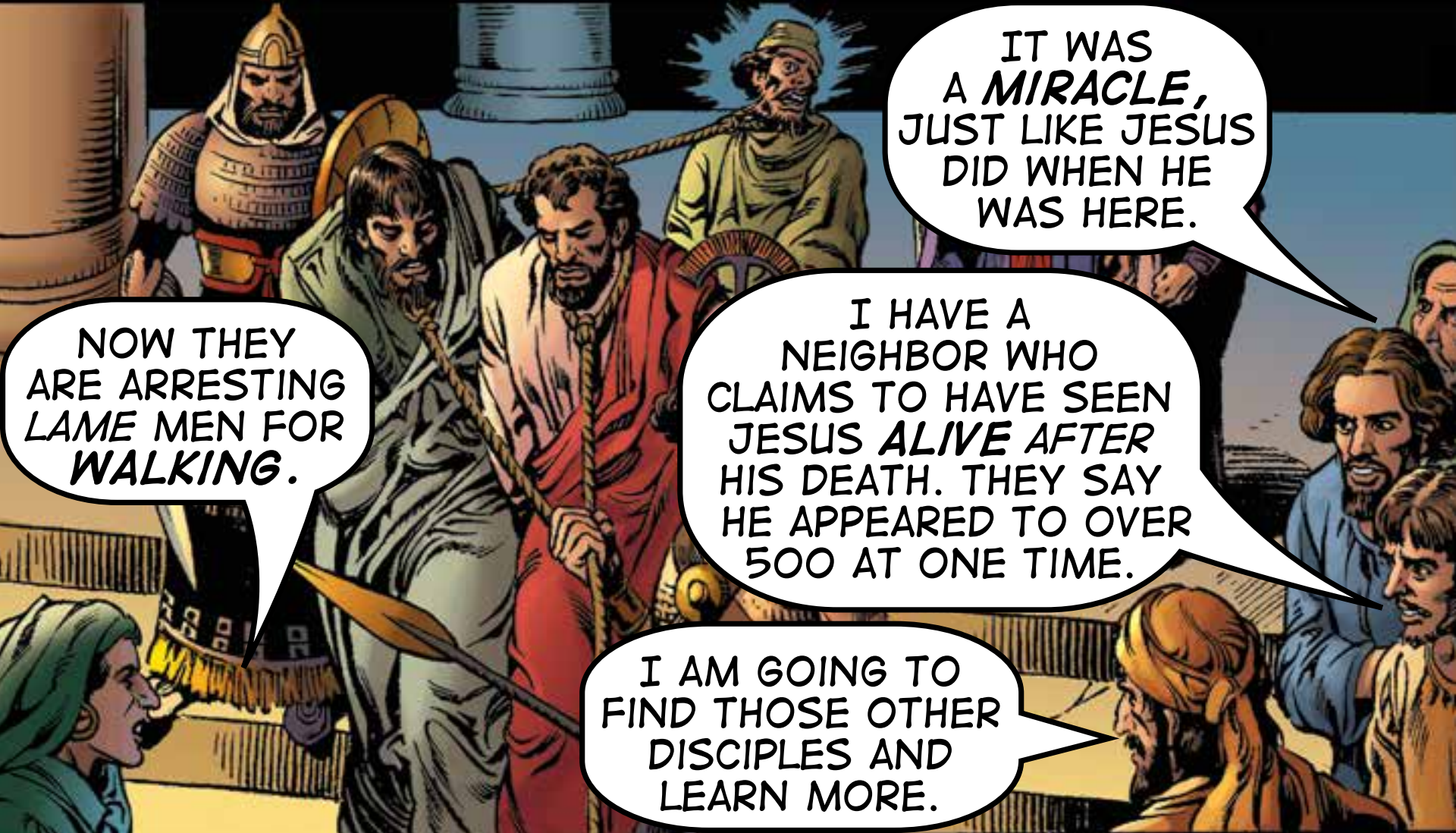
THE SAME RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
THAT CRUCIFIED CHRIST SENT  
FOR THE SOLDIERS AND  
ARRESTED PETER AND JOHN.



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

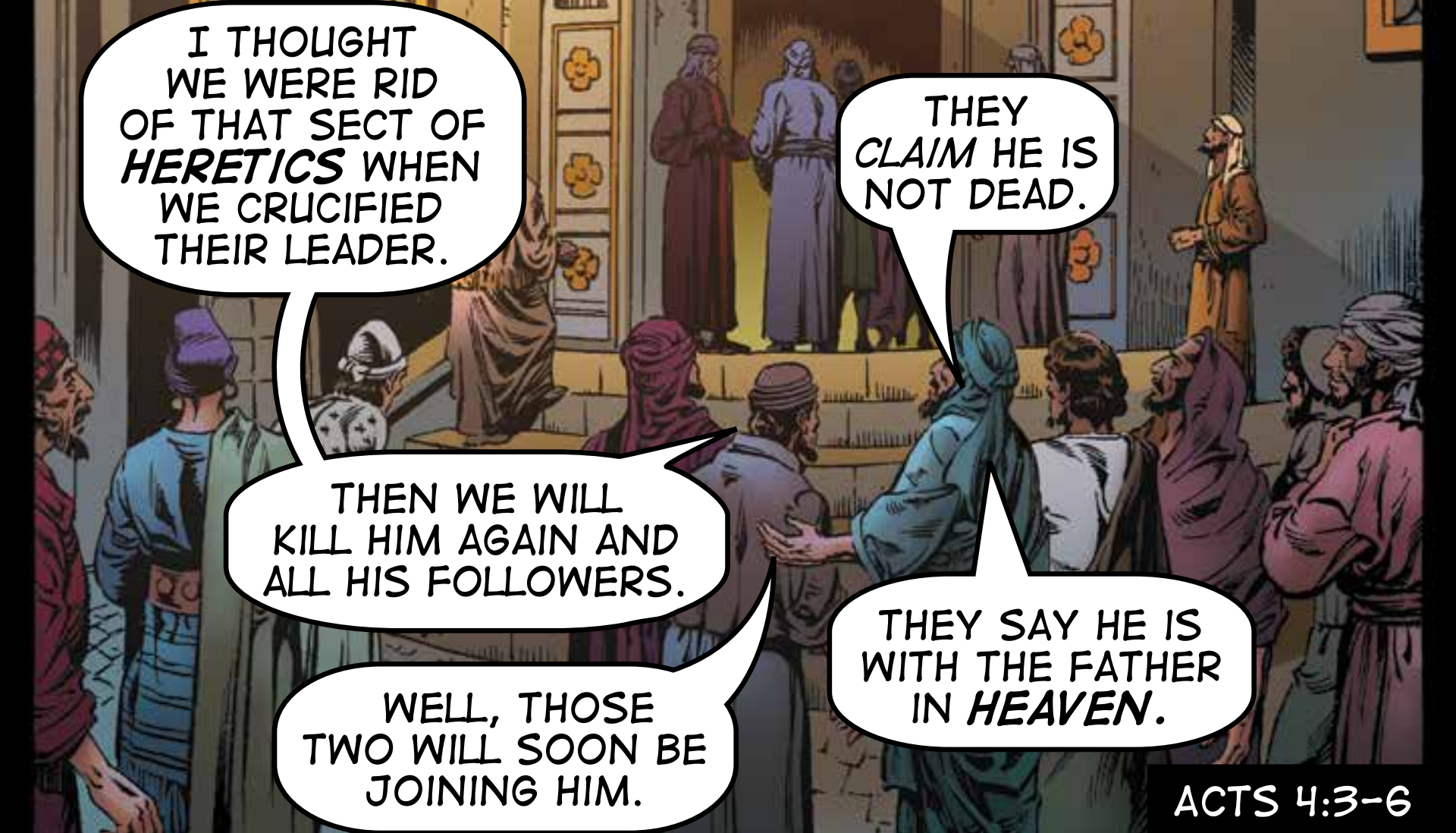


NOW THEY ARE ARRESTING LAME MEN FOR *WALKING*.

