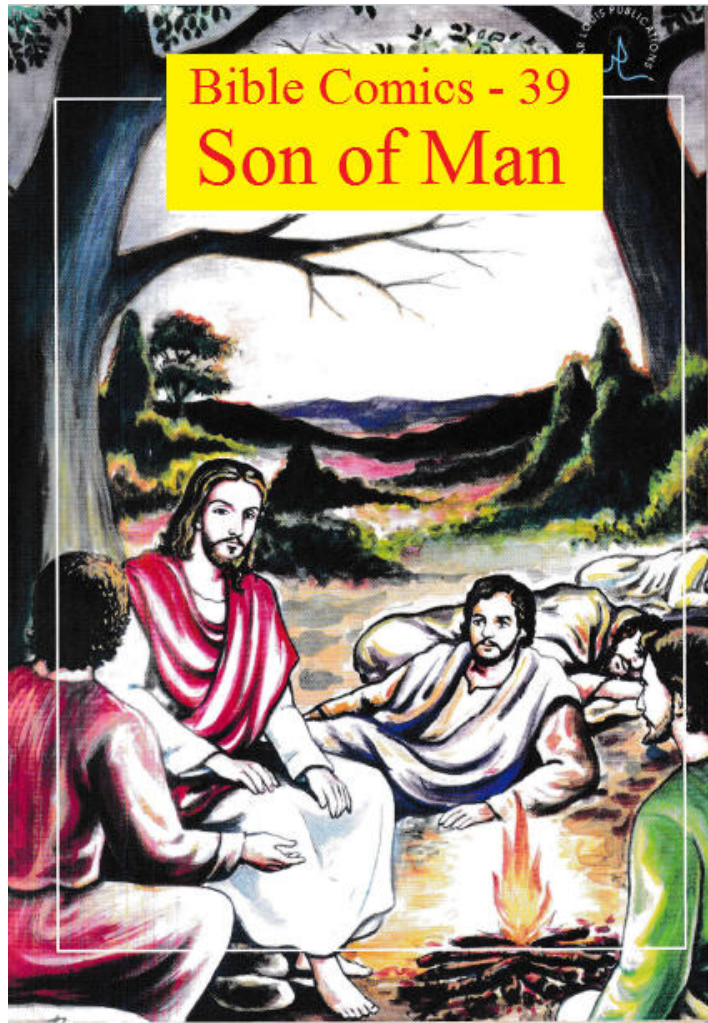


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Son of Man



SON OF MAN

The Son of God, taking upon himself all our suffering and sorrows manifested God's infinite love for us. Even though he is the Lord of the Universe, he lived upon the earth as the poorest among the poor. He identified himself with the homeless by being born in a manger. He spent his childhood as a refugee in Egypt. As a young man he earned his bread by hard work expressing his solidarity with all

the workers in the world. Thus, he taught the dignity of honest human labour. During his public ministry he had nowhere to lay his head. As if to emphasize that he is man in the full sense of the term, he called himself “Son of Man”, which has the same meaning as “man”.

The Son of God became Son of Man, yet he possessed all the power and authority of God. He has the power to forgive sins and is the master of all the laws, including the law

of Sabbath. At the same time, he lived like a servant and offered himself up in sacrifice for the liberation of mankind from sin. The title Son of Man denotes the weakness as well as the glory of the Son of God incarnate. It is the same Son of Man who lived on earth as the servant of all, was rejected, persecuted and brutally put to death that will come at the end of the world as the judge. In Jesus the prophecy of Daniel concerning the glorified Son of Man is fulfilled. In the present story, a

few episodes are narrated that depict Jesus as the suffering Son of Man and illustrate his teaching on the necessity of following him on the path of suffering.

During the second half of the public ministry Jesus concentrated on teaching the apostles about his passion and death as the way fixed by God for him to tread. Again and again he spoke to them about the impending suffering and the violent death and also about the glorious resurrection that will

follow. But the apostles could not understand or accept it.

Through parables and symbolic actions he instructed them constantly about humble service and selfless love. With child like simplicity and faith they must always pray to the heavenly Father. The greatness of a person is to be measured by his humility and the selfless service he renders to those in need. The Jews considered only the fellow Jews as their neighbours and taught it

obligatory to love and help those who belonged to their race. But Jesus demanded from his disciples a love that knows no such limits. He taught that anybody in need of their help should be considered a neighbor.

It is not enough to say that one loves. Love should be manifested in concrete deeds of selfless service and generous help. The one who does not come to the aid of those in need is a hypocrite. The disciples of Jesus should not imitate the Jewish leaders who

boasted of their virtues, of their strict observance of the law and paraded their acts of piety in public without bothering to help the needy. This kind of piety and religiosity are mere hypocrisy, which the disciples must carefully avoid.

Those who believe in Jesus and obey his words have nothing to fear. They can face even death with joy because they put their trust in God who can raise the dead to life. Jesus himself is the model of undying hope

and unflinching courage that derive from a total trust in the love of the Father. Nothing could deviate him from fulfilling the mission entrusted by the Father, neither the advice of friends nor the threats of those in authority. The way of the Son of Man leads to glory through suffering and death and all those who follow him on this way can be sure of participating with him in his glory.

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Son of Man

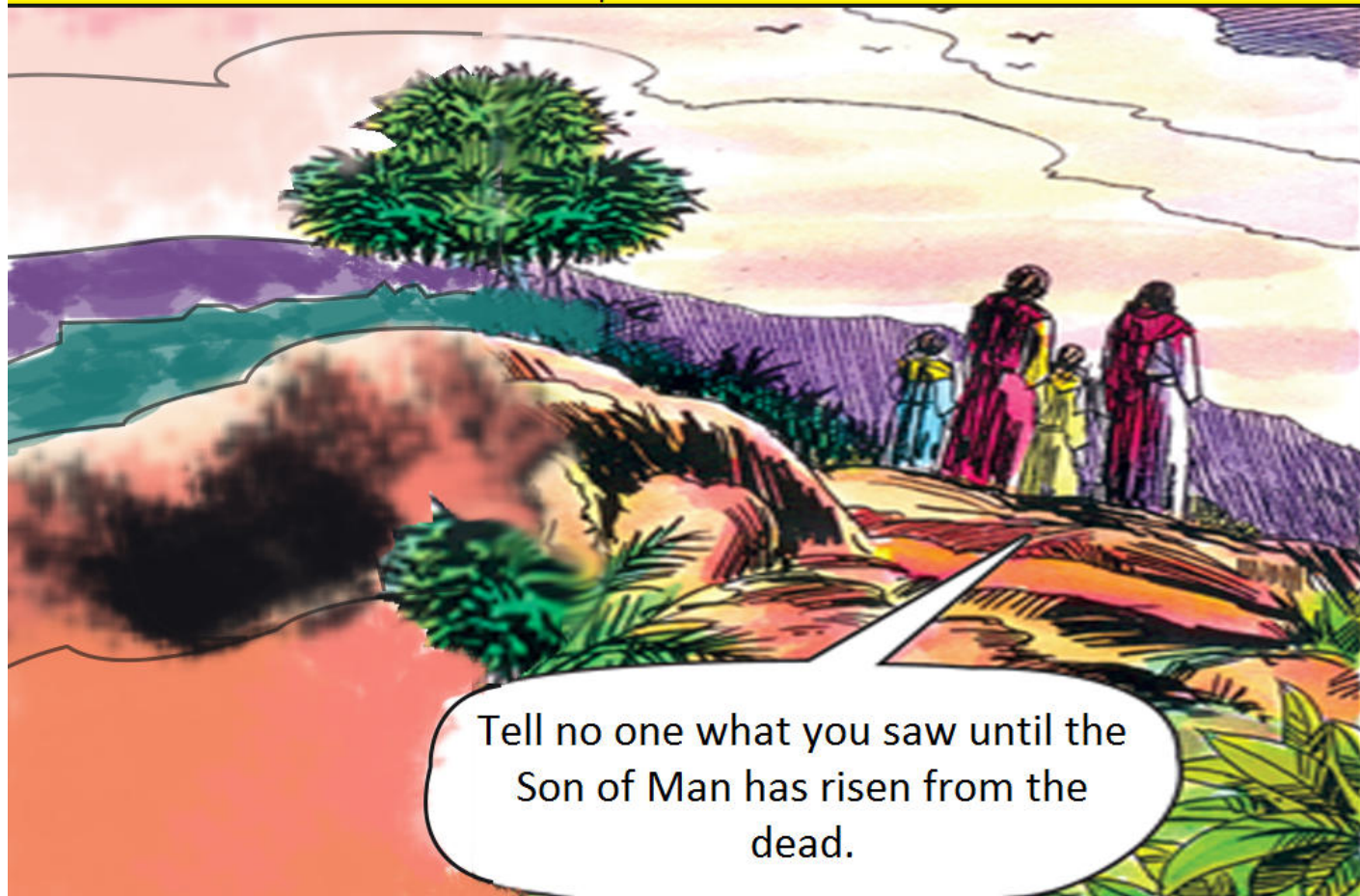
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The voice that resounded from heaven revealed Jesus as the Son of God. In the morning, Jesus and the three disciples descended from the mountain.





Who is this Son of Man?

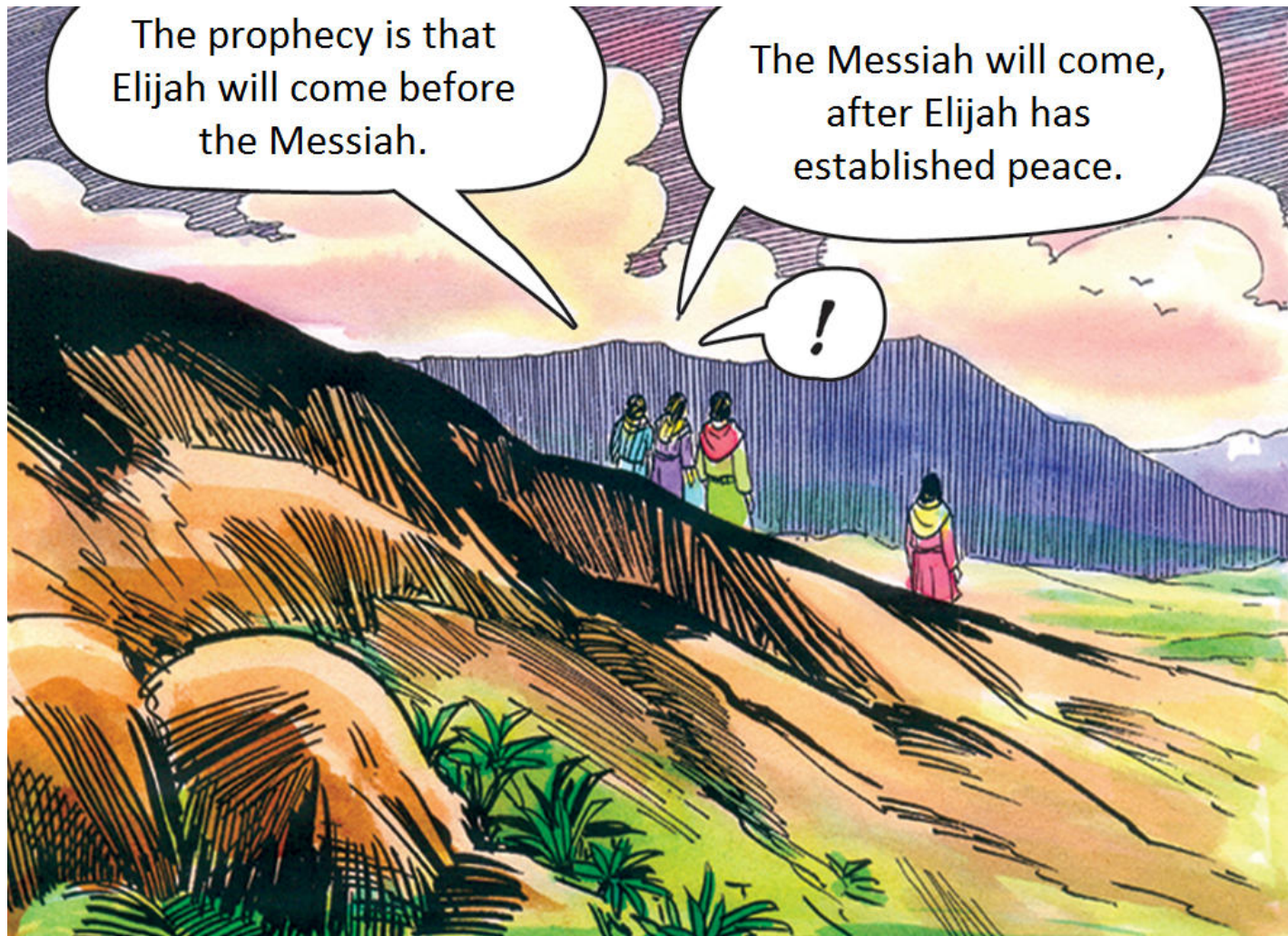
The master must be speaking about himself.

Son of Man is another name for Messiah.


The prophecy is that
Elijah will come before
the Messiah.

The Messiah will come,
after Elijah has
established peace.

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Then, is the "Son of Man" someone else?

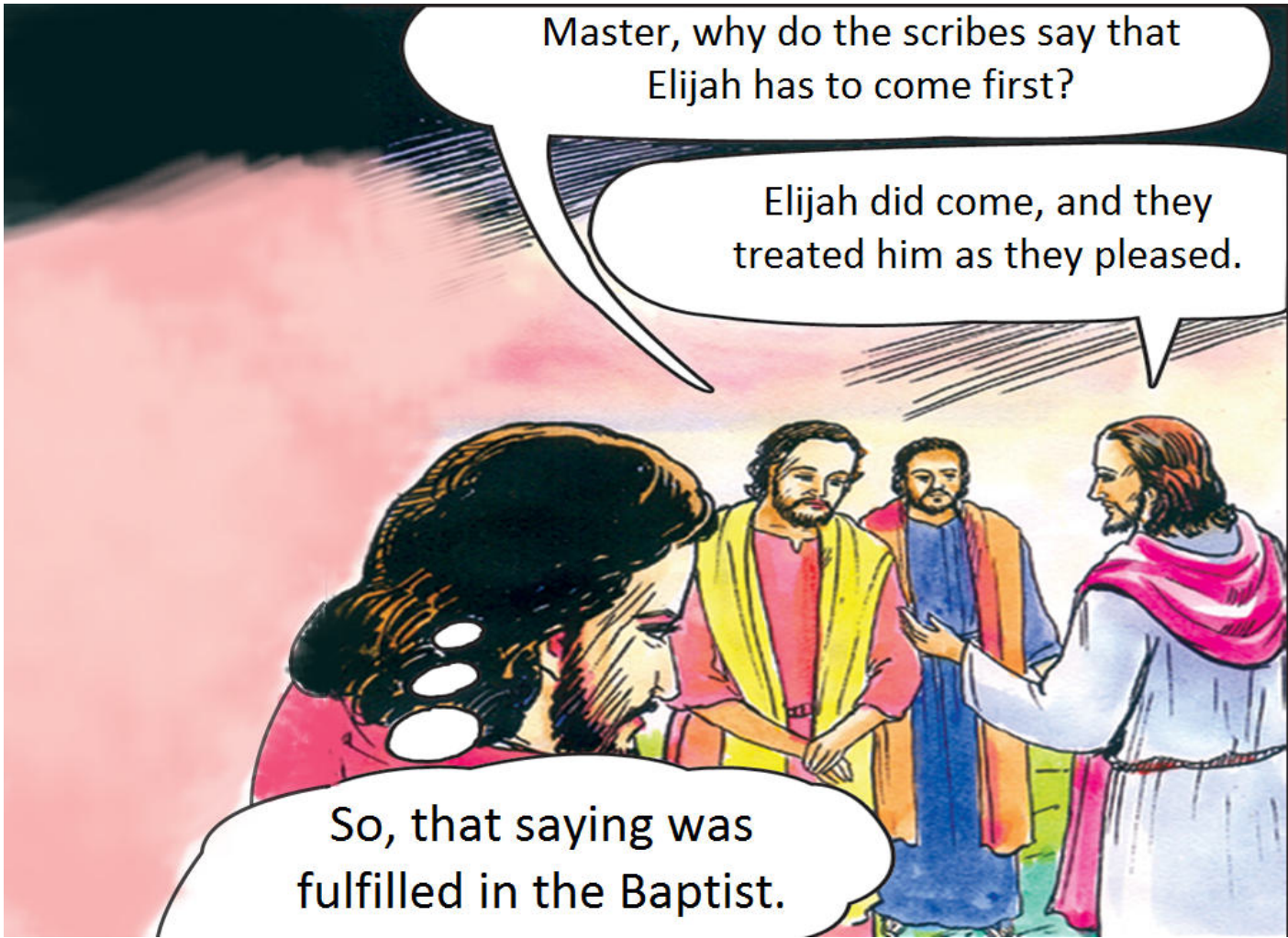


Let us ask the Master.

Master, why do the scribes say that
Elijah has to come first?

Elijah did come, and they
treated him as they pleased.

So, that saying was
fulfilled in the Baptist.



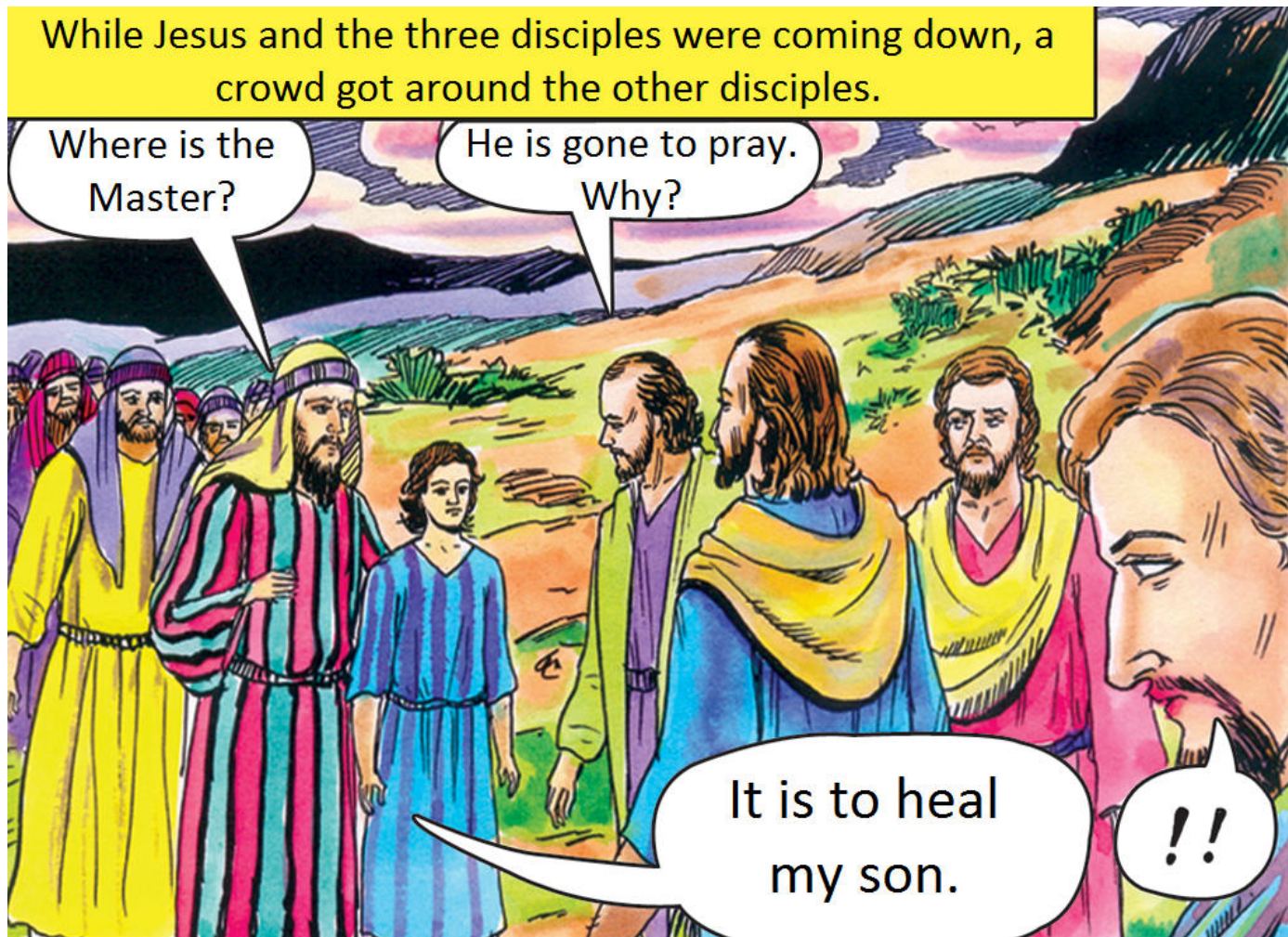
While Jesus and the three disciples were coming down, a crowd got around the other disciples.

