

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE WIDOW AND THE JUDGE

God's people love to pray. He is their heavenly Father and they talk to Him often. But God does not always answer their prayers right away. They may come to Him again and again before He answers. God is pleased with the earnest prayers of His people. He wants them to come to Him continually so He can bless and protect them.

Jesus often taught important lessons to the people by telling them a story. That is how He taught them that men should always pray and not give up. Jesus knew great trouble and sorrow would come to these people after He went back to heaven. They would need to know how to hold on to God in prayer if they were to be saved. Jesus told the story of the widow and the judge to teach them this lesson:

In a certain city there was a judge. Now this judge was not worthy of his office. He did not give justice because he did not fear God. Nor did he even pretend to do what was right. It did not matter to him that other men saw that he was unjust. He did not care what others thought of him.

In that same city lived a poor widow. An enemy had done her wrong and she could do nothing about it. She decided to go to the city judge for help. She was sure he could help her.

But this judge was not interested in helping a poor widow. She had no money to make it worth his time. He just ignored her.

The widow knew she had nowhere else to go for relief. She was desperate and must have help soon! Again and again she visited the judge. Day after day she came, telling him her trouble and begging him to give her justice.

After awhile the judge got tired of the widow's constant visits. He said to himself, "I will not assist this woman to please God, because I do not fear Him. Neither will I do it because of what others will say about me if I don't. Yet because this widow troubles me, I will help her. Otherwise she will wear me out by her continual coming."

Ending His story, Jesus told the people, "Listen to what the unjust judge said and learn a lesson. Shall not God answer prayer for His own children, who cry to Him day and night, even though He waits awhile? I tell you that He will help them speedily." Then He added, "Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, shall He find faith on the earth?"

Then Jesus taught them that, unlike the unjust judge, God is full of love and mercy for His people. Because He tenderly cares for them, He wants them to stay where He can bless and protect them. They must realize their own helplessness and keep a strong faith in Him. Only then can He keep them safe from their enemy, the devil.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

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like 18:7.



## Daddy's Words About Prayer

It was evening time and Daddy was reading a bedtime story to Jerry, Linda and Randy. Daddy always read a Bible story or a good moral story to the children and they loved to listen. Sometimes Mother popped popcorn or made some other snack for the story hour. Oh, how cozy it felt to share this time together!

Then came bedtime prayers. "Tonight I want to say something about our prayers," said Daddy. "Why do we say, 'Dear Jesus' when we pray?"

"I know," said Jerry. "Jesus is the Son of God and He takes our prayers to His Father."

"That is one good answer. Can you think of another?"

The children were quiet for a minute then Linda remembered a Bible scripture she had memorized. "Jesus said, 'If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.' He told us to pray in His name."

"Yes," agreed Daddy. "There is power in the name of Jesus Christ. He is able to do many mighty things for us when we put our trust in Him and ask Him for help."

"I ask Jesus for help," said little Randy. "I ask Him to help Mommy, and help Daddy, and help Jerry, and help Linda and help me, and help Grandma..."

"That is okay, Randy," interrupted Daddy gently. "But then you should thank Jesus for the help He has given you already. Not only should we thank Jesus, but what else should we say to Jesus when we pray?"

"We should pray for the sick people," said Linda.

"And for our unsaved loved ones," added Jerry.

"And ask Jesus to make us good," said Randy.

"And when we are sad, we can tell Jesus about our problems," continued Linda.

"Very good," said Daddy. "I want you children to always feel free to pray about anything that hurts you or your loved ones. Never be ashamed to pray out in public before eating a meal or at anytime of need or stress.

"But let me tell you what else I think you should do when you pray. I am a father and I know what fathers like to hear. Can you guess what three words I want to hear my children say to me most of all?"

"I know," said Linda shyly. "I love you."

"Yes, you are right," smiled Daddy. "Jesus likes for us to tell Him, 'I love you,' also. Let's remember to do so when we pray tonight."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Does God always answer prayer right away?
2. How did Jesus teach the people?
3. What should men always do?
4. Who did not fear God?
5. Who lived in the same city?
6. Who had done her wrong?
7. Who did she go to for help?
8. Why did he finally help her?
9. Who will answer prayer?

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 18:1-8.

(Answers: 1. No. 2. By telling them a story. 3. Pray. 4. The judge. 5. A widow. 6. An enemy. 7. The judge. 8. Because she kept coming. 9. God.)

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## A MOTHER'S WISH

Once more Jesus started toward Jerusalem, taking His disciples with Him. It was time again for the feast of the Passover. This would be the last one He would attend.

Jesus knew He would soon be taken from His disciples. He had many things He wanted to teach them. They must be prepared for what would soon happen. "We go up to Jerusalem," Jesus told His disciples as they walked along. "The Son of man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles. The Gentiles will mock and beat Him. Then they will crucify Him. But on the third day He shall rise again."

The disciples could not understand what Jesus was telling them. They could not believe that their Master would ever be treated so cruelly. Surely Jesus was the King of the Jews. They expected He would soon set up His kingdom.

The mother of Zebedee's children believed this too. One day she came to Jesus with her two sons, James and John. Kneeling before Jesus, she told Him she had a favor to ask.

"What do you wish?" Jesus asked.

"Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and the other on your left hand in your kingdom," she begged.

Turning to James and John, Jesus told them, "You don't know what you ask for. Are you able to drink from the cup that I drink of and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

"We are able," James and John answered.

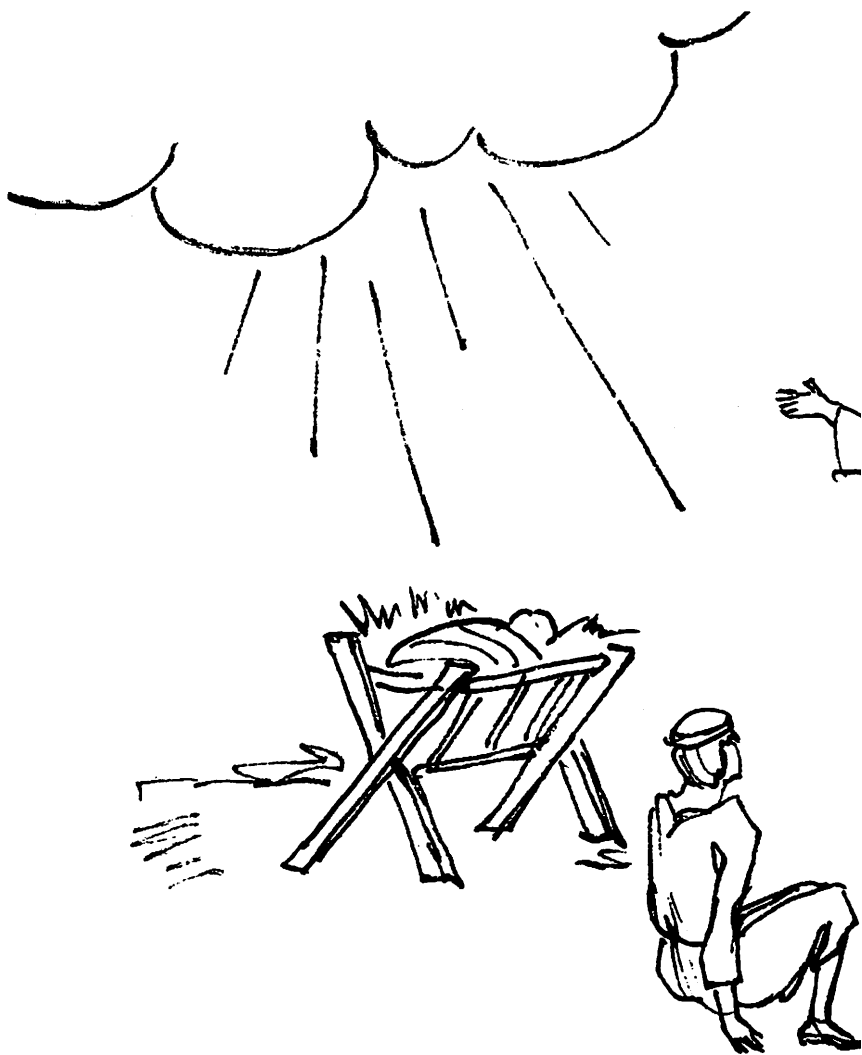
"You will surely drink of my cup and be baptized with my baptism. But to sit on my left or right hand is not mine to give. It shall be given to them for whom it is prepared by my Father," Jesus explained.

When the other disciples found out what James and John wanted, they were angry. They wondered why James and John should be honored above themselves.

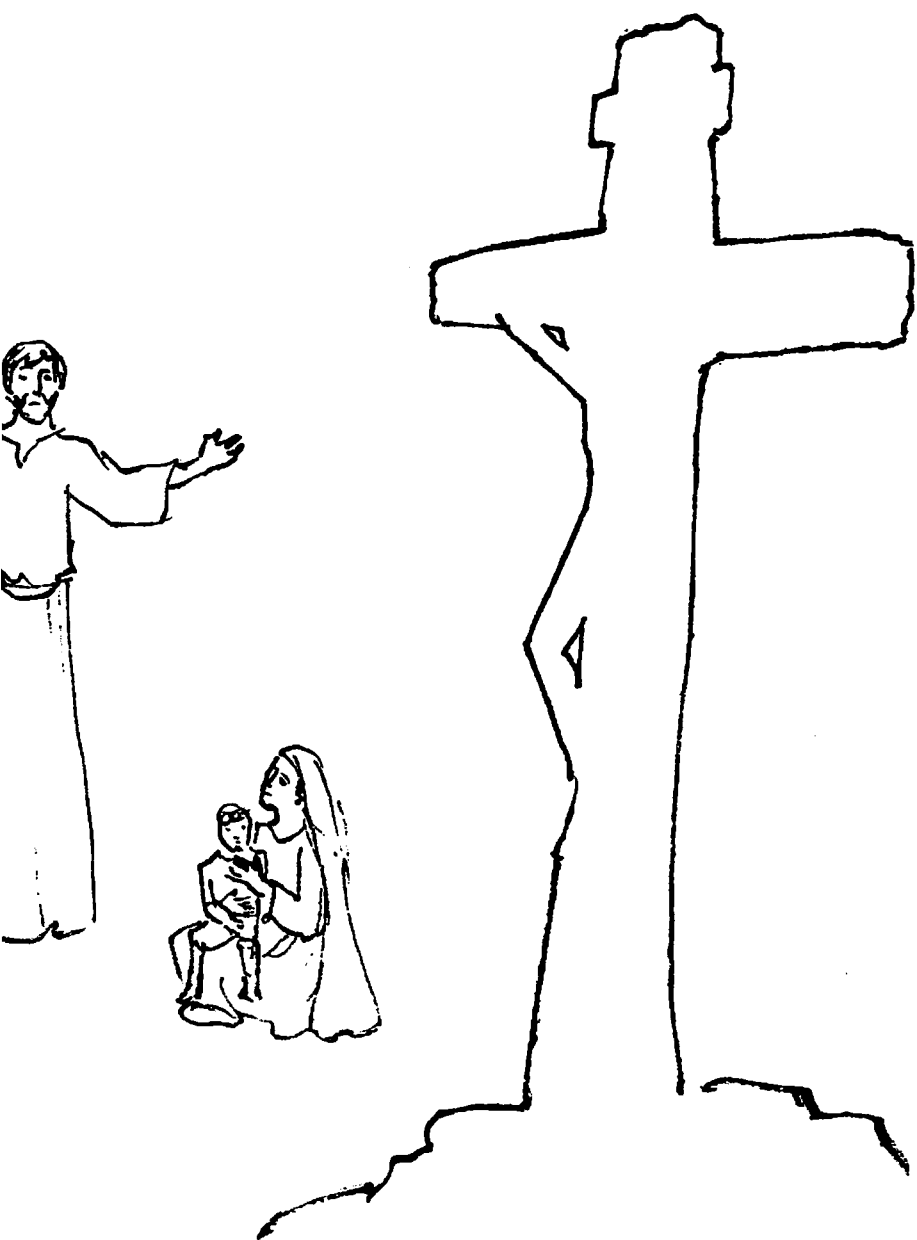
Jesus heard their murmuring. He called His disciples to Him. "You know the rulers of the Gentiles have great authority," He told them. "But it must not be like that among you. Whoever wants to be chief among you, let him be your servant."

Using Himself as an example, Jesus taught them, "Whoever wants to be great among you, let him be your minister. Whoever wants to be chief among you, let him be your servant. Even the Son of man did not come to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



...The Son of man came not to be ministered unto  
but to minister, and to give his life a ransom  
many. Matthew 20:28.



## Spiritually Blind

(A true story)

John grew up in a family of five children. He had one sister and three brothers. All were older than John except his little brother, Jeff, who was five years younger. John's parents worked hard to provide for the family. Both his father and mother worked long hours so they were not with their children until late at night. John's parents were too tired to take their children to church on Sunday morning so their children did not know much about God or Jesus.

When John needed his parents, they always seemed too busy for him. He felt like a bother to them so John turned to school friends for attention. He learned bad habits of drinking, smoking, partying and dancing. John was a quiet boy, but he was likeable when he wasn't drunk.

One day his sister looked into his face and saw unhappy bitterness in his eyes. "John, what is wrong with you?" she asked. He turned from her. "Nothing," he retorted. John was blind to his own need of love and understanding. He went deeper into sin, looking for something better.

Then, one night, John did something awful. While his parents were sleeping, John went into their bedroom and shot them to death.

John's family was grieved and angry, but John was so full of bitterness he did not care. In prison, John was put in a small cell by himself and locked up for 23 hours a day. John hated himself and everyone else.

In time John heard about a Bible study held every Friday night in the prison chapel. He signed his name on the list to attend and was allowed to go. When John walked into the chapel, he expected everyone to turn away from him or maybe ask him to leave. However, the minister welcomed John and made him feel special.

The minister's friendship warmed John's heart. Eagerly, he went to church services every Friday night. The minister gave John a New Testament which John had never read before. As John read the Word of God, he saw his sins that needed to be forgiven. He also learned about love. He felt God's love in the minister and he wanted God's love in his heart also.

After praying, with many tears of sorrow, John's sins were washed out of his heart by the blood of Jesus. He no longer hated or felt bitter, but he began to love others. Because John loves Jesus Christ so much, he shows love to others. Today he works in Christian youth camps. He tells the boys and girls about the love of Jesus that opened his eyes.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did Jesus take with Him as He started toward Jerusalem?
2. It was time for what feast?
3. What did Jesus know would happen soon?
4. Who could not understand what Jesus was telling them?
5. Who was the King of the Jews?
6. Who came to Jesus with her two sons?
7. What was her wish?
8. How did the other disciples feel when they heard what James and John wanted?
9. Who did Jesus use as an example?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 20:17-28; Mark 10:32-45; Luke 18:31-34.

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## BLIND BARTIMAEUS

Many people, along with Jesus and His disciples, were on their way to Jerusalem for the Passover. News of the teachings and miracles He did traveled all over the country. When people heard He was coming close to their city, many would stand by the road hoping to see Him.

Just outside the city of Jericho, blind Bartimaeus sat begging from the people who passed by. All at once he heard the sound of many footsteps coming his way. Wondering why such a crowd was passing by, he questioned those nearby. "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by!" they explained.

Bartimaeus, too, had heard of Jesus. It seemed everyone could tell about something wonderful that Jesus had said or done. Perhaps he heard about the man Jesus healed who was born blind. How much Bartimaeus wished that he, too, could receive his sight. Suddenly he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many standing around Bartimaeus tried to quiet him. They could not hear Jesus' words because of his loud cries. But Bartimaeus only cried more loudly, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus heard Bartimaeus' cry for help. He stood still. Then He commanded the people to call the blind man to Him. Quickly someone rushed to Bartimaeus saying, "Be of good comfort. Rise; He is calling for you!"

Instantly Bartimaeus was on his feet. Throwing off his coat, he rushed to Jesus. "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"Lord, please give me my sight!" Bartimaeus pleaded.

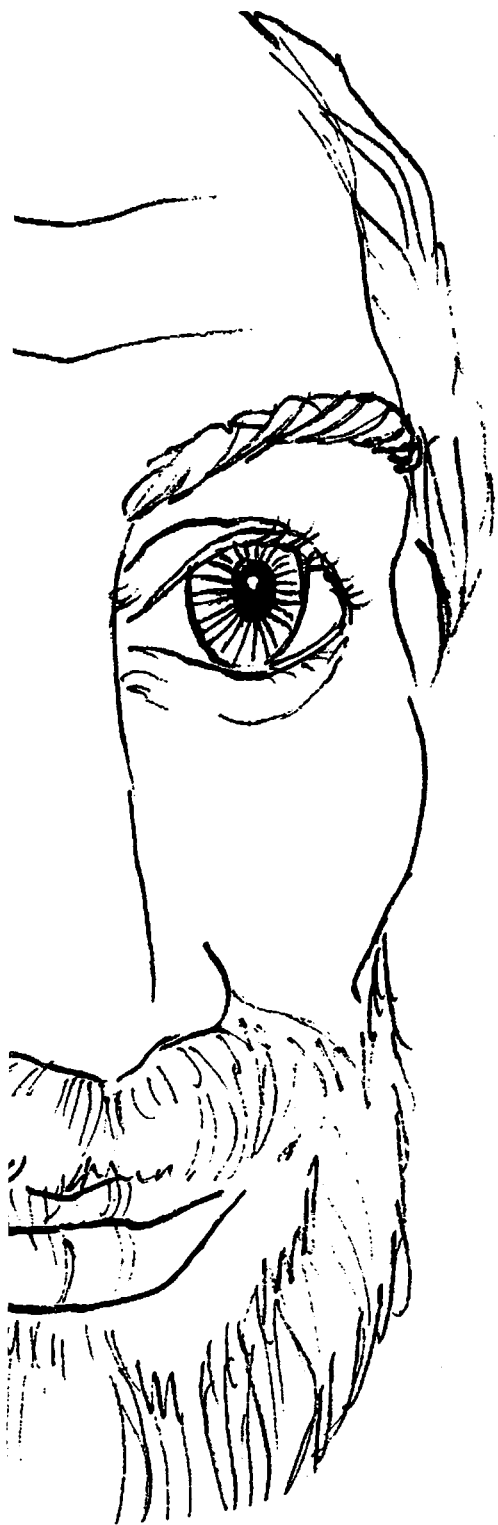
Jesus answered, "Go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Immediately Bartimaeus received his sight. He could see Jesus and all His followers! Bartimaeus was overjoyed. He could hardly contain his great joy. How different life would be from now on! No longer would he sit by the roadside begging. Now he could go about his business like other men.

Happily Bartimaeus joined the crowd that followed Jesus, glorifying God as he went. Everyone who saw this wonderful miracle happen praised God with Bartimaeus.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





And immediately he  
received his  
sight,...  
Mark 10:52.

## A Guest In Need

Michael opened the front door to his house and helped his guest inside where it was cozy and warm that wintery night.

"Dotty, I am home," Michael called to his wife. "I have brought a visitor, so please put another plate on the table."

"Okay," replied Dotty as she came around the corner to meet the guest.

"This is Tom Jackson, Dotty. Tom, this is my wife, Dotty."

"Glad to meet ya," nodded Tom with a broad grin.

"Yes, same here," replied Dotty. "Supper is nearly ready, so come to the table as soon as possible."

Dotty had made extra chicken casserole for supper, because Michael often brought home someone who looked lonesome and hungry.

Sitting around the table after the meal, Michael brought out his Bible and read a few scriptures. "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..."

While Michael read, Tom listened respectfully. "Do you believe everything that is written in that book?" Tom asked Michael after he was finished reading.

"Yes, I do," replied Michael. "This Book has the answer to every problem in life. I will give you a New Testament if you will promise to read from it every day."

"Oh, I don't know," mumbled Tom, looking down at his plate. "I thank you for the supper but I best be going now. I'm not one to read religious stuff."

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that," replied Michael. "Let me give you this New Testament anyway, in case you

change your mind."

Soon Tom walked out into the dark, cold night with the New Testament tucked into his jacket pocket. He intended to toss the book into the nearest dumpster, but in respect of Michael's kindness, Tom did not do so.

In a few weeks, Tom was arrested for taking and selling illegal drugs. That New Testament went with Tom to prison, where he decided to read it. While reading the Word of God, Tom learned the way out of his wickedness. He got saved. Then he called Michael, "Thanks, pal, for the New Testament that you gave me. You're right—it has the answers to the problems of life. It sure is helping me."

Michael rejoiced with Tom.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. What were the people going to Jerusalem for?
2. What news traveled all over the country?
3. Why would people stand by the road?
4. Why was Bartimaeus begging?
5. Who cried to Jesus for mercy?
6. Who did the people try to quiet?
7. What did Bartimaeus do?
8. What did Jesus do when He heard the cry for mercy?
9. What did Bartimaeus do after he received his sight?