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

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.

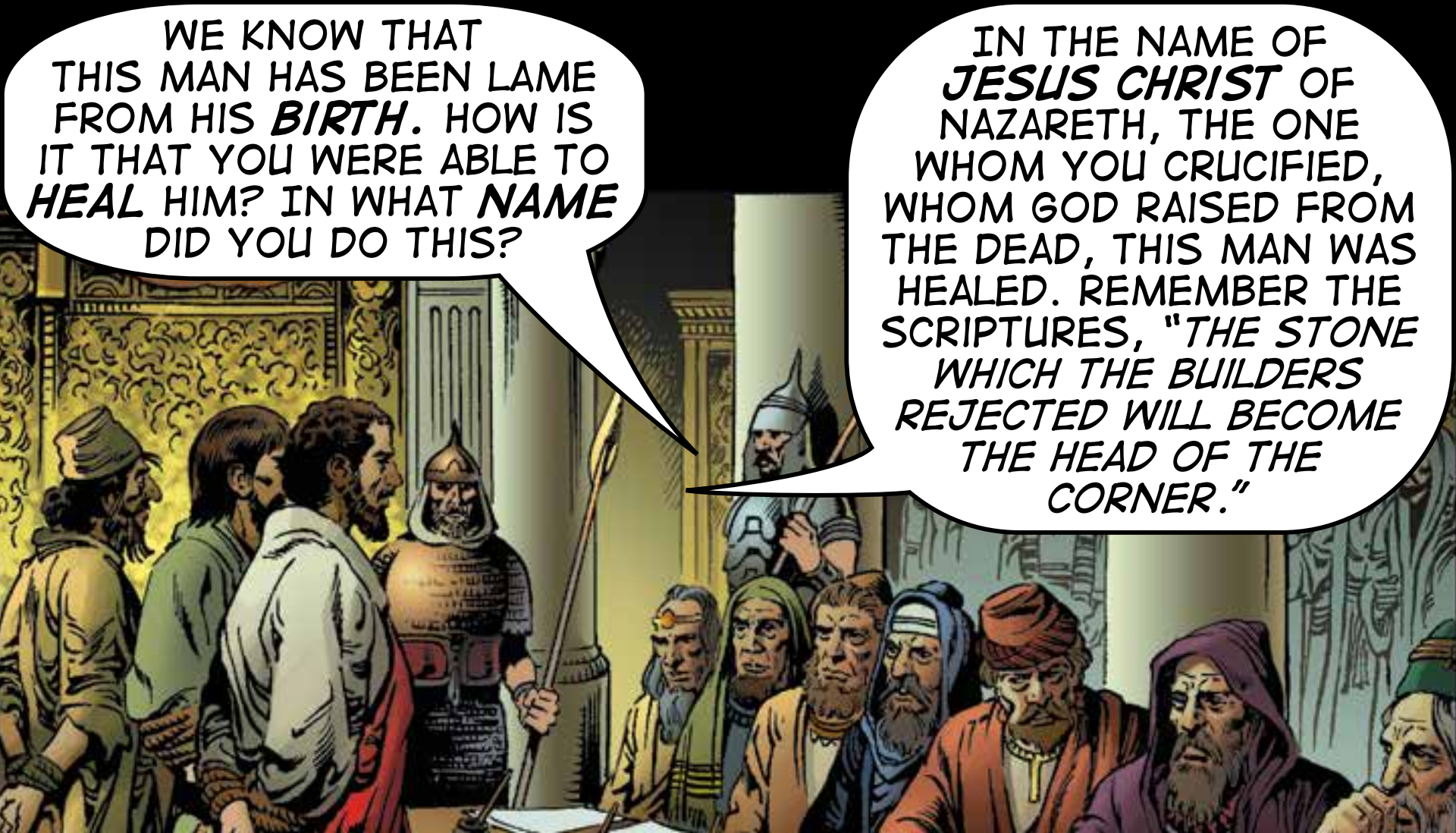
THEN WE WILL  
KILL HIM AGAIN AND  
ALL HIS FOLLOWERS.

WELL, THOSE  
TWO WILL SOON BE  
JOINING HIM.