Where is the Master?

He is gone to pray.
Why?

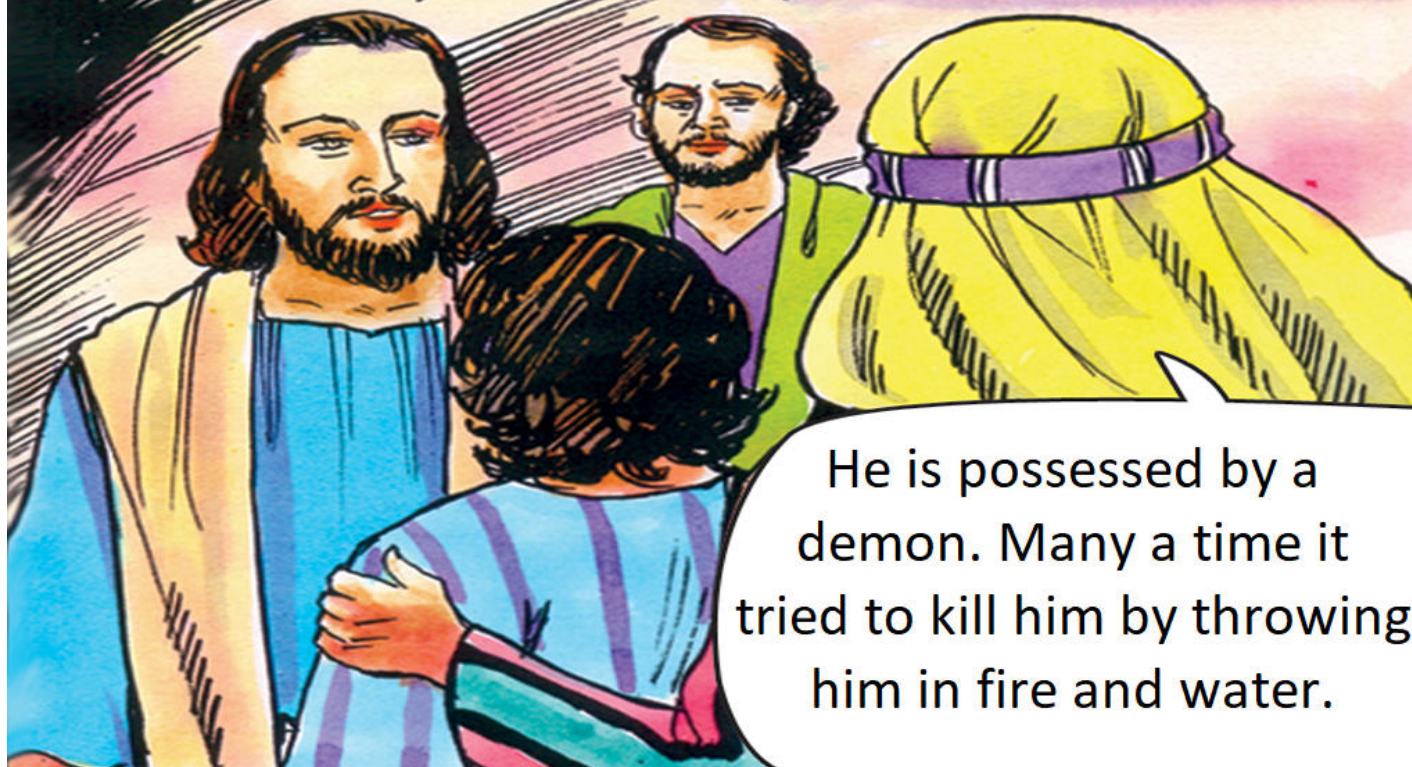
It is to heal
my son.

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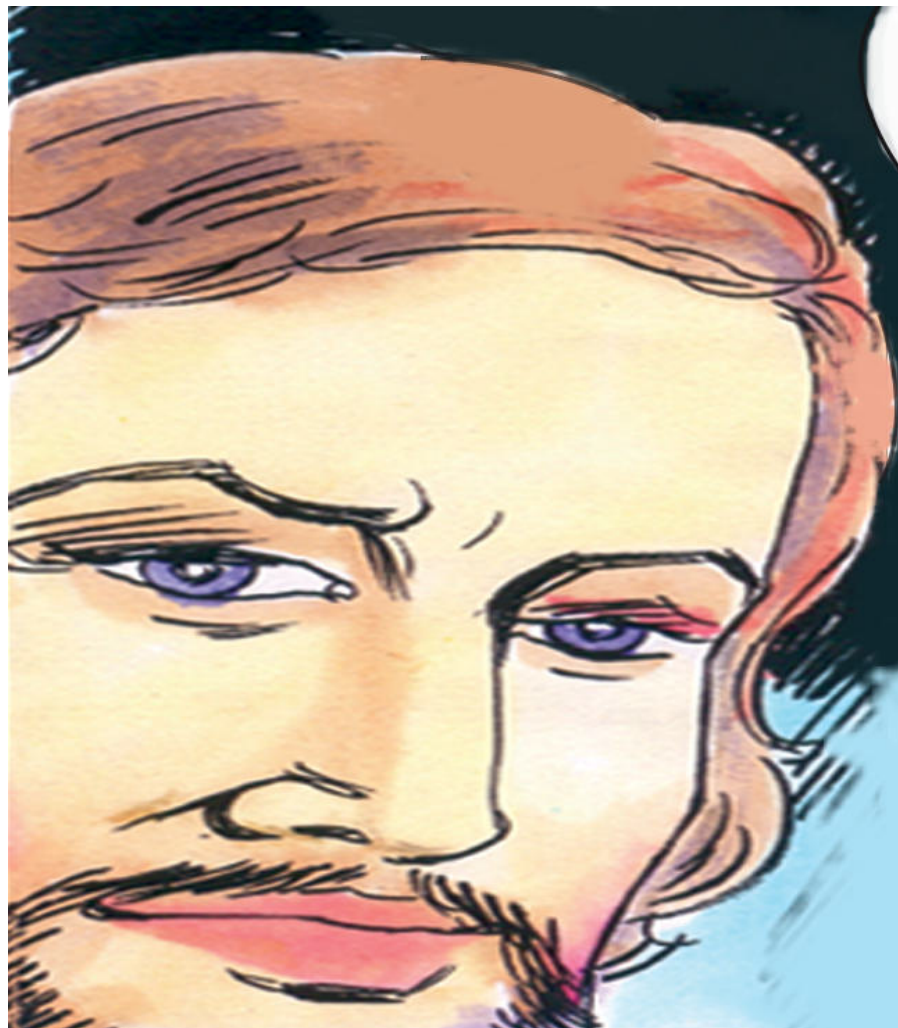


The master has given us the power
to do it.

What is the
problem?



He is possessed by a
demon. Many a time it
tried to kill him by throwing
him in fire and water.



Let the others try
first. If I can
succeed where
they fail....

I, Thomas the Apostle of Jesus Christ, order you in the name of Jesus; unclean spirit, leave him.



Each of the Apostles tried in vain. Finally, Judas.





Evil Spirit, in the
name of

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Before he finished saying.





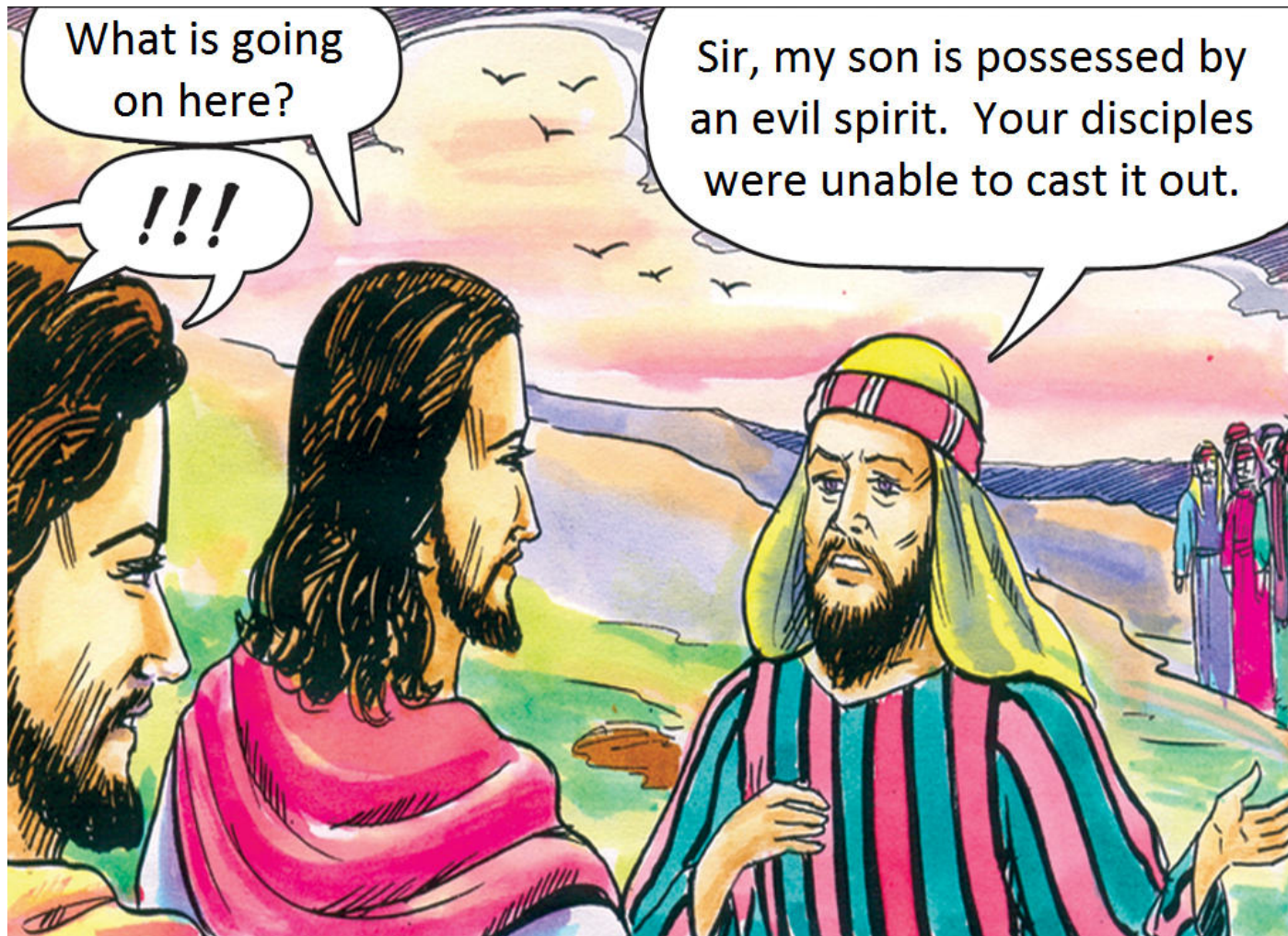
The Master is
coming.

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What is going on here?

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Sir, my son is possessed by an evil spirit. Your disciples were unable to cast it out.

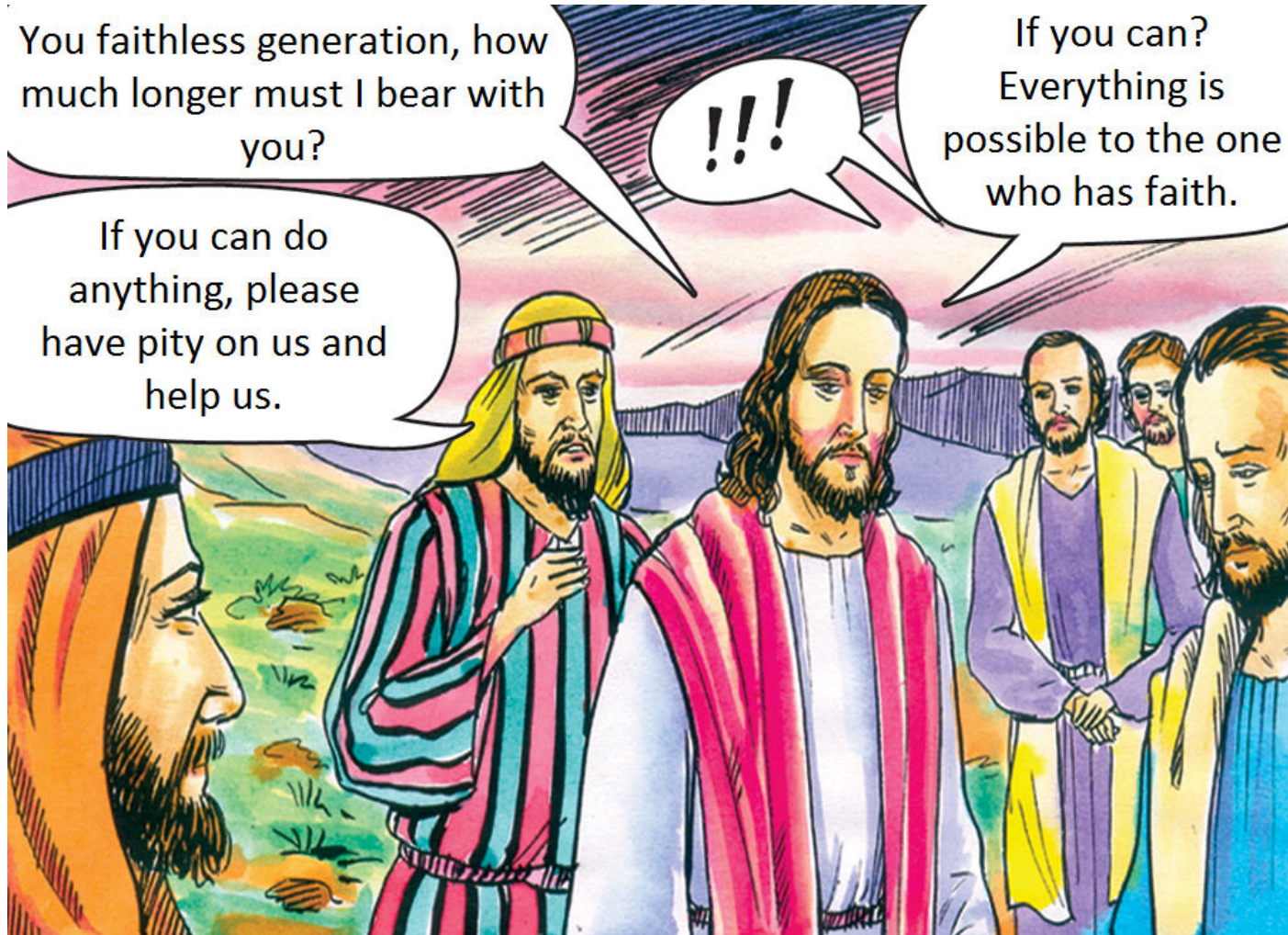


You faithless generation, how much longer must I bear with you?

If you can do anything, please have pity on us and help us.

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If you can?
Everything is possible to the one who has faith.



I do have faith. Help the
little faith that I have.



Evil spirit, I command you: come out of him and never enter him again.

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AAAAaaaa...



The Devil is gone.

So is his life. The boy is dead.

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When Jesus was
about to leave.

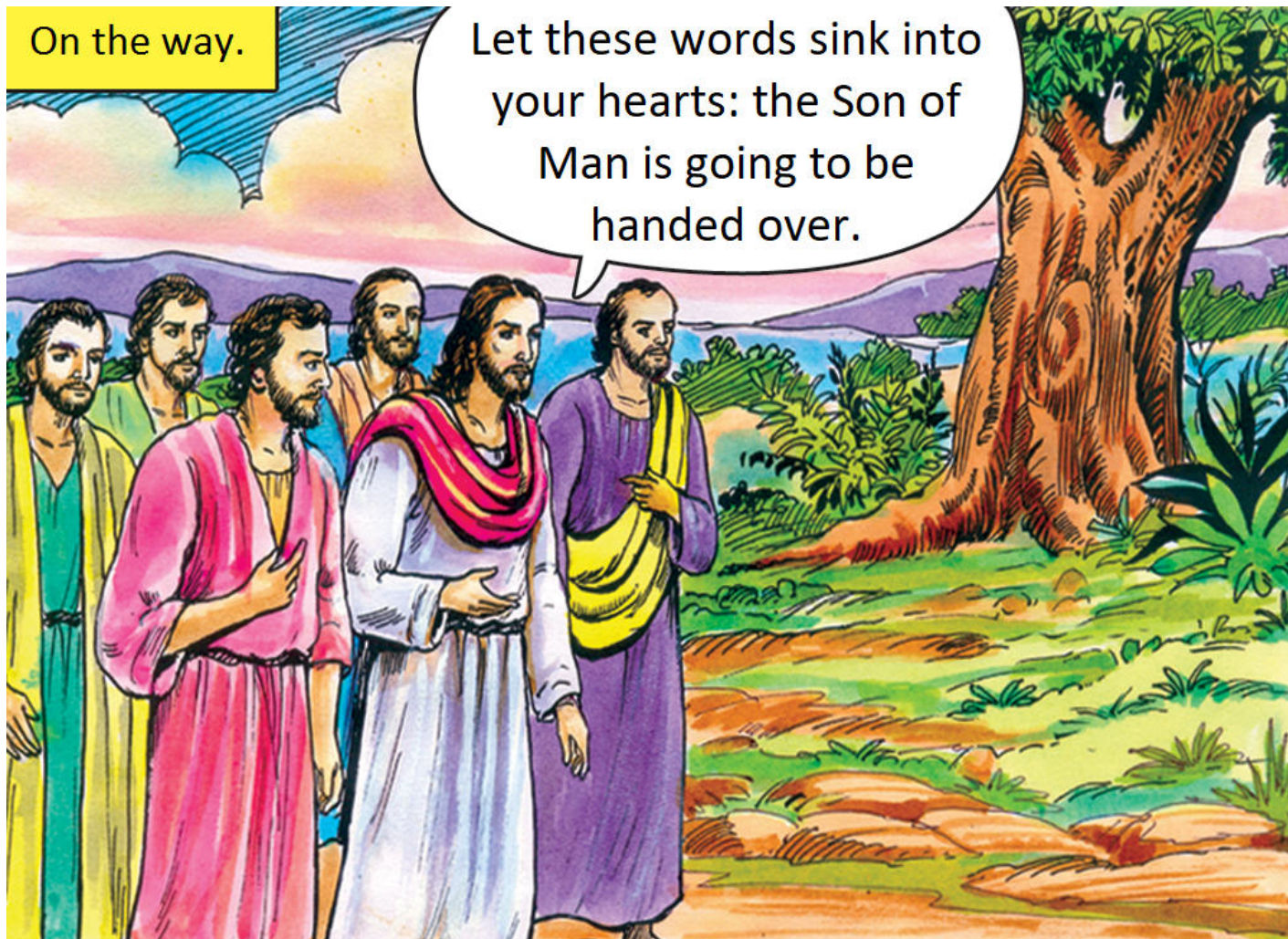
Master, I wish to follow you.

Foxes have holes and birds
have nests, but the Son of Man
has nowhere to lay his head.



On the way.

Let these words sink into
your hearts: the Son of
Man is going to be
handed over.



They did not understand its meaning.

What does this 'handed over' mean?

The master would give himself up to be proclaimed as a king. That is what he means.

I don't think so. But how are we going to ask the Master again?



Let that be. Do you know who
is the greatest among us?