**LESSON TEXT:** Mark 10:46-52.

(Answers: 1. The Passover.  
2. News of Jesus' teachings and the miracles He did. 3. They hoped to see Jesus. 4. Because he was blind. 5. Bartimaeus. 6. Bartimaeus. 7. Cried louder. 8. He stood still. 9. Followed Jesus, glorifying God.)

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## ZACCHAEUS AND THE SYCAMORE TREE

Jesus continued on his way toward Jerusalem. The people crowded around Him as He walked along. Among them was Bartimaeus whose eyes Jesus had opened.

The throng passed through Jericho. Now Zacchaeus lived in Jericho. Like Bartimaeus he, too, had heard many wonderful things about Jesus. He was the chief of the despised tax collectors and was very rich. But Zacchaeus was also a very short man.

Leaving his work behind, Zacchaeus went to the road, hoping to see Jesus as He passed by. As he joined the crowd gathered beside the road, he could see nothing. His heart sunk. He would never be able to see Jesus through such a crowd. He was just too short to see over the heads of all those people.

Yet more than anything else, Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus! Finally he thought of a way to see Him. Running ahead of the company walking with Jesus, he came to a tall sycamore tree. He knew Jesus would pass right under this tree. Quickly Zacchaeus climbed high up in the branches and waited for Jesus to come.

Zacchaeus watched intently as the mass of people surrounding Jesus slowly moved closer. Finally they walked right under the tree where he was perched. No one seemed to see him. Then, as Jesus and His disciples were right beneath him, they stopped!

Looking right up at Zacchaeus as if He'd known all along that he was in that tree, Jesus called, "Zacchaeus, come down at once for today I must stay at your house."

He could not believe what he was hearing! Jesus knew his name. He would get to talk with Him in his own home. Quickly Zacchaeus slid down the tree and stood before Jesus. Then he joyfully led Him to his house.

As they went, others followed. Many found fault because Jesus was stopping in the home of a tax collector. Didn't He know Zacchaeus was a sinful man? The proud Pharisees would not enter such a house. They hated sinners.

As he listened to Jesus' kind words, Zacchaeus' heart was changed. He told Jesus, "Behold, Lord, I will give half of my goods to the poor. And if I have taken more from any man than I should, I will give back four times as much as I took."

Jesus was glad to hear Zacchaeus' words. He answered, "Today salvation is come to your house, for the Son of man is come to seek and to save those who are lost."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

For the Son of man is  
come to seek and to  
save that which was  
lost. Luke 19:10.





## Redeemed Talent

(A true story)

Burt lived in a nice house in a good neighborhood. His family had two new cars and a boat which they took to the lake on weekends. Burt's father and mother both worked but they were home in the evenings with Burt and his brother.

One evening, Burt's father did not come home from work and his mother was upset. Some family members came to comfort her but Burt could not understand what the problem was until he saw the local newspaper with his father's picture on the front page. His father had been arrested for embezzlement, or stealing money from the company he worked for.

At school Burt's playmates teased him that his father was a thief. This hurt Burt very deeply and he didn't want to go to school. To pay for his father's crime, the family had to sell their house, cars and boat. While his father was in prison, the family lived in a poor, small apartment in a run-down section of town. Burt sold newspapers for awhile but his anger at his father caused him to take drugs to forget the shame and pain. Soon he was selling drugs and stealing to support his drug habit. Burt was an intelligent person and had speaking talent, but he was wasting his life in bitterness and anger toward his father.

Burt's life made a change when he met a group of young Christians who showed him attention and acceptance. At first Burt wasn't friendly, but they gradually won his friendship. He learned about Jesus and His forgiveness of sins. All this began to melt the bitterness in his heart.

Finally, Burt broke down and called out to the Lord, "Please forgive me, Lord Jesus, and help me to forgive my father." After several minutes

of weeping and praying, Burt felt the calm, sweet peace of Jesus come into his heart, replacing the mean anger that had been there.

Burt's Christian friends rejoiced with him and encouraged him to read God's Word and pray every day. As Burt learned more about Jesus, he wanted to find his father whom he had not seen for many years. From a pay telephone, Burt called him.

"Dad, I want to ask your forgiveness," said Burt. "Could I tell you about the love of Jesus?" His father moved close to where Burt lived and was saved a year before he died. Today, Burt uses his speaking talent to share his testimony and to tell about the redeeming love of Jesus.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Zacchaeus live?
2. How tall was he?
3. Who did he hope to see?
4. How did he get high enough to see?
5. What did Jesus do when He was right under Zacchaeus?
6. What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus to do?
7. Whose house was Jesus going to that day?
8. Why did some find fault with Jesus?
9. What happened to Zacchaeus as he listened to Jesus?

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 19:1-10.

(Answers: 1. In Jericho. 2. He was very short. 3. Jesus. 4. He climbed a sycamore tree. 5. He stopped and looked up at him. 6. Come down at once. 7. Zacchaeus' house. 8. He was going to the home of a tax collector. 9. His heart was changed.)



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## THE PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

Jesus and those with Him traveled on toward Jerusalem. As they walked, Jesus taught the people. Now Jesus knew that many of the people listening to Him were expecting the kingdom of God to be set up on earth soon. As the crowd listened, Jesus told a parable or story sermon. He hoped this story would help them understand what the kingdom of heaven is really like. This is Jesus' story:

"A certain nobleman went into a far country. He was to receive a kingdom for himself, then he would return. Before leaving home he gave a sum of money, called a pound, to each of his ten servants. They were to use the money until his return.

"Now the people in his kingdom hated him. They sent a message to the nobleman after he had gone saying, 'We will not have you rule over us anymore!'

"The nobleman finished his business and then came back. Right away he called the ten servants and asked how they had used the money.

"The first servant brought the money and said, 'I traded with the pound you gave me, and I have gained ten pounds.' The nobleman was pleased and said, 'Because you have been faithful, you may rule over ten cities in my kingdom.'

"Next came a servant who had gained five pounds by using the money wisely. To him the nobleman said, 'I will give five cities to you to rule over in my kingdom.'

"Then a third servant brought only the one pound the nobleman had given him. 'Here is your pound,' he told his master. I kept it wrapped in this napkin while you were away. I was afraid I might lose it, and I knew you were a harsh master.'

"The nobleman answered, 'If you knew I was a harsh master, why did you not put my money into a bank so I might have it and its interest when I returned?' Then he commanded those who stood by, 'Take the one pound from the unfaithful servant and give it to the one who has ten.'

"'Lord, he has ten pounds already,' the servants protested. Why give him more?'

"He answered, 'To every one who uses what he has, more shall be given, but whoever does not use what he has shall have it taken away.'

"Next the nobleman called for those wicked servants who did not want him to rule over them. When they were brought before him, he ordered that they should be severely punished."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



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ly in the temple.  
9:47.

## Payment For Idleness

Early one summer morning four brothers set out to hoe cotton for a neighboring farmer. Each barefoot boy carried a hoe over his shoulder and his lunch in a sack.

When they reached the field, Hugh, the oldest brother, assigned each boy a section of rows to hoe. Soon the only sound heard was that of hoes chopping on the black soil. Ray was the first to come to the end of his row and for a moment he stood up straight to see what kind of land lay further on. Before his wandering eyes appeared a shady nook where a cool stream flowed over smooth stones. What a refreshing sight!

When each boy came to the end of his row, he looked across and saw the creek also. As the sun rose higher in the sky and the heat of the day became warmer, the cool creek at the end of the rows became more inviting. Only the older brother, Hugh, did not want to swim.

"Don't stand there starin' at that swimmin' hole," he told his brothers. "We gotta get this cotton hoed and chopped so Dad can get paid. Now keep busy!"

When Hugh went to the farmhouse for drinking water, the other three brothers quickly met to discuss how they could send away Hugh and go swimming.

"I know," said Ed, "If Hugh broke his hoe, then he would have to go to the house to fix it."

"Yeah," agreed the others and Cecil said, "Let's put a big rock under some dirt and weeds right where Hugh will hoe next. Then when his hoe hits the rock, he'll be gone and we'll be swimmin'!" So that is what they did.

Hugh came back with a full water jug, laid it under a tree, and picked up his hoe to finish his row of cotton. Bang! His hoe hit the rock. "What

terrible luck!" said Hugh. "Boys, I'll be back in a little while. I need to fix my hoe."

As soon as Hugh was out of sight, the other three brothers laid down their hoes and dashed to the creek. Hiding behind a bush to take off his outer clothes, Ed stirred up a wasp nest. He came out of the bushes swatting at the buzzing wasps which chased him to the creek where the other boys were.

While the boys stayed under the water and out of reach of the wasps, the land owner came to see how many rows of cotton they had hoed. He found three hoes laying beside the water jug. He took the hoes and went in search of their father. That day the boys learned that the brief swim in the creek was not worth the punishment.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus go when they reached Jerusalem?
2. What were men buying and selling?
3. Who cheated the people?
4. What did Jesus do for the blind and the lame?
5. Who was not happy to see what Jesus was doing?
6. Who cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David?"
7. How did Jesus' words make the chief priests feel?
8. What did they want to do to Jesus?
9. Who honored Jesus and listened to His words?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48.

(Answers: 1. To the temple of God. 2. Animals for sacrifices. 3. The moneychangers. 4. He healed them. 5. The chief priests and scribes. 6. Little children. 7. Angry. 8. Get rid of Him. 9. All the people.)

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## JERUSALEM'S KING

It was a time of great excitement in Jerusalem. People from all directions flocked into the city. Many of them came to celebrate the Passover. Almost all of them had heard of Jesus. They were sure He would also be in Jerusalem for the Passover. They wanted to see Him for themselves and hear His teachings.

Meanwhile Jesus and His disciples reached Bethphage, a village near Jerusalem. Stopping just at the edge of town, He called two of His disciples to Him. "Go into the village nearby," He instructed them. "Right away you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie him and bring him to Me. If anyone asks, 'Why do you do this?' say, 'The Lord has need of him.' Then they will let you take the colt."

Immediately the two disciples started for the village. They had no trouble finding the colt. It was tied just inside the city gate, just as Jesus had said. As they were untying the colt someone asked, "Why are you untying that colt?" Remembering Jesus' instructions they answered, "The Lord has need of him." When they heard this, they let the colt go.

The two disciples hurried back to Jesus with the colt. Then they took their coats off and spread them over the colt's back for Jesus to sit on. Others spread their clothes along the road. Still others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road also. Then walking before Jesus as He rode on the colt, they waved palm branches and shouted, "Blessed is the King who is coming in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" All along the way people rejoiced and praised God.

In the crowd were Pharisees. They had not come to praise the Lord but only to find fault. "Make the people stop shouting!" they commanded.

"If they should be still, the stones would immediately cry out," Jesus answered.

Jesus rode on until He entered the gates of Jerusalem. As He rode up Mount Moriah to the temple, the people still shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Hearing the great noise, people rushed into the streets to see what it was all about. A great crowd surrounded Jesus. "Who is this?" they demanded.

The crowd answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

—Sis. Nelda Sorell

...Unto every  
one which  
hath shall be  
given;...  
Luke 19:26.





## The Lego Crowd

"Mother, come and see my Lego setup," called Jerry from the living room.

"Yes, where is it?" asked Mother as she came into the room.

"Right here in this corner," replied Jerry. "See how I have a street put together with palm trees growing beside it. See all these people standing under the trees? Guess what they are waiting for?"

Mother knelt beside Jerry and looked closely at his creative display. "Because of the palm trees, I would say this street belongs in Florida," she guessed.

"No! Florida wasn't even known when people walked on this street and waited for—you tell me who they waited for."

"I don't know," answered Mother. "I'm not very good at guessing. Maybe they are waiting for their king to ride down the street on a beautiful, white stallion."

"You almost guessed it," said Jerry. "I'll give you a hint: This is a street in Jerusalem and it's about—oops—I almost told you, but you should be able to guess now."

"Okay, I would say that these people are waiting for Jesus to come riding on a donkey," said Mother.

"Yes, and here He is!" Jerry said, as he brought out a brown Lego horse with a Lego man on top. He placed the horse and rider on the Lego street. "I know Jesus rode on a donkey, but I only have horses so let's pretend this is a donkey. I can't have the Lego people put any clothes on the street but see these palm leaves for the donkey to ride over?"

"With a little imagination, I can see it," replied Mother with a smile. "I like for you to make Bible story setups. It helps you to remember what

happened. The people praised Jesus when He came into Jerusalem but do you know how long it was after this that they cried out, 'Crucify Him!'"

"Let me think," said Jerry. "It wasn't too many days before Jesus died."

"He came into Jerusalem on the first day of the week or on Sunday and by the sixth day, or Friday, they had turned against Him. That is how fickle or unstable people are. Most people go with the crowd and who is the most popular person at the moment."

"I would have stayed with Jesus," said Jerry. "Most people are going the wrong way but Jesus takes us the way to heaven."

Mother nodded. "Forsake the crowd and stay true to Jesus."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where were the people expecting the kingdom of God to be set up?
2. What is a parable?
3. Who went into a far country?
4. What did he give to each of his ten servants?
5. How much money had the first servant gained?
6. How many cities was he given to rule over?
7. How many pounds had the next servant gained?
8. Why did one servant keep his money wrapped in a napkin?
9. What did they do with his money?

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 19:11-27.

(Answers: 1. On earth. 2. A story sermon. 3. A certain nobleman. 4. A sum of money. 5. Ten pounds. 6. Ten. 7. Five. 8. He was afraid he might lose it. 9. They took it from him and gave it to the servant who had ten pounds.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

When they reached Jerusalem, Jesus and His disciples went into the temple of God. This temple was built as the place for the people to come and worship God. Here they could bring their sacrifices and offer prayer and thanksgiving.

But the temple looked more like a marketplace. Here Jesus saw men buying and selling animals for sacrifices. Others were changing money into temple coins. Jesus knew these moneychangers cheated the people. It hurt Him to see His Father's house defiled by these wicked men. He had driven these men out of the temple once before.

Again He forced them to leave the temple. He turned the tables of the moneychangers over, scattering coins across the floor. He made those who bought and sold take their animals away. He would not even allow people to carry things through the temple. The temple of God must be kept holy.

The people watched in surprise as the moneychangers scooped up their coins from the floor and rushed out of the temple. They were glad to see the courtyard cleared of the animals. Then Jesus taught the people who looked on. "Isn't it written in the scriptures, 'My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer?'" He asked. "But you have made it a den of thieves!"

News of what Jesus had done in the temple soon spread throughout the whole city. People rushed to see Him because they had heard so many things about Him. Many people came to hear Him teach. The blind and the lame came and He healed them. Even the little children crowded in to see Jesus.

The chief priests and scribes were there, too, but they were not happy with what they saw. They watched as the sick people were brought to Jesus. They saw their joy as they walked away completely healed. Meanwhile the little children cried out again and again saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

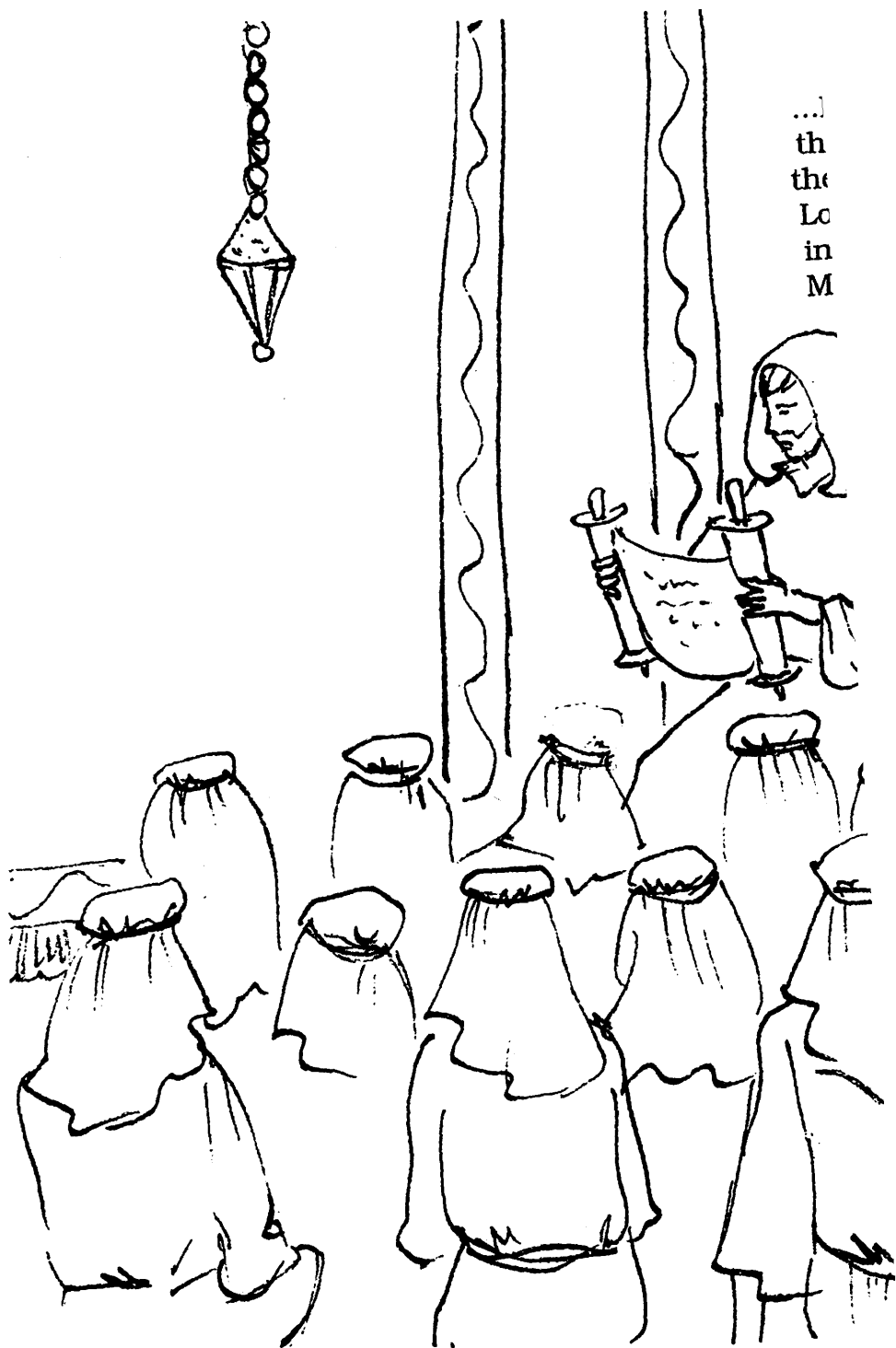
Angrily the chief priests and scribes asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes, I hear," Jesus answered. "Haven't you read these words in the Scriptures, 'Out of the mouths of little children comes perfect praise?'"

Jesus' words made the chief priests and scribes more angry than ever. They wanted all the more to get rid of Jesus, but they knew no way to do it. They were afraid to do anything here. All the people honored Jesus and listened eagerly to every word He spoke.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

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## My Body, Thy Temple

As the family gathered in for family worship, Linda sat down by Mother. "I have part of a song that I keep thinking about, but I can't remember all of it. Maybe you will know the rest of it."

"Okay, sing what you remember and I will try to help you," replied Mother.

In a soft, sweet voice Linda sang, "My body thy temple shall forever be..."

"Oh, that song is in our church song book," exclaimed Jerry, who had been listening.

"Do you rememeber what number?" asked Mother.

"No," replied Jerry thoughtfully. "But the song says something about not in temples made with hands, but God dwells within my heart."

"Let's get the *Evening Light Songs* song book and look for that song," said Mother. Jerry found the song book in the bookcase and handed it to Mother. "We will go through the book page by page and see what song has the words 'my body thy temple shall forever be.'"

The children crowded around Mother as she turned one page after another in the song book. "Here it is—number 99!" said Mother. "Let's sing it together. It isn't very long."

Mother began to sing and the others joined in. Even little Randy sang the chorus and Daddy hummed along while sitting in his easy chair.

After they had finished singing, Mother said, "Let's talk about this song. Remember the story about how Jesus went into the temple and drove out the farmers selling animals to the people for sacrifices? He said His Father's temple was a special place of prayer, not to be defiled with evil. Today, that earthly temple building

in Jerusalem isn't special to Jesus because His Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of saved men and women, boys and girls. We must keep our body clean from sin so His Holy Spirit will stay within us."

Jerry nodded soberly. "That's why we don't smoke cigarettes, drink beer or take drugs."

"Yes," agreed Mother. "We wear modest clothes and close our minds to naughty thoughts. Be careful what you listen to on a radio or what you watch on a screen. Evil pictures and wicked words will destroy your temple. What were the words you remembered to that song, Linda?"

