

MANGA MISSION

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The Beginning

*In the beginning
God created
out of nothing.*

*All things were
created by Him.*

*This created world
was perfect.*

Fall of Satan

*Out of the cherubim
which God created,*

*He formed one
with exceptional
beauty and
wisdom.*

*But this
exceptional cherub
boasted of his
beauty in his heart.*

*The created one
aspired to become
equal with the
Creator.*

*When the
evil in his
heart was
revealed ...*

*He was cast
from the
heavenly
realms.*

World's Genesis

*In the beginning,
God created
the heavens and
the earth.*

*The earth was
formless and
empty...*

*And darkness
covered the
surface of
the deep...*

*The spirit of God
hovered over the
surface of the waters.*

*And God
said:*

**LET
THERE
BE
LIGHT!**

DUUUNN

*He called the
light "day"...*

*and the
darkness
he called
"night".*

*Evening came
and then
morning - the
First Day.*

*The Second Day, God
separated the water
from the heavens,*

*and he called
this expanse
"sky".*

*On the Third
Day, he
separated
the water
from the soil
and covered
them with
vegetation.*

*On the Fourth
Day, Sun,
Moon, and
stars.*

*On the Fifth
Day, birds
and sea
creatures.*

On the Sixth Day, God created the creatures of the land.



Then he said:

LET US
CREATE
MAN, A
CREATURE

HEWWWW

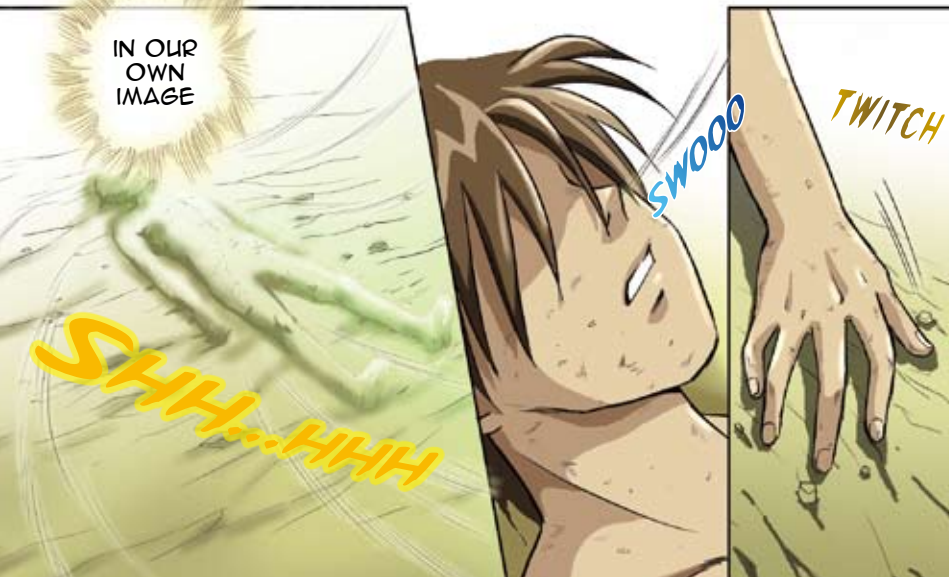


IN OUR
OWN
IMAGE

SWOOO

TWITCH

SHH...HHH



God named this first man...



God named this first man...

Adam.



In the east,
in the land
of Eden...

God planted
a garden.





God placed the man in the garden to care for it.



God said:

YOU MAY EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN...



BUT YOU MAY NOT EAT FROM THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

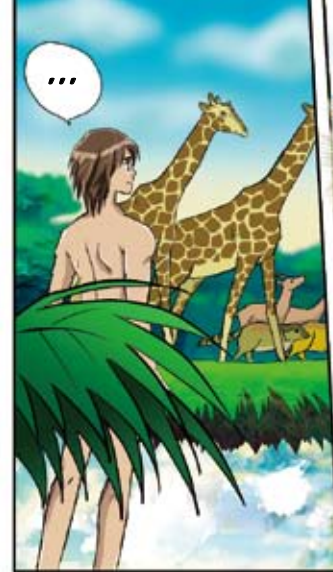
FOR IF YOU EAT THE FRUIT OF THAT TREE, YOU WILL SURELY DIE.



In a short time, God brought every living creature before the man...

and whatever the man called each creature, that was its name.

DIE...?

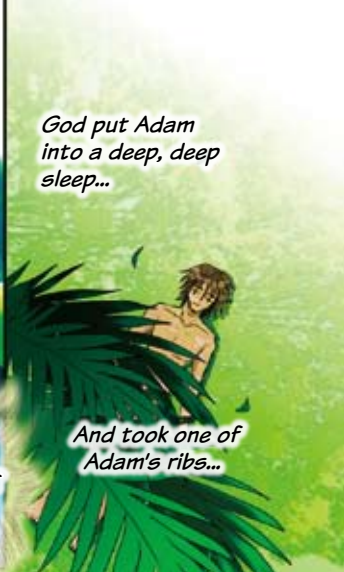


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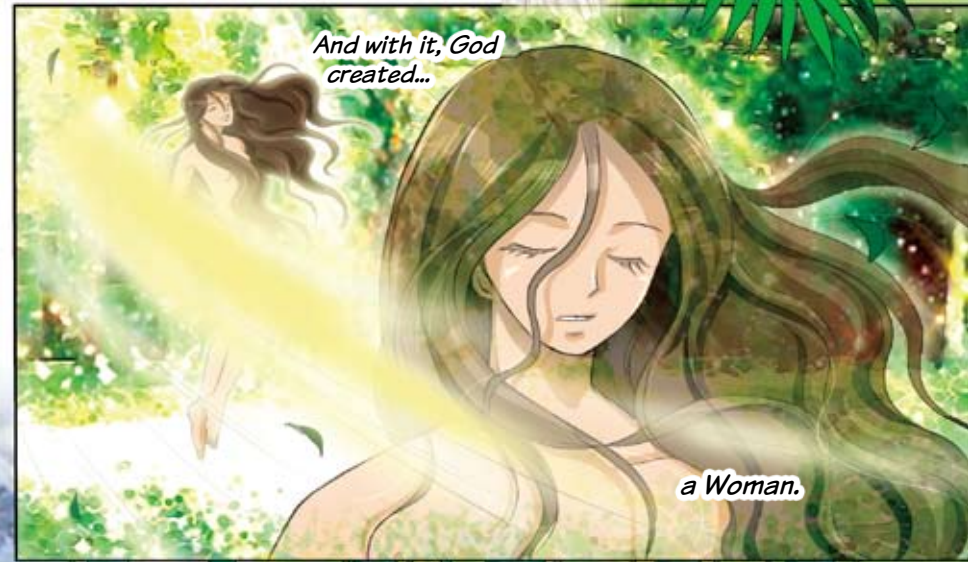
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE.

I WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT PARTNER FOR HIM.



God put Adam into a deep, deep sleep...

And took one of Adam's ribs...



And with it, God created...

a Woman.



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AT LAST, BONE FROM MY BONES...

FLESH FROM MY FLESH.



I'LL NAME YOU EVE...

BECAUSE YOU WILL BECOME THE MOTHER OF ALL WHO LIVE!



God blessed them and said...

BE PROSPEROUS ...FILL THE EARTH AND CULTIVATE IT.

REIGN OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY...

AND OVER ALL THE ANIMALS THAT SCURRY ALONG THE GROUND.

God looked at everything he had made and saw that it was very good. Then, on the seventh day, he rested from all his work.



Banished

HA HA HA HA

HEH?



WHAT'S WRONG EVE?

IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE JUST CALLED ME.



SSSSSS



DID GOD REALLY SAY...

YOU MUST NOT EAT ANY OF THE FRUIT IN THE GARDEN?