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

ACTS 4:3-6



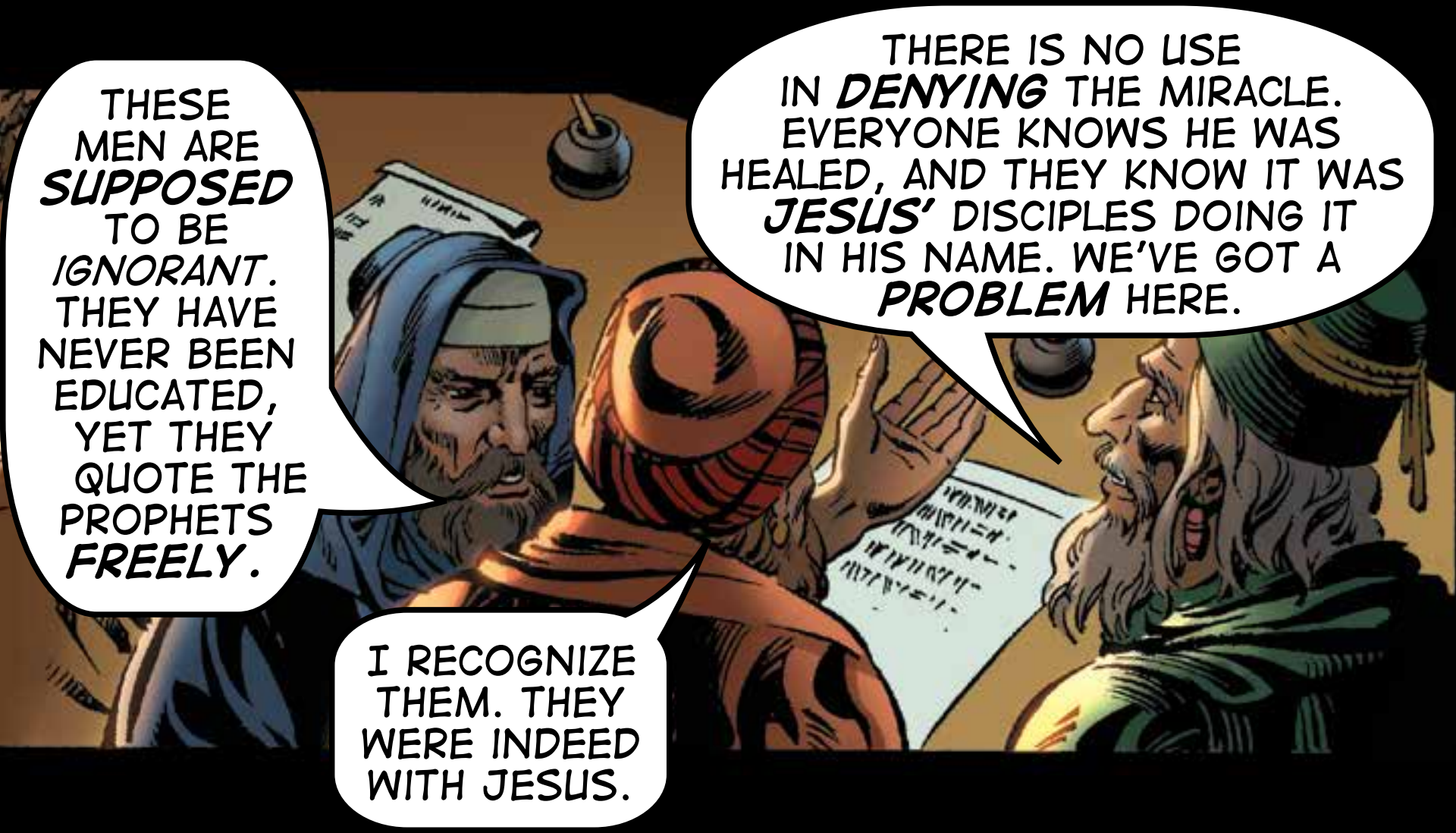


WE KNOW THAT THIS MAN HAS BEEN LAME FROM HIS **BIRTH**. HOW IS IT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO **HEAL** HIM? IN WHAT **NAME** DID YOU DO THIS?

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.

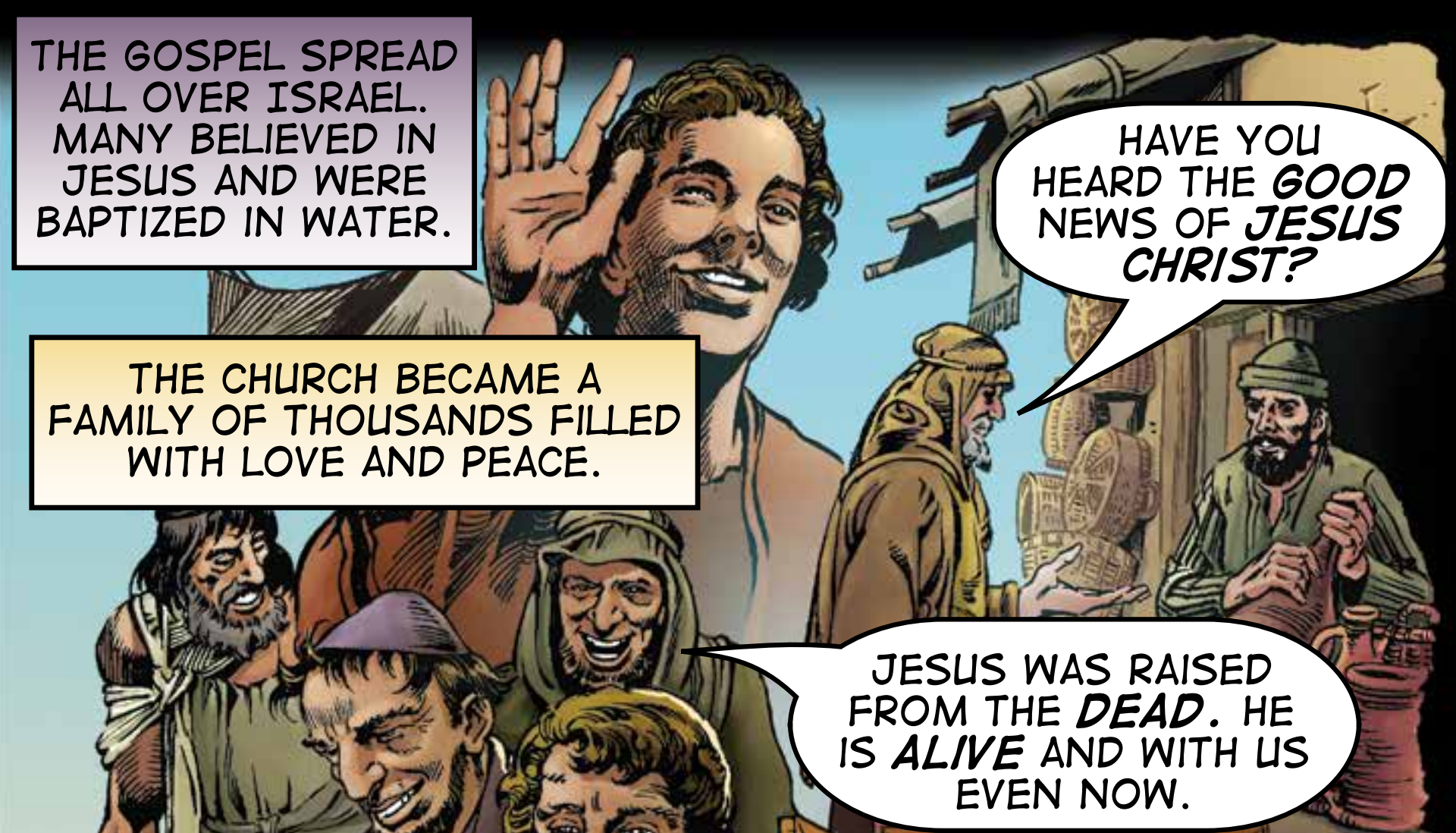
PSALM 118:22; ACTS 4:7-21



**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.



CHRISTIANS  
SANG AS THEY  
WORKED.