Then Linda sang again, "My body thy temple shall forever be..."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why had so many people flocked to Jerusalem?
2. Who did He call to Him?
3. Where did He tell them to go?
4. What did they find tied up?
5. What did Jesus tell them to do with it?
6. What did the disciples do when they reached Jesus?
7. What were people doing all along the way?
8. Who commanded Jesus to make the people stop shouting?
9. What did Jesus say would happen if the people were quiet?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 21:1-11.

(Answers: 1. For the Passover and to see Jesus. 2. Two of His disciples. 3. Into the village nearby. 4. A colt. 5. Bring it to Him. 6. Spread their coats over the colt's back for Jesus to sit on. 7. Rejoicing and praising God. 8. The Pharisees. 9. The rocks would cry out.)

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## TWO SONS

Once more Jesus entered the temple to teach. This time many people were already there waiting to hear Him. The chief priests and elders were also there, but they had not come to learn from Jesus. Because they did not want the people to hear Jesus' words they tried to argue with Him. "By what authority do you teach and work miracles? Who gave you this authority?" they demanded.

Jesus told them, "I will also ask you one thing. If you answer My question, then I will answer yours and tell you by what authority I do these things. Tell Me, the baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men?"

This question caught the chief priests and elders by surprise. They did not know how to answer Him. They whispered among themselves, trying to decide. "If we say John's baptism was from heaven," they reasoned, "then He will ask us why we didn't believe that John was God's prophet. We dare not say his baptism was of men. All these people would rise up against us because they believe John was sent from God."

Jesus' question left His enemies speechless. They were afraid of what the people would do if they answered one way. If they answered as the people believed, then they would condemn themselves. Finally they told Him, "We cannot tell whether John's baptism was from heaven or of men."

"Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things," Jesus answered. "Nor will I tell you who gave Me the authority."

Later Jesus told the people this story: "A certain man had two sons. One day he went to the older son and said, 'Son, go and work in my vineyard today.'"

"I won't go!" the son answered rudely. But afterwards he felt sorry for answering his father that way. He went to the vineyard and did the work his father asked him to do.

"The father also asked his second son to work. 'I am going, sir,' he answered respectfully. But the second son did not keep his word."

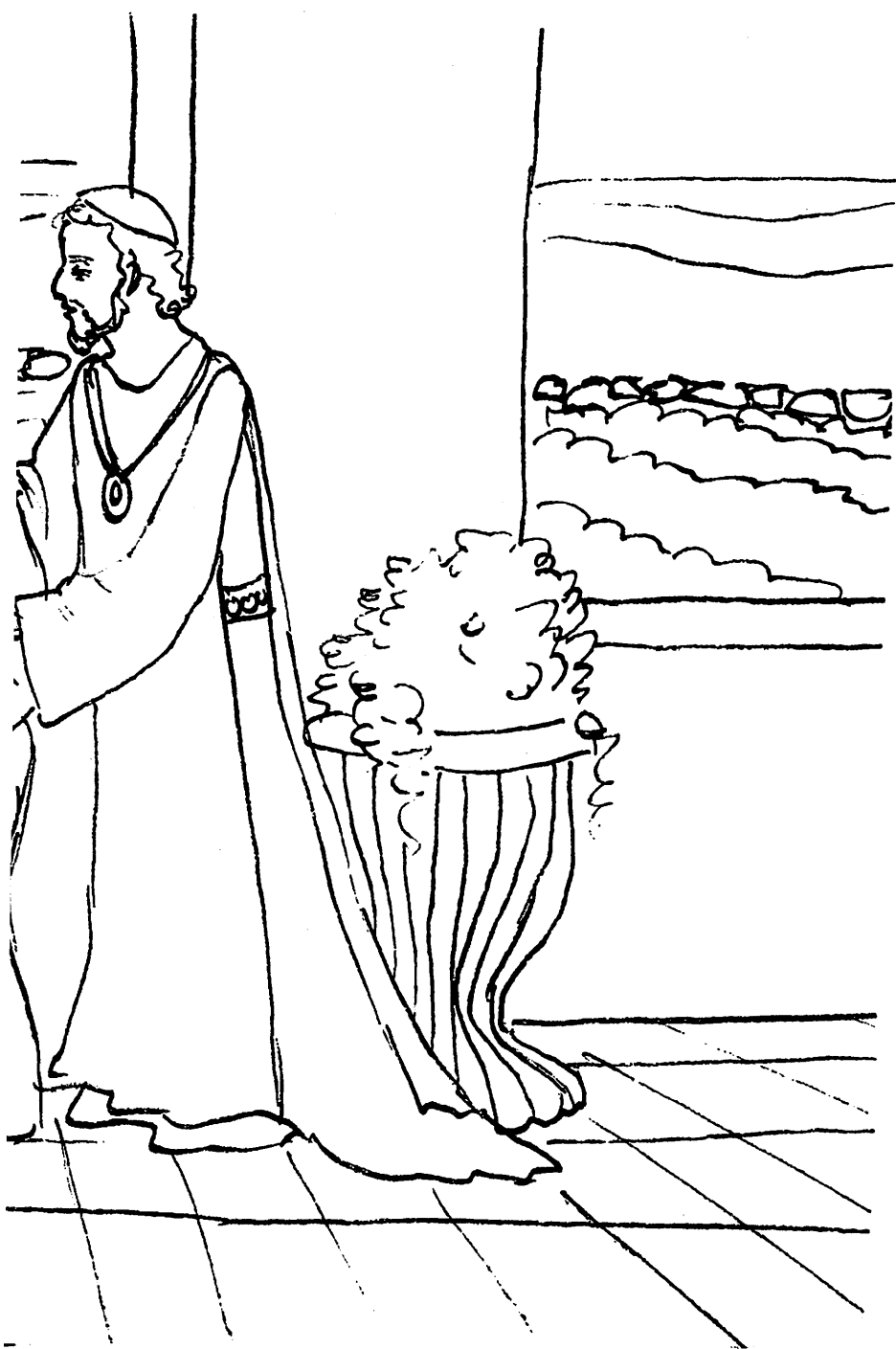
"Now," Jesus asked, "which of the two obeyed his father?"

"The first son," the people answered.

Jesus then pointed out that sinners were like the first son. They had been rebellious and disobedient to God. Then when they heard John warning them to repent and turn to God, they obeyed. The chief priests and elders declared they were obeying God. Instead they were disobedient and deceitful. Like the second son, they said one thing but did the opposite.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





## In A Den Of Thieves

(A true story)

"I want to have some excitement in my life," thought Debby to herself. "I've lived a dull, protected life with my parents. I'm 21 now and I am old enough to get out on my own."

Debby had a good job making enough money that she had a tidy savings set aside. One spring day she told her boss that she was quitting work. She pulled her savings out of the bank, packed her suitcases, told her parents goodbye, and took off in her own sports car to a big city far away. Debby wanted to live a free, roaming life full of adventure. Her father and mother were grieved and prayed for her daily.

At a poor cafe in Chicago's south side, Debby made friends with three girls her age. They invited Debby to live with them in their apartment and so she moved in. These girls admired Debby's nice clothes and they had never owned a car so she was constantly loaning clothes or taking the girls somewhere in her car.

Then Debby met the boys that hung around the apartment. Their strange hairstyles and clothing made Debby uneasy, but then she told herself, "I'm living a different life so my friends will be different."

One day Harold said to Debby, "Hey Baby, where's the keys to your blue Mustang? I need to use it for awhile." She handed him the keys and Harold disappeared with her car.

Two days later, while Debby was gone, her bedroom was ransacked. Money and valuable items were sto-

len, and her clothing was thrown all over the backyard. Debby reported to the police that her car was stolen and her room searched. They told Debby to move out to a safer place. She didn't have money nor a car, so she didn't know where to go.

"Here, I'll take you to Pacific Garden Mission," one officer told her. "You will be safe there until your parents can come and get you."

While at the mission waiting for her parents, Debby heard the gospel in a real way. She knew what it felt like to live among thieves and liars who pretended to be friends. She better understood the cruelties of sin and Debby decided she didn't want to live a free, roaming life any more. When Debby's father came to get her, she was a Christian ready to live an exciting life witnessing for Jesus. Her parents thanked the Lord for answering their prayers.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jesus enter the temple?
2. Who did not want the people to hear Jesus' words?
3. What did they ask Jesus?
4. Why didn't the chief priests and elders answer Jesus' question?
5. Who told the people a story?
6. How many sons did the man have?
7. What did the father ask his first son to do?
8. Which son obeyed?
9. Who were like the first son?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 21:23-32.

(Answers: 1. To teach. 2. The chief priests and elders. 3. "Who gave you this authority?" 4. They were afraid. 5. Jesus. 6. Two. 7. To go work in his vineyard. 8. The older son. 9. Sinners who repent.)



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## THE WICKED FARMERS

"Listen, and I will tell you another parable," Jesus told the people gathered around Him. "There was a man who planted a vineyard. He put a fence all around it. Then he dug a winepress and built a watchtower. Now all he needed were farmers to take care of His vineyard. Then, after He hired the farmers, he left everything in their care and went to a country far away.

"When it was time to pick the fruit, the owner sent a servant to the farmers to get some. Instead of giving the owner his fruit, they mistreated the servant he sent to them. They beat him and sent him back without any fruit.

"The owner sent another servant a second time. This time the wicked farmers threw stones and wounded him in the head. He was sent back to the owner empty-handed after being shamefully handled.

"The third time he sent a servant. This time they killed the servant. Again and again the owner sent servants to the farmers. Some they beat and others they killed.

"The owner had one son whom he loved dearly. He thought to himself, 'I will send my own dear son to the farmers. Surely they will respect him.'

"From the watchtower the farmers saw the son coming. They said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come; let us kill him. Then we will inherit this vineyard!' And those wicked farmers did just that."

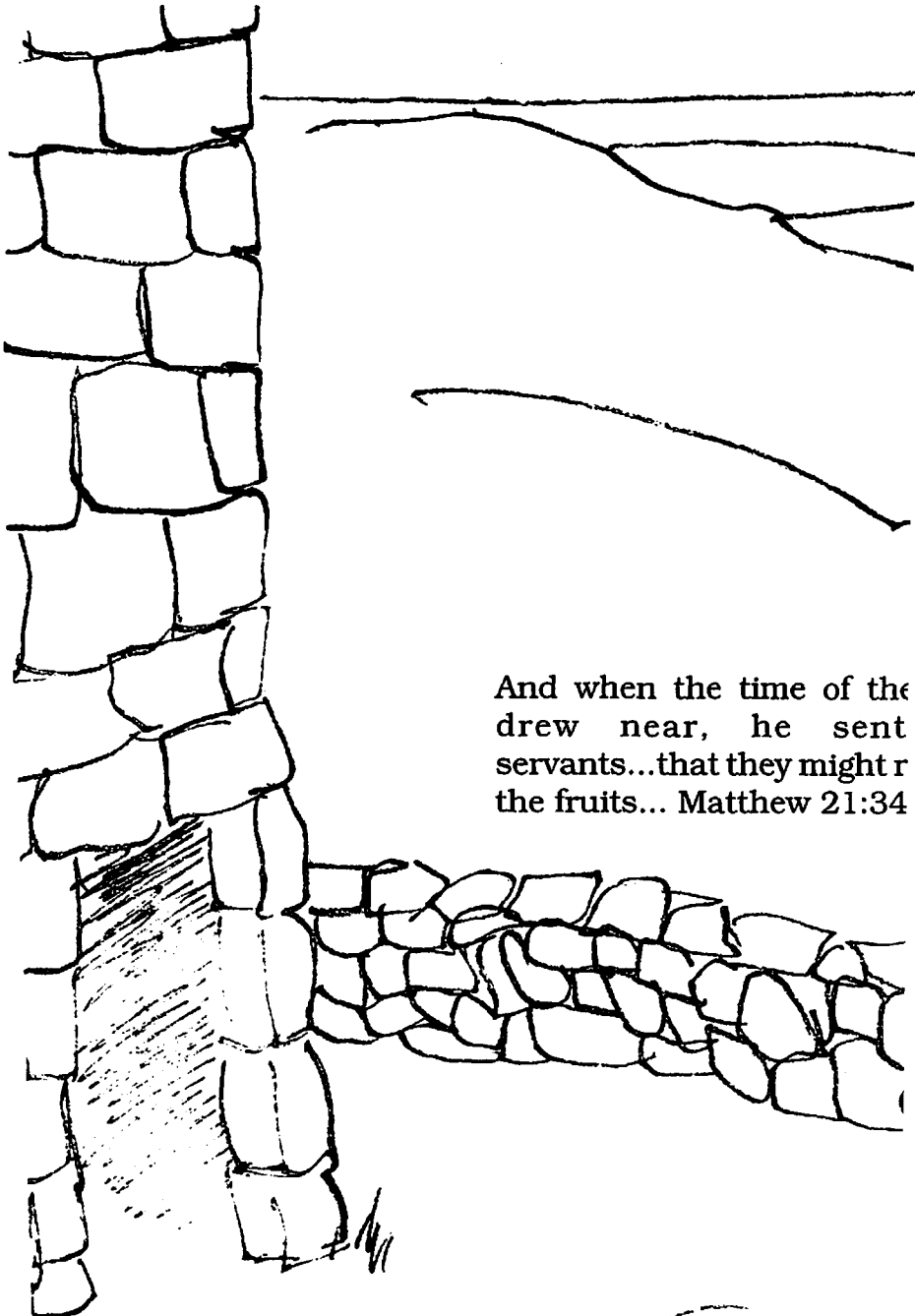
Having finished the parable, Jesus asked, "When the owner returns, what will he do to those men?"

"He will miserably destroy those wicked farmers," the people answered. "Then he will hire better farmers to care for his vineyard. The new farmers will give him the fruit when it is ripe."

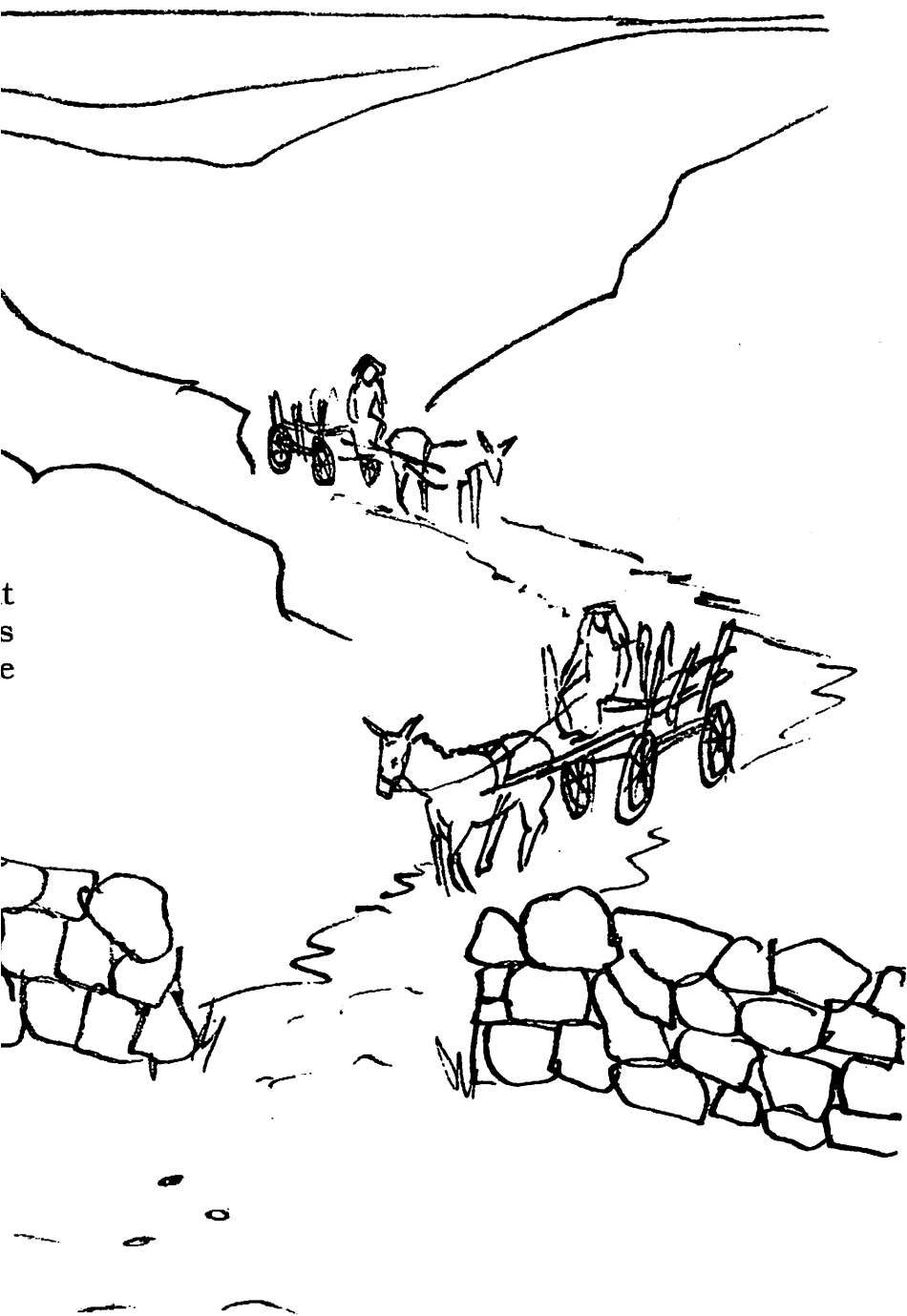
Jesus then spoke boldly to his enemies who were standing in the crowd. "The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to another people who will show by their lives that they are the children of God."

The chief priests and Pharisees knew Jesus had accused them in the story He told. In their anger they would have seized Him, but they were afraid of the crowd. The people believed that Jesus was a prophet.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



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## A Dollar Unto The Lord

(Based on a true story)

"Jerry," said Mother, "I have a plate of food ready to take for Sis. Romona's supper. Come with me in the van and you can take the plate of food to her door for me."

"Ah, Mom, do I have to?" sighed Jerry. He was busy playing with his Legos and didn't want to go out into the chilly evening.

"Yes, Jerry, the Lord will bless you for it," said Mother. "Now get your jacket and come with me."

Jerry quietly obeyed, because he knew his mother was right—the Lord always blessed him when he did a service unto the elderly.

Sis. Romona was waiting for them at her front door. As Mother stopped the van at the curb, Jerry jumped out with the warm plate of food in his hands.

"Oh, thank you for remembering me, you sweet boy," said Sis. Romona, as she took the plate from Jerry. "Here, Honey, I want to give you something for this supper," and she handed Jerry a dollar.

"No, Mother doesn't want you to pay for it. We give this as unto the Lord."

"Well, I want to give you this dollar as unto the Lord. It would hurt my feelings if you don't take it. Here," said Sis. Romona, as she tucked the dollar into Jerry's pocket.

"Okay, thank you," replied Jerry with a smile. "See you later. Have a good evening."

"Thank you, dear. You have a good evening, too," replied Sis. Romona.

When Jerry told Mother about the dollar, she said he could keep it. Jerry did keep it until Sunday. Then he put the dollar into the missionary offering. That dollar really did not seem like his, because it was given as unto the Lord.  
—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who told the people a parable?
2. What did the man plant?
3. What did he do after he hired farmers?
4. Why did the owner send servants to the farmers?
5. What did they do to the first servant?
6. What did they do to the second servant?
7. How many sons did the owner have?
8. What did the farmers do to the son?
9. Who was Jesus accusing in this parable?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 21:33-46.

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. A vineyard. 3. Went to a country far away. 4. To get some fruit. 5. They beat him. 6. They threw stones and hurt him. 7. Only one. 8. They killed him. 9. The chief priests and Pharisees.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE WEDDING FEAST

Again Jesus spoke to the people by a parable. In this parable He tried to help the people understand what the kingdom of heaven is like. He told them:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who made a great feast when his son was married. He invited many people from all over his kingdom to come and celebrate this happy occasion with him. When everything was finally ready, the king watched expectantly for the guests to arrive. He had clearly told each one the time appointed for the feast. That time came and passed, but not one guest came.

"The king thought surely the people had forgotten. He sent his servants to tell the people that it was time to come to the wedding feast. The servants went as He commanded. They reminded each one of their invitation to the king's feast but no one would come.

"So the king chose other servants to go tell his guests to come. 'Tell them I have prepared a wonderful dinner. Everything is ready. Insist that they come to the marriage supper now,' he instructed his servants.

"Still those invited refused to come for one reason or another. Some made light of the message as if the king's invitation was of no importance at all. Others told the servants they had work that they must do. Others were so wicked they took the king's servants and mistreated them, even killing some.

"When the king heard what had happened, he was angry. He called out his army and ordered them to burn the city and destroy those who had killed his servants.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those that were invited are not worthy to come. Go out into the highways and invite everyone to the marriage.'