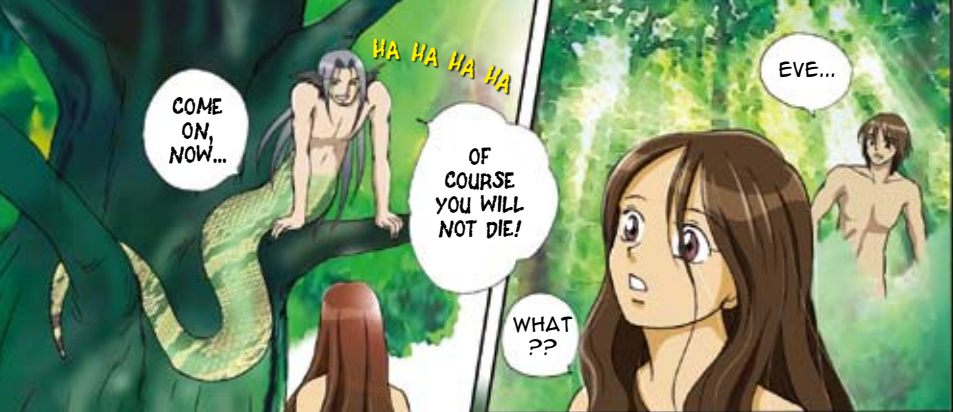


WE CAN EAT IT...

EXCEPT FROM THE TREE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN ...

GOD SAID WE MUST NOT EAT IT OR EVEN TOUCH IT OR WE WILL DIE.

The serpent was the shrewdest of any animals God had made.



COME ON, NOW...

HA HA HA HA

OF COURSE YOU WILL NOT DIE!

EVE...

WHAT ??



YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED...

GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT THIS FRUIT...

AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD, KNOWING BOTH GOOD AND EVIL.

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE AS WISE AS GOD?

PLUCK

...



CRUNCH



ADAM ...

HLH ?



tha-thump

BECOME LIKE GOD...?

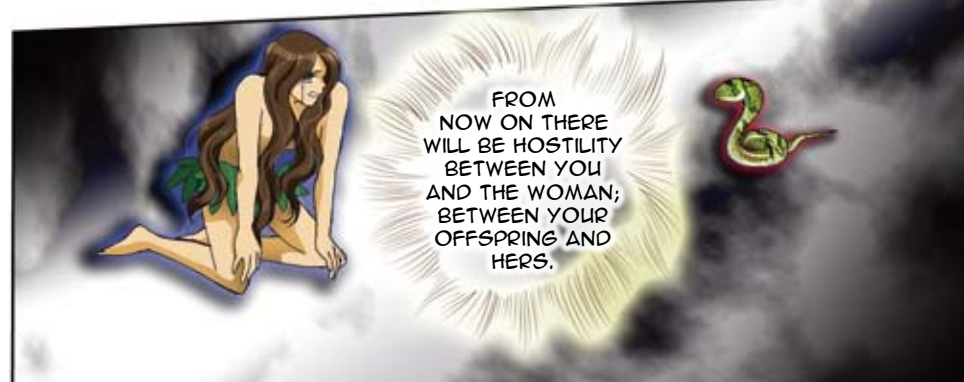
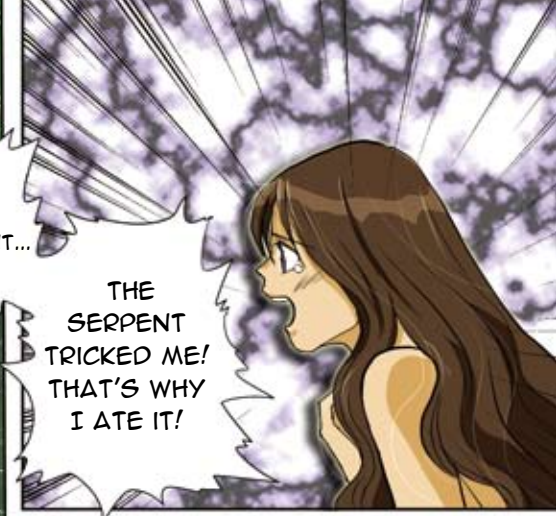
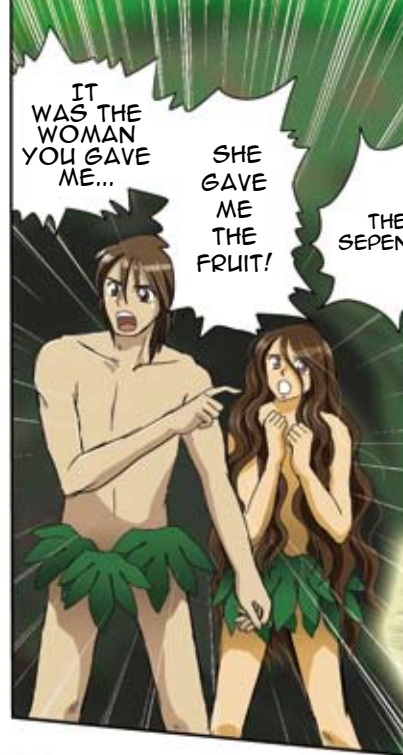
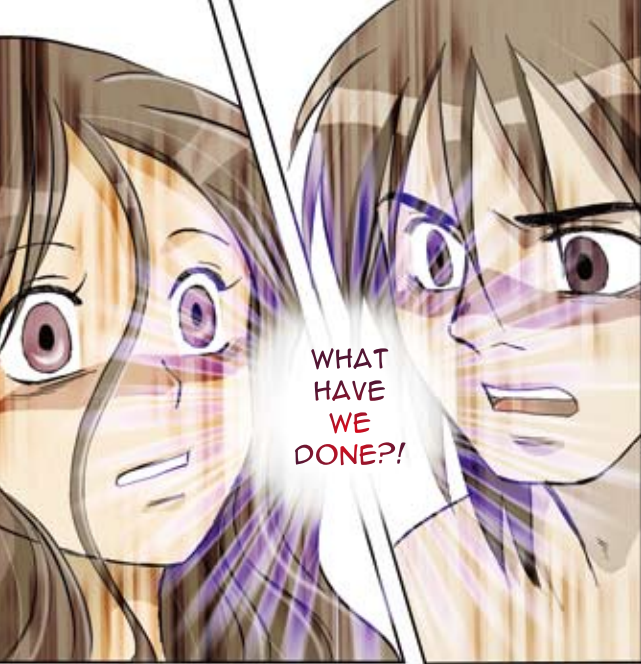
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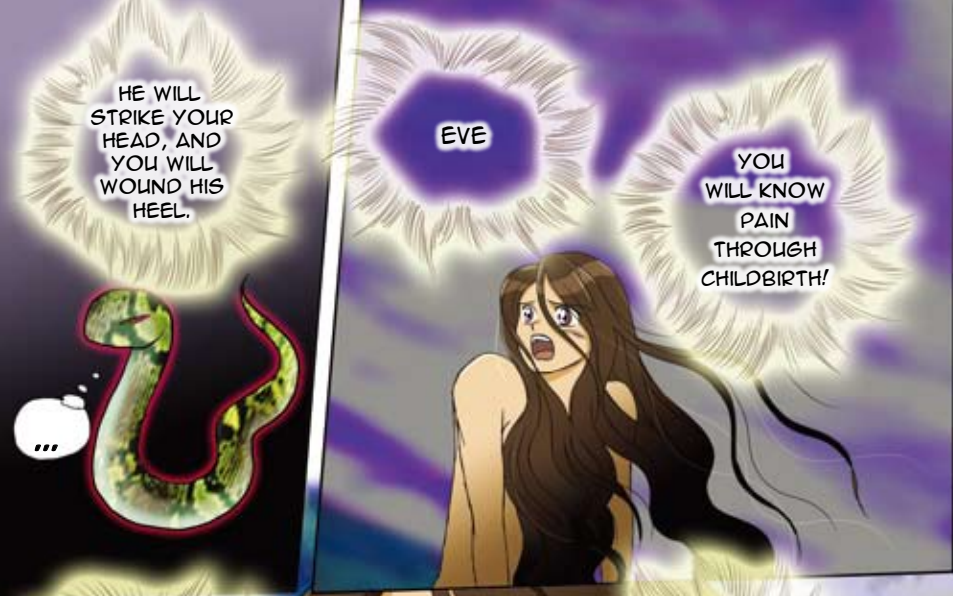


CRUNCH

HEH

SHHH...HH...