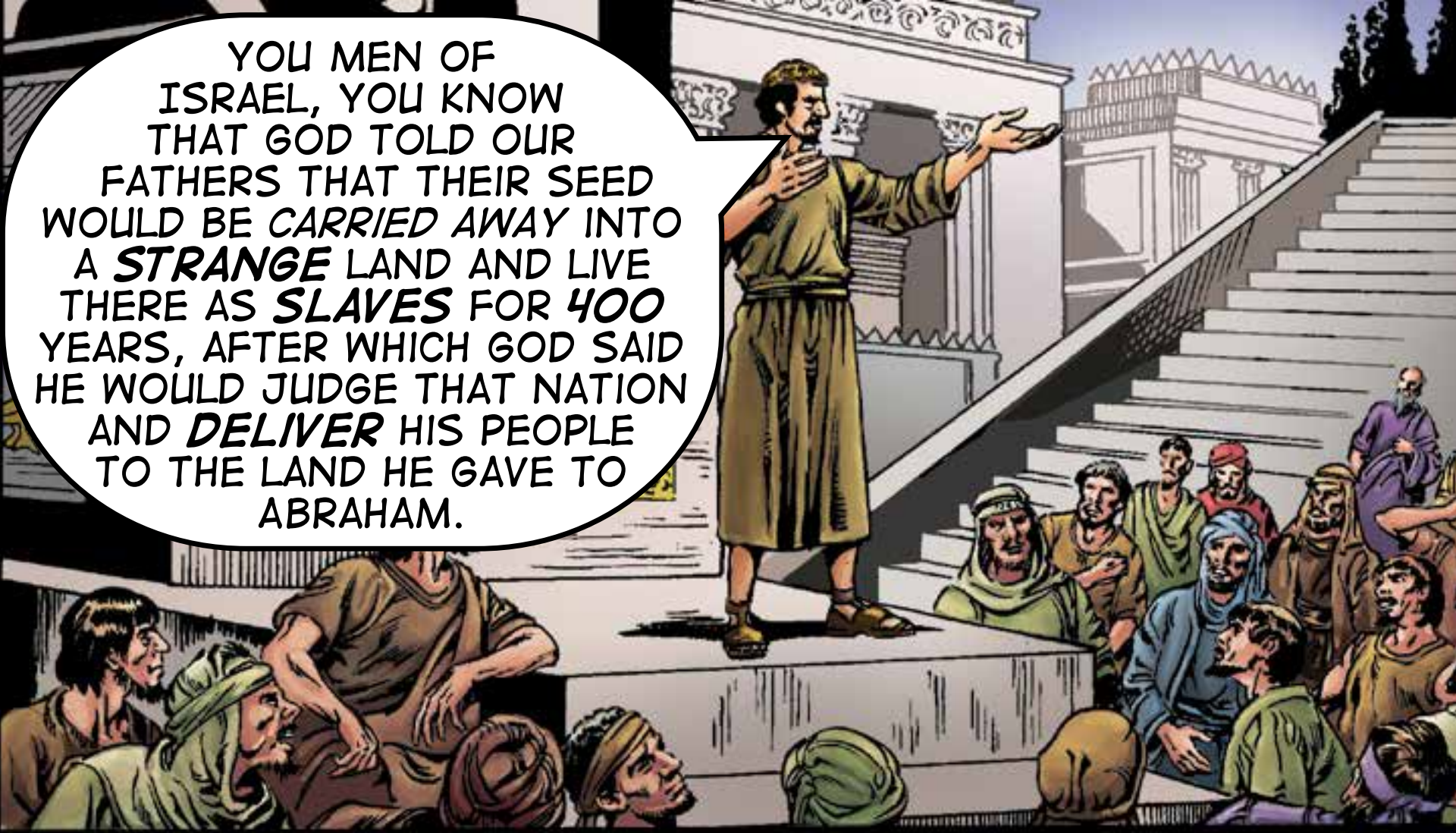


CHRISTIANS GREW  
TO THE THOUSANDS  
AND THEY CONTINUED  
TO SHARE THEIR  
BELONGINGS. THEY  
DAILY PREACHED  
JESUS FROM HOUSE  
TO HOUSE AND IN  
THE STREETS TO  
EVERYONE THEY MET.