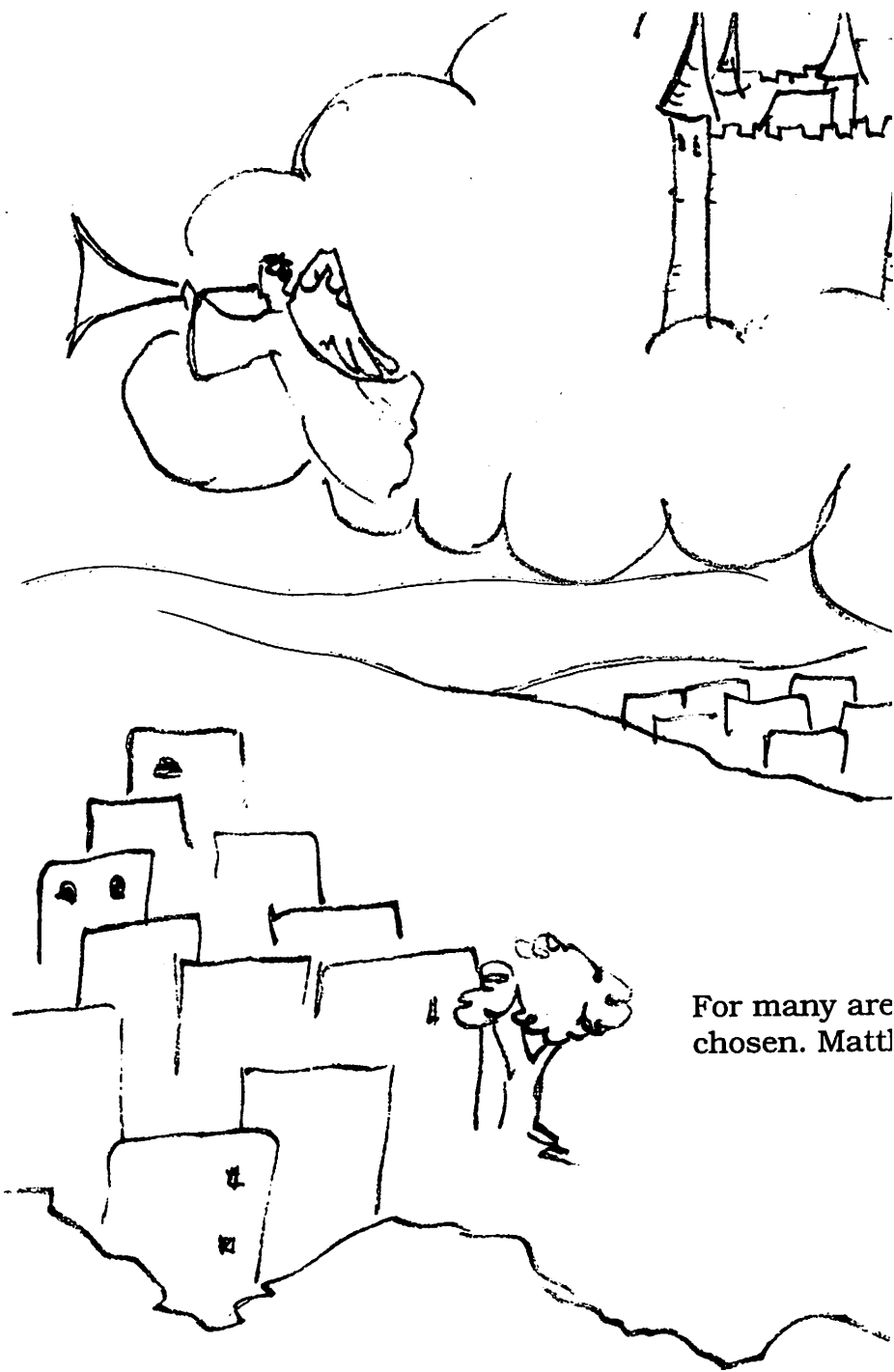
"The servants obeyed. Among these guests were the rich and the poor, the good and the bad. To each one the king gave a special robe to wear for the wedding.

"When the king came to welcome these guests, he saw one man dressed in dirty rags. This man had refused to put on the wedding robe the king provided. 'Friend, why did you not put on the wedding garment I gave you?' the king asked.

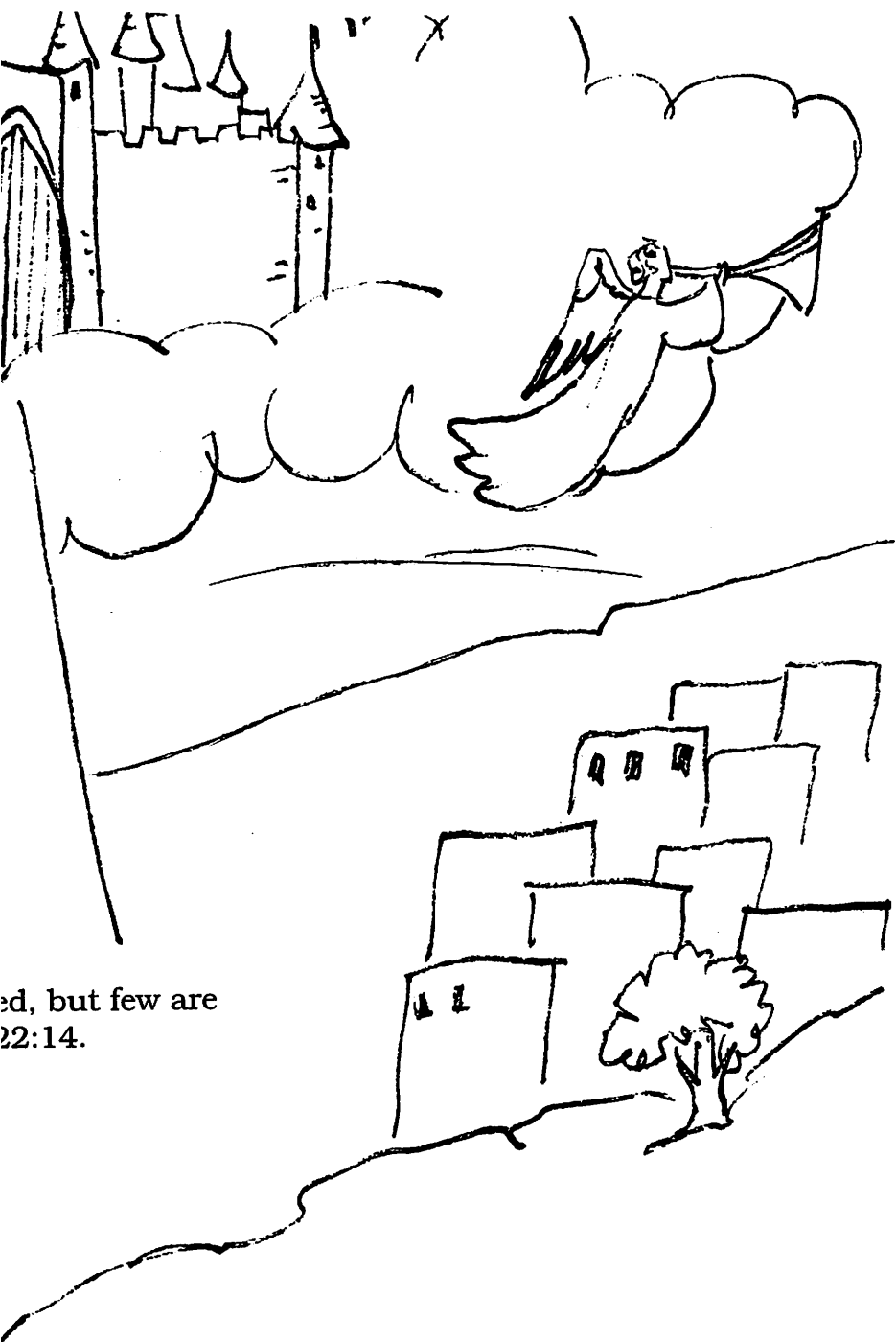
"The man could only hang his head; he had no excuse. Angrily the king told his servants, 'Tie him up, hand and foot, and take him away.'"

Jesus wanted to help the people understand that good religious acts alone are not enough. Their own righteousness was like dirty rags. Unless their sins were forgiven and they had on the robe of righteousness that Jesus gave them, they could never hope to enter heaven.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



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## The Storm Of Tears

(A True Story)

Dawn sighed as she watched a big passenger airplane land on the Seattle Airport Runway. This jet was her way home. She was ready to return to Washington D.C. where her family lived.

In time the arriving passengers came down the extended hallway to the terminal so that the oncoming passengers could board the plane. With her handbag in hand, Dawn made her way down the hallway. She edged herself down the aisle of the plane and squeezed into a middle seat on Row Four.

Dawn found place for her handbag and buckled her seat belt. Then her eyes saw the babies already on board the plane. There were five of them on the first row with three adults caring for them. The babies were awake and fussing as their attendants organized bottles, blankets, and other baby items.

The plane door was closed, announcements were made, and the plane began to move down the runway. As soon as the plane left the ground, all the babies began to cry. The crying echoed around and around and down the aisle of the plane. Every passenger on the plane could hear the babies cry and many began to complain.

Finally, a passenger asked one of the babies' attendants, "What is the matter with your babies?"

"I am sorry about the crying," replied the attendant. "These babies are weary. We have traveled all the way from Korea so they can be adopted by waiting parents."

"Would it help if some of us held them?" asked another passenger.

So the babies were passed down the aisle and one by one someone took a baby to hold. Dawn held a baby girl wrapped in a fluffy white blanket. She smiled at the little black eyes staring up at her.

As soon as the babies were snuggled into caring arms, the crying stopped. Compassionate hearts and gentle hands calmed the storm of tears. All through the flight the babies were contented to drink their bottles and sleep in the arms of friends.

Sometimes we can be in heart-breaking trouble and cry little rivers down our cheeks. Then Jesus comes to our rescue. He takes us in His arms of love and He calms the fears that rage within us. We are safe in His care.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the king make a feast?
2. Who were invited?
3. How many came?
4. Why did he send his servants to the people?
5. How many came then?
6. What did the king give each guest?
7. How was one man dressed?
8. What is our own righteousness like?
9. Who will give us a robe of righteousness?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 22:1-14.

(Answers: 1. For his son's marriage. 2. Many people. 3. None. 4. To remind them. 5. Not one. 6. A special robe. 7. In dirty rags. 8. Dirty rags. 9. Jesus.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## JESUS IS BETRAYED

Jesus had many enemies, especially among the chief priests and Pharisees. These Jewish rulers watched Him closely to find an excuse to condemn Him to death. But Jesus only did good wherever He went. The words He spoke were wise and full of love. They could find no fault in Him.

One day Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, secretly went to the chief priests. Judas asked them, "What will you give me if I turn Jesus over to you?" The chief priests gladly promised him thirty pieces of silver. Judas agreed to lead them to Jesus.

Jesus knew His time on earth was almost over. After eating the Passover with His disciples, He went into a garden to pray. While the tired disciples slept, Jesus prayed for strength to meet the awful trial ahead. Finally Jesus called to His disciples, "Rise, let us go; My betrayer is near!"

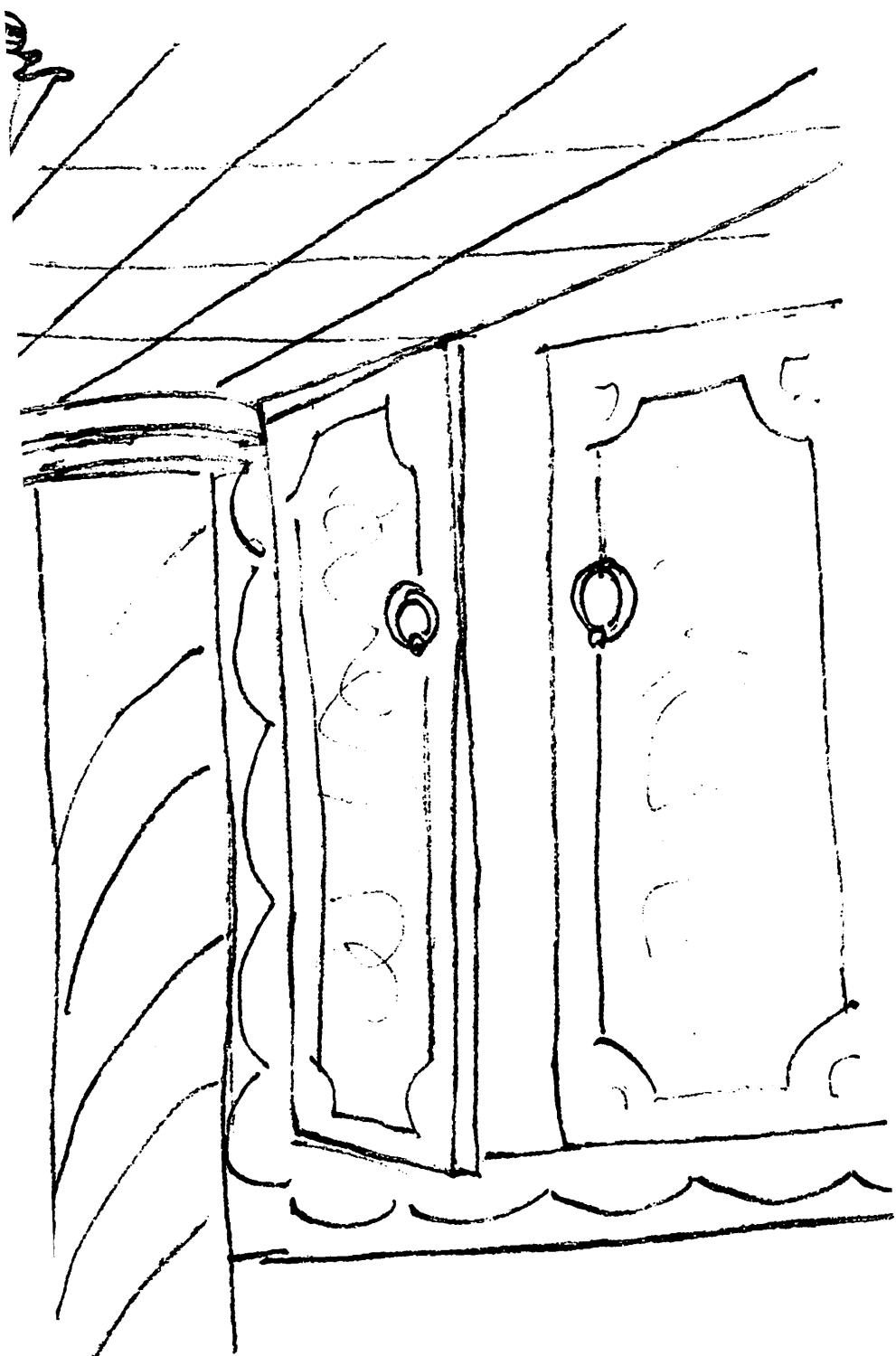
The startled disciples heard the noise of many men approaching. Soon soldiers carrying torches and swords surrounded them. Out of the mob Judas stepped up to Jesus. "Hail, Master!" he said as he kissed Him on the cheek. Jesus looked at Judas sadly. "Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss?" Jesus asked.

Judas' kiss was a sign to the soldiers that this was Jesus. Quickly they seized Him, bound Him, and led Him away prisoner. From the shadows Jesus' disciples watched in alarm, fearing for their own lives. Only Peter dared step forward. Grabbing his short sword he swung it savagely, cutting off a soldier's ear. "Put up your sword," Peter heard Jesus say. Then Jesus healed the soldier's ear.

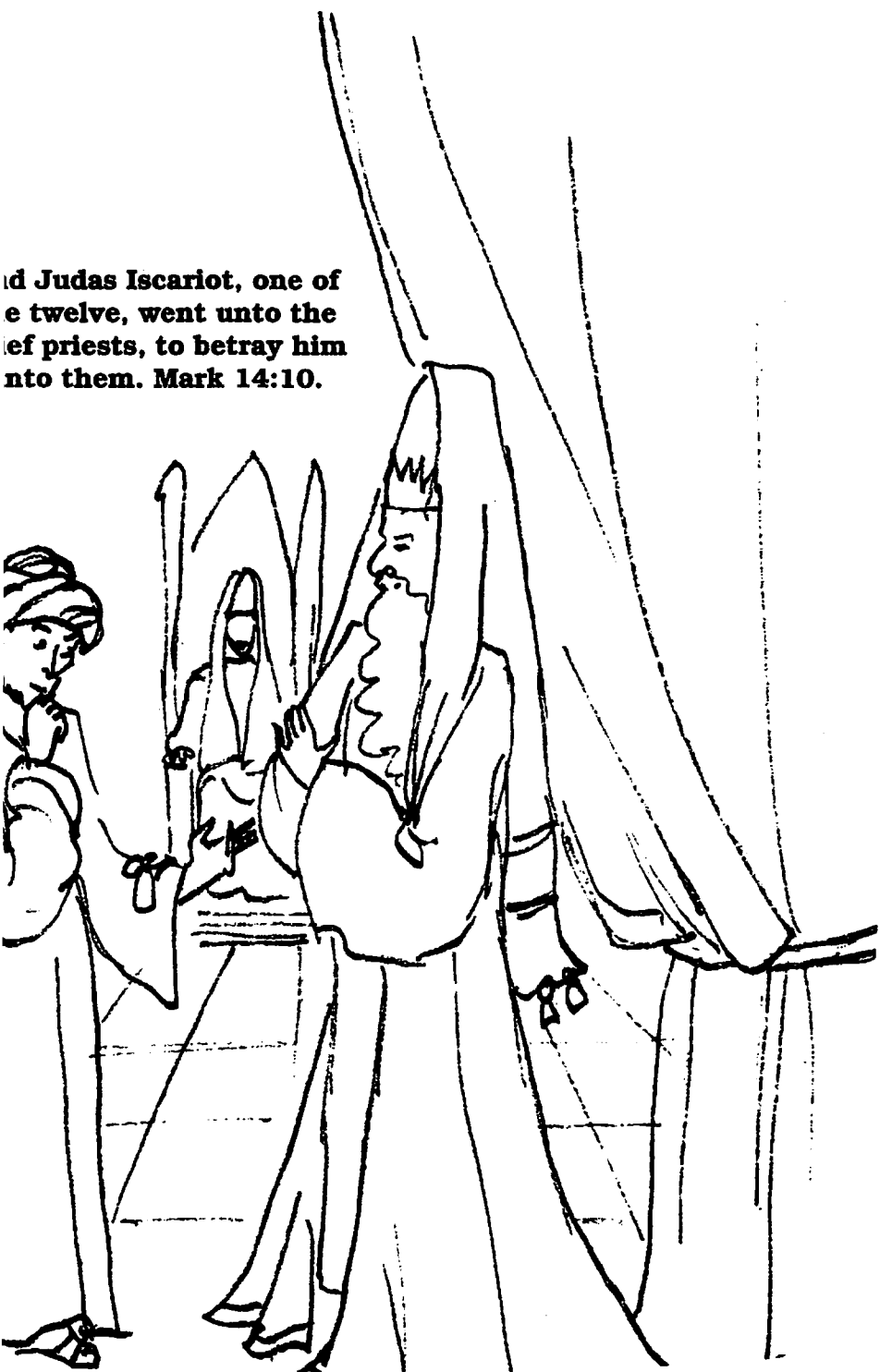
The mob led Jesus to the high priest's house. Here they questioned Him and condemned Him to death. When Judas saw that Jesus would die, he was very sorry he had betrayed Jesus.

Rushing to the chief priests, Judas confessed, "I have sold an innocent man! I have sinned!"

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**And Judas Iscariot, one of  
the twelve, went unto the  
chief priests, to betray him  
unto them. Mark 14:10.**



## Not Worth The Trouble

(A true story.)

A hard knock sounded on the door to the youth shelter. As soon as a worker opened the door, Dan fell straight across the floor—cold, soggy, wet and very tired.

"Thank you," Dan mumbled as strong but gentle hands picked him up from the floor. A kind man began to take off Dan's wet clothes and wrap him in a blanket while other workers made a place for Dan to sleep on a cot. He had not slept for six days and nights because he lived on the wicked streets of Manhattan, New York where it was dangerous to sleep.

Dan was only a teenager, but he looked much older. After sleeping a whole day and a half at the Christian Youth Shelter, Dan woke up and ate four huge plates of food. He had never slept or eaten so well since his parents kicked him out of their house four years ago.

The superintendent of the Youth Shelter sat down by Dan as he ate. "I am so glad you came to us," she said. "Would you like to tell me about yourself?"

Eagerly, Dan began to tell her all about his sad home life with his parents, how he got involved with the wrong crowd, what he did to make money to buy food and survive on the streets.