HE WILL STRIKE YOUR HEAD, AND YOU WILL WOUND HIS HEEL.

EVE

YOU WILL KNOW PAIN THROUGH CHILD BIRTH!



YOU WILL STILL DESIRE YOUR HUSBAND,

YET HE WILL BE YOUR MASTER.

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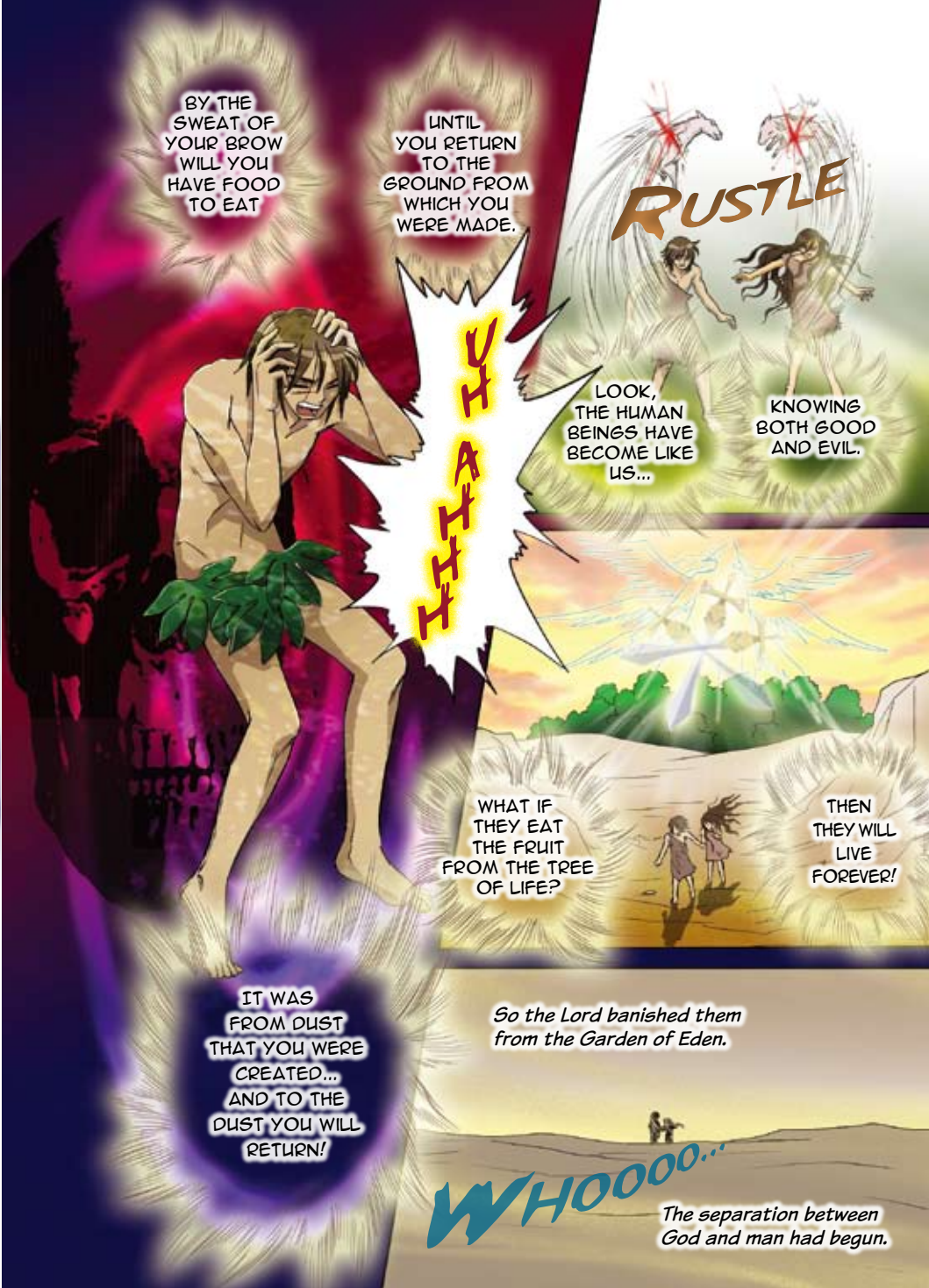


ADAM... SINCE YOU LISTENED TO YOUR WIFE AND ATE THE FRUIT I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT...

I HAVE PLACED A CURSE ON THE GROUND.

IT WILL GROW THORNS AND THISTLES FOR YOU, THOUGH YOU WILL EAT OF ITS GRAINS.

ALL YOUR LIFE YOU WILL STRUGGLE WITH THE EARTH TO RECEIVE WHAT YOU NEED FOR LIFE AND SUSTENANCE!



BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR BROW WILL YOU HAVE FOOD TO EAT

UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND FROM WHICH YOU WERE MADE.

RUSTLE

LOOK, THE HUMAN BEINGS HAVE BECOME LIKE US...

KNOWING BOTH GOOD AND EVIL.

HHHHHHHHHH

WHAT IF THEY EAT THE FRUIT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE?

THEN THEY WILL LIVE FOREVER!

IT WAS FROM DUST THAT YOU WERE CREATED... AND TO THE DUST YOU WILL RETURN!

So the Lord banished them from the Garden of Eden.

WHOOOO...

The separation between God and man had begun.

The people began to multiply on the earth, and lived as they pleased.



The Lord was sorry he had ever made them; it broke His heart.

Then God gave a promise through the prophecy:

"Look, The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." (which means God is with us.)

Isaiah 7:14



For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's armies will make this happen!

Isaiah 9:6-7

A PARTNER SUITABLE FOR HIM...

THE FIRST WEDDING WAS A GARDEN WEDDING

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN a more beautiful spot on earth than the garden God prepared before forming Adam out of dust. God then breathed his own breath into the man and gave him life. He placed Adam in the most perfect environment where all of his needs were met - all but one need, that is.

God created Adam with a need for intimacy and companionship. Even though Adam enjoyed a perfect relationship with his Creator, God still looked at Adam and called him: "alone".

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper* who is just right for him."

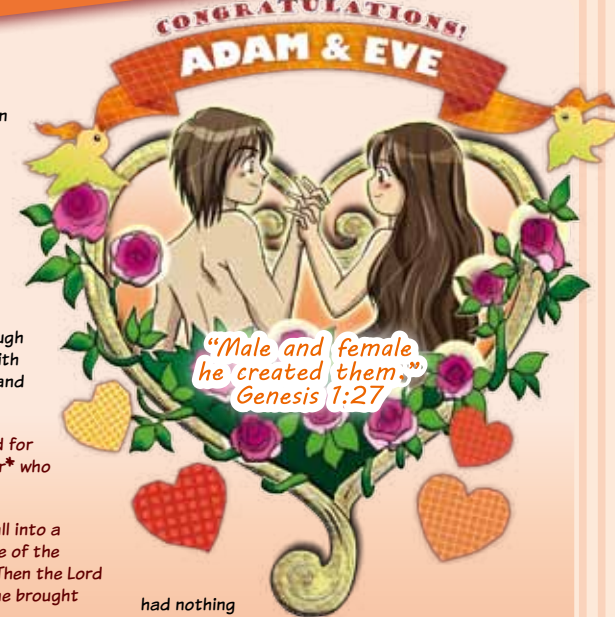
So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep... the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

"At last!" the man exclaimed, "this one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh!"

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. Genesis 2:18, 21-25

Male and female. Naked and unashamed - in the physical sense, but in every other way, too. They



had nothing to hide. No dark secrets from one another. No cover-ups.

When God performed that first marriage he was creating the strongest bond of all human relationships. God uniquely created the man and the woman to compliment and complete, not compete with one another. Theirs was to be a life-long commitment of a husband and wife joined by God himself.

Today, with broken families everywhere, such commitment might seem like just a fairy tale. But it can become a dream come true!