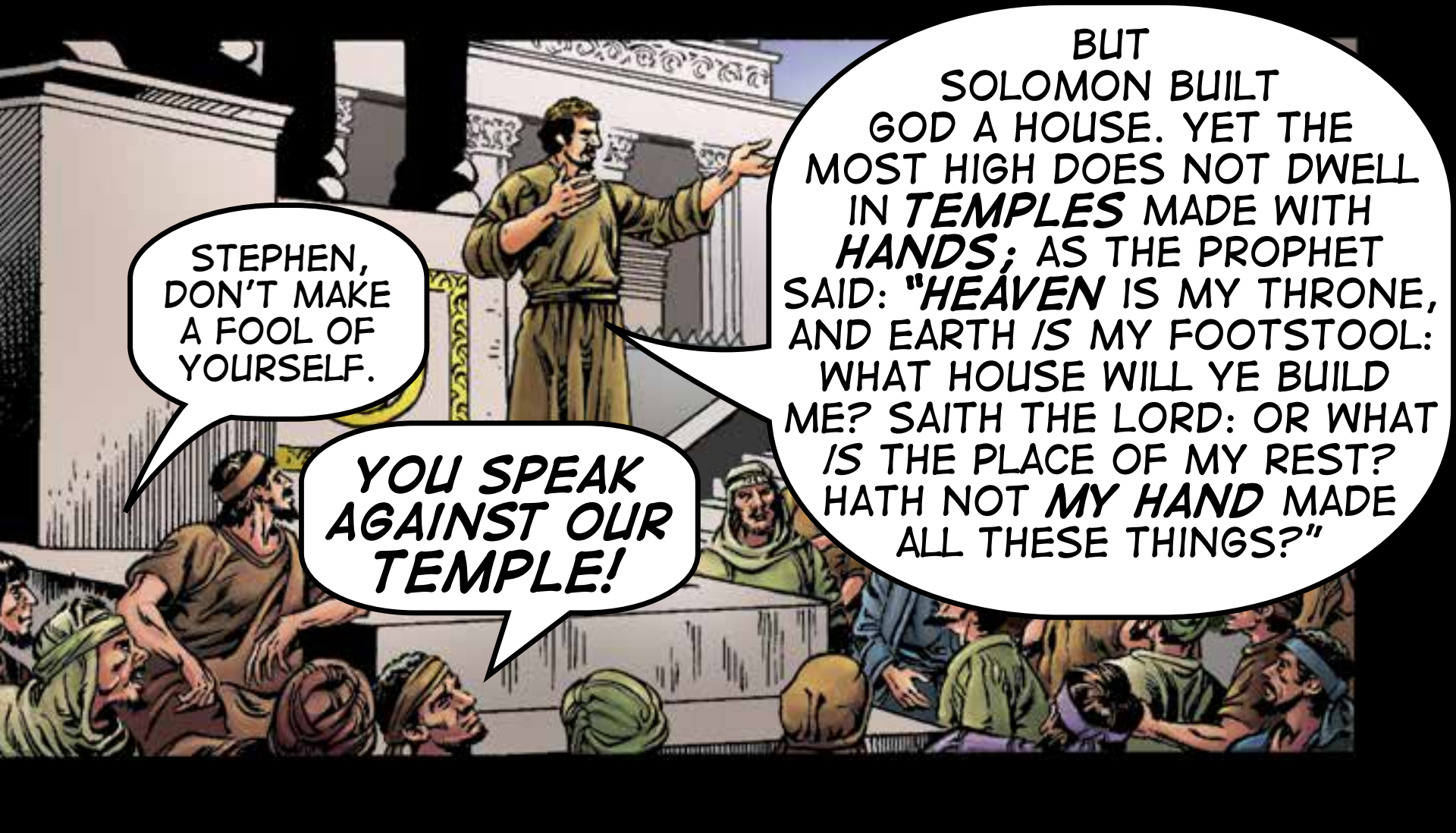


ACTS 13:30-32, 4:10

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



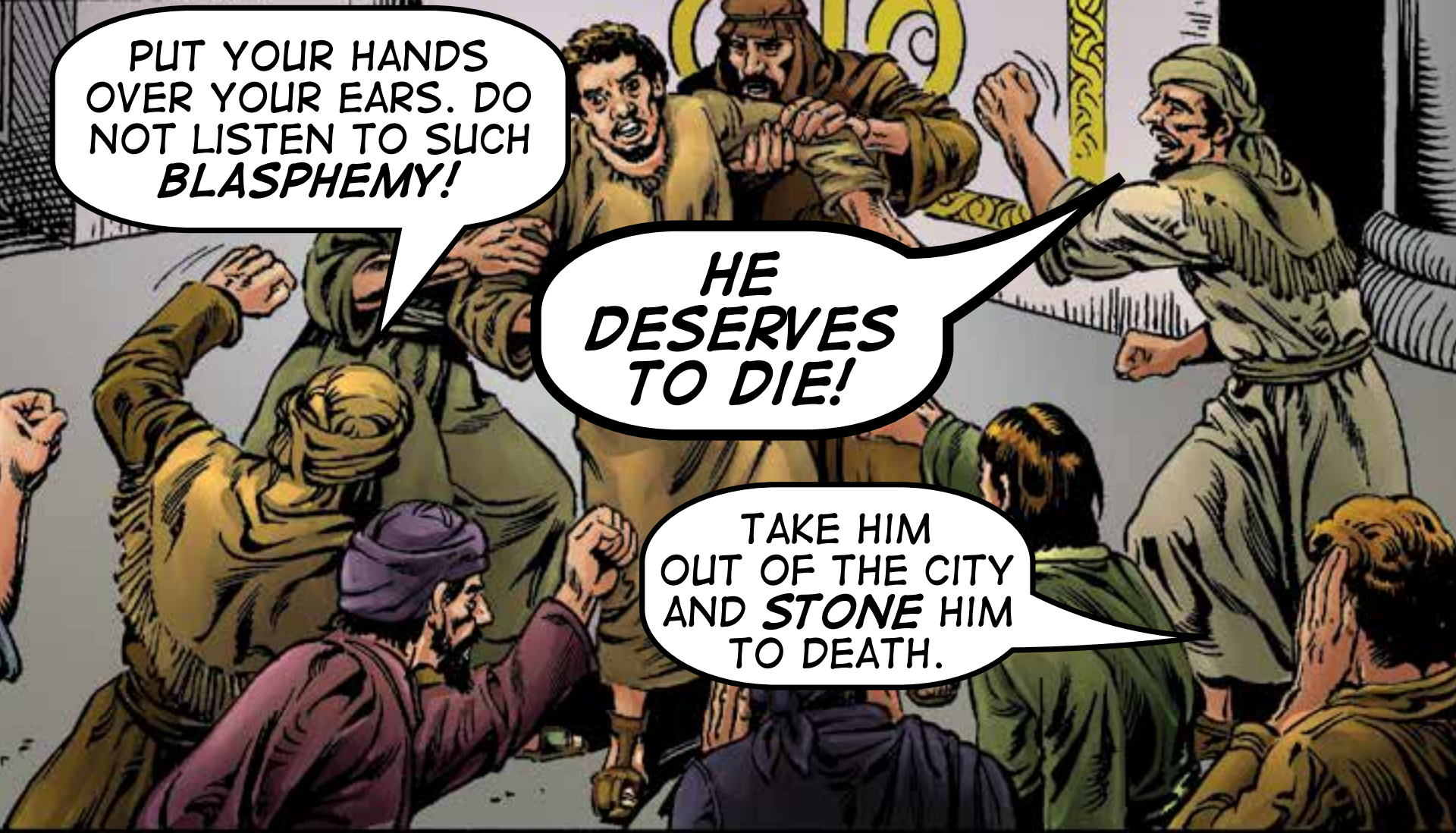
YOU ARE *STUBBORN* AND *REBELLIOUS*. YOUR HEART IS NOT RIGHT WITH GOD. YOU *RESIST* THE HOLY GHOST JUST AS YOUR FATHERS DID. YOU AND YOUR FATHERS HAVE PERSECUTED AND SLAIN THE PROPHETS WHO PREDICTED THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, BUT YOU BETRAYED AND MURDERED HIM ALSO.



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.



**BLASPHEMER!**

HE IS TRYING  
TO *DESTROY*  
OUR *RELIGION*.

WE  
*CRUCIFIED*  
JESUS. YOU,  
WE WILL  
*STONE*.

JESUS WILL  
*STILL* BE LORD  
AFTER YOU  
STONE ME.



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.



SAUL,  
WATCH MY  
COAT.

LORD  
JESUS, RECEIVE  
MY SPIRIT, AND  
LAY NOT THIS  
*SIN* TO THEIR  
*CHARGE*.