The Christian lady listened with tears in her eyes. "Dan," she said, "you have come to the right place. We care about you and so does Jesus Christ. Stay with us for awhile and we will help you get your life on the right track. In time you can get a good job and a house to live in. Most importantly, we will tell you about the best Friend anyone can ever have. Will you stay with us?"

Dan looked at this kind lady for a long time. He was not used to kind people—could he really trust her? Suddenly, Dan stood up from the table. "I'm no good, Ma'am," he said. "I don't think I'm worth the trouble. Thanks anyway."

Before she could stop Dan, he was already racing to the door. "Please think about it, Dan," she called to him. "Please come back and give the Lord and us a chance to help you."

Dan turned slightly, waved his right hand to say "good-bye" and then darted back into the wicked streets of Manhattan.

It is so sad when people reject the Lord and choose rather to live in sinful poorness. Choose today to live for the Lord. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who had many enemies?
2. Who watched Him carefully?
3. Who was Judas Iscariot?
4. How much money did the chief priests promise him?
5. Where did Jesus go to pray?
6. What did the disciples do while Jesus prayed?
7. What was a sign to show the soldiers who Jesus was?
8. What did Peter do with his sword?
9. What did Judas confess?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 26:14-16, 36-75; Mark 14:10-11, 32-47; Luke 22:1-6, 39-51.

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. The chief priests and Pharisees. 3. Jesus' disciple. 4. Thirty pieces of silver. 5. Into a garden. 6. They slept. 7. Judas' kiss. 8. He cut off a soldier's ear. 9. "I have sold an innocent man!")

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## HE IS RISEN!

After His crucifixion, Jesus' body was taken from the cross and laid in a grave. Meanwhile the disciples hid themselves. Their sorrow was deep. They expected Jesus to one day be a great ruler on earth. Instead He was dead.

In their despair the disciples forgot Jesus' own promise that He would rise again from the grave on the third day. The women waited eagerly for the Sabbath to end. They prepared sweet perfumes and planned to go early in the morning to anoint the body of Jesus.

Meanwhile the Roman soldiers kept watch at Jesus' grave. No one could take the body while they stood guard!

Suddenly there was a great earthquake. The angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled the great rock away from the door of Jesus' grave. Then he sat on the rock. His appearance was like lightning and his clothes were as white as snow.

The soldiers fell to the ground, trembling and helpless. They lay there as if they were dead. As soon as their strength came back they got up and ran into the city. They must report what had happened!

As soon as it was light enough the women started for the garden. Walking along, they wondered who would roll the great rock away from the grave for them. But when they looked, they saw that the stone was already rolled away!

Anxiously they peered into the open grave. How frightened they were to see an angel! "Don't be afraid," the angel told them. "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here; He is risen. Look where they laid Him."

"Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is alive and will meet them in Galilee," the angel commanded.

The women ran from the place, filled with joy, yet trembling with excitement and fear. Could it be true that Jesus was really alive? It seemed too good to be true. Yet, they believed the angel's words and ran to tell the disciples the good news.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

He is not here, for he is risen,  
as he said.... Matthew 28:6.





## Cat or Catherine

(A true story.)

Cat was sixteen years old when she was brought to the Christian Youth Shelter. She had been living in a cardboard box at the back of a Manhattan alley for five months. Her denim jacket was wet with the winter's snow and torn in three places. She was dirty and unkempt but her condition touched the heart of the superintendent at the shelter.

"I just need some place warm to sleep," Cat said to the kind lady. "I won't be any nuisance and I can work for my keep."

"We are glad to have you stay with us," said the kind lady. "Let me get you some clean clothes and show you where the showers are. As soon as you are ready, supper will be waiting."

Soon Cat was devouring warm, nourishing soup and refreshing glasses of milk. She was too busy eating to talk, but the next day she told her story to the kind lady.

Disobeying her parents, Cat had joined a rough crowd which led her to drinking beer and smoking pot. When her parents disciplined her, she rebelled and went to live with her boyfriend, which was a terrible sin. He was not kind to her, so Cat ran away from him and another man found her. Later, the second man dumped her on the streets of New York. Cat was so ashamed of her sad condition that she did not want to call her parents. Instead she chose to live on the streets.

"I think you should call your parents," said the kind lady. "Let's have prayer and ask the Lord to help you know what to do."

It was several days later that Cat decided to call her parents and ask

their forgiveness. Her mother answered the phone. "Oh, Honey, where are you? We have been praying for you! Please come home!"

The next day Cat was on a plane flying home to California. Soon she had a little, baby boy whom her parents loved very much. Cat became a respectful, young woman and fit into her given name of Catherine.

The Lord changed the heart and life of Catherine. She now respected her parents and grew to love them more each day. Later, she married a Christian man and together they gave her son a happy home. She was blessed because she gave her life to the Lord. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the disciples do?
2. What had the disciples expected Jesus to be?
3. Who said He would rise again the third day?
4. What did the women prepare to take to the grave?
5. Who rolled the great rock away from the door of the tomb?
6. What happened to the soldiers when they saw the angel?
7. What did the women see when they looked into the grave?
8. What did the angel tell the women to tell the disciples?
9. What seemed too good to be true?

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-11.

(Answers: 1. They hid themselves. 2. A great ruler on earth. 3. Jesus. 4. Sweet perfume. 5. The angel. 6. They fell down as dead. 7. An angel. 8. Jesus is alive and will meet you in Galilee. 9. That Jesus was alive.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE STRANGER

The day had been filled with strange events. Along the road leading to Emmaus, a village seven miles from Jerusalem, two men walked slowly. As they walked they talked about Jesus' trial and crucifixion. They wondered about the women's message that morning, saying Jesus had risen from the grave.

Soon a stranger joined them as they walked along, but they scarcely noticed. They did not realize it was Jesus Himself.

"What are you talking about so seriously? Why are you sad?" He asked.

One of the men, named Cleopas, answered, "Are you such a stranger in Jerusalem that you don't know what things have happened there the past few days?"

"What things?" Jesus asked.

"Concerning Jesus of Nazareth who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people," they answered. "And now the chief priests and rulers delivered Him to death, and have crucified Him. But we had trusted that He was the One who would redeem Israel."

"And beside all this," they continued, "today is the third day since these things were done. Certain women of our company which were at the grave early brought shocking news. They did not find the body. Instead they saw a vision of angels who said that He was alive! Some of us went to the grave and found that it was true. He was not there."

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" Jesus said. "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" Then, beginning with the words Moses wrote, Jesus explained how the scriptures foretold just what would happen to Him.

When they came to Emmaus, the two insisted that the stranger spend the night with them. That evening as He sat down to eat with them He took bread, blessed it, and gave it to them. At once their eyes were opened, and they knew that this stranger was actually Jesus, their risen Lord!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**And their eyes were opened,  
and they knew him;...  
Luke 24:31.**



## Redeemed From The Trash

(A true story.)

A clean, young man in a neatly pressed business suit stood in the doorway of the Christian Youth Shelter. "May I step inside?" he asked the worker who answered the door.

"Certainly," was the reply as she stepped aside. Just then the superintendent of the shelter came into the hall. "Oh, Sister, you are just the one I came to see," said the young man. "I came to say thanks for all you folks did for me five years ago. Do you remember me? I use to do drugs and I was, well, I was no good."

The superintendent looked at the young man a moment but she did not recognize him. "Come into my office and have a seat," she said. "Let me hear your story."

Soon the young man was explaining how he had slept in the park at Times Square and ate out of the dumpsters behind restaurants. "I was walking in Times Square that night all alone, thinking maybe I should just kill myself," he said, "when this lady in your van asked me if I wanted some hot chocolate and a sandwich. I was so hungry my whole body hurt, but I said 'no' because I didn't want to trust her. She left and drove by again five minutes later. 'Please take this,' she said to me. Finally, I gave in. I climbed into the van, out of the snow and brutal wind.

"The first two weeks I lived here at the shelter was like being in another world. My father had always beat me when I lived at home so I had run away and lived on the streets for a couple of years. At this shelter,

I learned there could be a place of rest and peace, not only for the body, but also for the soul.

"I settled down and took all the training classes you offered here. I learned about computers by working on yours and later on I got a job at a computer company. Today, I'm selling computers and I'm doing great! Most importantly, I have found the Lord to be a very good Friend and help in time of need. Thanks for taking a boy out of the trash and making something useful out of him."

The superintendent nodded. "I didn't do it. Thank the Lord for redeeming you by His shed blood," she replied. "Only Jesus can repair a damaged life and heal a broken heart."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. How many men were walking toward Emmaus?
2. What message had the women brought that morning?
3. Who joined them as they walked along?
4. Did they know who He was?
5. Who was a mighty prophet?
6. What did the chief priests and rulers do to Him?
7. How many days had it been since this was done?
8. What did Jesus do when He sat down to eat?
9. What happened as He did this?

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 24:13-35.

(Answers: 1. Two. 2. That Jesus had risen from the grave. 3. Jesus. 4. No. 5. Jesus. 6. Crucified Him. 7. Three. 8. Took bread, blessed it and gave it to them. 9. Their eyes were opened and they knew who He was.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## DOUBTING THOMAS

As soon as the two men recognized Jesus, He vanished out of their sight. The men rushed back to Jerusalem that very hour. They must tell the eleven disciples they had seen Jesus. Shutting the door behind them, for fear of the Jews, the men told the disciples how Jesus had appeared to them.

As they spoke, Jesus suddenly stood near them. "Peace be unto you," Jesus told them.

The disciples felt anything but peace! They were terrified, supposing that it was a spirit.

"Why are you troubled?" Jesus asked. "Look at My hands and My feet, and you will see that it is I. You may touch Me. A spirit does not have flesh and bones." Then Jesus showed them His hands and His feet. They could see it really was Jesus, but it just seemed too good to be true!

Jesus then asked for food and ate it as they watched. Then He opened their understanding of the Scriptures. He explained that it was necessary for Him to suffer, and to rise the third day. Now repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things," Jesus encouraged them.

One disciple, Thomas, was not at this wonderful meeting. The others hurried to tell him, "We have seen the Lord!"

"Except I shall see the nail print in His hands and place my hand into His side, I will not believe," Thomas answered stubbornly.

Eight days later the disciples again met together and shut the doors. This time Thomas was there. Again Jesus suddenly stood by them, saying, "Peace be unto you." Looking at Thomas He said to him, "Put your finger on the nail print in My hands. Put your hand into My side. Don't be faithless, but believing."

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas cried reverently.

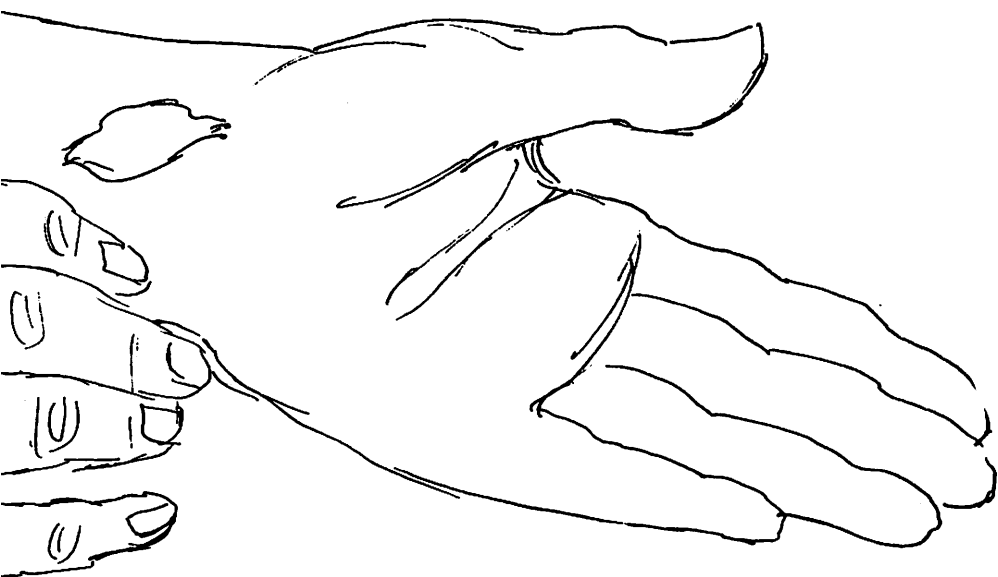
Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

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**s, but believing. John 20:27.**



## Will He Forgive Me?

(A true story.)

Easter lilies were in full bloom when Allison came to the Christian Youth Shelter in New York City. After staying a few days and nights and hearing the gospel message, Allison asked the superintendent of the shelter to pray with her.

"Help me to tell God that I made a big mistake," pleaded Allison. "I want to ask His forgiveness. You said He would forgive me, but I'm not sure. My dad didn't. When my dad heard about my mistake, he was very mad. He told me to leave the house and never come back. Dad said that as far as he was concerned, I was dead."

Allison began to cry softly as she told the kind, listening lady about her abusive father and how she had to live on the street without any shelter for herself or her new baby boy. "Your kindness and love to me has made me believe that maybe, just maybe, God will forgive me for all the sinful things I have done," cried Allison. "I really am sorry and I wish I could start over, but..."

The kind lady put her arm around Allison and hugged her gently. "Allison, there is forgiveness for our sins in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. He has told us to ask with belief and faith in Him. Jesus is waiting to forgive you—He wants to hear you ask Him."

"But I have done some wicked things," sobbed Allison. "Even my dad won't forgive me, and..."

"Allison, your heavenly Father is not like that," said the kind lady. "He sent His only begotten Son to die for your sins. He loves you and wants to hear you repent. He wants to forgive your sins and keep you from them. Remember: God is love. Can you believe in the love of God?"

There was a long pause before Allison replied quietly, "I have seen God's love in you and so I can believe in God's love, too."

"Good! Now let's ask Him to forgive you," said the kind lady, and she led in prayer. In a little while, Allison was crying with joy instead of sorrow.

"I really do feel forgiven!" she exclaimed as she hugged her friend. "My heart feels lighter and I don't hurt so inside. Please pray for me now that I will be a good mother for my son. I want him to have a Christian home full of faith, love and happiness. Please—let's pray again."

So Allison and the kind lady prayed again to their heavenly Father who loves them.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened when the two men recognized Jesus?
2. Where did the two men go that very hour?
3. What did they tell the eleven disciples?
4. Who suddenly stood near them?
5. What did the disciples suppose it was?
6. What did Jesus show them to prove who He was?
7. What did Jesus do after He had eaten?
8. Who was not there?
9. Why did Thomas finally believe?

**LESSON TEXT:** John 20:16-31.

(Answers: 1. He vanished out of their sight. 2. Back to Jerusalem. 3. That they had seen Jesus. 4. Jesus. 5. A spirit. 6. His hands and His feet. 7. Explained the scriptures to them. 8. Thomas. 9. Because he saw Jesus.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## JESUS RETURNS TO HEAVEN

Time and again Jesus appeared to His disciples and followers after His resurrection, proving that He was indeed alive. For forty days He met them often, eating and drinking with them, even allowing them to touch Him. The disciples worshipped Him as their risen Lord, convinced that He was the Son of God. They listened carefully as He taught them about the kingdom of God. Still they did not fully understand that His kingdom would not be an earthly one.

Jesus knew He must soon return to heaven. He tried to prepare His disciples for that time when they would no longer see Him on earth. Assuring them that God would send them a Comforter, He told them, "John the Baptist baptized you with water. But you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. You will receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you. Then you will witness boldly of Me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and in the farthest parts of the earth to every creature. Do not leave Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit is given you."

One day Jesus led His disciples to a mountain called Olivet, a short distance from Jerusalem. After reminding them of God's promise of the Holy Spirit, He raised His hands and blessed them. Then, while they watched, He began to rise from the earth. Higher and higher He rose until He disappeared in a cloud. As the disciples stood gazing up toward heaven, two angels dressed all in white stood beside them. "You men of Galilee, why are you standing gazing up into heaven?" they asked. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Still wondering at the things they had seen, the disciples returned to Jerusalem. In the upper room they met with other friends of Jesus to wait and pray for the Holy Spirit as Jesus commanded. They were no longer sad. They had great joy in knowing that Jesus was really the Christ, their Savior and the Son of God!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**...He was receive  
the right ha**



**into heaven, and sat on  
of God. Mark 16:19.**

## Clouds That Reminded

Every summer Jerry enjoyed staying with his grandparents on the farm. He liked to get up early in the morning and help Grandpa milk the cows. At the first pale tint of light in the east, a cocky rooster would fly to the fence post and crow to the farm of drowsy creatures. The cool, misty breeze carried the quiet mooing of the cows who patiently waited for the barn door to open.

All these pleasant sounds aroused Jerry and he was ready to get out of bed, dress and let the cows into the barn. Grandpa appreciated Jerry's help and they often had good visits in the barn during milking time.

"Grandpa, did you see how pretty the sunrise was this morning?" asked Jerry.

"Yes, I did," replied Grandpa. "It was beautiful."

Jerry nodded. "It looked delicious. The clouds were like pink cotton candy layered over the edge of the earth. The morning mist made it look frosty and tasty."

Grandpa laughed. "It sounds like you will be ready for some of Grandma's hot biscuits, strawberries and whipped cream after the milking."

Jerry's eyes lit up with the mention of breakfast. He always had a big appetite for breakfast on the farm. After all, he had put in a couple of hours of work before eating.

After breakfast, Grandpa got out his worn Bible for devotions around the table. "The lovely sunrise this morning inspired me with some thoughts," he said. "In the first chapter of Acts, we read how a cloud received Jesus into heaven. I wonder if it wasn't a beautiful cloud like the ones we saw this morning."

"Anyway, scriptures tell us that Jesus will again return in the clouds

coming in the east. Once Jesus comes there won't be another chance to get saved. Jesus said it shall be like it was in the days of Noah. Everyone will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until suddenly Jesus appears in the clouds. Trumpets will sound and all the dead will arise. Those who have their sins washed away by the blood of Jesus will be caught up in the air to meet Him. Those who have rejected Jesus will wail and gnash their teeth in anguish as the heavens and the earth burn.

"Then comes the Great Judgment Day. Heaven awaits the pure and faithful, but hell with its awful flames will swallow the devil and all sinners. Jerry, my boy, let us be ready when Jesus comes again." —Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus prove to His disciples?
2. How long was He with them after His resurrection?
3. What did Jesus teach His disciples about?
4. Who would soon return to heaven?
5. Who baptized with water?
6. When would they receive power?
7. What happened after Jesus blessed His disciples on Mount Olivet?
8. Who asked why they were gazing into heaven?
9. Who were they to wait for in Jerusalem?

**LESSON TEXT:** Mark 16:15-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-14.

(Answers: 1. That He was indeed alive. 2. Forty days. 3. The kingdom of God. 4. Jesus. 5. John the Baptist. 6. After the Holy Spirit came upon them. 7. He was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. 8. Two angels. 9. The Holy Spirit.)

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## A GREAT PRAYER MEETING

Before Jesus returned to heaven He told His disciples, "I must leave you and go to My Father. I will send the Holy Spirit to be with you. You must stay in Jerusalem and wait for Him. You will receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you. Then you will be witnesses of Me throughout the whole earth."

So the disciples returned to Jerusalem as Jesus commanded. The eleven disciples, Mary, the mother of Jesus, His brothers and other believers all gathered in an upper room. In all there were about an hundred and twenty people. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication for many days. The one desire and object of every prayer was that the Holy Spirit would come down and fill every heart as Jesus had promised.

Ten days after Jesus returned to heaven the Jews celebrated the feast of the harvest, called Pentecost. Jerusalem was filled with strangers from every part of the world. People of many languages gathered at the temple to thank God for their good harvests.

Those in the upper room did not leave their prayer meeting to attend the feast. They continued to pray and wait for the Holy Spirit. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind. Then the sound filled all the house where they were gathered. What looked like flames of fire appeared on the head of every believer.

At once they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in different languages as the Spirit gave them the ability. As they praised the Lord, a crowd gathered. Every person heard them speak in his own language even though they were of many nationalities. When others heard about this strange meeting, more and more gathered. Soon there was a great multitude listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through these believers.

"Look," the people said to each other, "aren't these all Galilaeans? How is it that we each hear what they speak in our own tongues?" Many were amazed and wondered, "What can this mean?" Others mocked, saying, "These men are full of new wine!"

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**And they were  
filled with the 1  
Ghost,... Acts 2**





## Meeting Time

"Jerry, are you ready for church?" asked Grandpa as he slipped on his dress shoes. Grandpa looked dignified in his long sleeved shirt and pressed slacks. "We dress respectfully when we go to God's house," said Grandpa. "Make sure you and your clothes are clean and neat. Wash your hair and clean your ears. You don't want to look like a woodpecker with an unruly topknot and yellow ears."