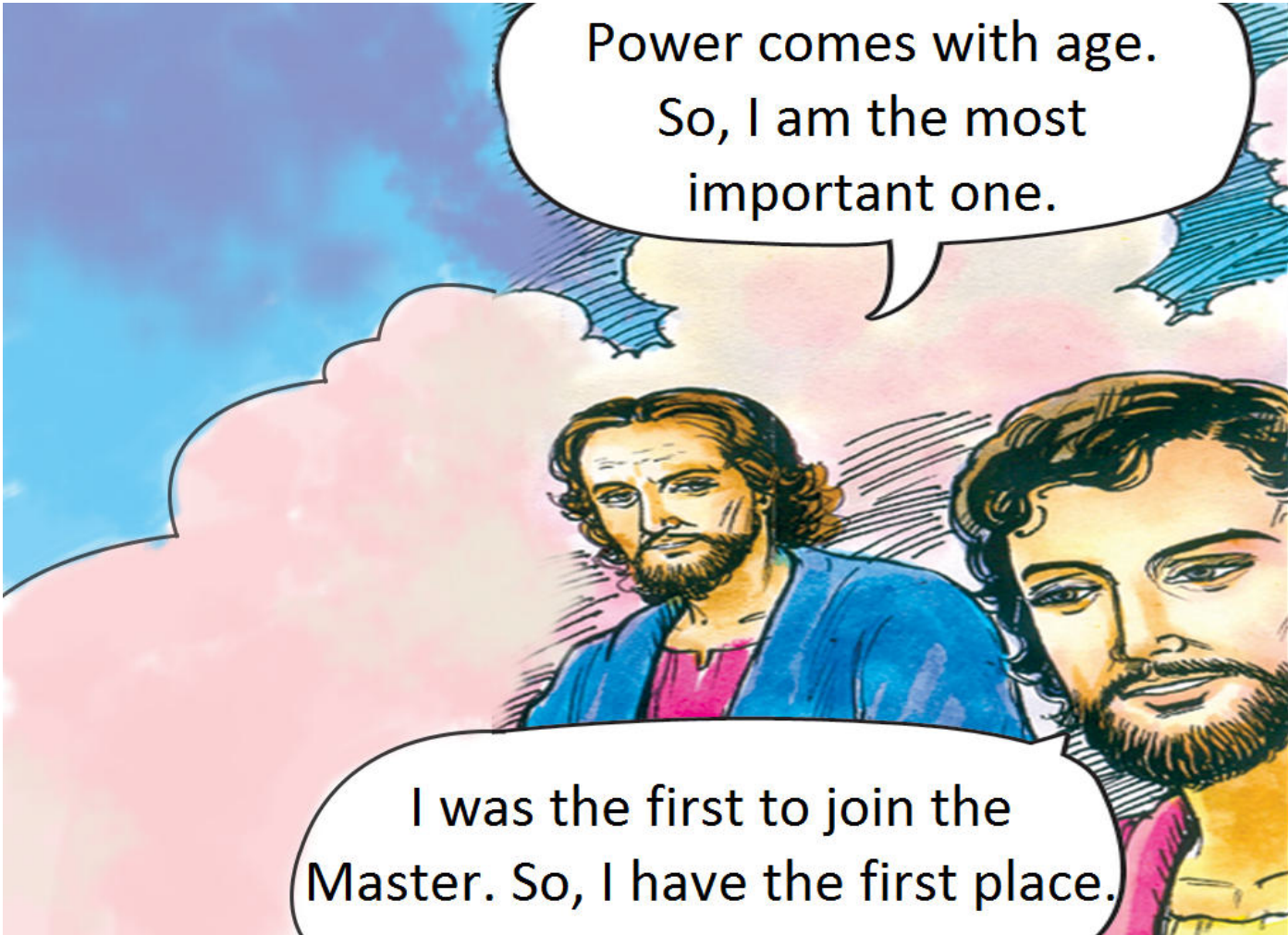
That is Peter.

The master loves
me the most.

What makes you
so sure?



Money is power; the
Master has trusted only
me, with the purse.



Power comes with age.
So, I am the most
important one.

I was the first to join the
Master. So, I have the first place.

While they were arguing.

Don't disturb
the master.

Let the children come
to me. For it is to such
as these, that the
kingdom of God
belongs.

Master, bless my
child.

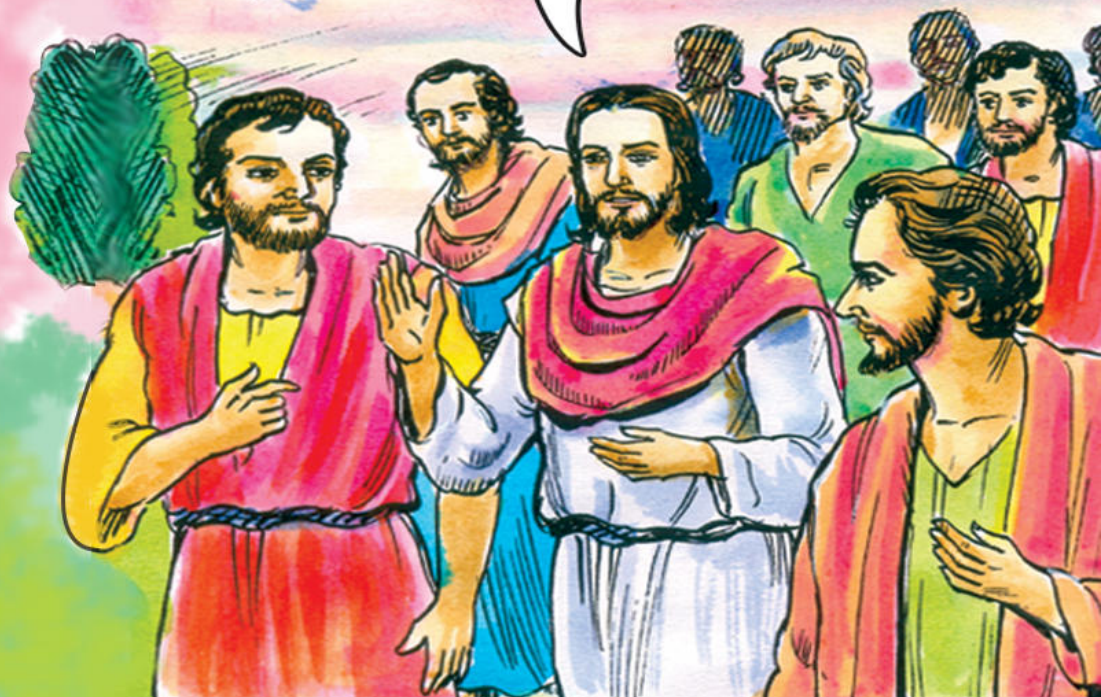


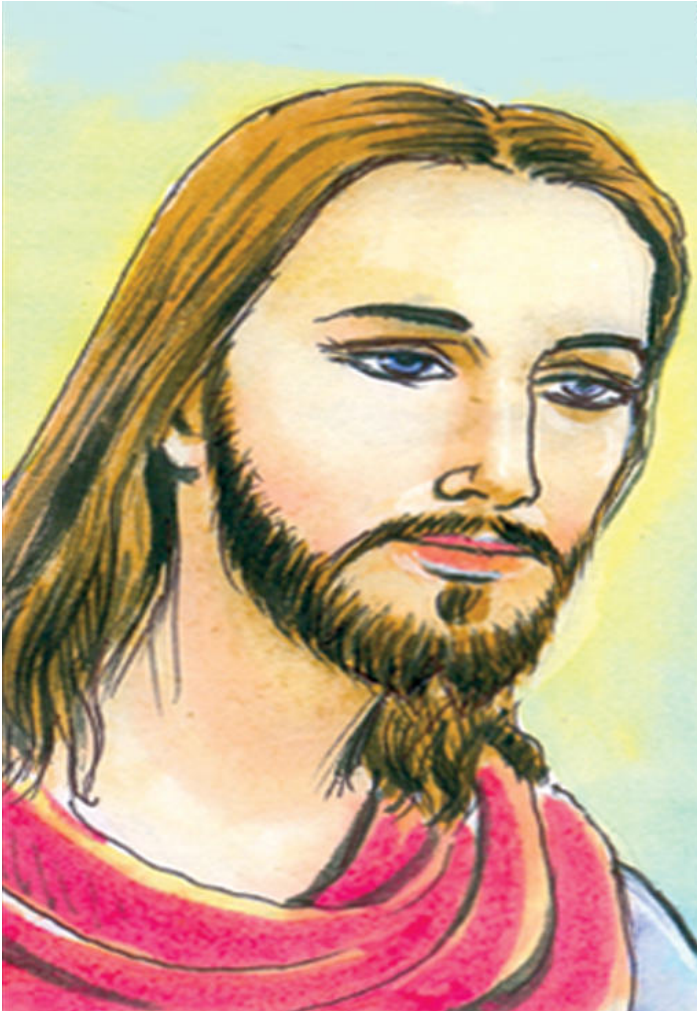
Whoever receives such a child in
my name, receives me. Whoever
receives me, receives the one
who sent me.

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The smallest among you is the greatest. The one who wishes to become the first must be a slave to all.



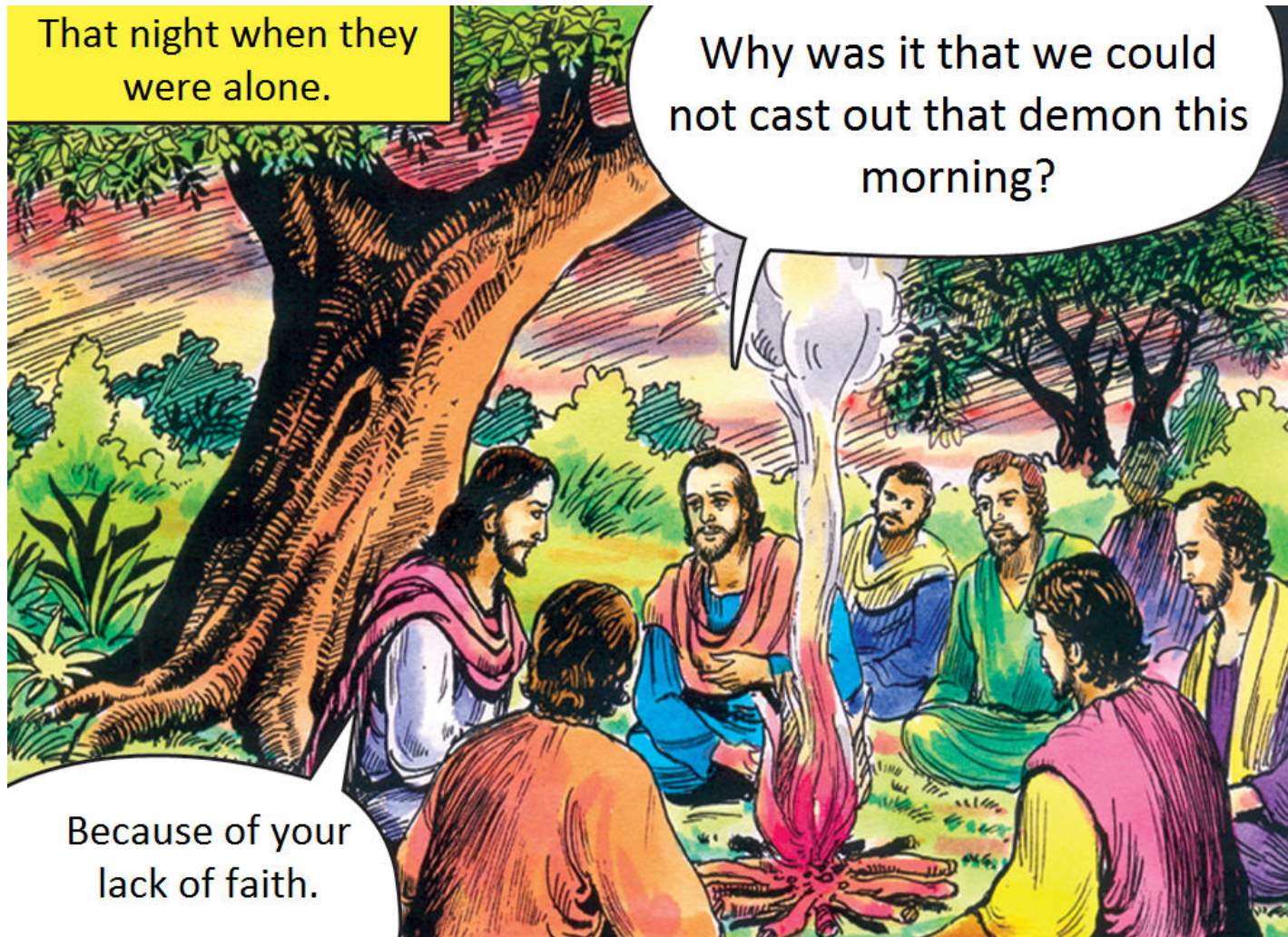


The Son of Man has come
not to be served, but to serve
and to give his life as a
ransom for many.

That night when they
were alone.

Why was it that we could
not cast out that demon this
morning?

Because of your
lack of faith.



Only by prayer with
faith can this kind be
driven out.



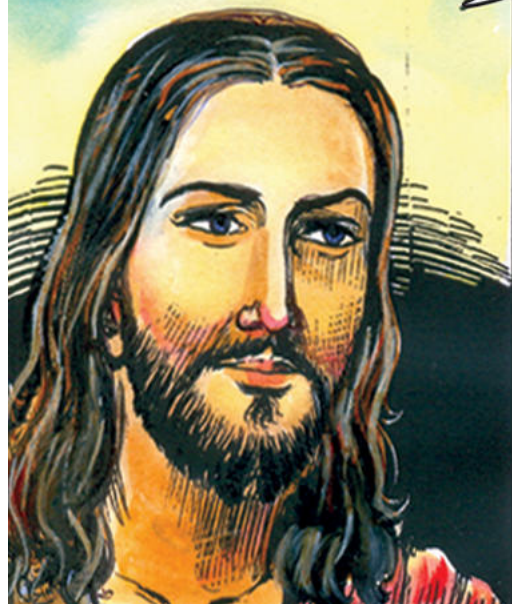
Lord, teach
us to pray.

Just as the Baptist
taught his disciples
to pray.

When you pray, don't
use too many words.



When you pray,
don't imitate the
Pharisees.



They prefer to pray in public
places, so that others
will see them.



When you pray, say: our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.



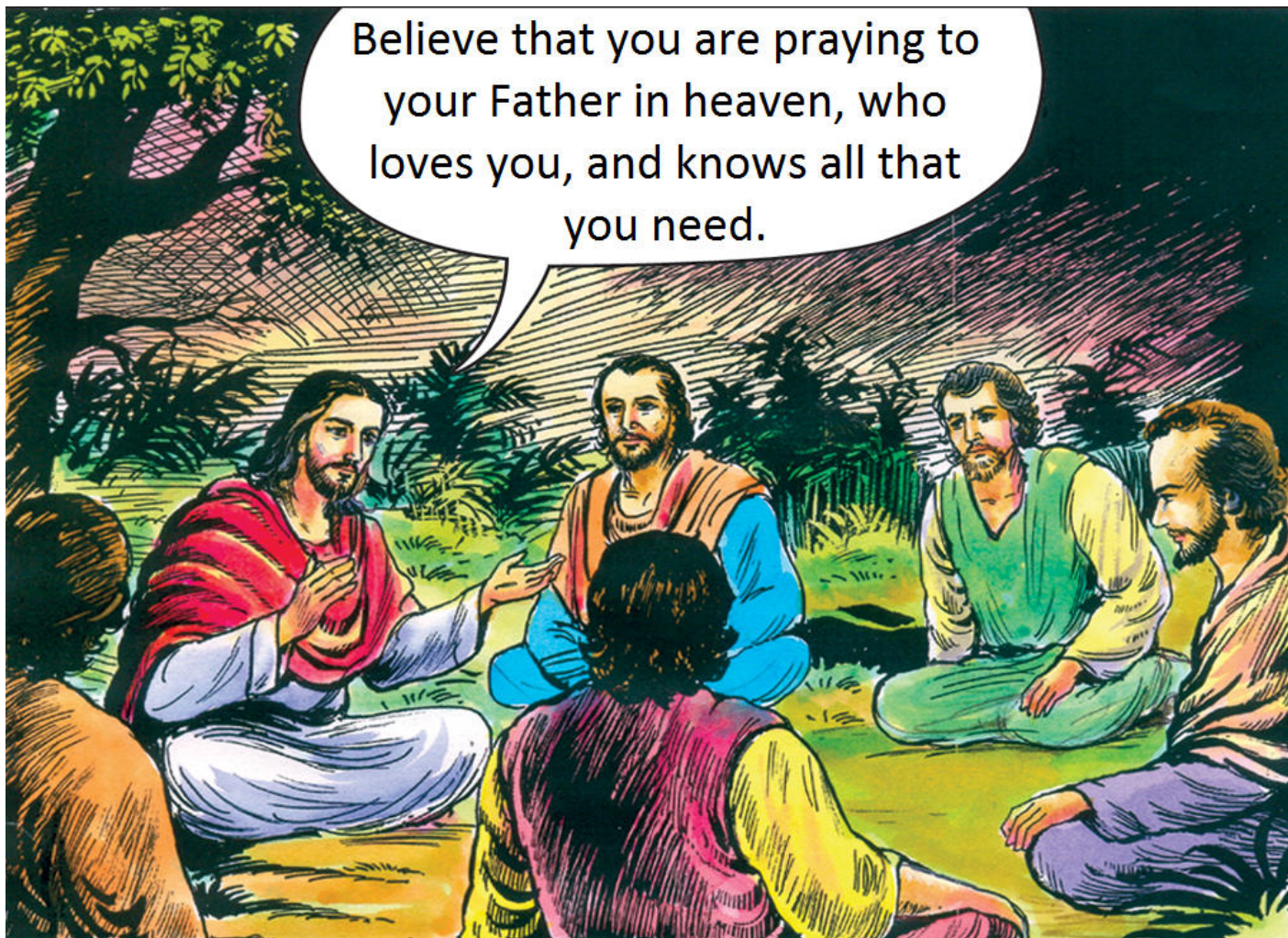
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us.



Do not put us to the test,
but deliver us from the
evil one.



Believe that you are praying to
your Father in heaven, who
loves you, and knows all that
you need.



They slept under a tree. A conversation between Thomas and John who could not sleep.

I am tired. How long since we ate a full meal! I haven't had a good night's sleep since I left home.

The Master never promised anything better.

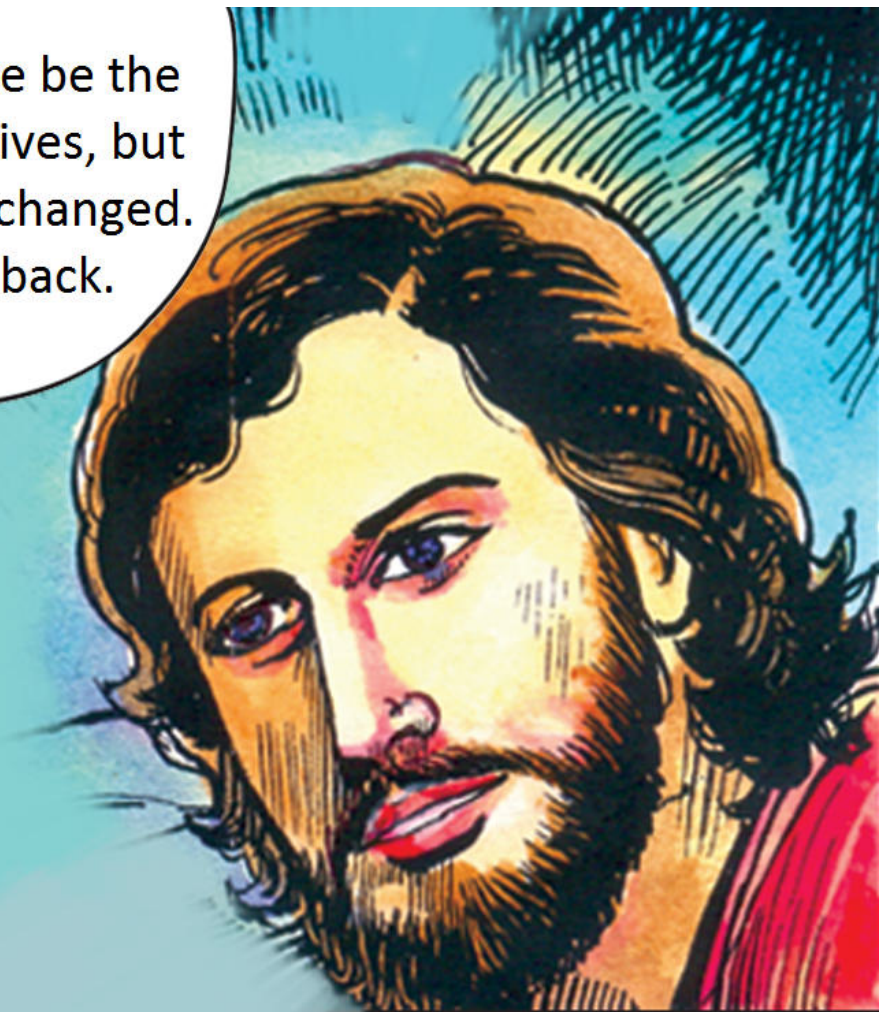


Next week I will
go home.