HOW? IT CALLS FOR A LOVE-TRIANGLE



"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12

When the desire of both the husband and the wife is to love God more than they love themselves, God becomes like that third cord that binds them together. God's love is unconditional and eternal. Only he can provide couples the strength to love one another and stay true even in tough times!

* These verses from Genesis were originally written in Hebrew. The Hebrew word for "helper" is ezer. The word ezer is a description of honor in the Bible that refers to the strength one receives from another, like a comrade or ally who compliments or completes.

WHO'S DREAMS ARE SHAPING YOU?

FREE TO PURSUE GOD'S BIG DREAMS FOR YOU, OR JUST A "CULTURE ZOMBIE"?

CULTURE — shared beliefs and values that shape behavior

ZOMBIE — entranced, hooked and controlled by outside forces

CULTURE ZOMBIES —

don't just follow the crowd, they wear a mask — trying to be someone they're not in order to fit in.

Drawback: Culture zombies live with the fear that their disguise will be discovered — that they won't be able to keep up with the speed of fads and find themselves on the outside looking in.

Culture zombies aren't a new thing. People have always worried about fitting in. Listen to what Jesus (Yeshuah) had to say to fashion zombies:

"Why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow ... King Solomon*² in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he surely care for you?"

Matthew 6:28-30 (NLT)

When our self worth depends on

keeping up and fitting in, happiness is short-lived. True worth can only be measured by seeing ourselves through God's eyes.

God's Thoughts About You: "Good!"

I know the plans I have for you," say the Lord.

"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you

a future and a hope... when you pray, I will listen." Jeremiah 29:11&12 (NLT)

Like Miryam and Yosef in the story, get to know the One who made you! Make God's dream your dream! Outsmart the culture and become the one he created you to be!

"You knit me together in my mother's womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was planned out before a single day had passed.

"Search" me, O God, and know my heart; lead me along the path of everlasting LIFE."

Psalms 139:13, 16, 23-24 (NLT)





THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME TO YOU... THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH GOD WILL COVER YOU.

I SERVE THE LORD. MAY EVERYTHING HAPPEN TO ME JUST AS YOU SAY IT WILL!

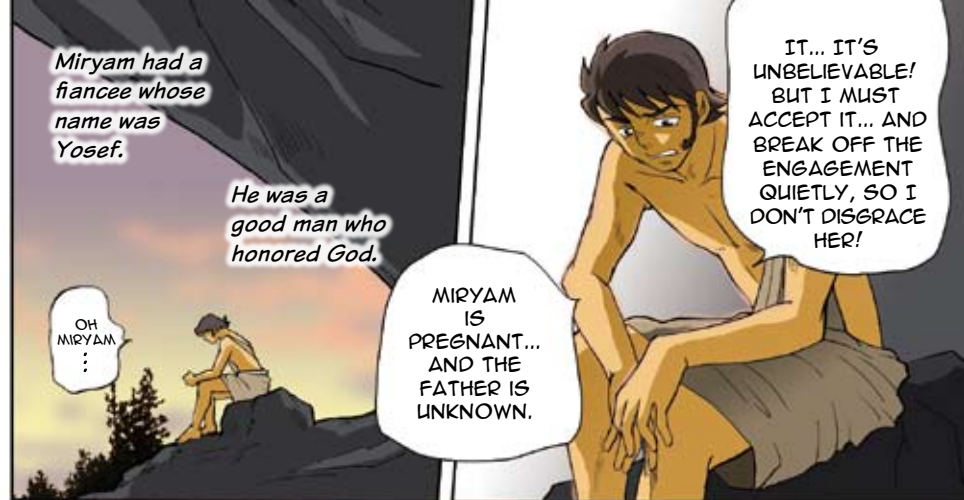


THE HOLY ONE BORN TO YOU WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD!



Miryam conceived Yeshua by the Holy Spirit...

The Spirit of God which Gabriel spoke of!



Miryam had a fiancée whose name was Yosef.

He was a good man who honored God.

OH MIRYAM...

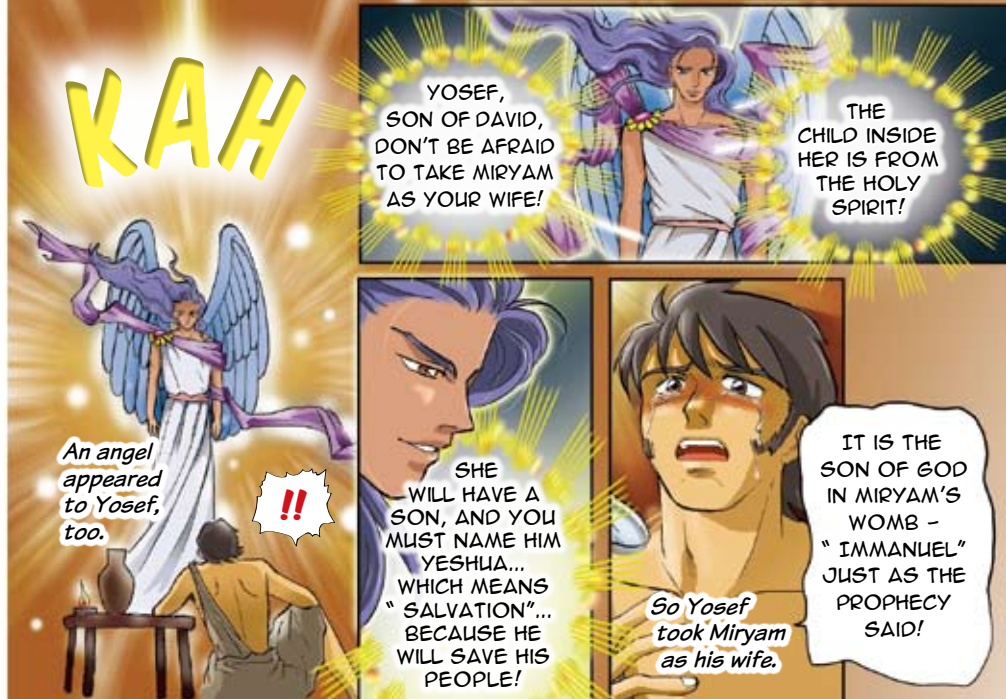
MIRYAM IS PREGNANT... AND THE FATHER IS UNKNOWN.

IT... IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! BUT I MUST ACCEPT IT... AND BREAK OFF THE ENGAGEMENT QUIETLY, SO I DON'T DISGRACE HER!



That night

ZZZZZ...



KAH

YOSEF, SON OF DAVID, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE MIRYAM AS YOUR WIFE!

THE CHILD INSIDE HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT!

An angel appeared to Yosef, too.

!!

SHE WILL HAVE A SON, AND YOU MUST NAME HIM YESHUA... WHICH MEANS "SALVATION"... BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE!

IT IS THE SON OF GOD IN MIRYAM'S WOMB - "IMMANUEL" JUST AS THE PROPHECY SAID!
So Yosef took Miryam as his wife.

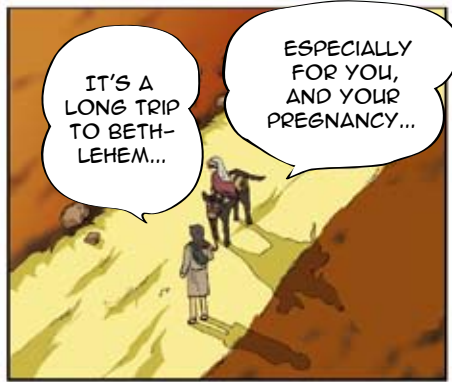
Trip to Bethlehem

In those days, Caesar Augustus had made a law... it required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world!

ARE YOU OKAY, MIRYAM?

YES.

This was called a "registration of residence".



IT'S A LONG TRIP TO BETHLEHEM...

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU, AND YOUR PREGNANCY...