"Oh, Grandpa," chuckled Jerry as he stepped before a mirror to comb his hair.

"Make sure you bring your Bible," said Grandpa as he went out the door. "You may need to read a scripture for the preacher."

Jerry chuckled again as he ran upstairs to get his Bible. Soon he was buckled in the back seat of Grandpa's old car listening to his grandparents practice a song they were going to sing for a special after prayer. Grandma's sweet soprano voice led the song and Grandpa's booming bass vibrated through the car.

"Sing with us, Jerry, my boy," said Grandpa.

"No, I might mess you up," replied Jerry.

"We are just singing praise unto the Lord, Jerry. The Lord isn't so concerned that our voices be in tune, but He is interested in hearts being in tune with Him. That's what counts."

Jerry did sing with his grandparents in the car but he was too bashful to sing before the congregation. He listened to Bro. John's message on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Jerry sat by Grandpa

and when he could not find one of the scriptures in his Bible, Grandpa showed him where to look.

After the message, Grandpa testified. He told how the Holy Spirit had led him into a closer walk with the Lord spiritually. As Jerry listened, he felt a deeper love growing in his heart for Grandpa and toward the Lord. Grandpa was so happy he shouted a time or two as he talked.

Someday Jerry wanted to have the courage to testify about the Lord. He really did have many things to be thankful for. Not every boy had loving parents and grandparents. As long as he obeyed them and the Lord, Jerry knew he would have a blessed life. The scriptures declared it so.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who returned to heaven?
2. Who did He promise to send to the believers?
3. Where must they wait?
4. Where did they gather?
5. How many were gathered?
6. What did they do for many days?
7. What sound filled the room?
8. What appeared on the head of each believer?
9. What happened after they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 2:1-13.

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. The Holy Spirit. 3. In Jerusalem. 4. In an upper room. 5. One hundred and twenty. 6. Prayed for the Holy Spirit to come. 7. Like a mighty rushing wind. 8. A flame of fire. 9. They began to speak in different languages.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## PETER SPEAKS BOLDLY

There were people from many nations gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. As they listened to those who were filled with the Holy Spirit they exclaimed in wonder, "We hear them speak in our own tongues as they tell of the wonderful works of God! What does this mean?" But there were some in the crowd who mocked, saying, "These men are full of new wine."

Peter stood up boldly when he heard some accusing Jesus' followers of being drunk. "Men of Jerusalem and all Judea," he said, "we are not drunk as you suppose, but we have received a great blessing from God." Then Peter preached to them about Jesus.

The people listened intently. Peter's words went to their hearts. How sorry and ashamed they were that they had a part in crucifying Jesus! They felt so guilty that they cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," Peter instructed, "and you, too, will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Many people did believe. They repented of their sins and found forgiveness. That day three thousand were baptized. Their sadness was turned to great happiness. They were glad their sins had been forgiven. They now had peace with God.

The Holy Spirit worked many signs and wonders in Jerusalem through the apostles. Great fear fell on the people who saw the mighty works and heard the gospel preached. Every day more believers were added to their number. Soon there was a great company of believers in Jerusalem.

Each day the believers met to praise and worship God in the temple. Many more people believed when they heard them glorifying God and saw their great joy. Every day the Lord added to the church those who would be saved.

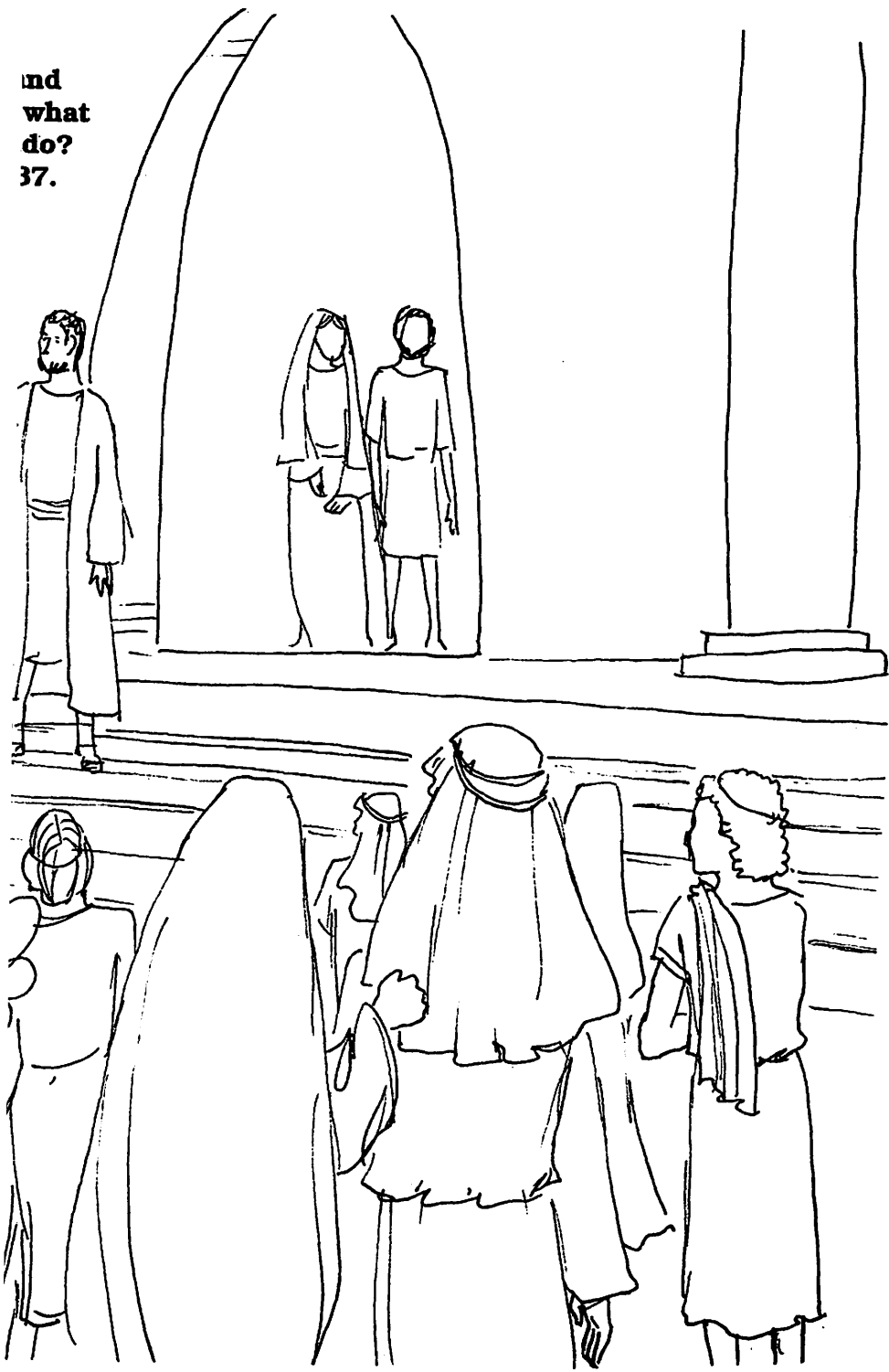
This was the beginning of the first Christian church, the first of thousands that would one day be scattered around the world.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell ·

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## Strong in Well-Doing

(A true story.)

In the country of Sudan on the continent of Africa, many Christians are hiding from the Muslim armies that seek to destroy every believer in God. These men, women and children have left behind their thatch houses, their vegetable gardens and their livestock. They are thankful to be alive and feel really blessed if they still have a loved one or two to be with.

For the last three years or so, the Sandanese government has ordered all Christians to be killed. Thousands of Christians have died and all the remaining ones are in hiding. They are not able to work for money or grow a garden for food. These people survive by eating roots, leaves and berries of plants.

When a group of Christians in America heard about the poverty of their fellow Christians in Sudan, the Americans prepared life packs for these brothers and sisters in the Lord. Then some brave men volunteered to take the supplies to the ones in hiding.

As Ray, Kevin and Mike flew their plane down low to the ground for a landing on the rough, African grassland, enemy helicopters circled above them. The three rescue workers were attacked by firing rockets and machine guns. The three men were not injured but they did lose some needed supplies.

A few Christians were killed and several injured, but they were not discouraged. They sang praises and rejoiced that other Christians cared enough to send food, water and clothing to them.

These Christians are told that if they will deny Christ and take up the religion of Islam, then they can go back to their villages, homes and gardens.

"We would rather live as outcasts than to give up our home in heaven," stated one elder man. There is no turning back in these people.

Kevin, Ray and Mike are boldly taking supplies to these outcasts. Not only do they take food, but they are also delivering Bibles and other gospel literature. They are not weary in well-doing because they know the sweet peace the Lord gives to those who forsake all for His cause.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who stood up boldly?
2. What were Jesus' followers accused of?
3. Who had given them a great blessing?
4. Who did Peter preach to the people about?
5. What were the people sorry for?
6. What did they ask?
7. What did Peter tell them to do?
8. How many were baptized that day?
9. Why did the believers meet in the temple every day?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 2:14-47.

(Answers: 1. Peter. 2. Of being drunk. 3. God. 4. Jesus. 5. For having a part in crucifying Jesus. 6. "What shall we do?" 7. Repent and be baptized. 8. Three thousand. 9. To praise and worship God.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A MAN WHO HAD NEVER WALKED

One afternoon Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer. One of the gates of the temple was named Beautiful. As the two men approached this gate, a crippled beggar called out to them, begging for money.

This poor man had never walked. Every morning kind friends carried him to the gate called Beautiful. Here he sat all day begging from the people who passed on their way into the temple. Many felt sorry for him and gave him money.

The two apostles stopped and looked at the beggar. "Look at us!" Peter told him.

The cripple looked up expectantly thinking they would surely give him some money. But Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." Then Peter boldly commanded, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk!"

Then Peter took the crippled man by the hand and lifted him up. Immediately his feet and ankle bones grew strong. He leaped up, stood on his feet, and walked! He went right on into the temple with Peter and John, walking, leaping and praising God.

The happy man could hardly contain himself for joy. Soon his shouts, praises and leaps attracted the attention of those in the temple. They recognized him as the cripple who begged at the Beautiful gate. They were filled with wonder and surprise at what had happened to him.

The happy man threw his arms around Peter and John, and the astonished people gathered around. Peter took this opportunity to teach the people. "Men of Israel," he said, "why do you marvel at what happened to this lame man? Why do you look at us as though we healed this man by our own power or holiness?"

Again Peter preached to the people about Jesus, telling them they had killed the Prince of Life but God has raised Him from the dead. "Through faith in His name this man is made strong in the presence of you all," he witnessed.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**And all the people saw  
him walking and prais-  
ing God. Acts 3:9.**





## In the Garden with Jesus

(A true story.)

The warm spring sunshine inspired Frances Creager to step outside. She had been in a hospital bed for so long that it felt good to hobble around with the aid of her walker.

The doctors had told her that she would never walk after her brain surgery. However, Frances took that matter to the Lord in prayer. Her husband and friends prayed for her. With determination, therapy and by the Lord's help, Frances was again on her feet and walking.

Yet her steps were still unsteady and she leaned heavily on her walker. Her husband stopped by to kiss her on his way to work. "It sure is a pretty day, Frances," said John. "It is perfect weather to plant those flowers that you received while you were ill. You always do such lovely work with flowers."

Frances smiled at him and waved good-bye as he drove out of the driveway. His words inspired her to get the blooming tulips and other flowers from the house and carry them outside to the warm sunshine.

With the aid of her walker, Frances gathered garden tools and headed for the flower beds. Carefully she knelt on the sidewalk and began to plant the flowers.

Crawling slowly on her knees, Frances dug a little hole in the warm brown earth, then gently put the plant within. As she worked, she thought of Christ praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. She struggled a little on her knees and thought how Jesus went through an unfair trial, was beaten and mocked. That wasn't the end of His suffering—He went to Golgotha and was

cruelly hung on a cross. His final cry was: "It is finished."

Frances also had known pain in the last few months. She thanked the Lord for sparing her life and healing her body. Working in the soil, she felt at peace and was strengthened by the Lord's presence.

At last every plant was firmly settled in the dirt. Frances stood up. "It is finished," she said quietly. She gathered up the garden tools and headed back to the house with them. At the porch, she glanced back at the flowers she had just planted.

Then Frances gasped. On the sidewalk stood her walker. She had walked without it! God had worked another miracle for her. She never needed the walker again.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Peter and John go at the hour of prayer?
2. Who called out to them?
3. What did he want?
4. How long had he been crippled?
5. How did he get to the gate every morning?
6. What happened when Peter lifted him by the hand?
7. Who did the happy man throw his arms around?
8. What did Peter do?
9. How was the crippled man healed?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 3:1-18.

(Answers: 1. To the temple. 2. A crippled beggar. 3. Money. 4. All his life. 5. Friends carried him. 6. Immediately he was healed. 7. Peter and John. 8. Taught the people. 9. Through faith in Jesus name.)



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## PETER AND JOHN IN PRISON

The people who saw the crippled man suddenly healed listened carefully as Peter and John preached to them about Jesus. They wondered at the mighty power that could instantly heal a man who had never walked! As they preached to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon Peter and John. They were angry and troubled to hear the disciples teach through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

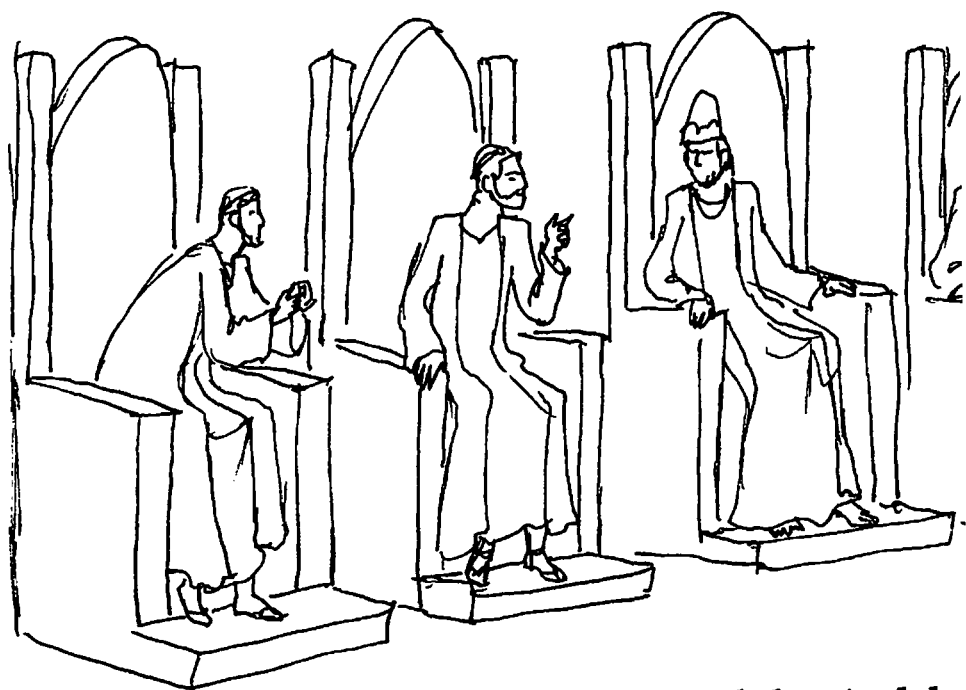
After being struck down by the sight of the angel at Jesus' tomb, the Roman soldiers rushed to the rulers as soon as they regained their strength. The rulers did not want the people to know Jesus had, indeed, risen from the dead. They paid those soldiers to keep quiet about this. Now Peter and John were telling all the people publicly how Jesus was raised from the dead!

The rulers did not know how, but they knew they must stop Peter and John from telling the truth! So they arrested Peter and John and took them to prison. Since it was now evening, their case could not be heard until the next day. The disciples would have to spend the night in the prison.

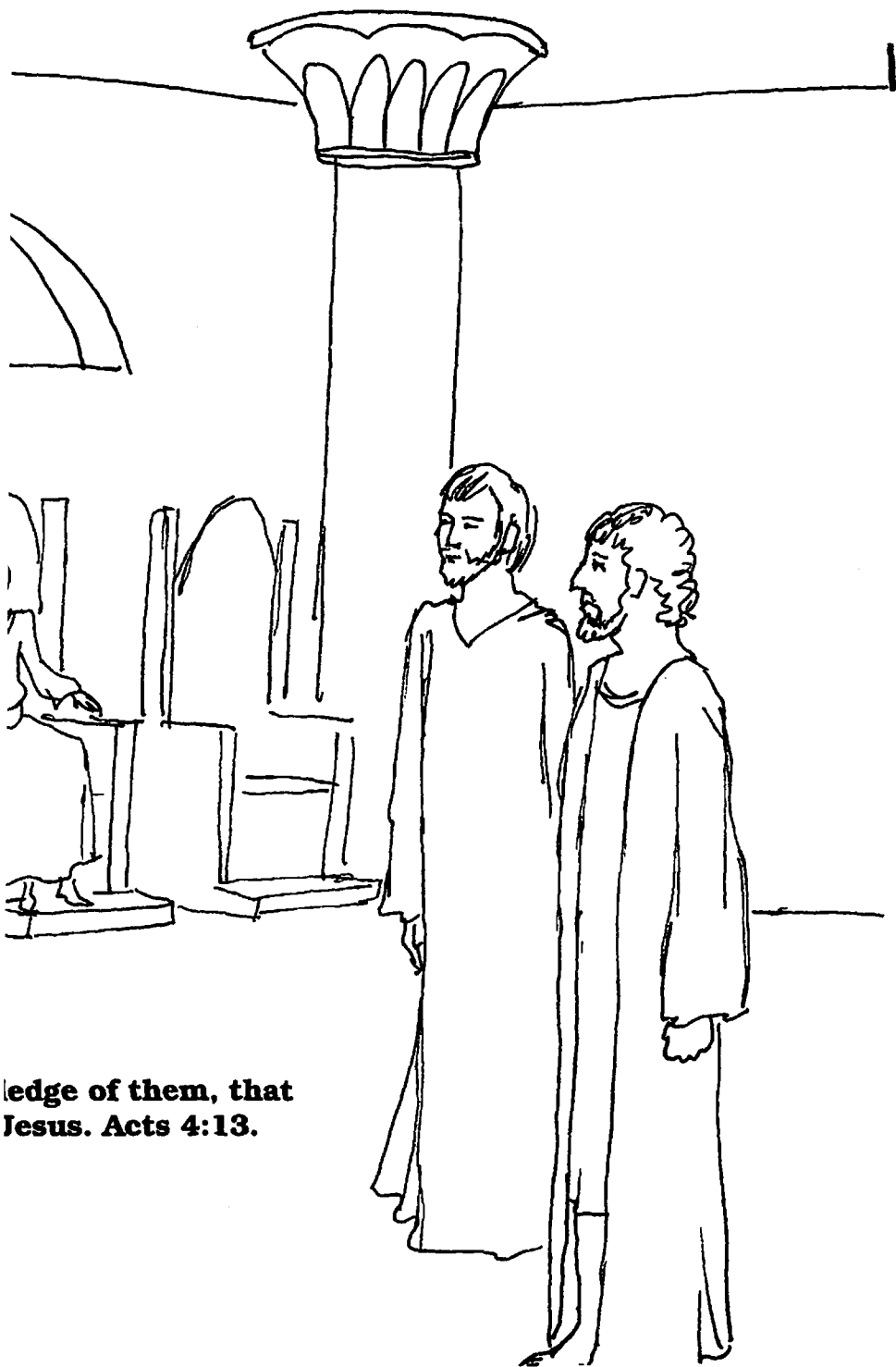
When Peter and John were called the next day, they stood before the same chief priests and rulers who had tried Jesus. These rulers angrily demanded, "By what power, or by what name, have you done this?"

The Holy Spirit filled Peter with wisdom and boldness. "Be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him does this man stand here before you completely healed!" Peter answered.

The rulers were amazed at Peter and John's boldness. They knew these men were ignorant and uneducated. There was only one explanation; these men had been with Jesus! —Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**...And they took kn  
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Jesus. Acts 4:13.

## Courageous For Christ

(A true story.)

In the Muslim country of Iran, it is illegal to be a Christian. However, many people are hungry for the gospel of love and salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

John, a Christian pastor, was not afraid to quietly testify to Muslims and for five years he secretly won many souls to believe on the saving power of Jesus.

One night the Iranian police stormed his house with guns and radios. They blindfolded John and sent him, his wife and children out into the front yard. John prayed with his family in the Assyrian language as the police raided his home, looking for Bibles and other forbidden gospel literature.

"You are a spy and working against the Iranian government!" accused the police. "You are under arrest!"

They took John, blindfolded and handcuffed, to the prison at Tabriz. They kicked him and slammed his head into the concrete wall, demanding that he deny the bad religion of Jesus Christ. Through all the beatings, John never gave up the Lord. Instead, he prayed continually in his heart and the Lord gave him strength and courage to be brave.