ACTS 7:58-59



**CLUNK!**

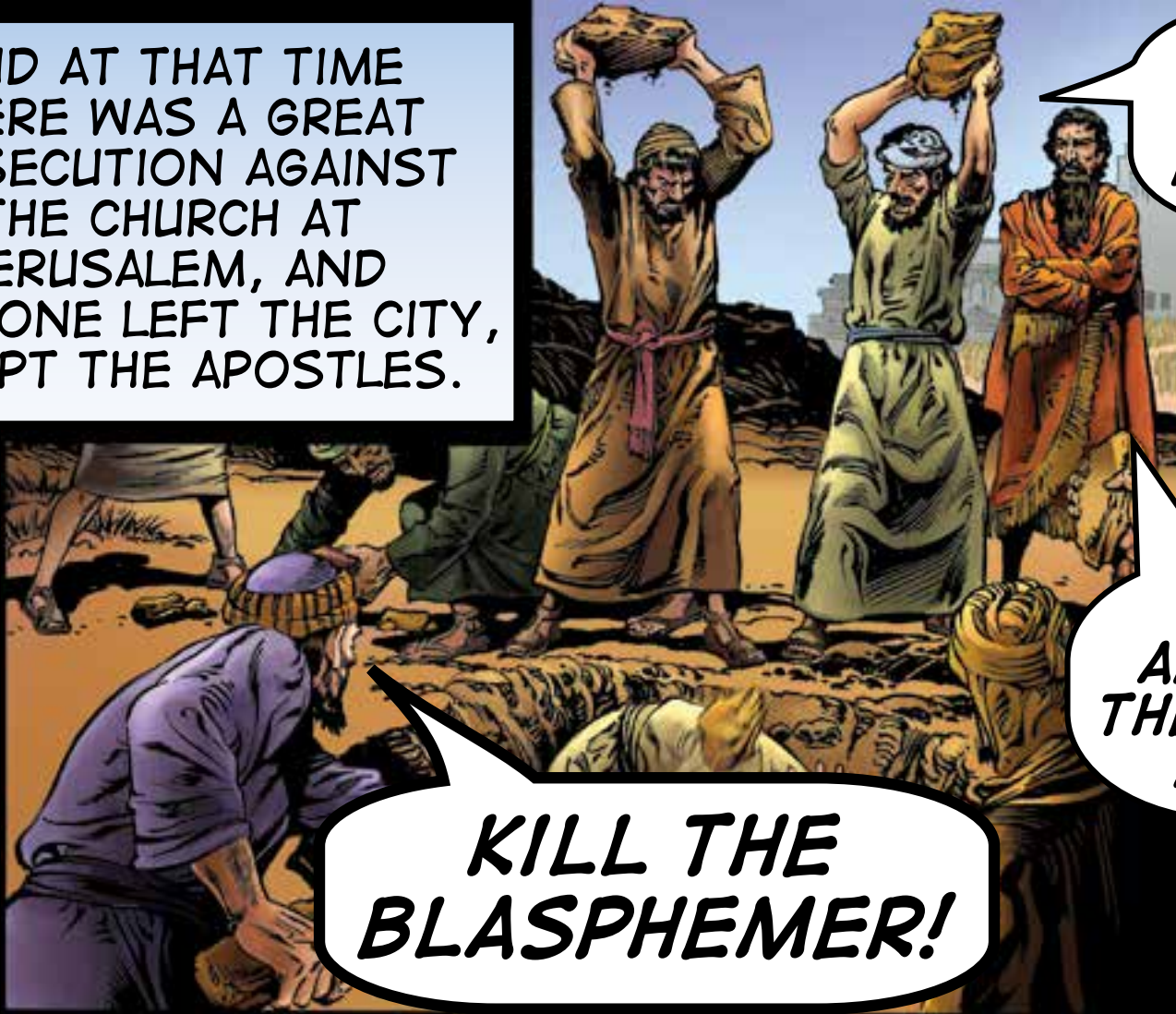


AND AT THAT TIME  
THERE WAS A GREAT  
PERSECUTION AGAINST  
THE CHURCH AT  
JERUSALEM, AND  
EVERYONE LEFT THE CITY,  
EXCEPT THE APOSTLES.

*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.**



A man with a beard, wearing a green robe and sandals, is running away from the viewer through a desert landscape. The ground is sandy and rocky, with a large, tall rock formation on the right. In the background, there are rolling hills under a blue sky with light clouds. A thought bubble is positioned above the man's head, containing text.


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?





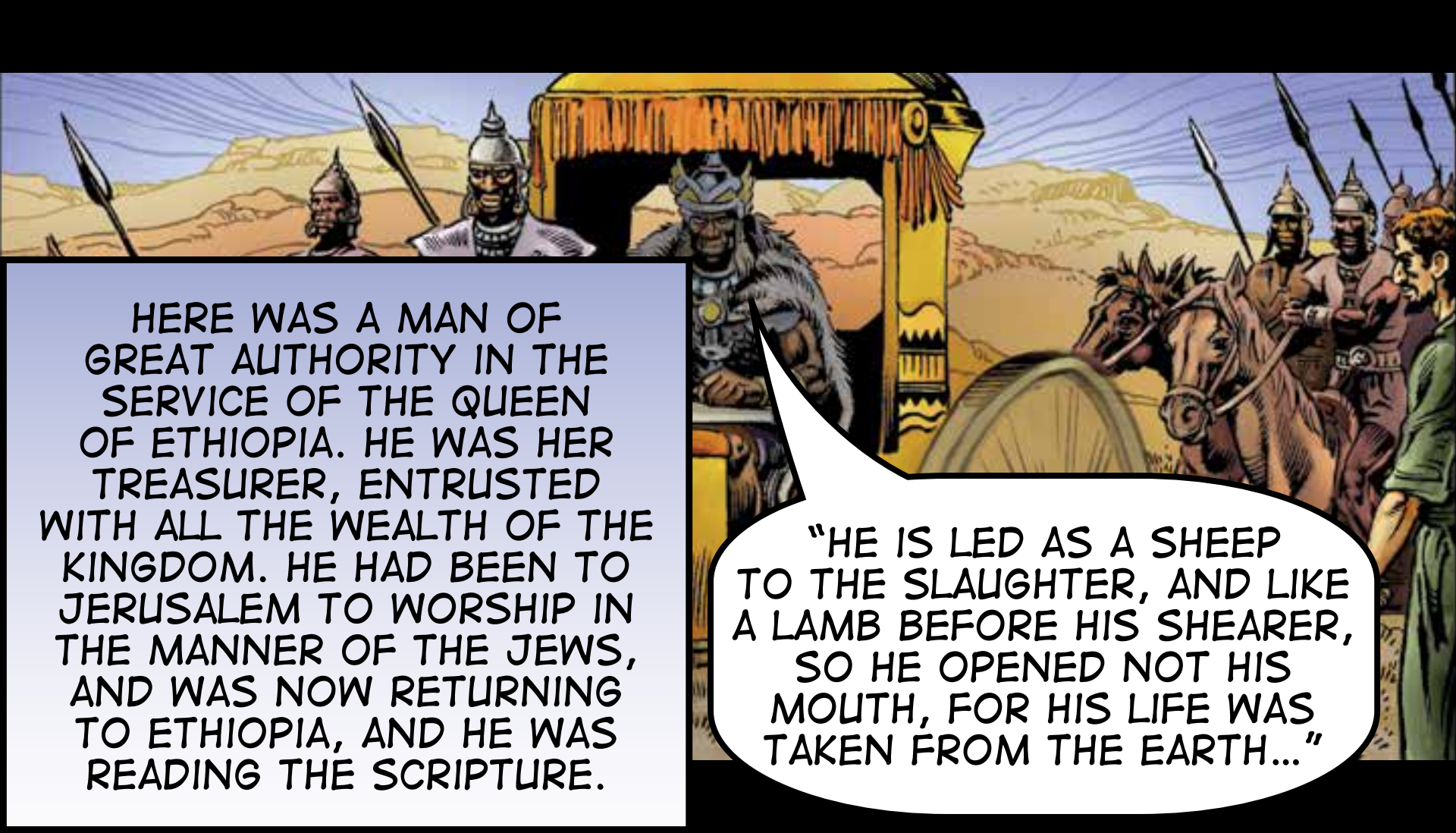
LORD,  
WHAT IS  
IT YOU  
WANT?

A man with a beard, wearing a green tunic and trousers, sits on a rock under a large, gnarled tree. He is looking towards a valley where a caravan of people and pack animals is moving. The landscape features rolling hills and mountains in the background. A speech bubble is positioned above him, and a callout box is below him.