No, Thomas, you
won't go back. None
of us will ever
go back.



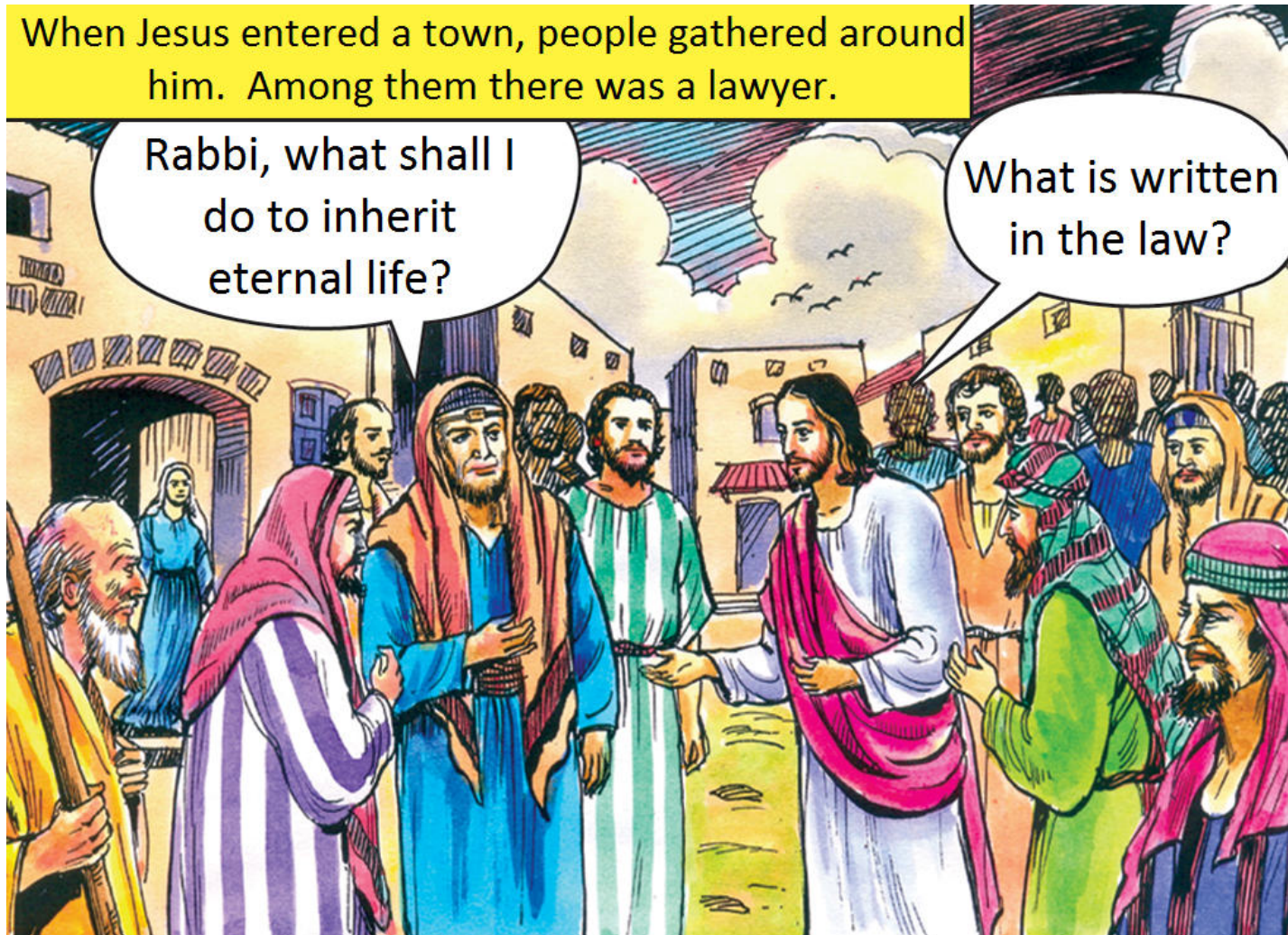
Our lives will no more be the same. Not only our lives, but the whole world has changed. There is no going back.



When Jesus entered a town, people gathered around him. Among them there was a lawyer.

Rabbi, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

What is written in the law?

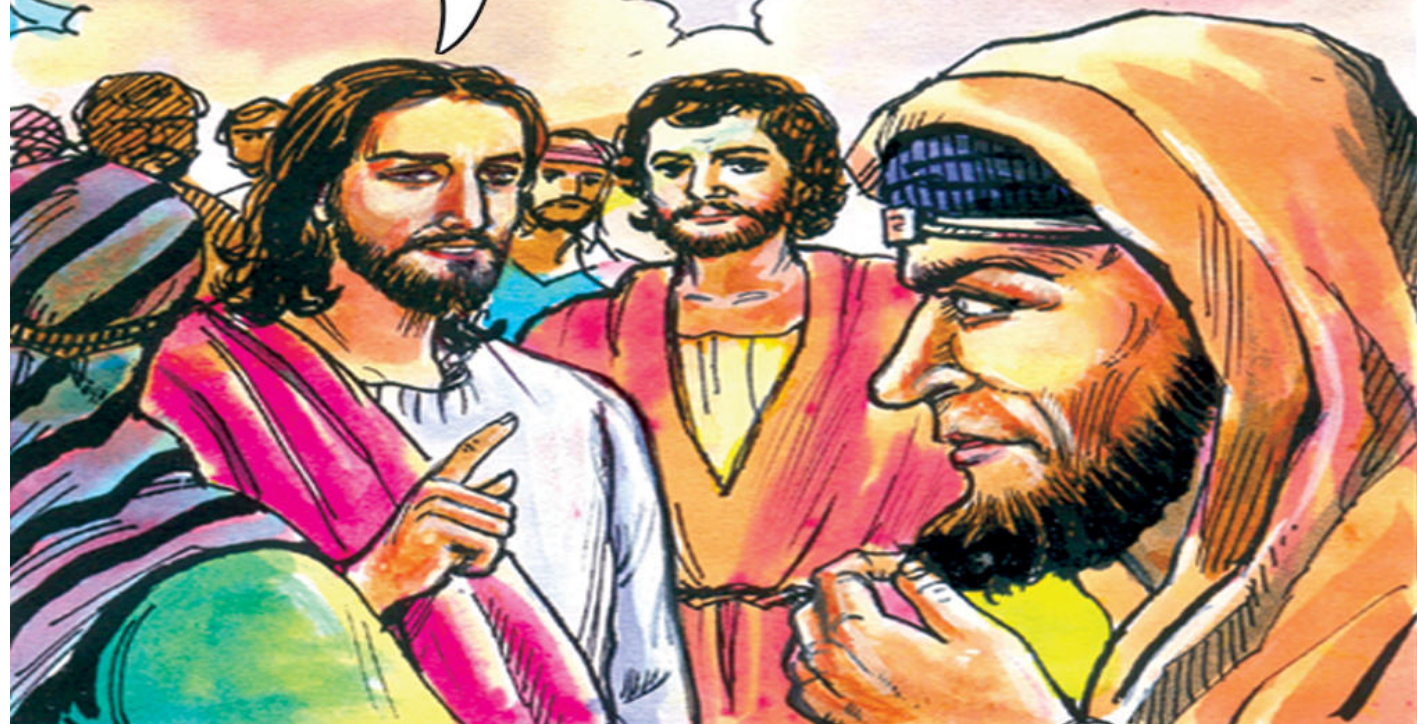


You must love the Lord with
all your heart, with all our
soul, and with all your
strength, and love your
neighbor as yourself.

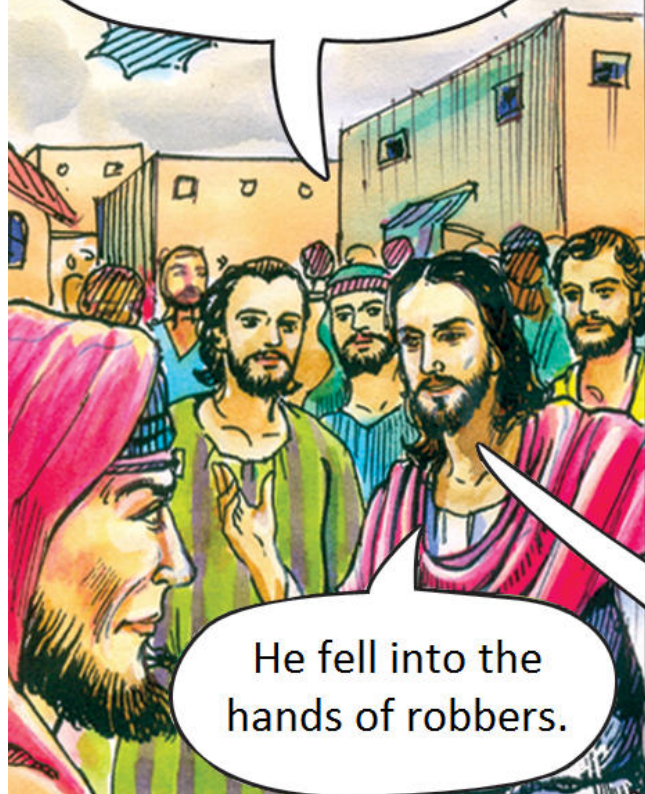


You have answered right.
Do this and life is yours.

Who is my
neighbour?



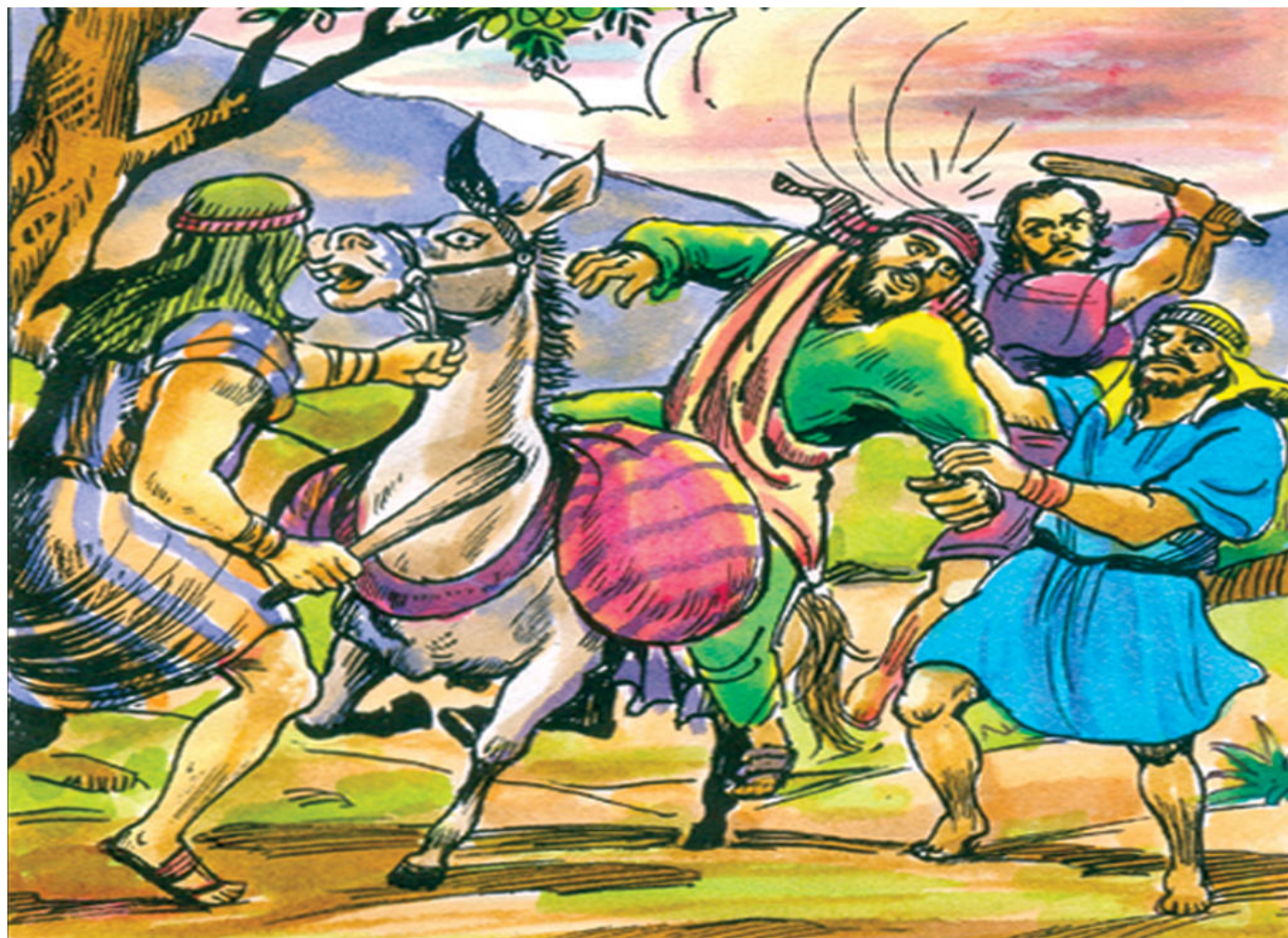
Once, a man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho.



He fell into the hands of robbers.



They took away all he had, beat him, and left him half-dead.

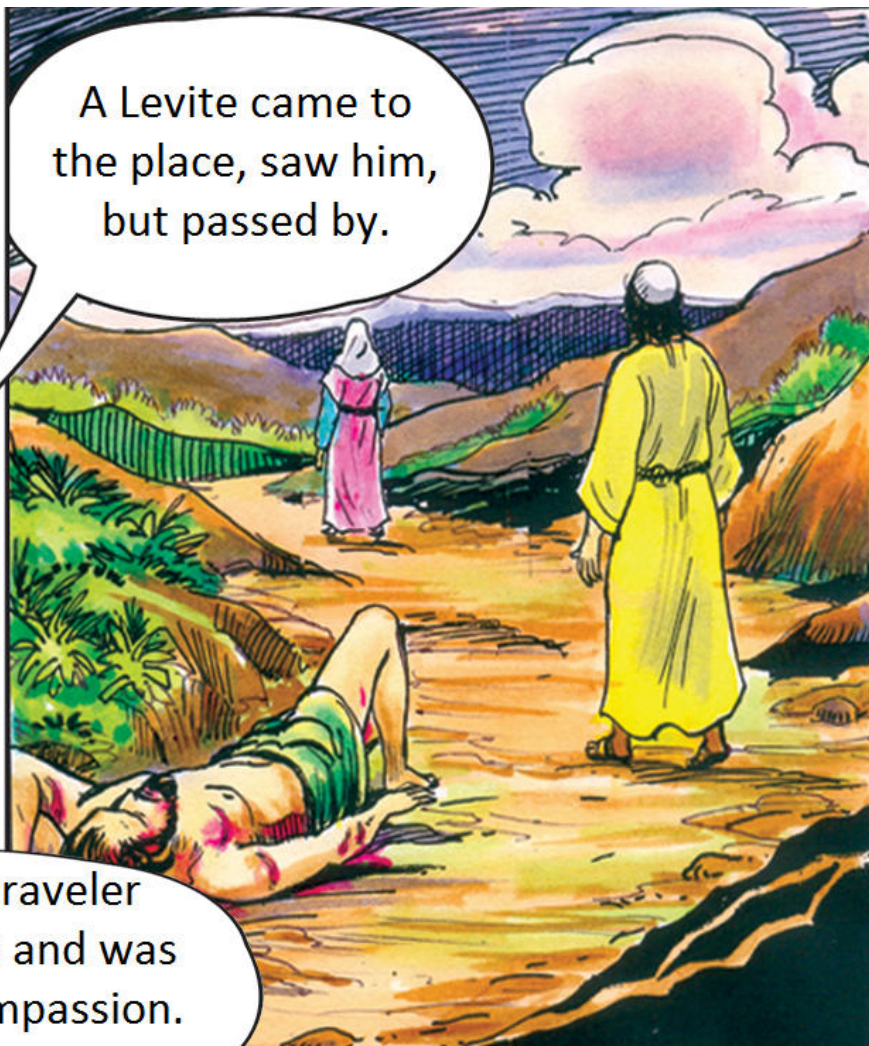


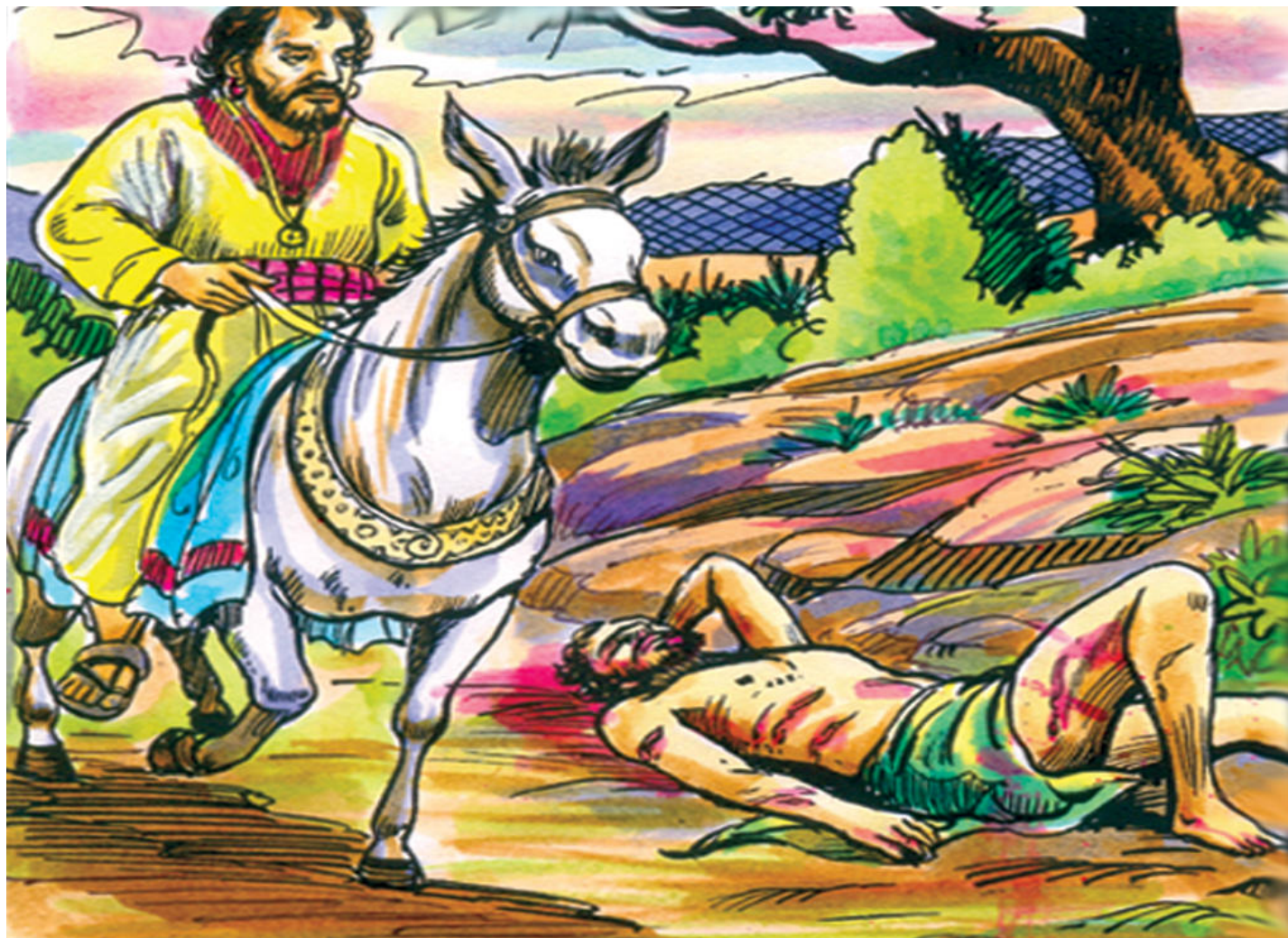


Now, a priest came that way. But seeing the man passed on the other side.

A Levite came to the place, saw him, but passed by.