John was put in an underground cell with no windows. Then the police gave him a list of other pastors. "Write what you know about each one of these men," he was told.

So John wrote nice things about every pastor on the list. When the officer read what John had written, he wadded up the paper and threw it in John's face. Then John was mistreated for writing only good about God's people.

Even though it is against the law in Iran to receive or own a Bible, men

and women are searching for the truth found only in God's Word. The Islamic religion tells Muslims that Allah, their god, does not love anyone. Allah expects obedience and punishes anyone who does not obey. Their religion is rules and punishment. There is no love and mercy offered to mankind.

Many Muslim people crave the love from their Creator that the true Word of God tells them about. They will risk their lives to hear the gospel or to read the Word of God. John and many others like him are still in prison because they love the Lord. We need to pray for those who love God more than their own natural lives.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who preached about Jesus to the people?
2. Who were struck down by the sight of the angel at Jesus' tomb?
3. Who did they rush to as soon as they regained their strength?
4. Who did not want the people to know Jesus had risen from the dead?
5. How did they keep the soldiers quiet?
6. Where did the rulers take Peter and John?
7. Who filled Peter with wisdom and boldness?
8. Who were ignorant and uneducated?
9. What explained their wisdom?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 4:1-15.

(Answers: 1. Peter and John. 2. The Roman soldiers. 3. The rulers. 4. The rulers. 5. They paid them money. 6. To prison. 7. The Holy Spirit. 8. Peter and John. 9. They had been with Jesus.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## PETER AND JOHN ARE THREATENED

After putting Peter and John into prison, the chief priests and rulers did not know what to do with them. They sent Peter and John out while they discussed the matter. "What shall we do with these men?" they asked one another. "This is a great miracle they have done, and all the people of Jerusalem know about it. We cannot deny it. But we must make sure this teaching does not continue to spread among the people." Finally they decided, "We will threaten Peter and John so they will not speak to anyone in the name of Jesus again."

So the prisoners were led back to stand before the chief priests and rulers. Then they strictly commanded Peter and John not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

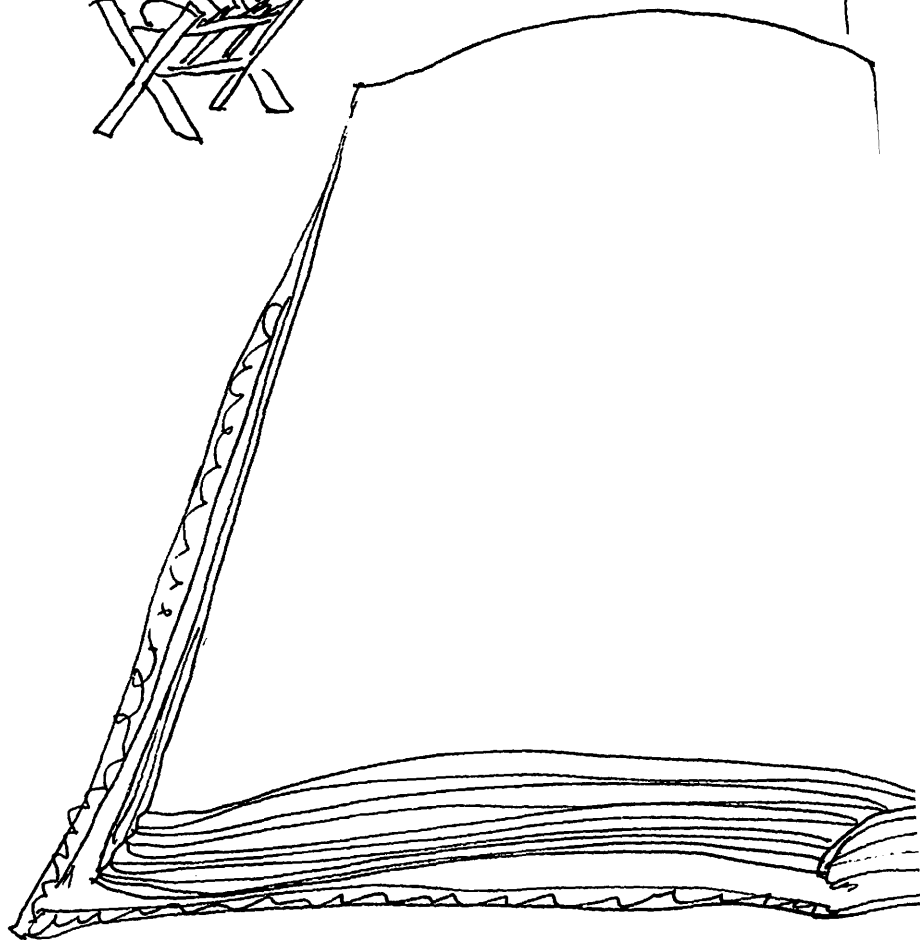
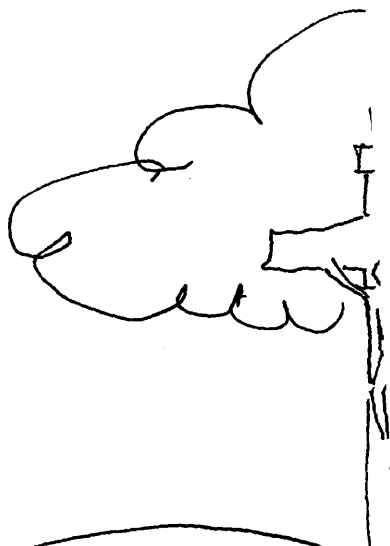
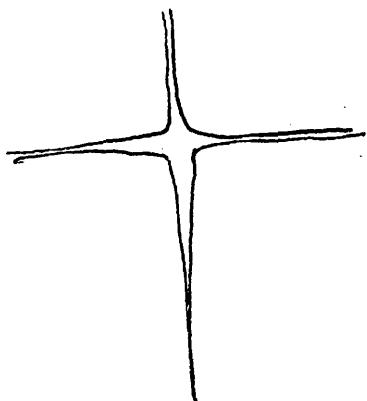
If the rulers thought these men of God could be intimidated by their command, they were wrong. Boldly they answered, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right for us to obey you rather than God. We cannot keep from telling about the wonderful things we have seen and heard!"

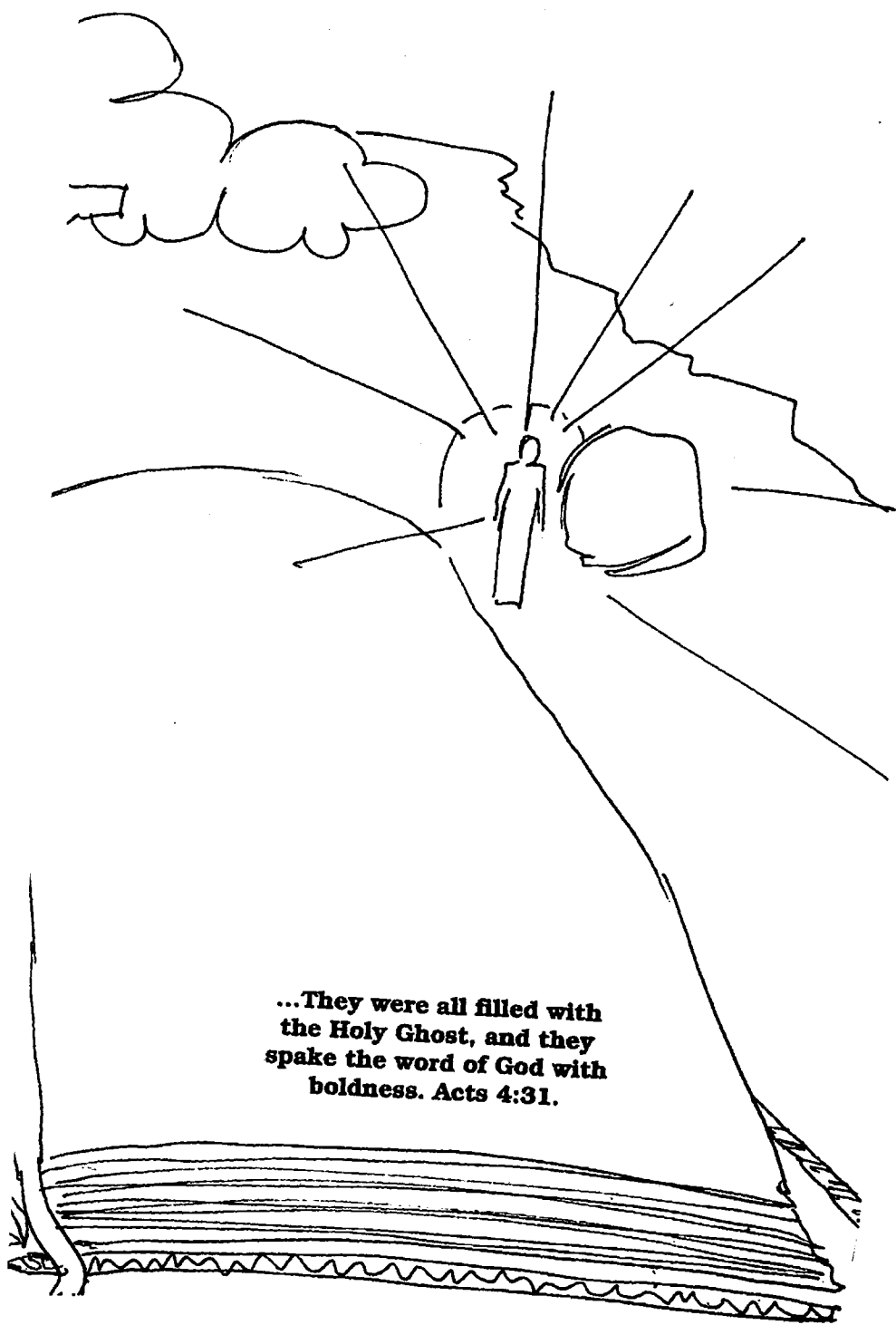
The rulers threatened again to punish them severely if they were caught teaching in Jesus' name. But there was nothing more they could do. They did not dare punish them because all the people glorified God for the great miracle that had been done. The man was more than forty years old and had never walked. Yet through the power in Jesus' name he was made perfectly whole.

After their release, Peter and John went immediately to their friends and told them all that had happened. Together they prayed, "Lord, You are God. You have made the heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them. The rulers gathered against thy Son, Jesus. Now, Lord, behold their threatening. Grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your words. Stretch forth Your hand to heal, that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus."

When they finished praying, the place was shaken where they were assembled. Again they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





**...They were all filled with  
the Holy Ghost, and they  
spake the word of God with  
boldness. Acts 4:31.**

## Heaven Bound

(A true story.)

In the country of North Korea, Christians are thrown in prison because they do not follow the teachings of the Communists. The Communists believe that life on earth is all there is. They don't think there is a heaven nor a hell. This causes them to live by the lust and desires of the flesh.

In the Word of God we plainly read that there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. Jesus spoke often of the fire that is not quenched (Mark 9:43; Matthew 13:42) and He said He was going to prepare a place for those who trusted in Him. (John 14:3.)

Christians in North Korea choose to suffer here on earth than to forsake Jesus Christ and miss heaven in eternity. They have made a wise decision, but the Communist government does not think they are right.

"Forget your foolish ideas of heaven and be one of us," officials say to the Christians. In the prisons, once a month 30 to 40 Christians are brought out into a courtyard before 6,000 or so other prisoners. The Christians are made to sit face-down on the ground.

"Deny your belief in heaven and in the God of heaven!" scream the officers. "Forsake your foolish belief in God and heaven. We will treat you better in prison if you will forget about God."

One woman who saw this happen over and over in the Kae-Chun Prison said that not one Christian ever denied God who made heaven and earth. Every Korean Christian put through this test quietly stood for their Creator. Soon they went to heaven where they saw God and His

Son, Jesus Christ. They did not suffer or die in vain—they gained eternal wealth!

Often worldly persons will try to turn us away from obeying the Word of God. They may say, "You don't have to wear long sleeves. Wear this makeup; you will look better with it on. Come to the movies with me; there's a neat movie about dinosaurs. Don't your parents let you go to dances? What's wrong with rock 'n roll music? Here, let me tell you this dirty joke."

Don't let sinful people turn you away from obeying God. There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. Keep your heart pure and someday you will see God. (Matthew 5:8.)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did not know what to do with Peter and John?
2. What did they decide to do?
3. Who did Peter and John decide to obey?
4. Why couldn't the rulers punish them?
5. How old was the man who was healed?
6. Where did Peter and John go after they were released?
7. What did they do together?
8. What happened when they were finished?
9. What did they do after they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 4:15-32.

(Answers: 1. The chief priests and rulers. 2. Threaten them to not tell about Jesus anymore. 3. God. 4. They feared the people. 5. Over forty years old. 6. To their friends. 7. They prayed. 8. The place was shaken. 9. Spoke the word of God with boldness.)



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## ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

Many people were added to the church at Jerusalem. These believers met together in Solomon's porch in the temple to worship God. Among them were some who scarcely earned enough to buy food and clothing. Others were in need. Still others had plenty and enough to spare. Those who had more than they needed shared until everyone had enough. Their hearts were filled with love for one another.

Barnabas owned a piece of land. He sold it and brought the money to the apostles. The apostles then used the money to care for the poor and needy.

Those who had houses or lands or goods did as Barnabas did. Among all these followers no one was hungry or without shelter, because each shared what they had.

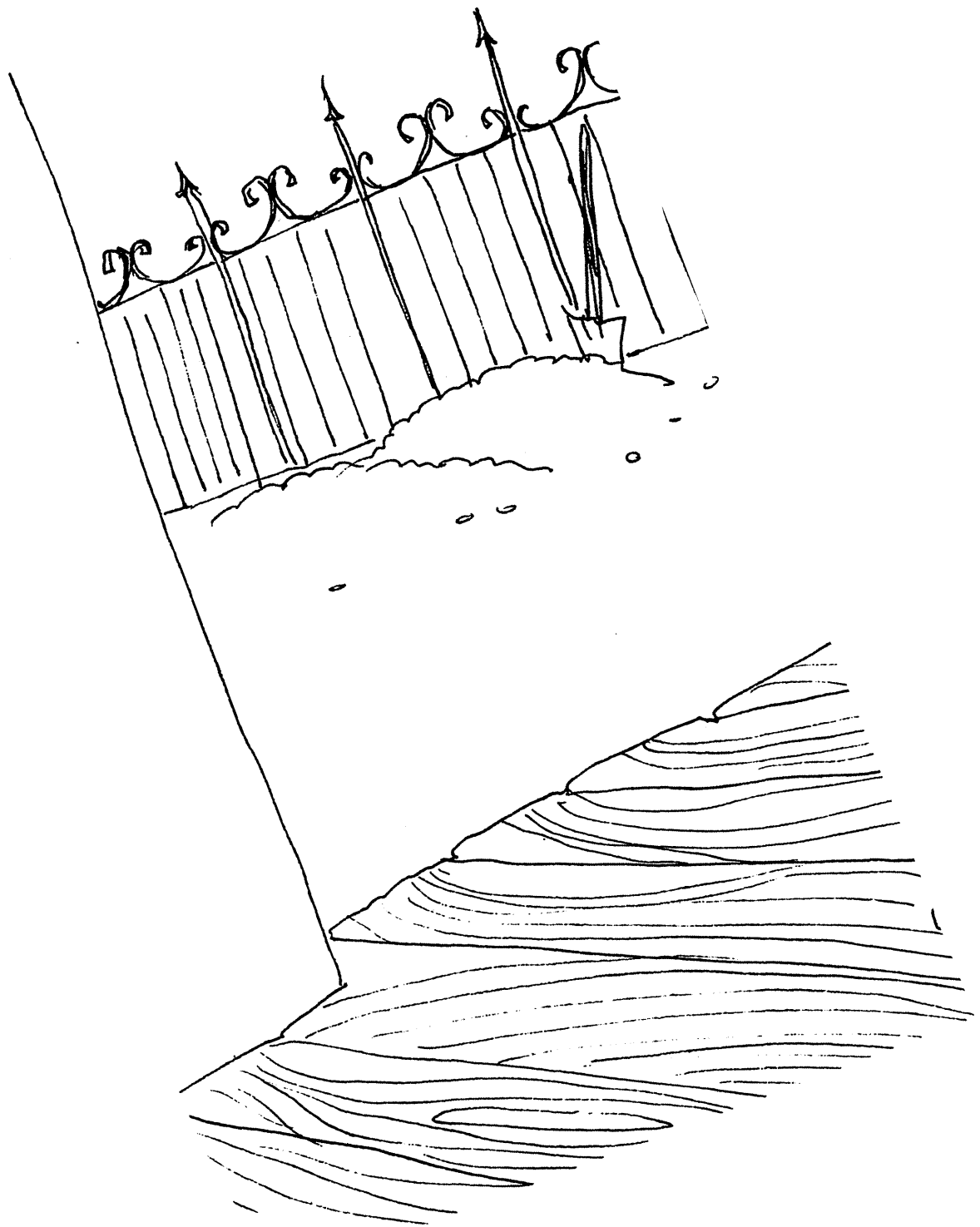
Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, had a piece of land too. They sold it, intending to give the money to the apostles. But after seeing the money, they did not want to give all of it. They decided to take most of it to the apostles and keep the rest for themselves. They agreed to act as if they were giving all the money.

Ananias took the money to the apostles. Peter did not praise Ananias. Instead he looked at him and said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan tempt you to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the money? The land was your own, and, after you sold it, the money was yours. You did not have to give it unless you wanted to. Instead you pretended to give all. You have not lied to men, but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down dead.

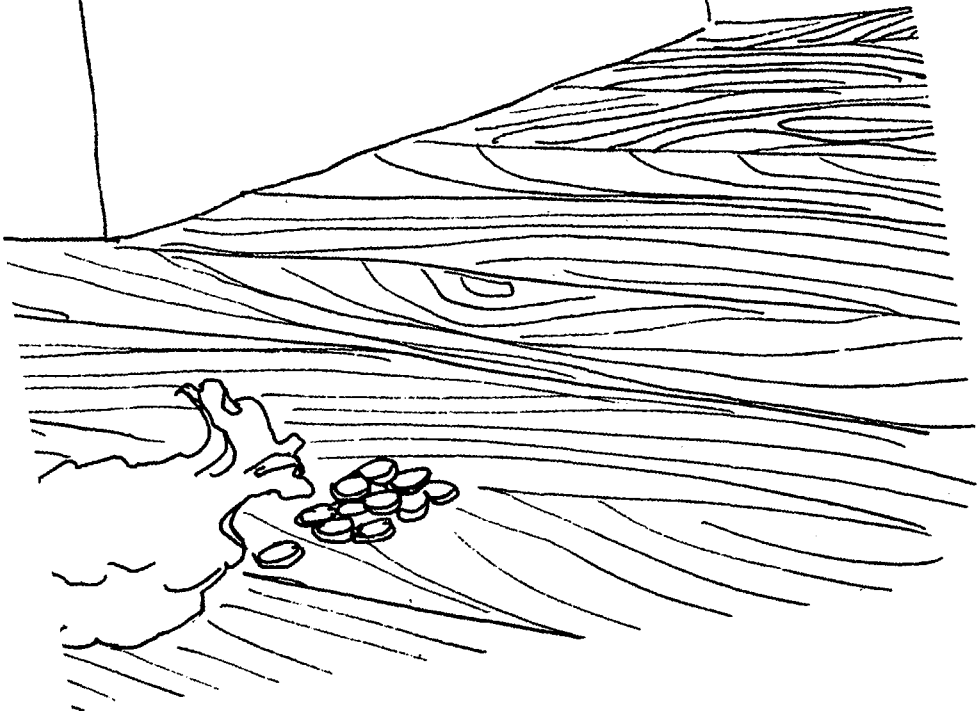
Three hours later Sapphira came looking for her husband. Peter asked her, "Did you and your husband sell your land for this amount of money?" "Yes," Sapphira answered when she saw the amount.

Then Peter asked, "Why did you and your husband agree to do this wrong?" And Sapphira also fell dead.

Great fear came upon the early church and upon those who were not believers. Everyone was afraid to pretend to be a believer unless his sins had been forgiven and he was doing what was right. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**And great fear came upon all  
the church,... Acts 5:11.**



## Clean Dolls

It was a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Linda had a friend visiting and they were playing dolls.

"May I hold your doll, Linda?" asked Karen. "I like yours better than mine."

"Okay," replied Linda. She was busy folding blankets and laying out doll clothes. It was a lot of work to keep doll things clean and tidy. Linda did not like her dolls left undressed or thrown in a closet. At night she often put gowns on her two dolls and tucked them into their doll cradles. In the morning, if she had time before school, she would put a doll dress on them.