**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



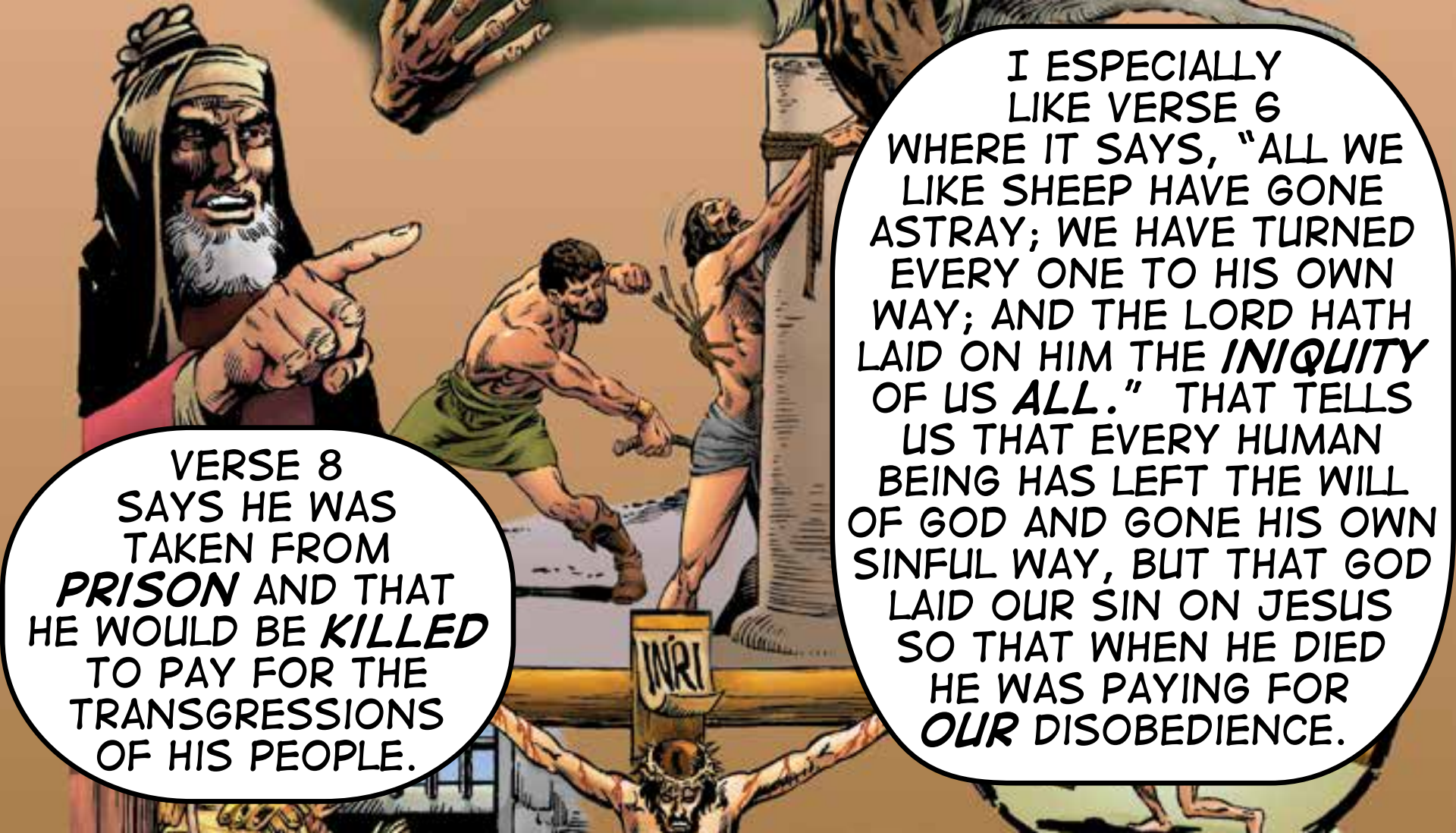
AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOOK OF ISAIAH WAS WRITTEN NEARLY 800 YEARS AGO. THIS ENTIRE 53<sup>RD</sup> CHAPTER IS JUST ONE OF THE **MANY** PROPHECIES ABOUT MESSIAH. IT SAYS HE WOULD BE "**DESPISED AND REJECTED.**"

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



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

ISAIAH  
PROPHESED 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.

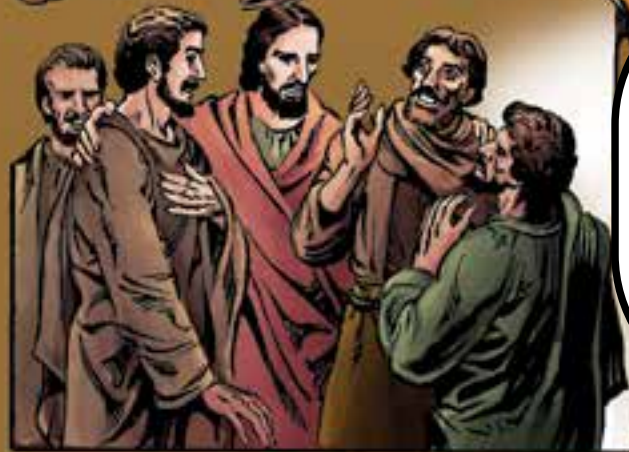


VERSE 8  
SAYS HE WAS  
TAKEN FROM  
**PRISON** AND THAT  
HE WOULD BE **KILLED**  
TO PAY FOR THE  
TRANSGRESSIONS  
OF HIS PEOPLE.