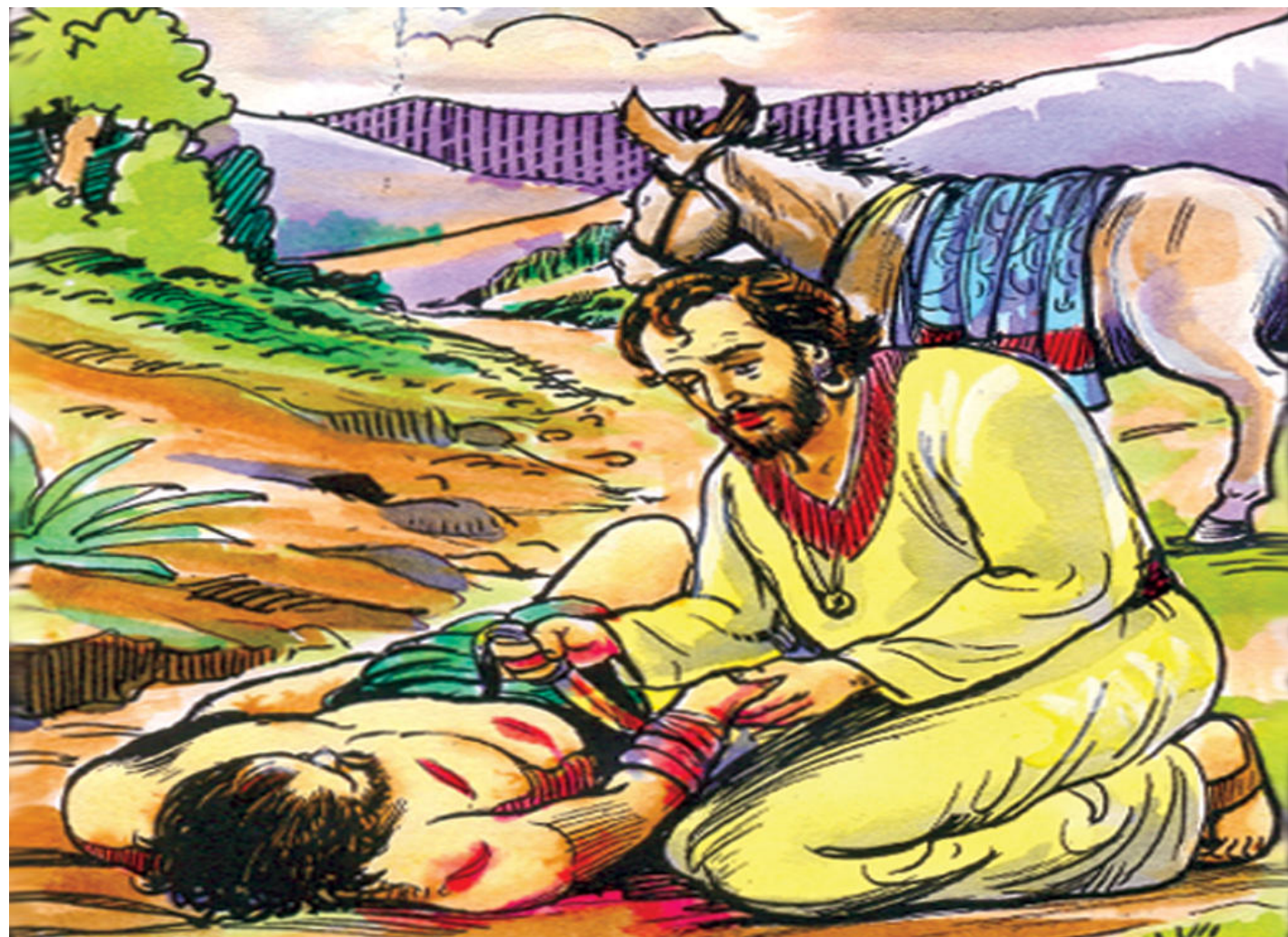
A Samaritan traveler came upon him and was moved with compassion.

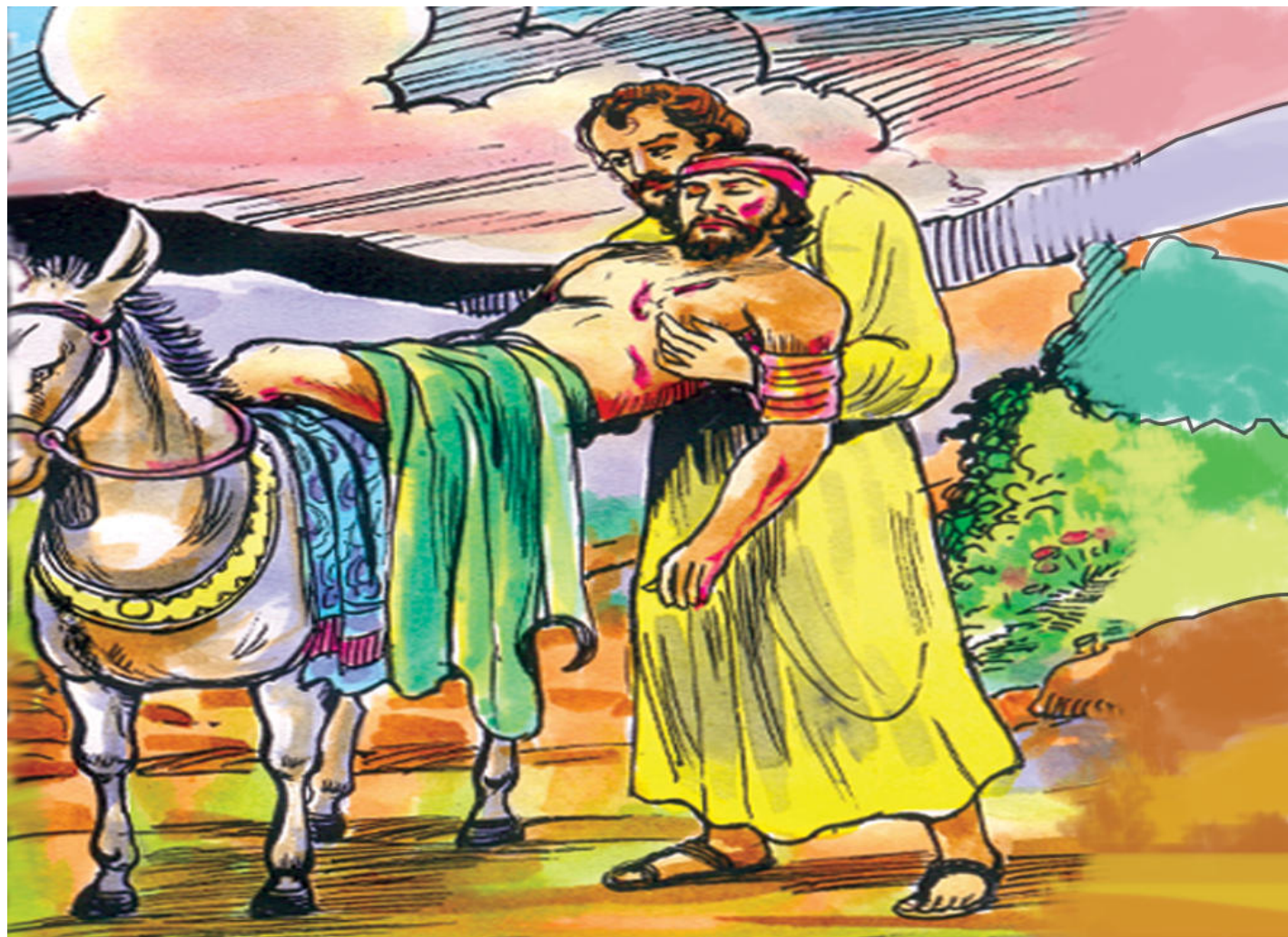




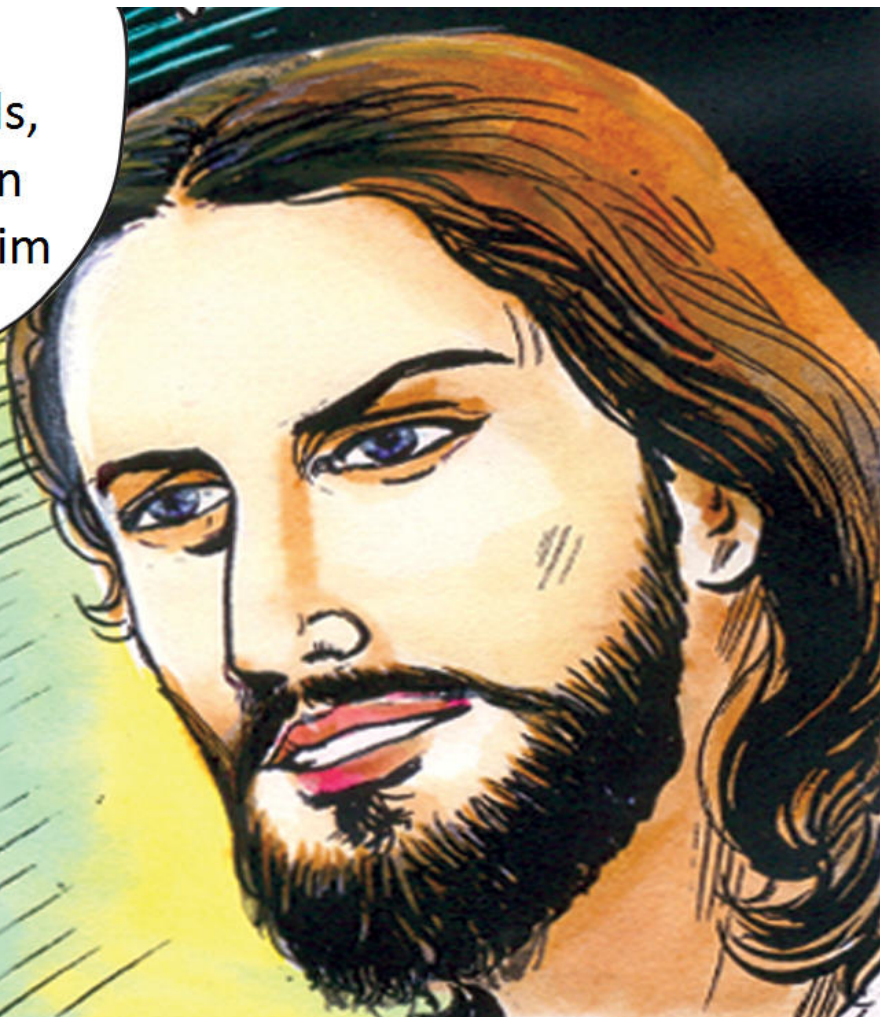
If I don't help, this
man will die.



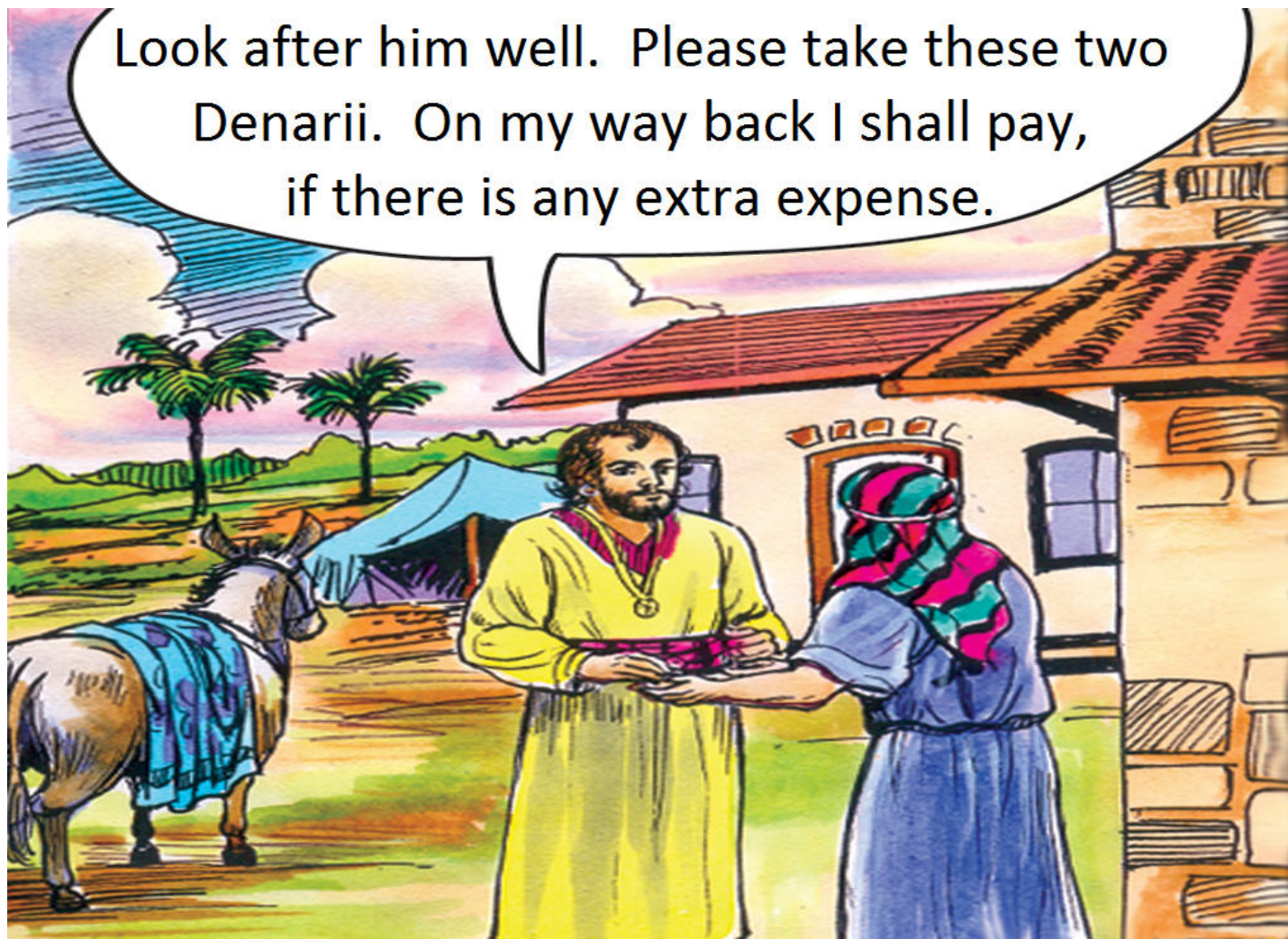




He went up and
bandaged his wounds,
lifted him on his own
donkey and carried him
to the inn.



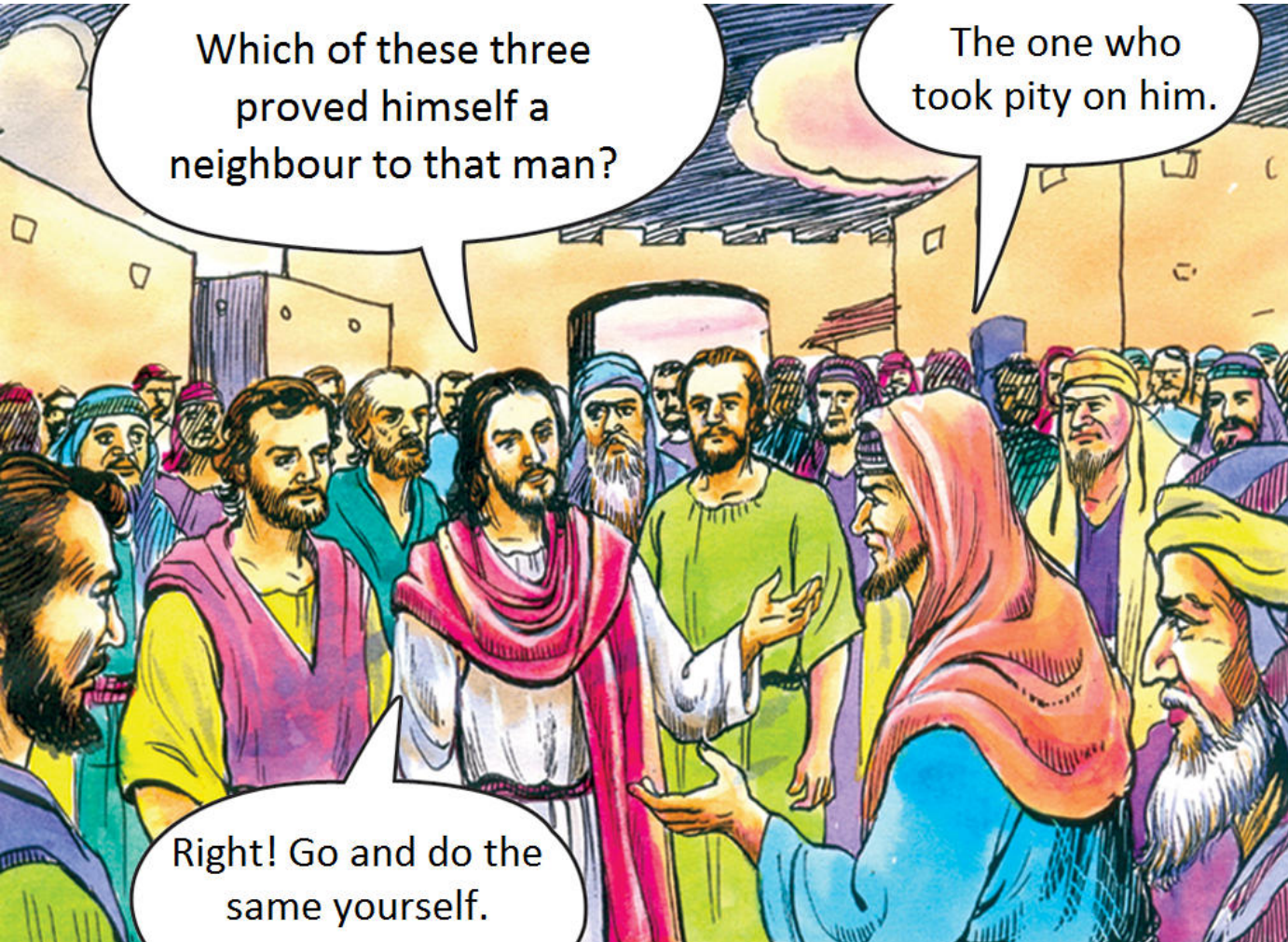
Look after him well. Please take these two Denarii. On my way back I shall pay, if there is any extra expense.



Which of these three
proved himself a
neighbour to that man?

The one who
took pity on him.

Right! Go and do the
same yourself.

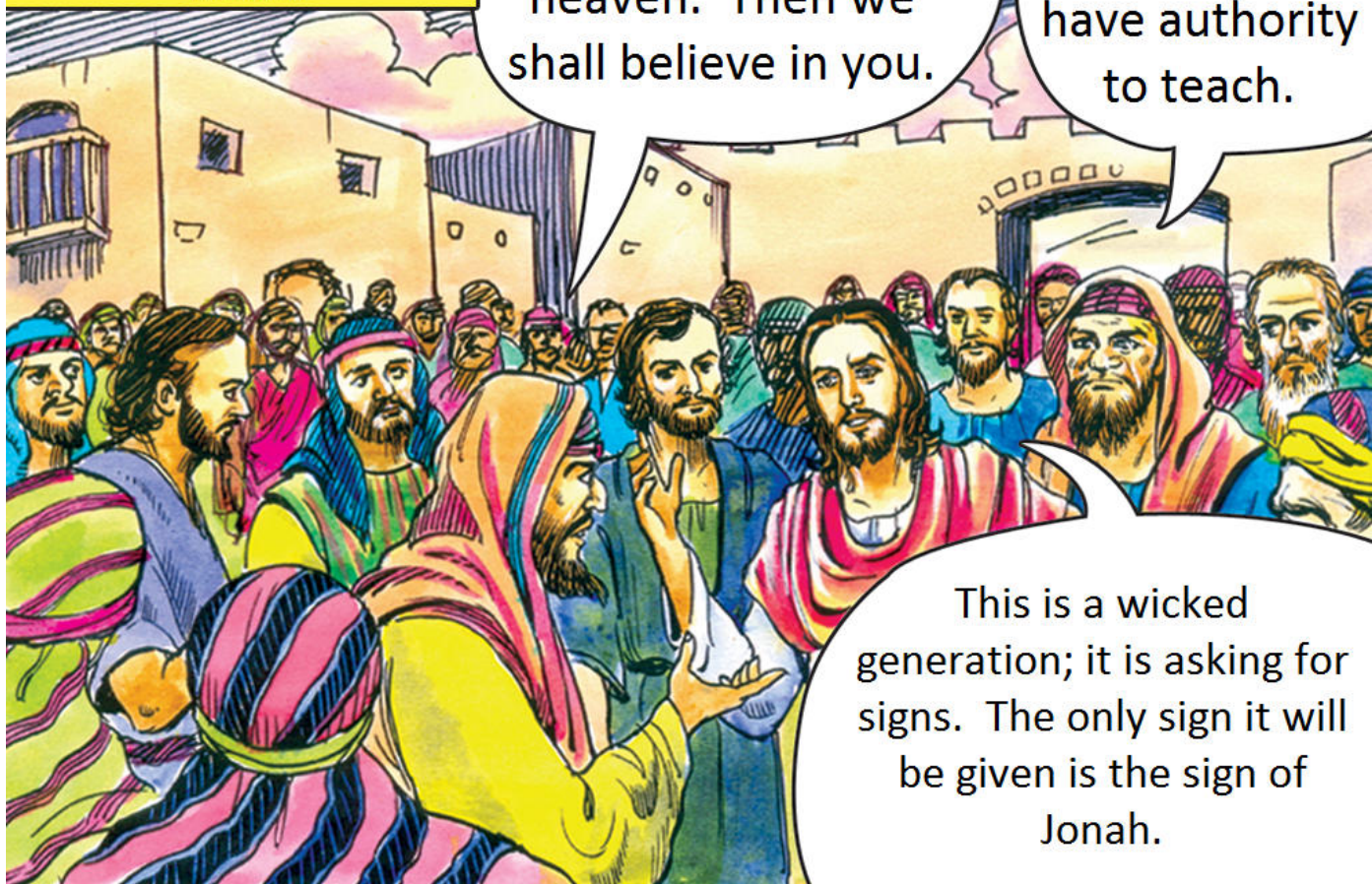



Then another lawyer asked.