BETHLEHEM

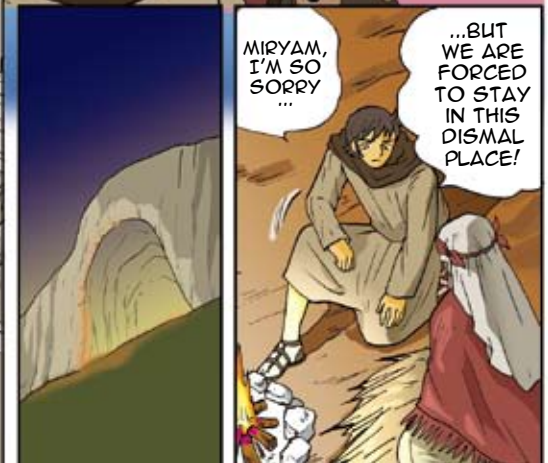


Miryam and Yosef arrived to a town full of people.



NOW WHAT?!? ALL ROOMS ARE TAKEN...

AND MIRYAM IS EXHAUSTED FROM THE LONG TRIP!



MIRYAM, I'M SO SORRY ...

...BUT WE ARE FORCED TO STAY IN THIS DISMAL PLACE!



YOSEF...

YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

I BELIEVE GOD HAS PREPARED THIS PLACE FOR US TO STAY!



YEAH OK... SO LET ME CLEAN THINGS UP AND MAKE A BED FOR YOU!

FLOP



WE NEED SOME WATER...



HUH? MIRYAM ?



MIRYAM !!



Meanwhile...



HEY! WHAT IS THAT?

THE SKY IS SO BRIGHT!

FLASH



DON'T BE AFRAID!

I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!

TODAY, IN THE TOWN OF DAVID, YOUR PROMISED SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN! HE IS MESSIAH, THE LORD'S CHOSEN ONE!



THE BABY IS WRAPPED SNUGLY IN CLOTH, LYING IN A MANGER.

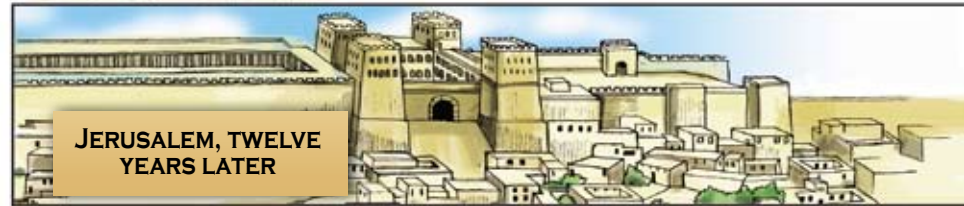
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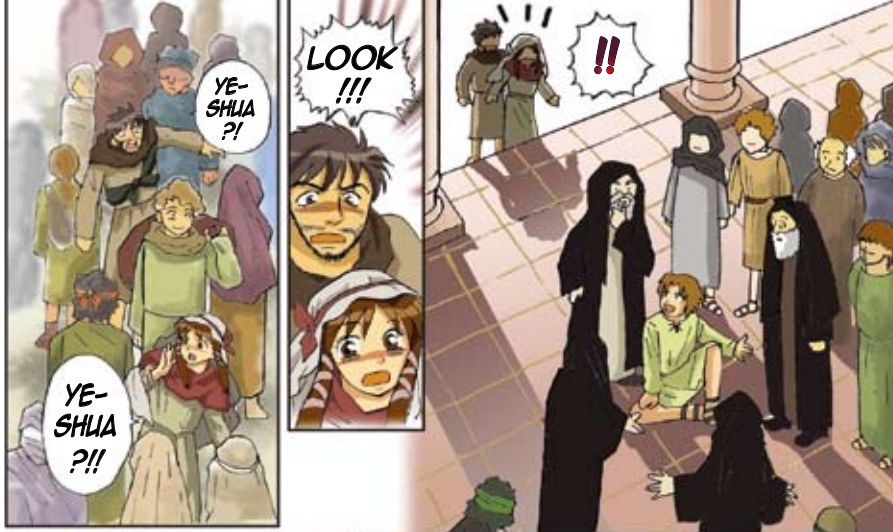
THIS ISN'T A DREAM... IS IT?

LET'S GO AND FIND OUT WITH OUR OWN EYES!



Nod





LOOK !!!

YE-SHUA ?!

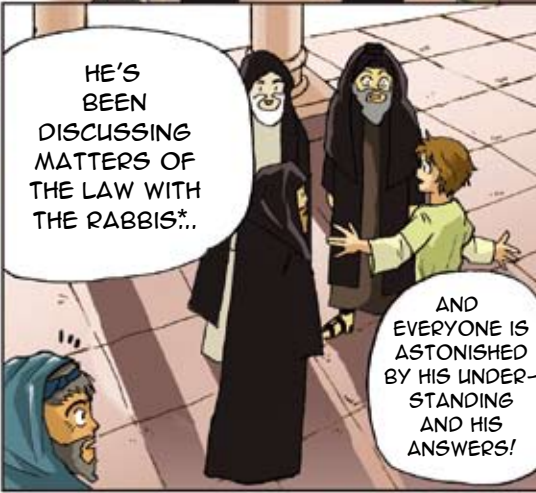
YE-SHUA ?!!

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IS THAT YOUR SON? HE'S AMAZING!

HUH?



HE'S BEEN DISCUSSING MATTERS OF THE LAW WITH THE RABBIS*..

AND EVERYONE IS ASTONISHED BY HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HIS ANSWERS!



YE-SHUA... COME HERE!



WHY HAVE YOU TREATED US LIKE THIS?

WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!



WHY WERE YOU SEARCHING? I THOUGHT YOU WOULD KNOW I WAS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE...?



Yeshua was referring to his Father, God. The temple was a place set apart for people to pray and worship God, but Yeshua's parents didn't understand what he meant.



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MY SON IS DEFINITELY DIFFERENT ...FROM THE OTHER CHILDREN !



BUT I'LL KEEP ALL THIS TO MYSELF... STORE IT AWAY IN MY HEART...

...AND JUST OBEY THE LORD BY RAISING HIM UP!



Yeshua already knew that God was his Father in a very special way...

but as he grew, he was obedient to his earthly parents. He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and all who knew him.



At the age of thirty, Yeshua appeared before John, his cousin.

John was speaking to a crowd when Yeshua arrived and asked John to *baptize him...

BUT I SHOULD BE BAPTIZED BY YOU

IT'S ALL RIGHT...

IT'S GOOD TO DO THIS NOW.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

As soon as Yeshua came up out of the water...



heaven was opened!

The Spirit of God came down on Yeshua like a dove, and a voice from heaven said:

THIS IS MY SON... AND I LOVE HIM!



I AM VERY PLEASED WITH HIM!

*Baptism is a public act showing his commitment to fully love and obey his father God.

After being baptized, Yeshua was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil.



There Yeshua fasted forty days and forty nights, and became very hungry.



HYOOOOOOO...



OH, MY...

JUST LOOK AT YOU! SO TIRED... SO WEAK!

PRAYING HARD FOR SO MANY DAYS... AND WITHOUT EVEN EATING! TSK TSK!



YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD... AREN'T YOU?

WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE THESE STONES INTO LOAVES OF BREAD?

!!!

SATAN !!



OF COURSE YOU WANT TO SUCCEED!

HOW DO YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

LET'S SAY you had lots of money. Anything you wanted, you could buy. For sure, with all that money, most people would call you a huge success.

But what about that other list? The list of things money can't buy... Things like a longing to be loved unconditionally, like just wanting your family to get along, or to be accepted just as you are.

The standards for success are often set by the level of education we attain, the amount of money we have in the bank, the size of our house, or how much stuff we own.



Education is important; we should go for all that we can. And there's nothing wrong with a good job and wealth. But in reality, it's how we treat others and what we do with our education and resources that people will remember long after we're gone.

True success can only be measured at the end of our lives by how we used what we had to serve society and honor the God who put us here in the first place. This is the only kind of success that can never be taken from us!

DID YOU KNOW?

GOD IS ALL ABOUT SUCCESS, INCLUDING YOURS!

Jesus said that his purpose in coming to earth was to give us "life in all its fullness"! And all it takes is a simple 2-step plan!