"I don't know why you are fussing with those blankets," said Karen. "We will be using them soon. You don't have to wash any doll clothes either. Your things are cleaner than mine and mine are okay."

Linda smiled. "I just like to see things tidy. Someday we may have real babies to take care of so we need to learn how with our dolls."

Karen looked at her doll lying on Linda's bed. Its hair was stringy from so many brushings and smudges of dirt freckled its face. The little dress it wore had a tear or two but Karen loved that old doll—it was her favorite one.

Then Karen looked at Linda's doll in her arms. It was clean, without any dirt smudges or marks on its face. The little dress it wore smelled fresh and looked nice.

"Well, Linda has more time to take care of her dolls," thought Karen. "She probably doesn't play with hers as much as I do with mine."

As the girls played, Linda often corrected Karen in caring for her dolls. "Don't be so bossy," said Karen. "I'm not bossy," replied Linda. "I just want my dolls treated right."

Both girls were secretly glad when Karen's mother came to take her home. "Am I glad to get away from that bossy Linda!" said Karen to her mother in the car.

Linda said to her mother, "Karen is so careless with her dolls! She doesn't keep her dolls clean at all!"

"Well, Linda," said her mother, "It is right to take care of your dolls but do watch what you say. You may have good intentions, but if you are bossy when you speak, your attitude is wrong. Sometimes it is wise to quietly do what is right."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the believers meet to worship God?
2. What were their hearts full of for one another?
3. What did Barnabas sell?
4. What did he do with the money?
5. What did Ananias and Sapphira sell?
6. What did they agree to do?
7. Who had Ananias lied to?
8. What happened when he heard Peter's words?
9. How long was it before Sapphira came in?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 4:32-5:11.

(Answers: 1. In Solomon's porch. 2. Love. 3. A piece of land. 4. Took it to the apostles. 5. A piece of land. 6. Keep back part of the money and pretend to give all. 7. God. 8. He fell dead. 9. Three hours.)

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## AN ANGEL OPENS PRISON DOORS

The apostles did many signs and wonders among the people. Even in the cities round about, the people heard that the apostles were filled with the power of God. Each day more believers were added to the church until it numbered many thousands.

The people were so impressed by the miracles that the apostles did that they even brought their sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, so at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. Many also came from other cities bringing their sick folks and those who were vexed with unclean spirits. Every one of them was healed.

The high priest and the other Jewish rulers grew more and more angry as they saw the people flocking to hear about Jesus. "We must do something at once to destroy this new teaching!" the rulers decided. So they seized the apostles and locked them in prison.

While the rulers slept, an angel opened the iron doors of the prison and went inside to speak to the apostles. The angel told them, "Go back to the temple and teach the people all the words of this life."

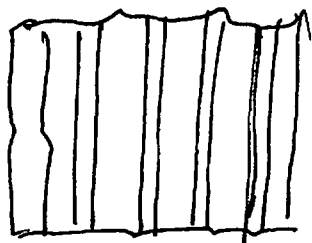
The angel led the apostles out of the prison into the cool night air of the quiet street. There he left them, and they went on to their homes. Early in the morning they went to the temple and continued teaching the people.

That same morning the high priest and his council met for the apostles' trial. They sent officers to bring the apostles from prison, but the officers returned alone. "We found the keepers standing guard outside the locked doors," they said, "but when we went in, we could find no one."

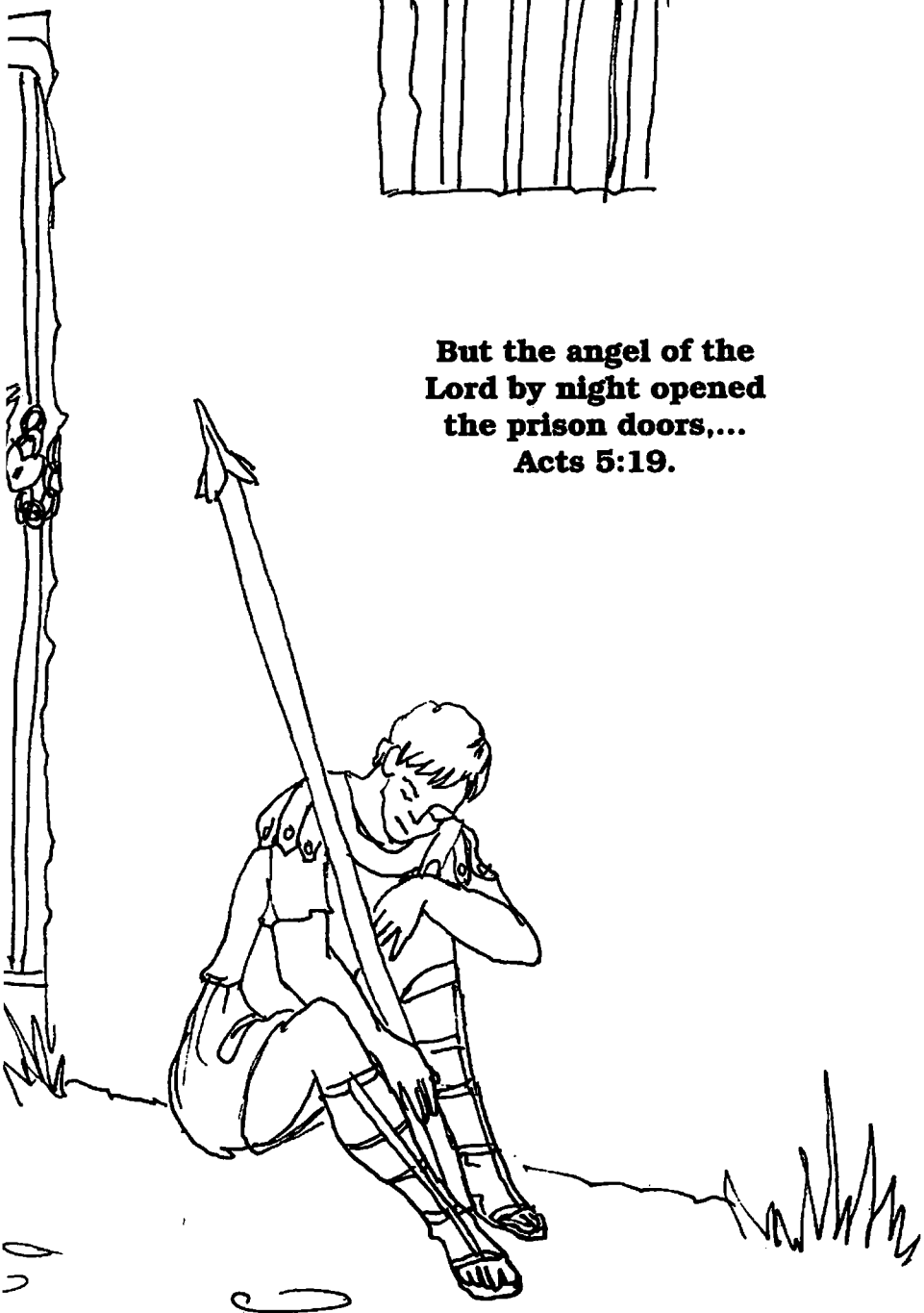
The high priest and council wondered what this could mean. While they were trying to find out what happened, someone came from the temple saying, "The men you put into prison are in the temple teaching the people!"

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





**But the angel of the  
Lord by night opened  
the prison doors,...  
Acts 5:19.**



## Scripture Balloons

On the night winds over the sea, thousands of balloons drifted into Communist North Korea. Written on each balloon is a message called, "How to Know God," and 49 pages of Scripture in the Korean language. More than 100,000 of these plastic balloons have floated across into North Korea, the full length of its borders and up to the Chinese border.

Most of these balloons are found. Many of them are read. Although it is illegal in North Korea to read or have any part of the Bible, many Koreans are hungry to know about God and read His Word. They want the rest and peace that only salvation can give them.

One day a little girl found colorful plastic in a tree. She took it to her grandmother because she had never seen anything like it before. "Grandma, look what I found!" the excited girl said.

The grandmother was nearly blind and she could only feel it. The little girl wanted the message read, so they called to her mother. "Come, daughter, and read this to me," said the grandmother.

The daughter began to read from the top of the balloon. She did not know it was scriptures from God's Holy Word, but the grandmother did. Joyously, the Grandmother began to clap her hands and cry with happiness. She had kept a hope in her heart for years that she would know more about God before she died. The Lord had sent a scripture balloon 120 miles over sea and land that she might learn how to be saved. Wasn't the Lord good?

In Korea the people are taught Juche Ideology, which is a worship

designed by Kim Il Sung. He is dead, but his body is lying in a special coffin. Certain gases flow over his dead body to make him look alive and sleeping. This man cannot speak nor move. He has gone the way of all flesh.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, arose from the dead and left an empty tomb. He is alive today, speaking to God the Father and working with men and women, boys and girls. He has power to change the hearts of any who believe on Him. Only Jesus brings peace and hope to the hearts of those whose sins are washed away in His shed blood.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did many signs and wonders among the people?
2. What were the apostles filled with?
3. Where did the people bring their sick?
4. How many of the sick people were healed?
5. Who grew more and more angry?
6. What did they do to the apostles?
7. Who opened the iron doors of the prison?
8. What did the angel tell them to do?
9. When the officers went to the prison what did they find?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 5:12-25.

(Answers: 1. The apostles. 2. The power of God. 3. Into the streets. 4. Every one of them. 5. The high priests and other Jewish rulers. 6. Seized them and locked them in prison. 7. The angel. 8. Go to the temple and teach the people. 9. The keepers standing outside the locked door, but the prison was empty.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## OBEYING GOD RATHER THAN MAN

The chief priest and rulers were shocked when a messenger told them, "The men you put into prison are standing in the temple teaching the people!" This time the captain went with the officers to bring the apostles to trial. They would gladly have put them to death, but they feared the people would stone them if they harmed the apostles.

When the apostles were brought in, the rulers asked angrily, "Did we not order you to stop teaching about Jesus? Why have you filled this city with your teaching? Why do you tell the people that we are guilty of Jesus' death?"

Peter and the other apostles stood up boldly and answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you killed. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

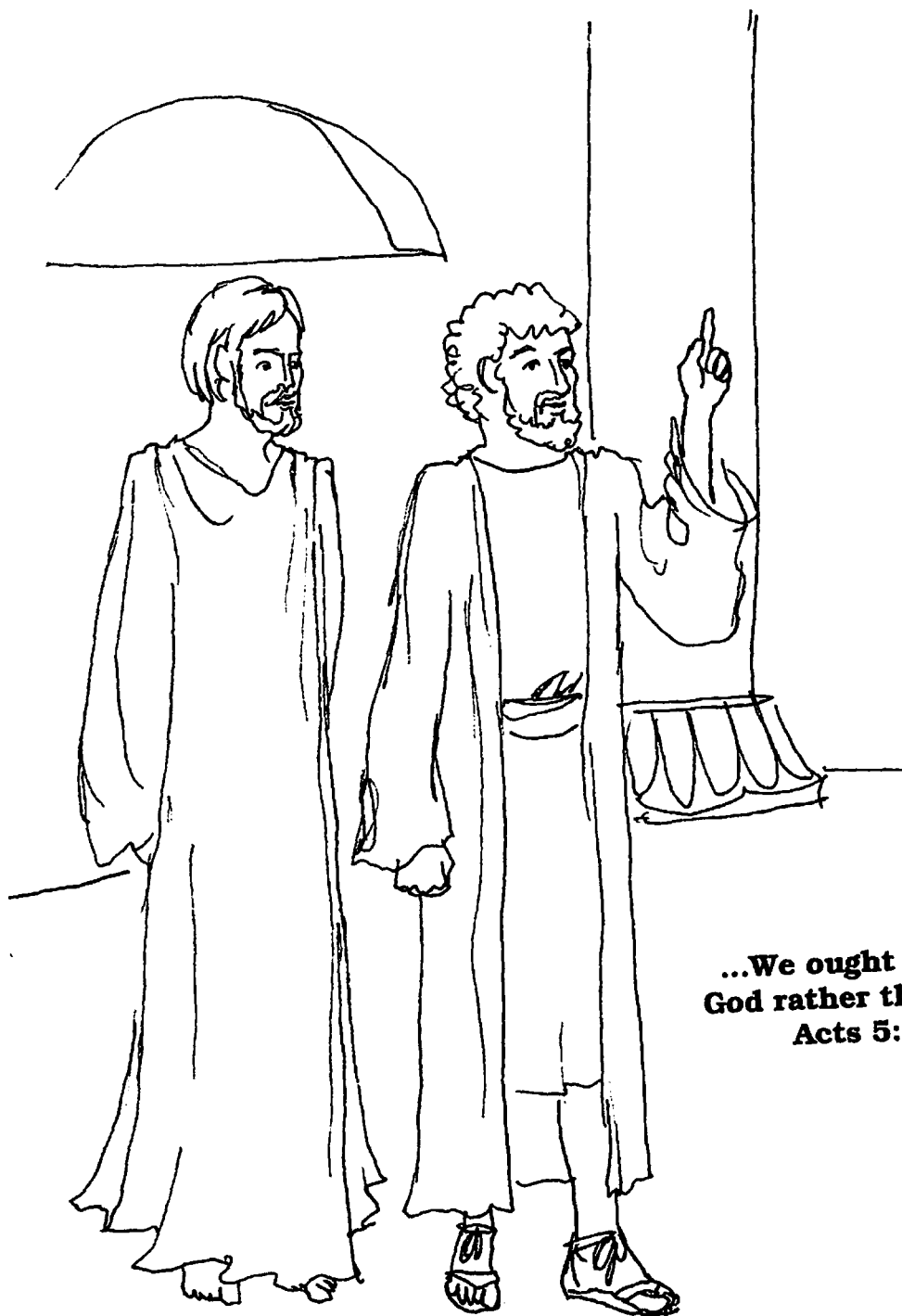
These words only made the rulers more furious. They even wanted to kill the apostles. At that moment a well-known and respected teacher named Gamaliel stood up. "Men of Israel," he said, "be careful how you treat these men. Let them alone. If their work is of men, it will come to nothing. If it is of God, you cannot overthrow it. You cannot fight against God."

The rulers honored Gamaliel as a wise teacher of the Law. They decided to take his advice and let the apostles live. But they were so angry they beat them severely, then commanded them never to teach or speak in the name of Jesus again.

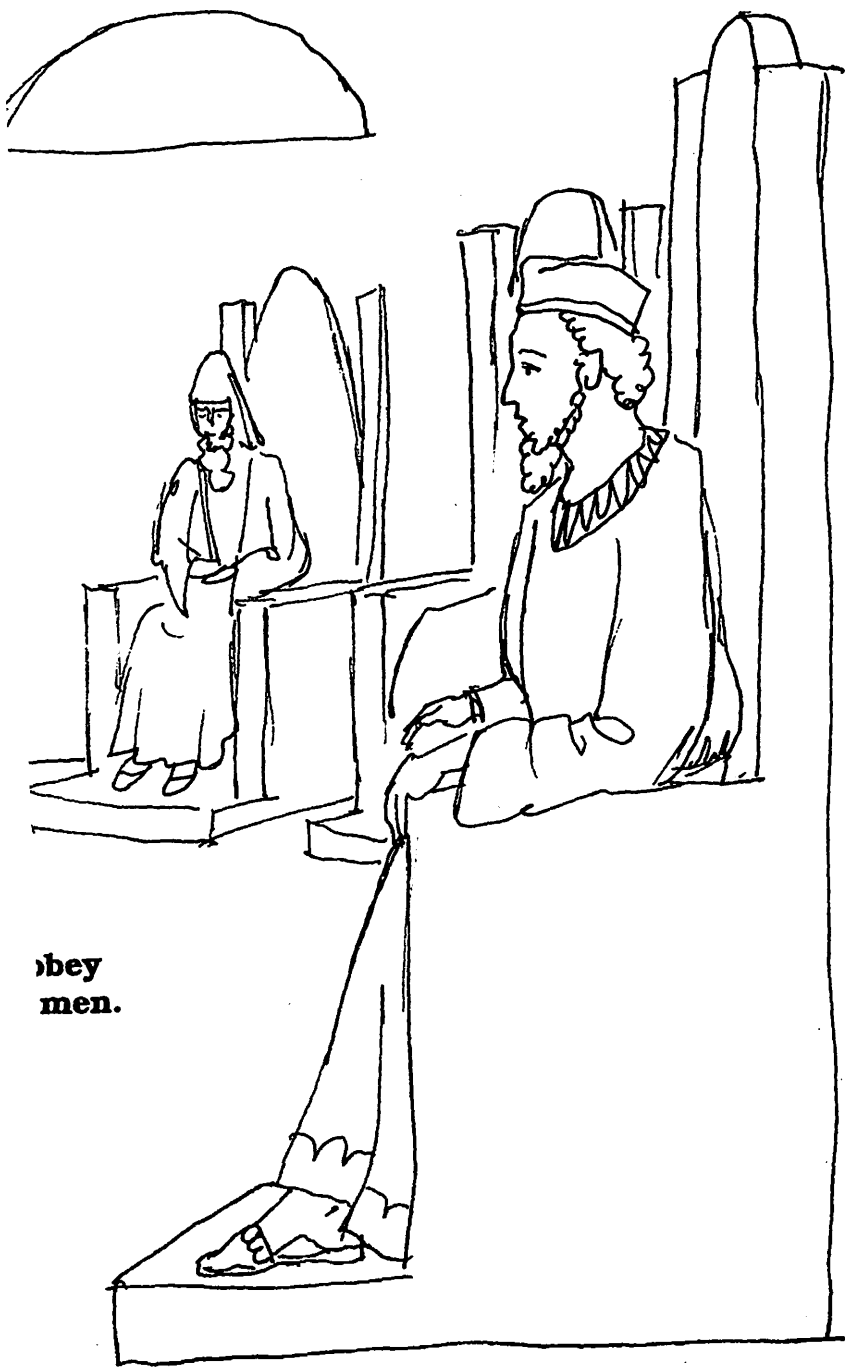
Even with their backs bleeding from the beating, the apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for Jesus' sake. How light their sufferings were compared to what Jesus suffered!

Again the apostles returned to the temple. Each day they taught there and in the people's homes about Jesus, their Savior.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**...We ought to  
God rather than  
Acts 5:2**



bey  
men.

## It Pays To Obey

Jerry had just finished mowing the lawn when a neighbor boy rode up on his bike.

"Hi, Jer, what cha doin'?" asked Roger. "Can ya ride bikes with me for awhile?"

"First, let me get a drink," replied Jerry. "Then let me ask my mom." Soon Jerry was back outside with a drink for Roger also. "My mom said I could ride for an hour so I must be back by twelve. Also, I can't go across the highway."

"Ah, Jer, how come? I ride across the highway all the time," complained Roger.

"Well, I don't have to ride with you, Roger," said Jerry politely. "Since you asked, I thought it would be fun, but if I curb your fun..."

"Naw, that's alright, man," said Roger. "Get your bike and let's roll."

Soon the boys were whizzing up and down quiet streets and busy avenues. They felt like birds, free and healthy. Time flew by also and suddenly Jerry saw his watch said five minutes till twelve.

"I've got to get back home," Jerry said to Roger.

"Hey, Jer, are ya thirsty? I know a place close by here where we can get a quick drink of pop for a quarter. Wanna get a drink before you head home?"

Jerry thought a moment. He was thirsty and at the rate they had been riding, he could race home in three minutes or so. "Okay," he said to Roger. "We must hurry, though."

"Jus' follow me!" called Roger as he rushed ahead.

Jerry took off after Roger. His tires were clipping faster and faster over the pavement when he realized

that Roger was going straight toward the highway.

"Hey, where are we going?" he called to Roger.

"It's a neat little joint jus' across the road," replied Roger. "See it there? It's just on the other side of the road."

It was on the other side of the highway that Mother had told Jerry not to cross. "See you later, Roger," said Jerry. "I will get my drink at home—free! You can come and join me if you like, but I have to go."

Jerry spun out and didn't look back until he got home. Roger had not followed him, so he must have bought a drink, but Jerry had cold lemonade at twelve o'clock.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where were the men that had been in prison?
2. Why didn't they put the apostles to death?
3. What had the rulers ordered the apostles to stop doing?
4. Who did Peter say they ought to obey?
5. Who was Gamaliel?
6. What did he advise them to do with the apostles?
7. Who did Gamaliel say they could not fight against?
8. What did the rulers do to the apostles?
9. What did the apostles do every day?

**LESSON TEXT:** Acts 5:26-42.

(Answers: 1. In the temple teaching the people. 2. They feared the people. 3. Teaching about Jesus. 4. God. 5. A well known and respected teacher. 6. Let them alone. 7. God. 8. Beat them. 9. Taught about Jesus.)