Give us a sign from heaven. Then we shall believe in you.

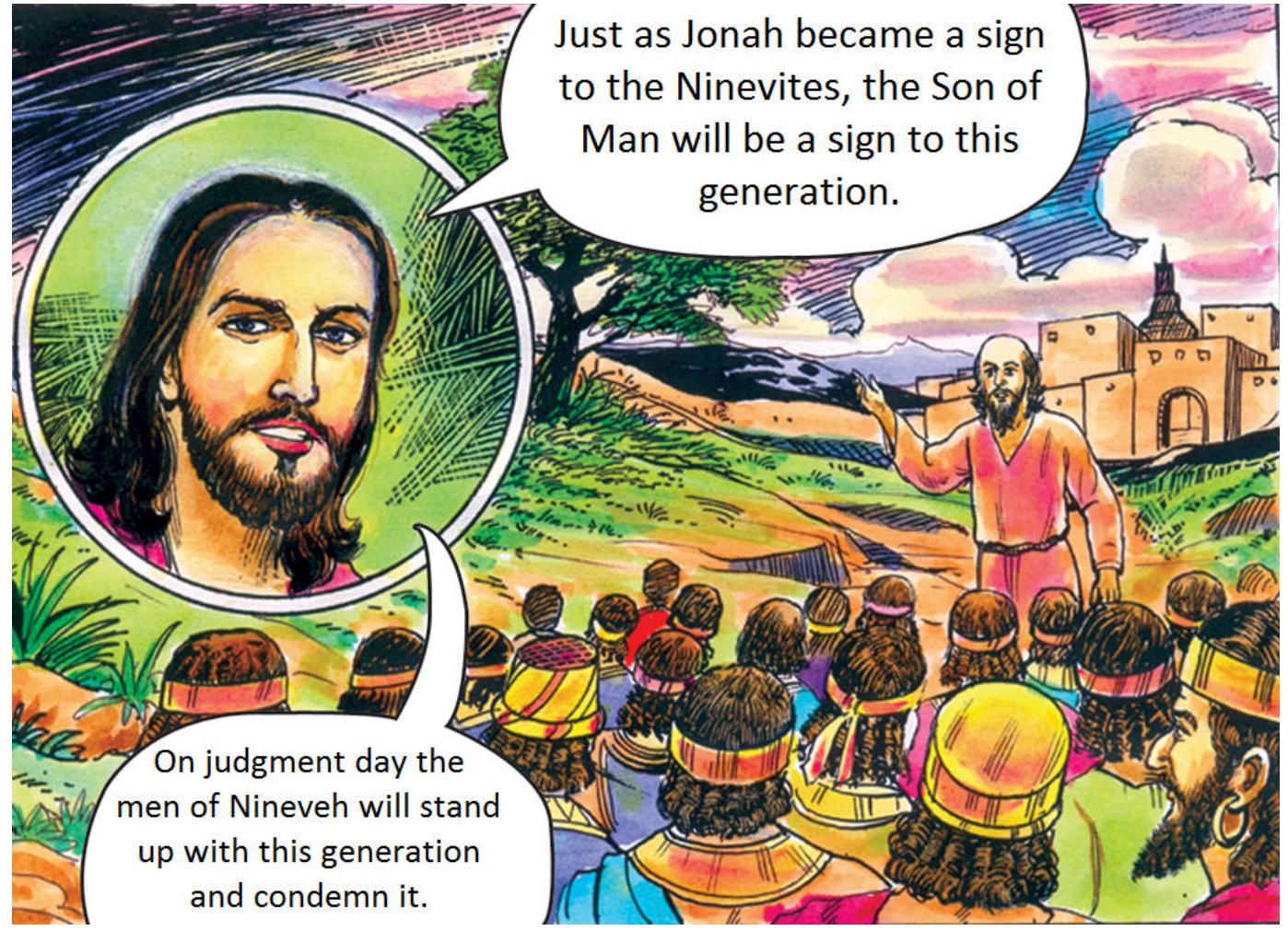
Prove that you have authority to teach.

This is a wicked generation; it is asking for signs. The only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah.

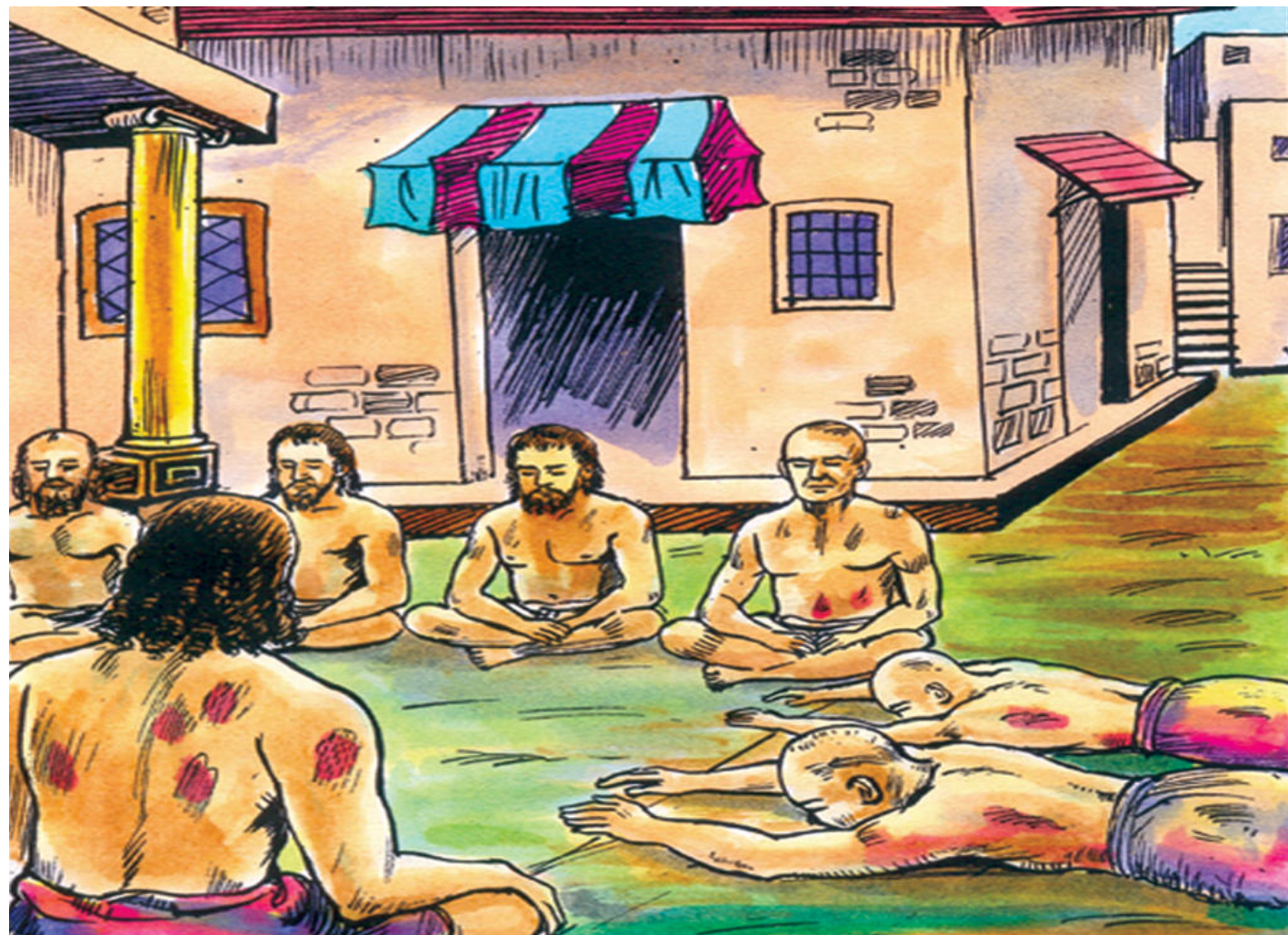


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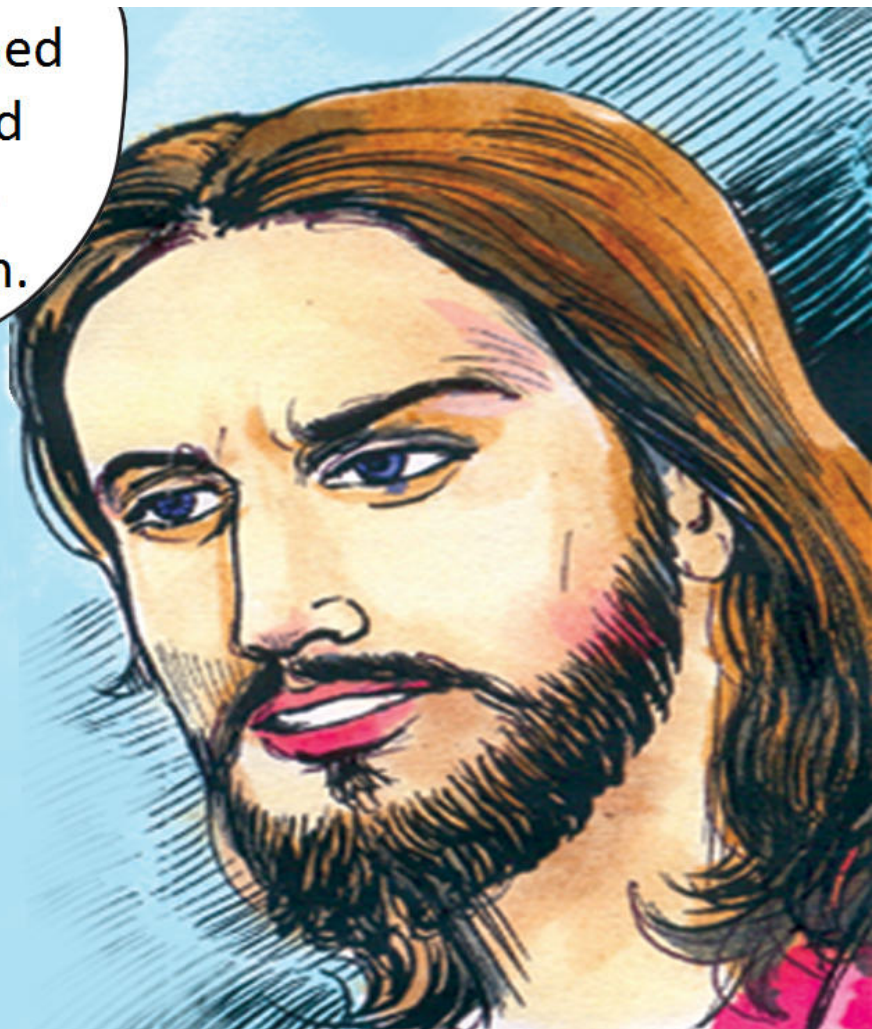
Just as Jonah became a sign
to the Ninevites, the Son of
Man will be a sign to this
generation.

The main illustration depicts Jesus, with a beard and wearing a pink robe, standing in a landscape and gesturing with his right hand towards a crowd of people. The crowd, seen from behind, consists of men wearing yellow and red head coverings. In the background, there is a large, walled city with a prominent tower, situated on a hill under a dramatic, colorful sky with pink, purple, and blue clouds. A large tree stands to the left of the city.

On judgment day the
men of Nineveh will stand
up with this generation
and condemn it.

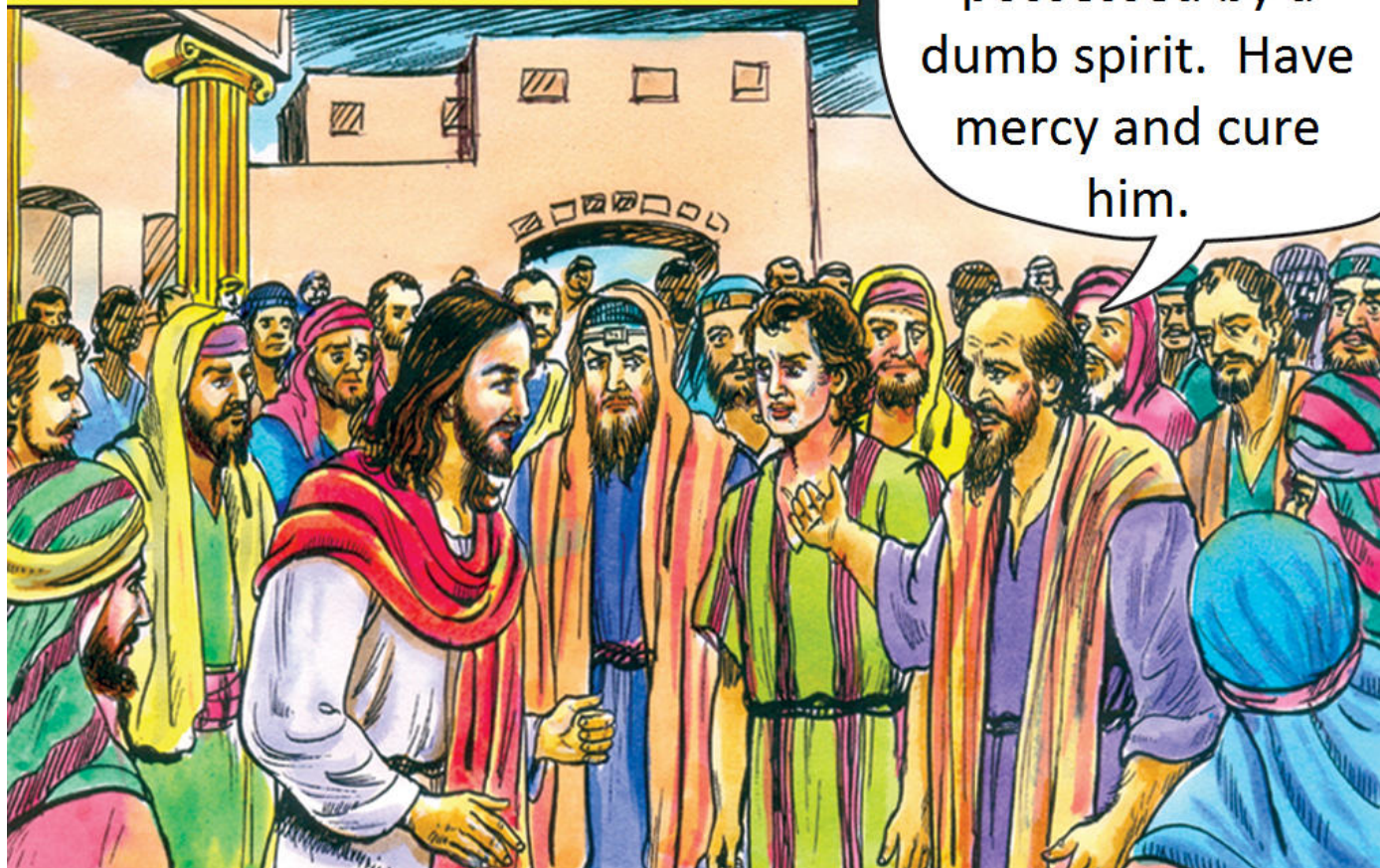


When Jonah preached
they repented, and
here is some one
greater than Jonah.



While Jesus was speaking, a man came there with his son.

Master, my son is possessed by a dumb spirit. Have mercy and cure him.

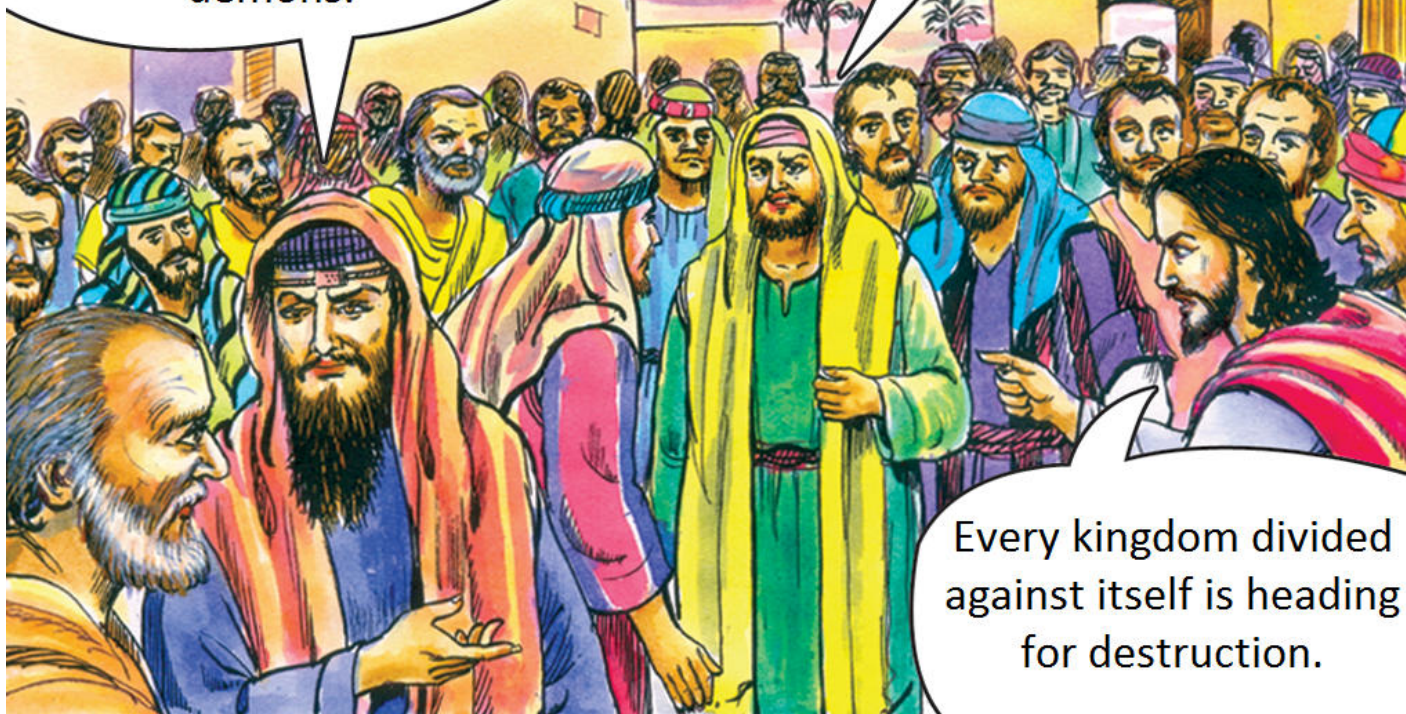


When Jesus cured the boy.

It is through Beelzebul,
the prince of demons,
that he casts out the
demons.

He is in league with
Satan.
An abominable sin.