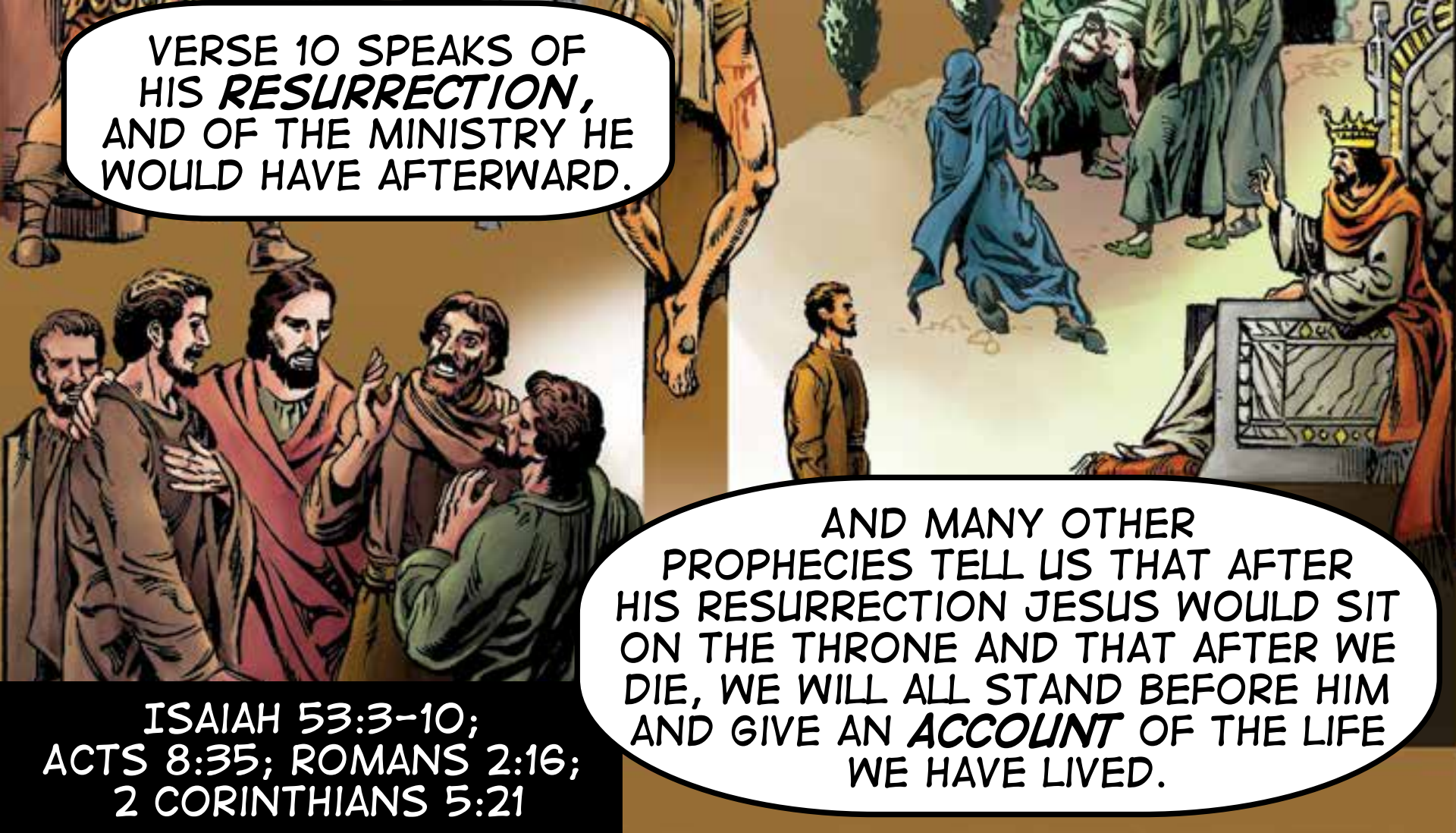
I ESPECIALLY  
LIKE VERSE 6  
WHERE IT SAYS, "ALL WE  
LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE  
ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED  
EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN  
WAY; AND THE LORD HATH  
LAID ON HIM THE **INIQUITY**  
OF US **ALL**." THAT TELLS  
US THAT EVERY HUMAN  
BEING HAS LEFT THE WILL  
OF GOD AND GONE HIS OWN  
SINFUL WAY, BUT 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.





I HAVE HEARD THE SCRIBES AND PRIESTS SPEAK OF THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES MANY TIMES. WHY HAVE MANY OF THEM *REJECTED* JESUS?

*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.






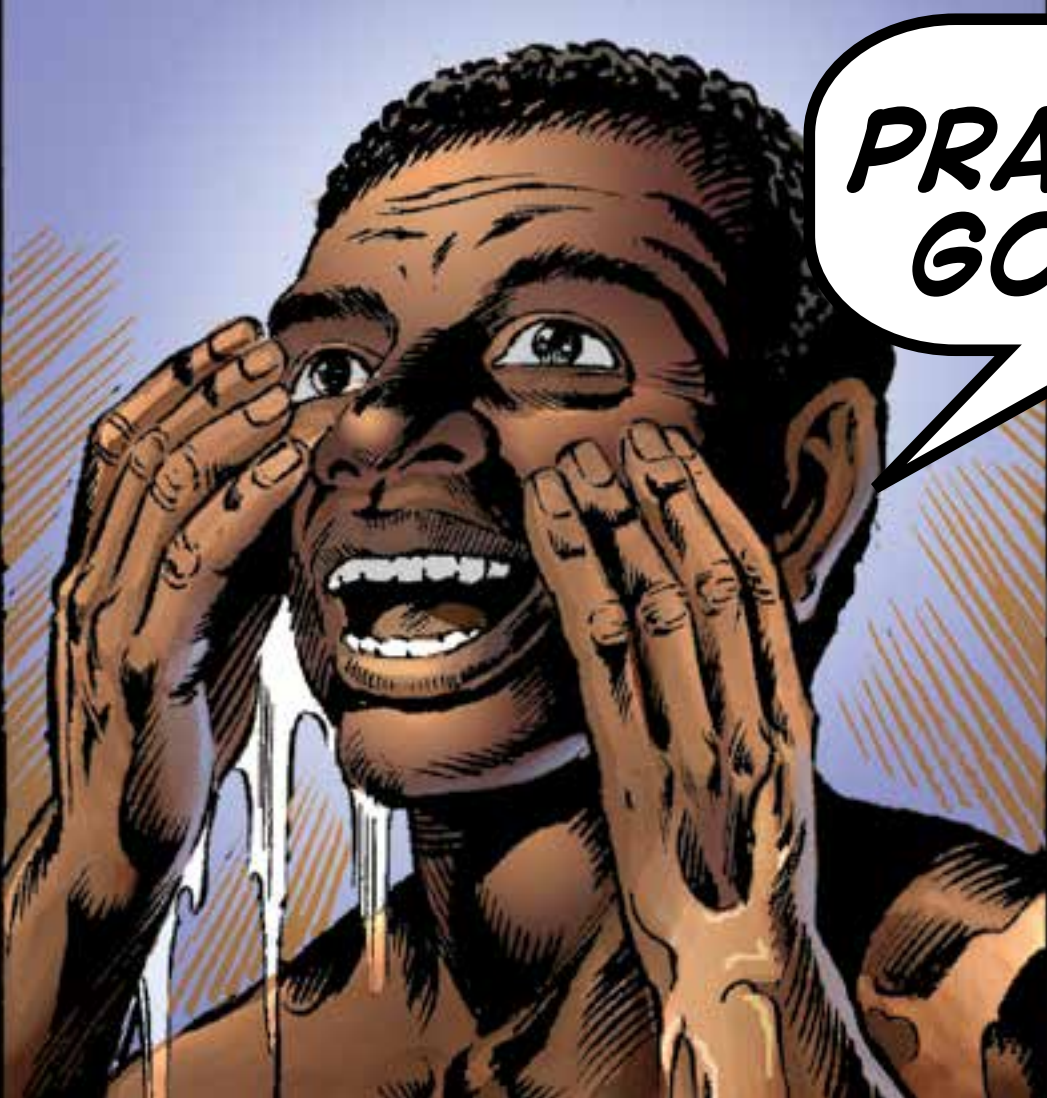
**HERE  
IS WATER!  
WHAT PREVENTS  
ME FROM BEING  
BAPTIZED?**

**I WILL BAPTIZE  
YOU IF YOU BELIEVE  
IN JESUS WITH ALL  
YOUR HEART.**

**OH! BUT  
I DO! I  
BELIEVE!**



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**.

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

ACTS 8:36-39



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