1 Right Priorities. Jesus (Yeshua) put it this way:

live

"Your Heavenly Father (God) already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." Matthew 6:32-33

2 Solid Foundation. And again, from Jesus:

obey

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the winds beat against the house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock." Matthew 7:24-25

IT... IT IS WRITTEN:

"PEOPLE ARE NOT TO LIVE ONLY ON BREAD... BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT GOD SPEAKS!"

AFTER ALL, IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON, IT IS WRITTEN: "THE LORD WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS TO PROTECT YOU!" RIGHT?

IT IS ALSO WRITTEN:

"DO NOT TEST THE LORD YOUR GOD!"

GET AWAY FROM ME, SATAN...

!!

THE TEMPLE IN THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM !!!

IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN FROM THIS HIGHEST POINT OF THE TEMPLE... BUT YOU COULD JUST JUMP!

THEN WORSHIP ME! I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD!

IT IS WRITTEN: "WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD... HE IS THE ONLY ONE YOU SHOULD SERVE!"

!!

Then the devil went away

After this event, Yeshua's ministry officially took off.

One by one, he chose his disciples...

SIMON'S BROTHER ANDREW

PETER (SIMON)

They became known as "The Twelve Apostles..."

Travelling with Yeshua wherever he went, they witnessed his miracles and learned from him the truth of the wisdom of God.

JOHN'S BROTHER JAMES

JOHN, THE SON OF ZEBEDEE

THADDAEUS

SIMON THE ZEALOT

JUDAS ISCARIOT

PHILIP

THOMAS

JAMES, SON OF ALPHEAUS

NATHANIEL

MATTHEW

News about Yeshua spread — stories of his teaching and his miracles. Large crowds followed wherever he went.

One night, a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus came to Yeshua...

NICODEMUS

He wanted to know how he could enter the kingdom of God.

LISTEN CAREFULLY... WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU IS TRUE...

NO ONE CAN ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM WITHOUT BEING BORN AGAIN!

BUT HOW? HOW CAN AN OLD MAN GO BACK INTO HIS MOTHER'S WOMB AND BE BORN AGAIN?

NO ONE CAN ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM WITHOUT BEING BORN OF WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Nicodemus held Yeshua's words in his heart and became a secret follower...

But his fear of the other religious leaders kept him from going public.



WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO THE HOUSE OF SIMON PETER!

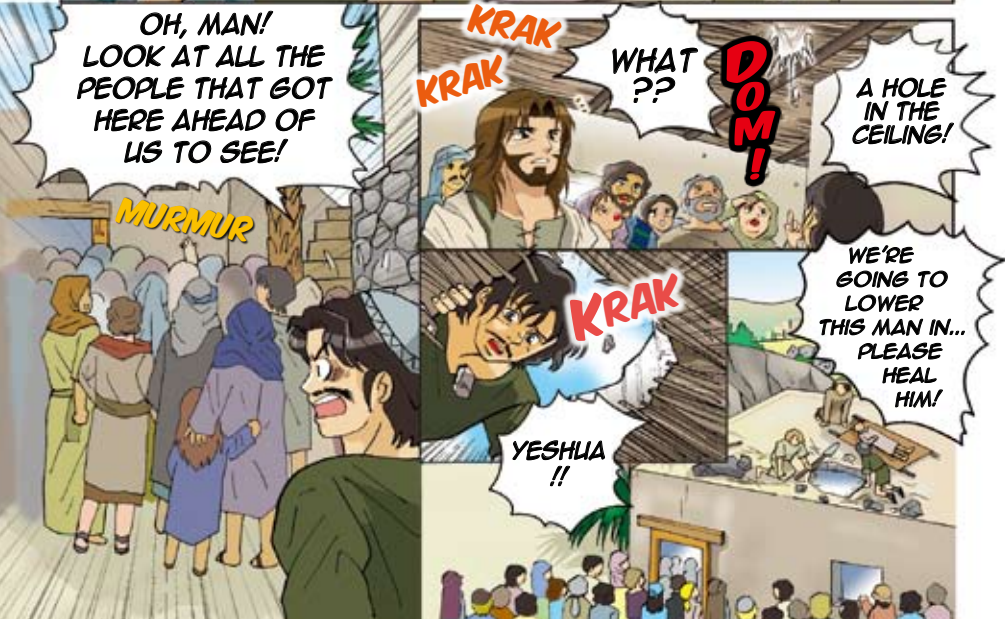
YESHUA IS GOING TO HEAL YOUR PARALYSIS, PAL! HANG IN THERE... JUST A LITTLE LONGER!



YESHUA, PLEASE HELP HIM!

HE HAS BEEN PARALYZED FOR A LONG TIME!

MUR MUR



OH, MAN! LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT GOT HERE AHEAD OF US TO SEE!

KRAK KRAK

WHAT ??

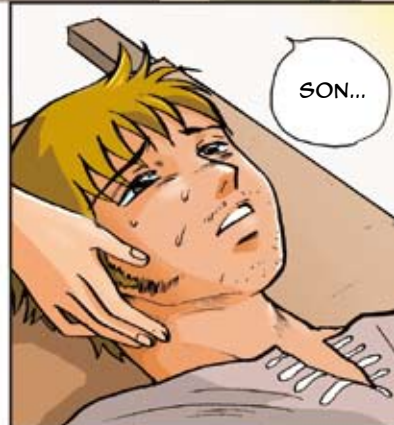
DOM!

A HOLE IN THE CEILING!

WE'RE GOING TO LOWER THIS MAN IN... PLEASE HEAL HIM!

KRAK

YESHUA !!



SON...



YOUR SINS ...

ARE FORGIVEN !!



YE... YESH...

YESHUA!



HMPH! HOW CAN A MERE MAN FORGIVE ANYONE'S SINS? THAT'S BLASPHEMY!

WHAT A DISGRACE!

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS? ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS!!

WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS IN YOUR HEART?

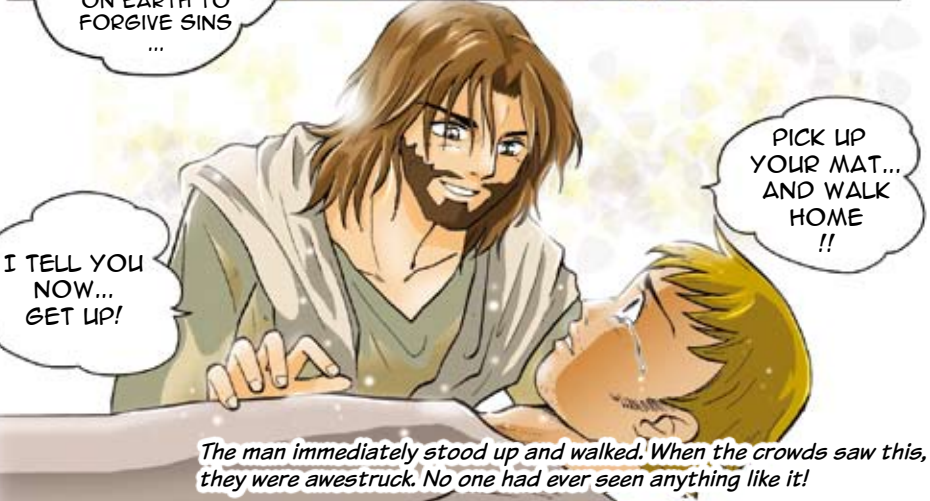


WHICH OF THESE THINGS IS EASIER TO SAY: "YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN", OR "GET UP AND WALK"?

ARE NOT BOTH EASY TO SAY, BUT HARD TO DO?



BUT TO SHOW YOU THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS THE AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS ...