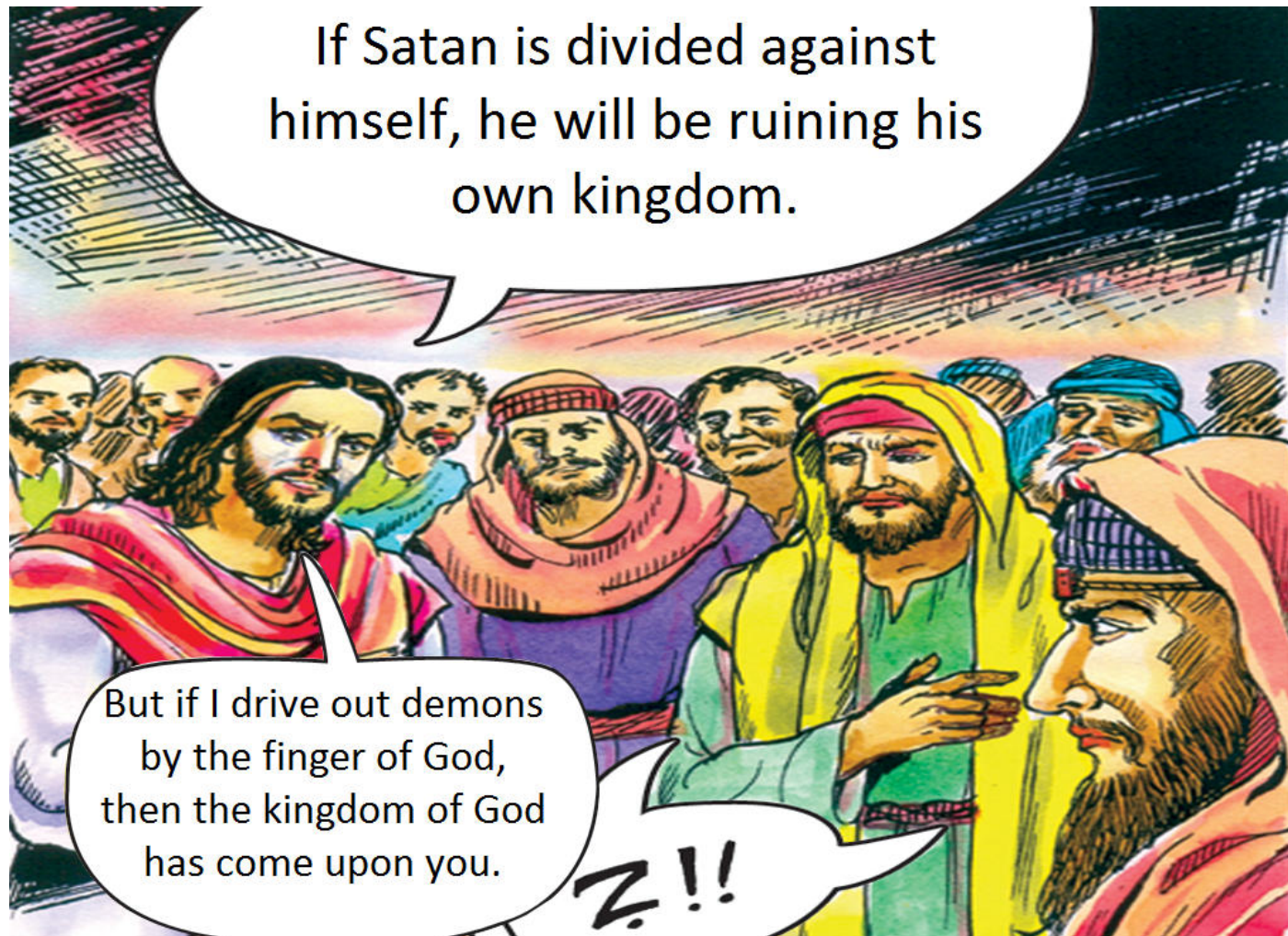
Every kingdom divided
against itself is heading
for destruction.

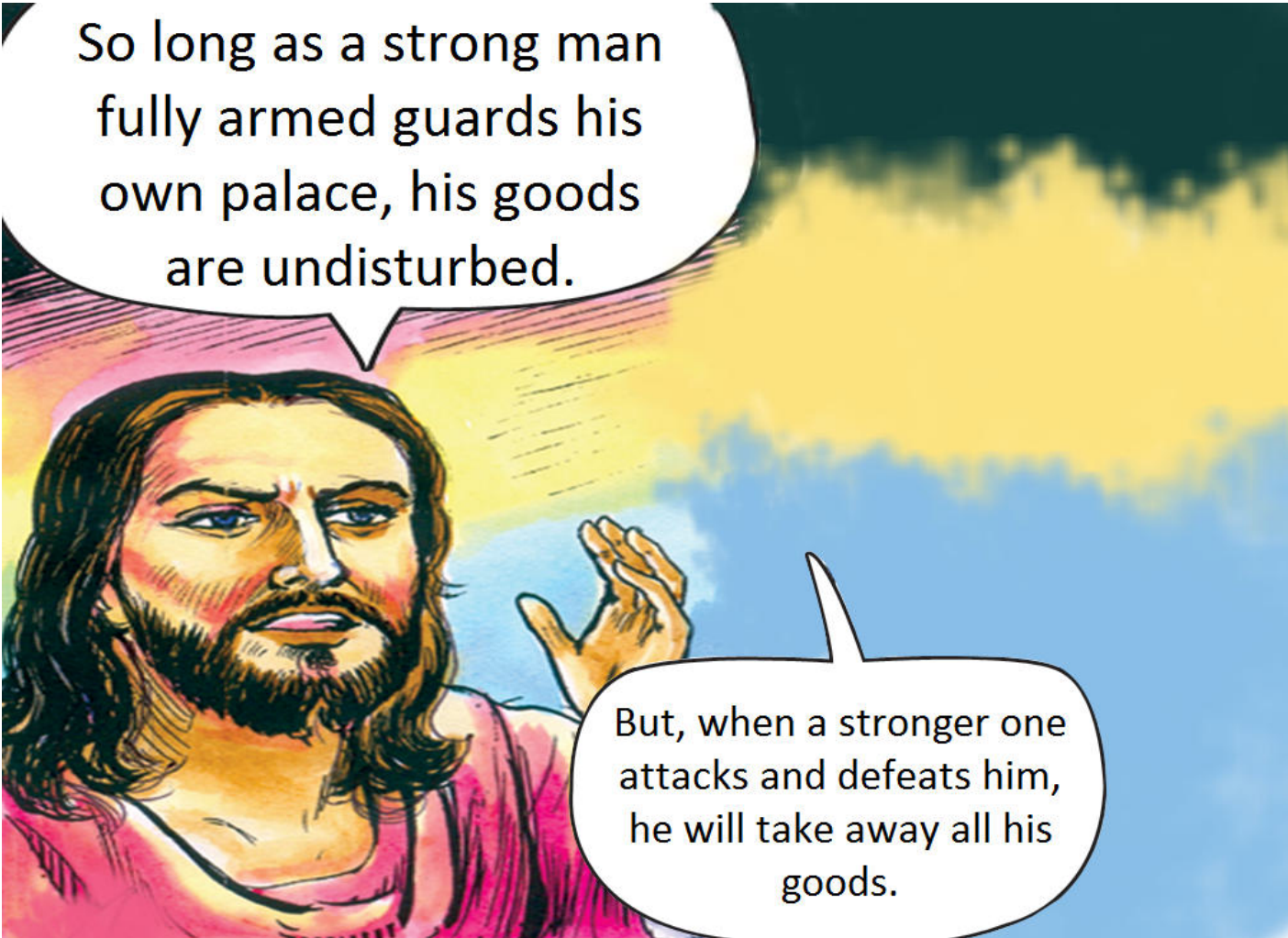


If Satan is divided against himself, he will be ruining his own kingdom.

But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

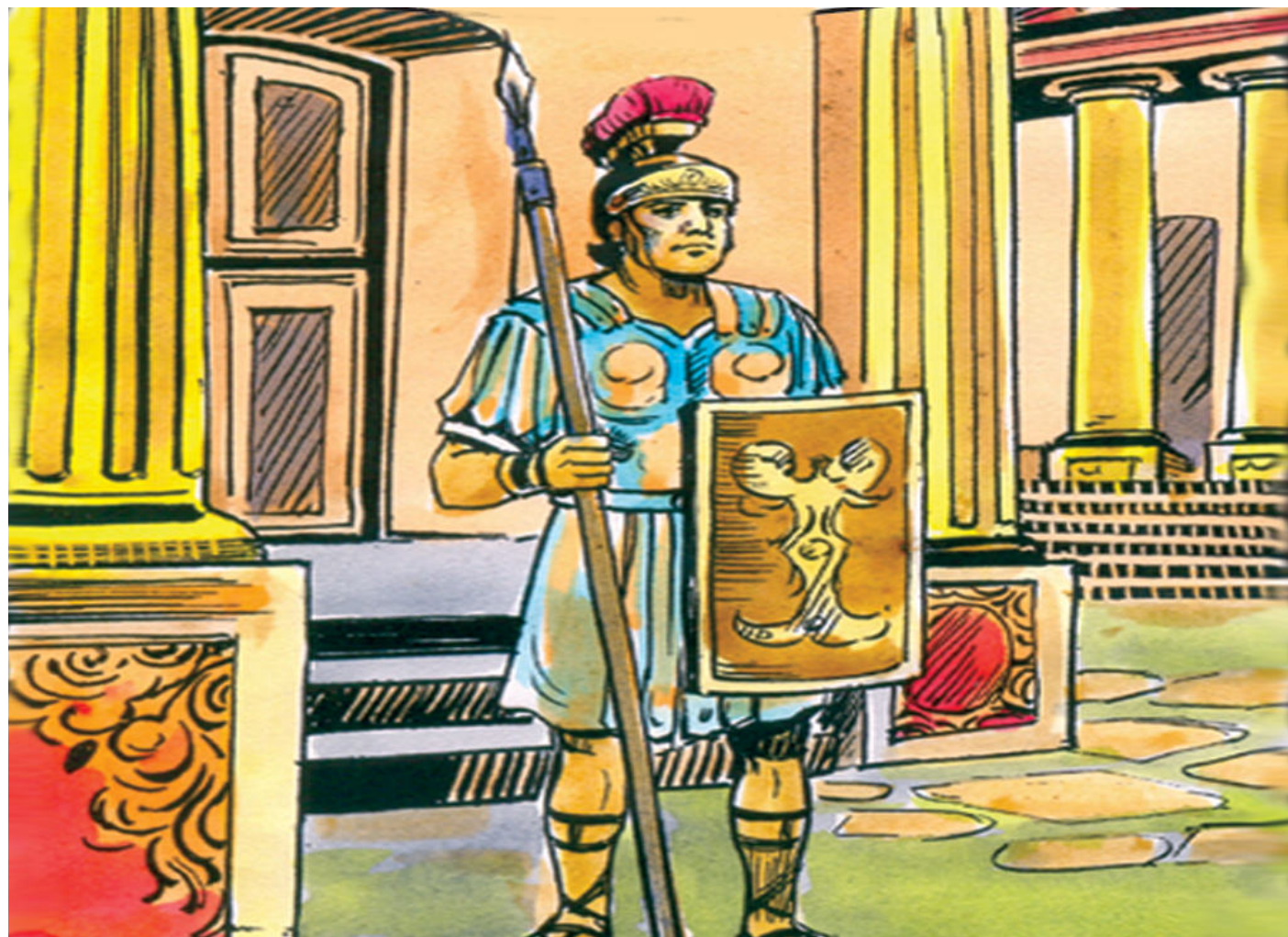
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So long as a strong man
fully armed guards his
own palace, his goods
are undisturbed.

But, when a stronger one
attacks and defeats him,
he will take away all his
goods.



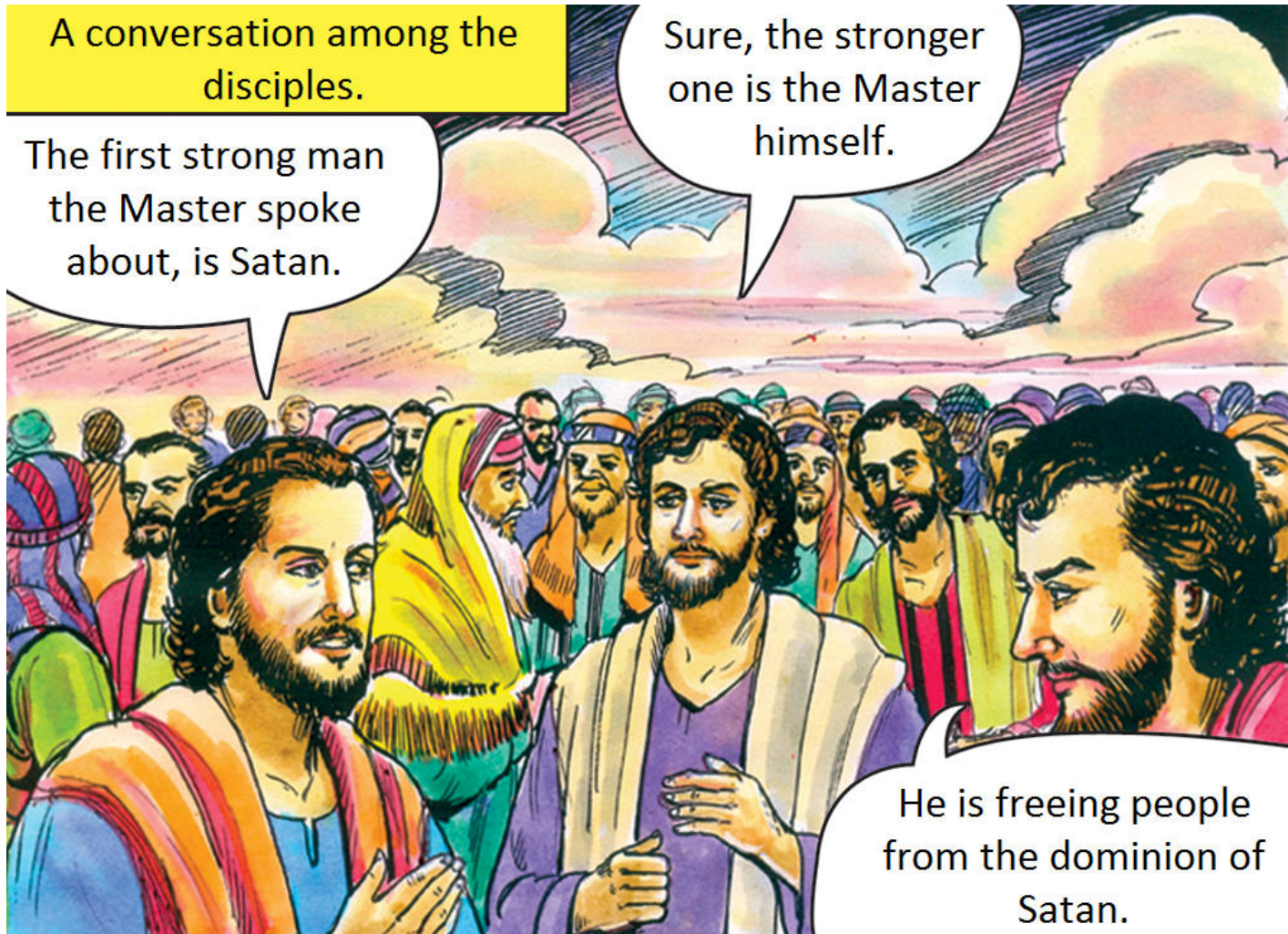


A conversation among the disciples.

The first strong man the Master spoke about, is Satan.

Sure, the stronger one is the Master himself.

He is freeing people from the dominion of Satan.



A woman in the crowd raised her voice and said.

Happy the woman
who bore you and
nursed you.

Still happier are
those who hear the
Word of God and
keep it.



A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine at his house.

Rabbi, would you please come to my house with your disciples for dinner tonight?

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We will be glad to.



Today I will confront him.

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They entered the banquet hall.



Small tables with bread, wine and fruits were placed in front of the reclining guests.



Everybody washes his hands and waits until the blessing is said before starting to eat. But, Rabbi, how come your disciples...



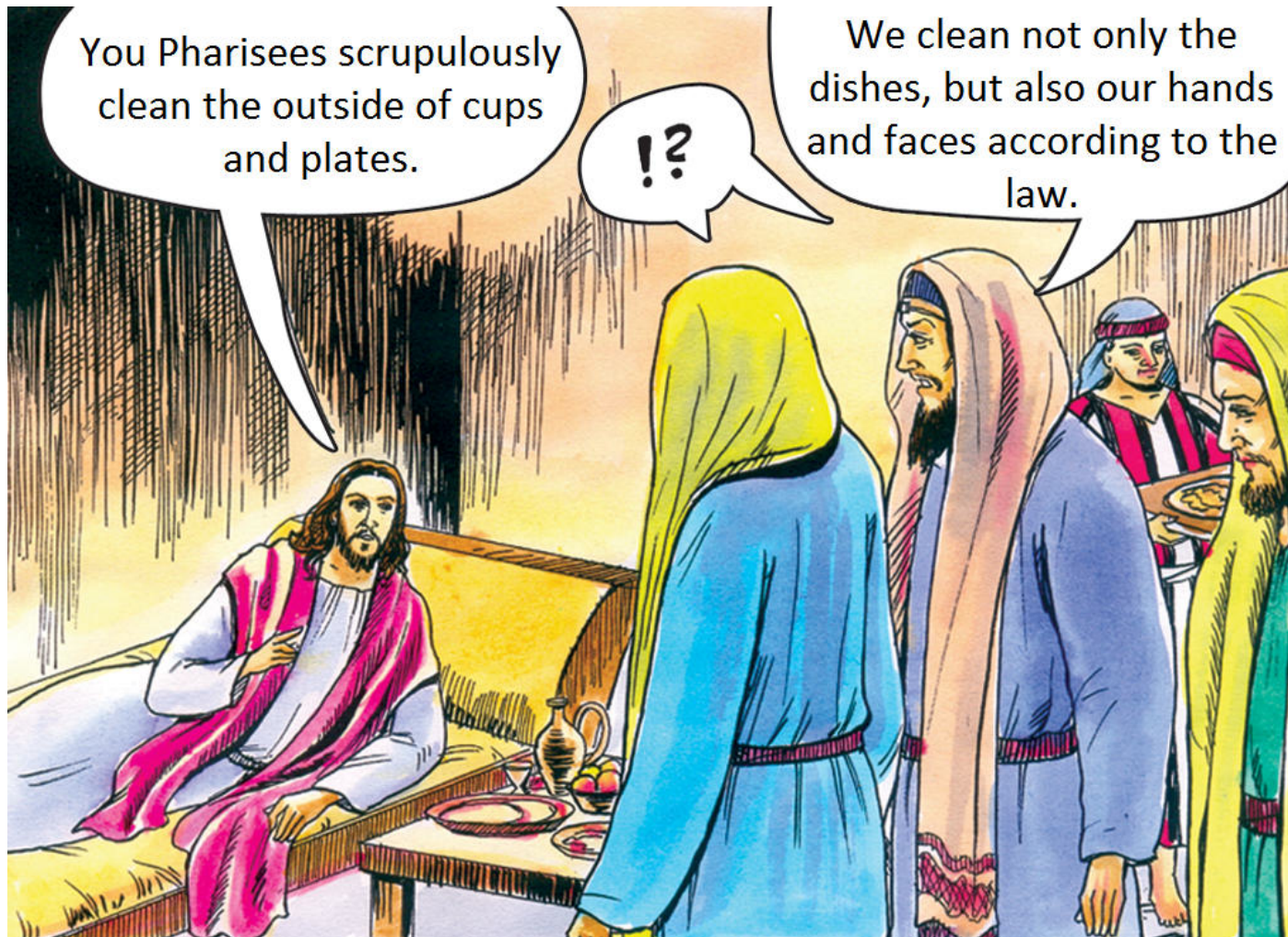
The servants are just coming with water for washing, but they have already started swallowing. Your disciples have bad manners.



You Pharisees scrupulously
clean the outside of cups
and plates.

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We clean not only the
dishes, but also our hands
and faces according to the
law.



But inside you are filled with
greed and wickedness. Give alms
what you have and everything
will be clean for you.