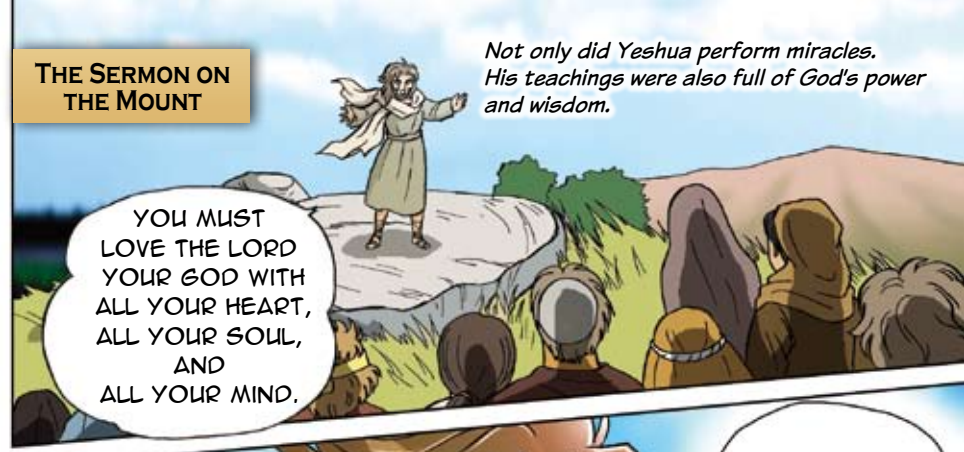


I TELL YOU NOW... GET UP!

PICK UP YOUR MAT... AND WALK HOME !!

The man immediately stood up and walked. When the crowds saw this, they were awestruck. No one had ever seen anything like it!

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Not only did Yeshua perform miracles. His teachings were also full of God's power and wisdom.

YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIND.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

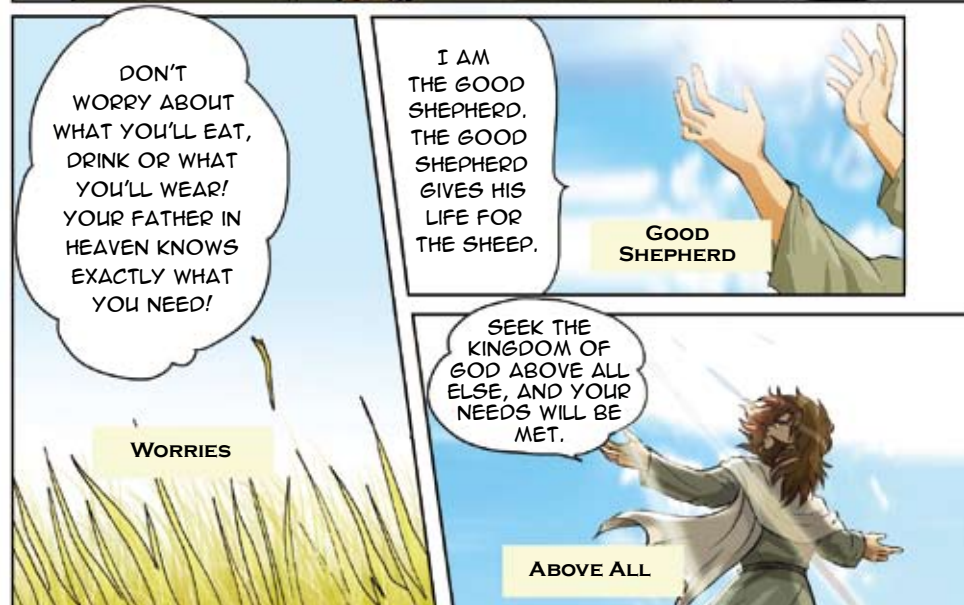
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...

AND BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU...

ACTING AS TRUE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

NEIGHBORS

ENEMIES



DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU'LL EAT, DRINK OR WHAT YOU'LL WEAR! YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED!

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

GOOD SHEPHERD

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE, AND YOUR NEEDS WILL BE MET.

WORRIES

ABOVE ALL

X-TREAME LIFE

HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE "CYBER ADDICTION"?



"Skipping school just to play your favorite game. That's addicted!" -Demian
 "A friend spent 10 hours playing a game without stopping to eat or use the toilet." -Dennis
 Losing your job and thinking: "At least I'll have more time now to be online." -Dan

LOOKS LIKE FUN? "A cigarette is the only consumer product that when used as directed kills its consumers."
 Dr G.H. Brundtland, Director - General Emeritus, WHO

REAL LIFE: As the Good Shepherd, Jesus said he would do anything for his sheep, even if it cost him his life. That's some pretty extreme commitment, wouldn't you say?

But why? Because Jesus wasn't just looking out for himself. He was looking out for you! He didn't come to save his own life. He came to give real life to you - one full of freedom, fulfillment, purpose and joy! Life to the extreme!



But there are plenty of thieves out there wearing some cool disguises that have other plans for your life. Pornography. Nicotine. Alcohol. Drugs. Gambling. Jesus exposed their intentions as: steal, kill, and destroy!

Some activities can start off rather harmless - like shopping and gaming. They're fun and provide a quick sense of gratification. But then you go for more, and then some more. Before long, it's out of control and you know it. If that describes you (or someone you know), you don't have an addiction - it has you.

Take an honest look at your life. Is there anything you are consuming that is actually consuming you? What is robbing you of relationships, your potential, your future, your present?

Real freedom comes through a relationship with Jesus - the only one who is able to give the fullest life possible! Why not take him up on his promise to you?

"I am the Good Shepherd. The thief's purpose is to kill, steal, and destroy the sheep. My purpose is to give them a full and satisfying life." John 10:10-11

WARNING SIGNS OF ADDICTION

- Withdrawing from close friends and family
- Easily irritated when you can't get what you crave
- Lying or other cover ups
- Loss of interest in activities you always enjoyed before, like sports or music
- Frequent use of an activity to escape dealing with problems or other life issues

ABCs FOR BREAKING FREE



Admit it, first of all to yourself. This first step is super important and you're the only one who can do it!



Believe that Jesus has the power to help you. Remember: nothing is too hard for him! Nothing!



Confide in a friend (especially a Jesus follower) and ask them to keep you accountable for acting on your decision to break free.



FIND OUT MORE ON PAGE 63.

TAKE THE TOUR DE AMOUR

IT STARTS HERE

Love is based on physical attraction.

YES NO

1 Love means trust and being trustworthy.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 2

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 2

2 Love is completely unselfish.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 3

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 3

3 Love involves going out of your way to help somebody.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 4

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 4

4 Love wants others to succeed and become all they can be.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 5

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 5

5 Did you go straight up the red block? Then go to **BOX C**. box C. Did you criss-cross your way up jumping from red to blue? Then jump up to **BOX B**.

1 Love is an action, not just a feeling.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 2

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 2

2 Love means commitment.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 3

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 3

3 Love requires willingness to surrender your own way for the sake of the other person.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 4

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 4

4 Love is not sexual in nature.

YES JUMP TO RED BLOCK 5

NO JUMP TO BLUE BLOCK 5

5 Did you go straight up the blue block? Then go to **BOX A**. Did you criss-cross your way up jumping from blue to red? Then jump up to **BOX B**.



TRUE LOVE

INFATUATION WILL CAUSE TWO PEOPLE TO PART; IT'S ONLY TRUE LOVE THAT DESERVES YOUR HEART. STAY STRONG THEN, AND PLEASE, PLEASE BE WISE; DON'T BE FOOLED BY INFATUATION'S DISGUISE. IMPOSTERS MAY KNOCK, EVEN BEAT, AT YOUR DOOR. LOVE WAITS 'TIL YOU OPEN; IT WON'T DEMAND MORE.

JANNA

A You may be becoming an expert in "it's-all-about-me-love," which is not really love at all. True love is other-focused and unconditional. It never gives to get. On our own, this kind of love isn't even possible! It calls for a power source outside of ourselves. Want to know True Love? It starts with a relationship with Jesus, the source and full expression of love. Learn more at the end of the book.

B Focus on love as an action - a choice of your will. Love is more than a feeling; it is not easily threatened by the whims of emotion. In fact, real love is more about giving than getting. Jesus described true love like this: laying down your life for the one you love. Keep reading to find out more on this kind of love.

C You have a good understanding about love. You see it as a commitment, not just feelings that easily rise and fall. True love has to be lived out to be real, so turn your thoughts into actions. Remember, most people aren't used to receiving this kind of unconditional love. But even the most skeptical are often won over in time, so don't give up!