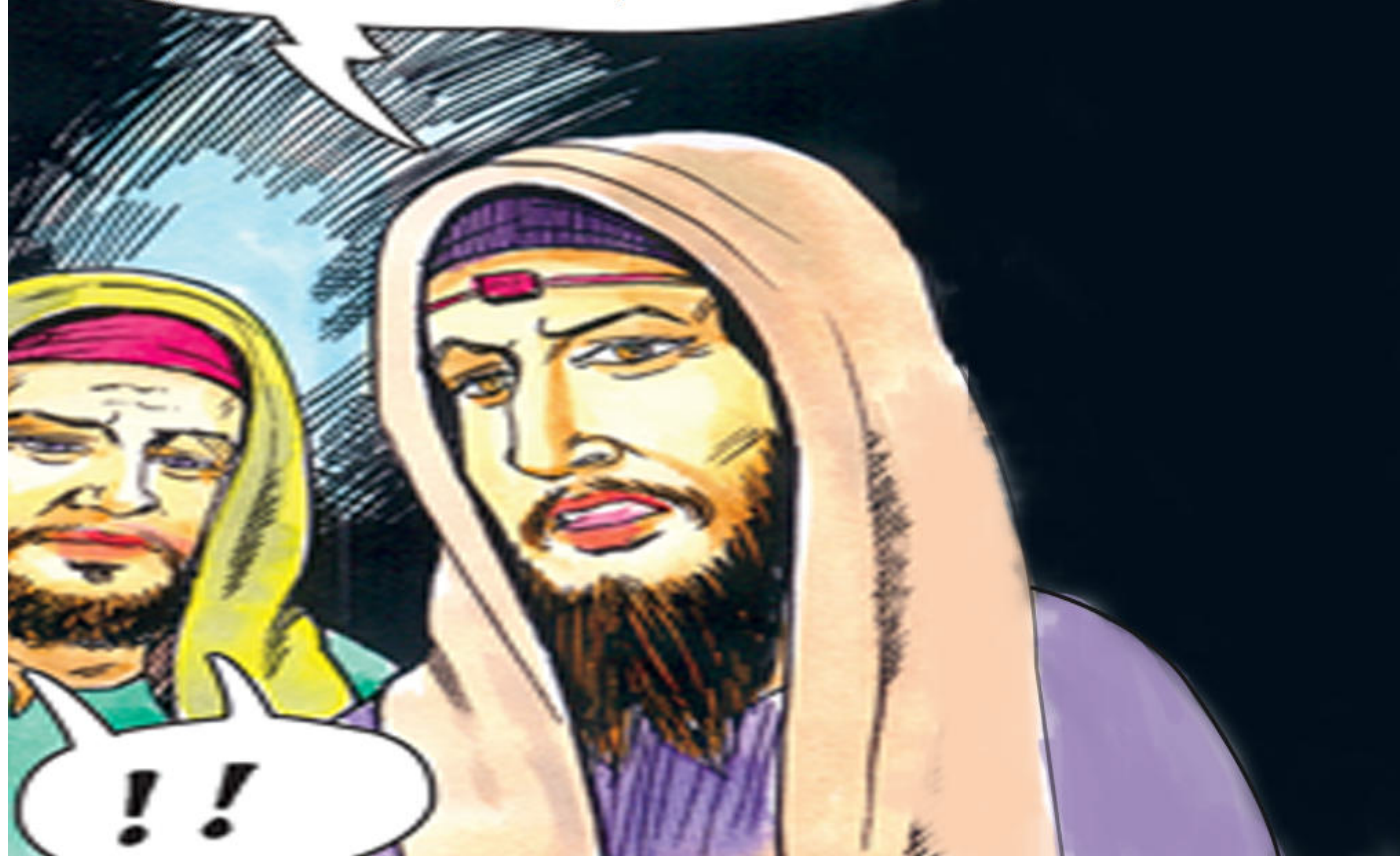
Alas for you Pharisees! You, who pay your tithe of mint, rue and all sorts of garden herbs, but overlook justice and the love of God.



Alas for you Pharisees, who like taking the seats of honour in the synagogues and being greeted with respect in the market place.



Rabbi, when you speak like this
you insult us lawyers too.



Alas for you lawyers because you have taken away the key of knowledge. You neither go in nor allow others to enter.



You whitewashed
sepulchers, clean your
hearts first then you will
be fully clean.




Jesus and his disciples walked out. The Pharisees discussed among themselves.

We mustn't let him go on like this.

He insulted all of us, and that too in front of so many guests.

We must get him out of Galilee.





If we can get him to Jerusalem,
then the rest will be easier.

How can we do that?


He might leave Galilee if we tell him
that Herod is seeking to kill him.



In a way it is true.



We must be very cautious in our moves. He shouldn't suspect anything.



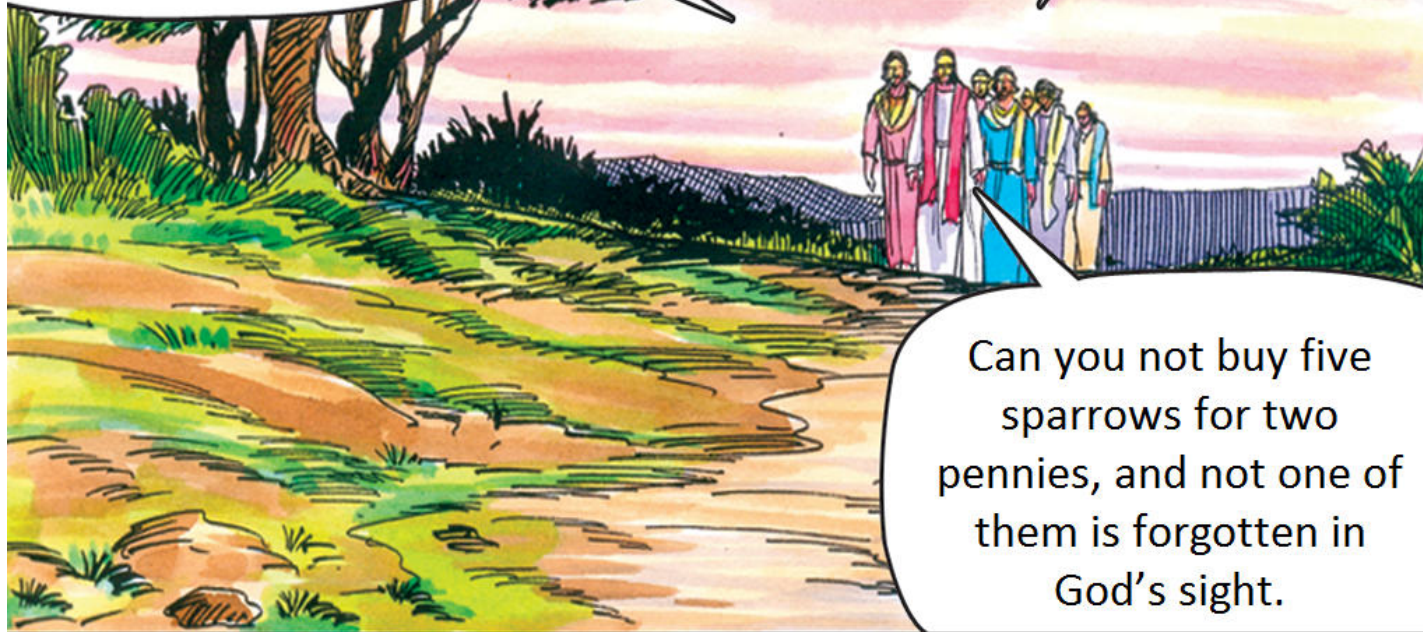
We shall send someone to him.

The next day.

Master, the Pharisees
have turned against us.
Was it necessary to be so
harsh yesterday at the
dinner?

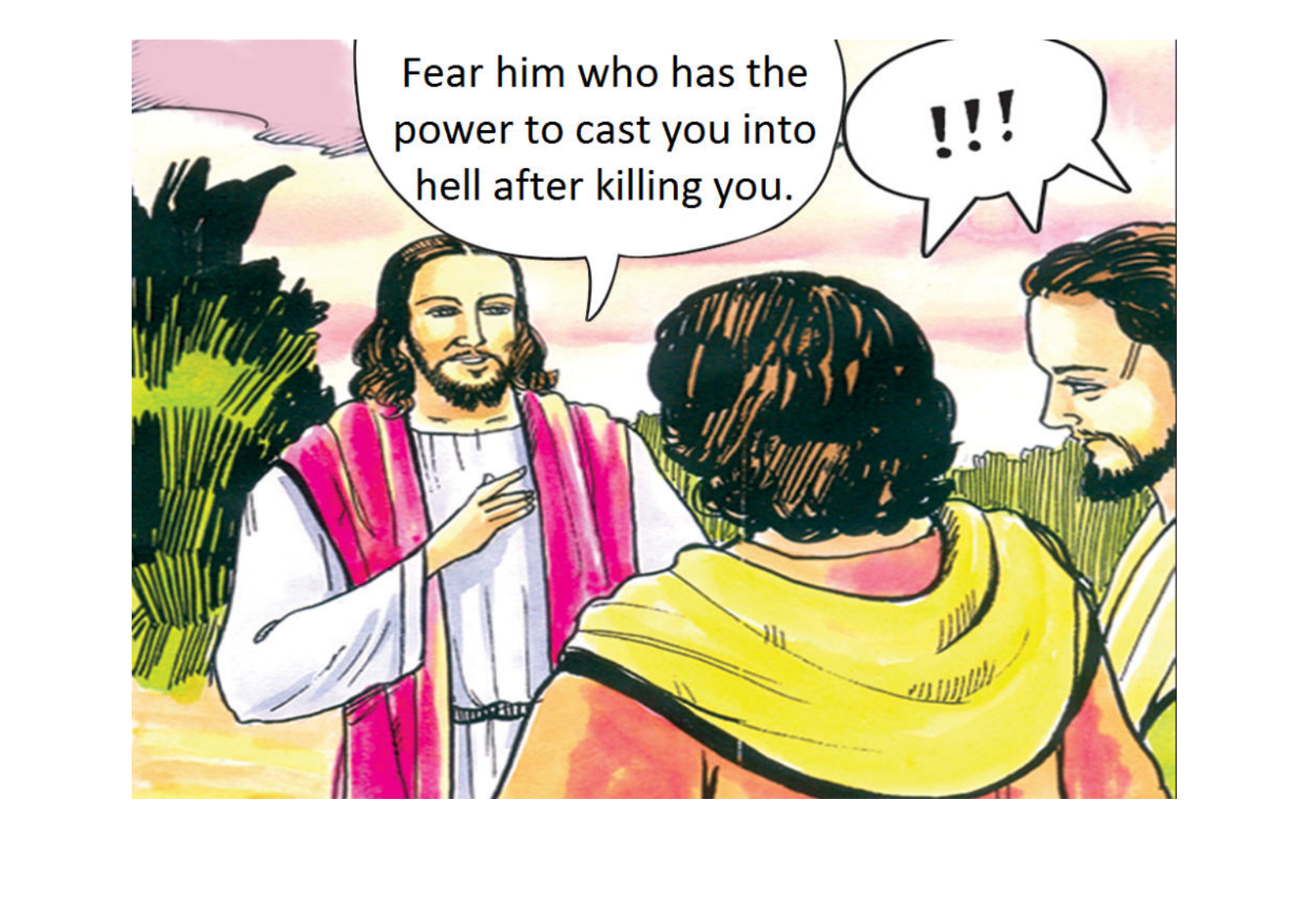
All the leaders
are with them.
What next?

Can you not buy five
sparrows for two
pennies, and not one of
them is forgotten in
God's sight.



Do not be afraid of
those who kill the
body and after that
can do no more.





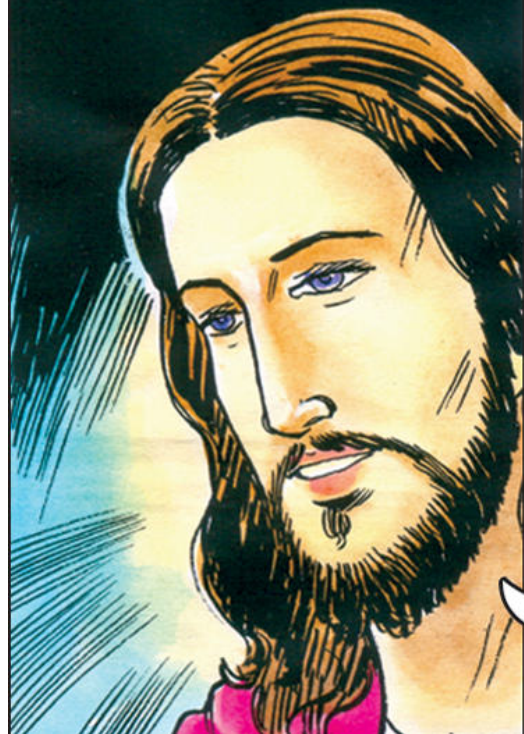
Fear him who has the
power to cast you into
hell after killing you.

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See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their Master to return from the wedding feast.



Happy those servants
whom the master finds
awake when he comes.



He will sit them
down at table and
wait on them.

If the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break in.



You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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While they were talking two Pharisees came.

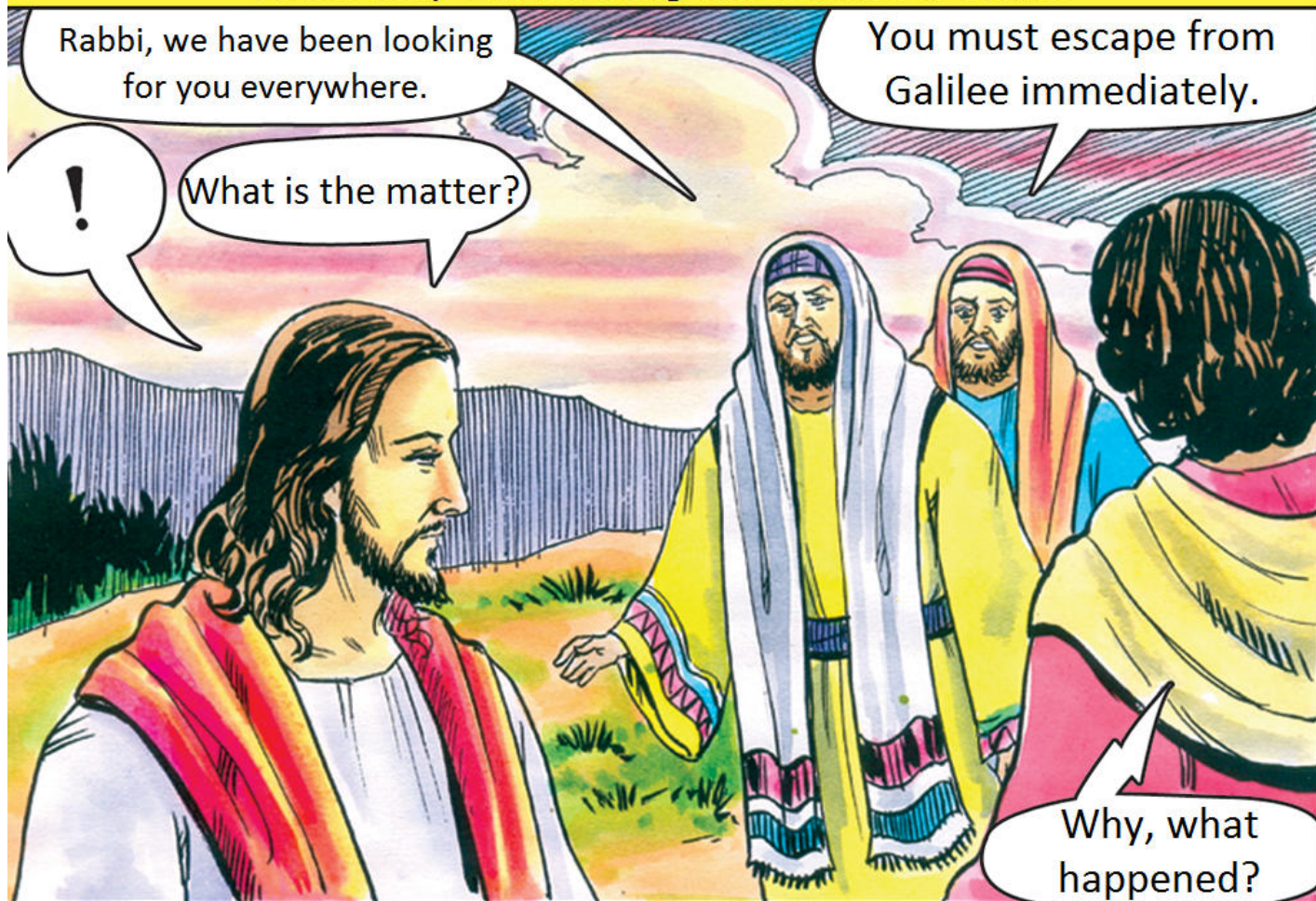
Rabbi, we have been looking
for you everywhere.

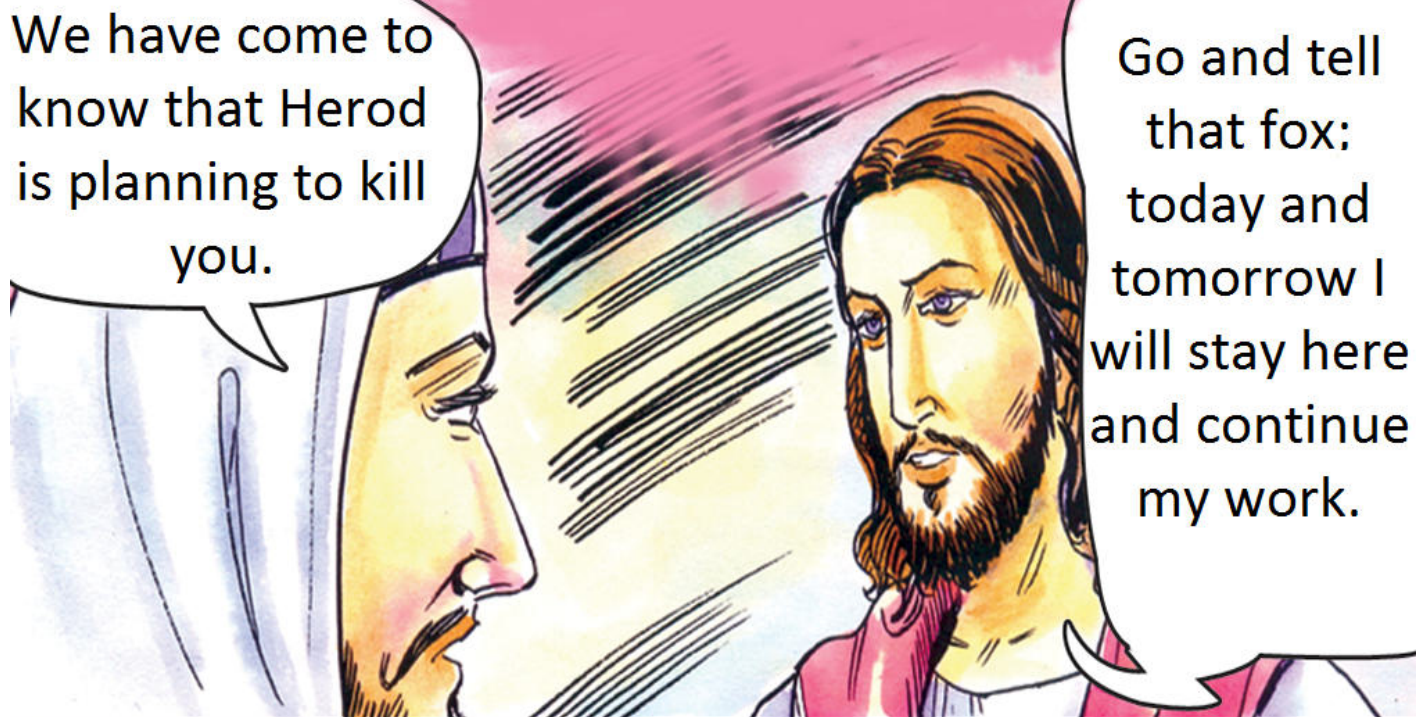
You must escape from
Galilee immediately.

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What is the matter?

Why, what
happened?





We have come to
know that Herod
is planning to kill
you.

Go and tell
that fox;
today and
tomorrow I
will stay here
and continue
my work.

On the third day
I attain my end.



Nevertheless, I must be on my way, for
it cannot be that a prophet should die
away from Jerusalem.

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As the cross loomed ever larger on the horizon, Jesus, with firm determination, continued his journey to Jerusalem.

Next Story

In the Shadow of the Cross

Questions

1. The apostles could not cast out the devil. Why?
2. According to Jesus who is the greatest?
3. Why did the Son of Man come?
4. The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. Explain.
5. What should we do to inherit eternal life?
6. Who is a neighbor?
7. How did the Jewish leaders interpret the miracles performed by Jesus?
8. Why did Jesus rebuke the Pharisees and the lawyers?
9. According to Jesus whom should we fear?
10. Jesus is our model. Explain.

Memorize: ***“Anyone who wants to be the first among you must be slave to all”*** (Mark 10, 44)

THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN COMICS

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34. The Prophet
35. The Liberator

36. The One to come
37. The Lord of the Universe
38. Son of God
39. The Son of Man
40. In the shadow of the cross
41. The Way
42. Son of David
43. Bread of Life
44. The Redeemer
45. With us forever
46. Tongues of fire
47. Baptism in blood
48. The chosen vessel
49. Libation
50. Come, Lord Jesus
51. Woman