SPLASH!!

THIS WIND IS PICKING FAST!

HUGE WAVE STARBOARD! WATCH OUT!

WHOOOSH!!

WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT!

YESHUA!!

WAKE UP!! HELP US! WE'RE GOING TO DROWN!!

...

WAVES, WIND...

BE CALM!!

WOW! WHAT KIND OF MAN IS THIS?

HYUM...

EVEN WIND AND WAVES OBEY HIM.

CAPERNAUM

LORD...

MY NAME IS JAIRUS...

MY-LITTLE DAUGHTER... SHE IS DYING.

PLEASE COME AND LAY YOUR HANDS ON HER...

AND HEAL HER!

JAIRUS, IT'S ALL RIGHT.

They went to Jairus' house. But when they arrived, they were told the girl had already died.

...COME WITH ME!

PETER, JAMES, JOHN...

BUT, SIR...

SHE'S ALREADY DEAD.

WAAAAA
HUUUUU

CREEAK...

WHY ARE YOU CRYING LIKE THIS?

LITTLE GIRL...

OPEN YOUR EYES.



IT'S TIME TO GET UP NOW!

OHHHHH!

Later Yeshua was teaching a very large crowd outside of town. They became hungry, but the only food was a young boy's lunch.



IT'S ENOUGH!

YE-SHUA...
...THIS BOY HAS FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH, BUT...



HEAVENLY FATHER...

Rip

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.



TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE...

ENJOY!

THANK YOU!!

HERE!

HERE...



RABBI!! WE PICKED UP THE LEFTOVERS AND... AND...

...THERE WERE TWELVE FULL BASKETS OF PIECES!!



On their next trip, Yeshua warned his disciples of things that were about to happen.

CAESAREA PHILIPPI REGION

IN A SHORT TIME I'LL BE GOING TO JERUSALEM.



THERE I'LL BE BETRAYED...

AND ARRESTED INTO THE HANDS OF MY ENEMIES...



...AND KILLED !!

NO WAY!

NEVER !!

BUT... AFTER THREE DAYS I'LL BE RAISED TO LIFE AGAIN!

CRISIS IN THE FAMILY



TEACHER, HELP! MY SON IS POSSESSED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT!

THE SPIRIT SEIZES HIM AND THROWS HIM VIOLENTLY TO THE GROUND.



SINCE HE WAS A LITTLE BOY ...

THE SPIRIT HAS THROWN HIM INTO THE FIRE OR WATER TRYING TO KILL HIM.

UGH, UGH



HAVE MERCY AND HELP US IF YOU CAN!

IF I CAN? ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PERSON WHO BELIEVES!



Quickly, Yeshua commanded the evil spirit to leave the boy.

WOW!

WHAT HAPPENED? I...

MY SON!! YOU'RE FREE!

THANK YOU YESHUA!! THANK YOU!

FA... FATHER!



That's all it took - a cry for help and faith that Jesus could do something about it. What about your family? Is there something no one seems able to fix? Jesus can! It begins by coming to him in faith and admitting your need. From there - anything is possible!

WHAT'S your picture of the perfect family? The truth is, there's no such thing, because families are made up of people - and people aren't perfect. Take the man who brought his troubled son to Jesus. This family had a big problem. Things were totally out of control. But the father refused to give in. There had to be help! Then just at the right time Jesus came to town and the father knew exactly what he must do. He was beyond caring about what others thought. He humbled himself and cried out for help.

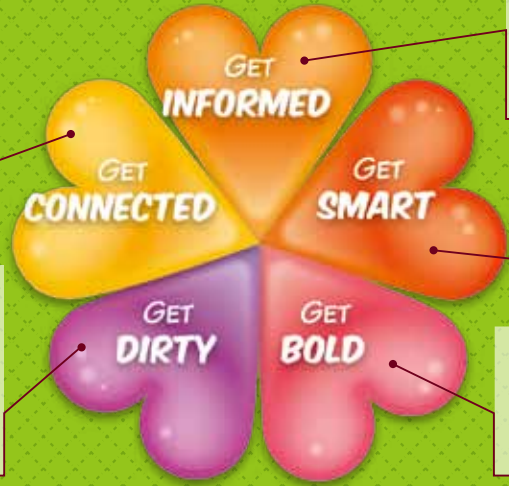


B E C O M E

an Awesome Member of Your Family!

Ask a family member about their day. What was the best part? Did anything go wrong for them?

Do a chore around the house without being asked. Do this more than once a week and you will be more than awesome!



Ask an adult family member what they liked the best and the least about being your age. You may find that you both have more in common than you thought!

Need to make a tough decision? Share it with a family member you respect and ask how they would handle the situation if it was theirs.

The next time you say or do something that causes an offense in your family (we all do from time to time) - admit it and ask for forgiveness.

The disciples asked Yeshua to teach them to pray.

FATHER IN HEAVEN,
MAY YOUR HOLY NAME
BE HONORED AND
GLORIFIED ABOVE ALL
CREATION...

MAY
YOUR KINGDOM BE
WELCOMED,
AND YOUR LEADERSHIP
OBEYED HERE
ON EARTH...

JUST AS
COMPLETELY
AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN!

GIVE US THE
SUPPLIES WE
NEED FOR
TODAY...

AND
FORGIVE OUR
SINS IN THE VERY
SAME WAY WE
FORGIVE OTHERS
FOR THEIR SINS
AGAINST US!

KEEP US FROM
FALLING INTO SIN
WHEN WE ARE
TEMPTED...

AND SAVE US
FROM THE EVIL
ONE!

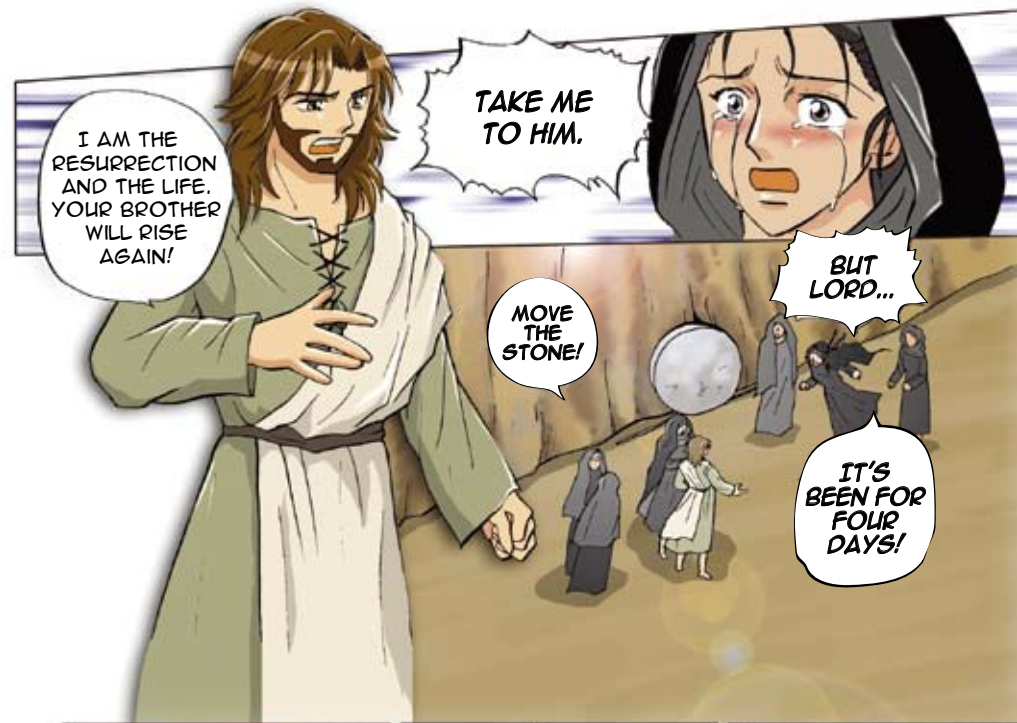
**THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

Yeshua and his followers
came to Bethany to visit
their close friend, Lazarus,
who was sick...

**RABBI
!!**

But when they
arrived, they
found he had
died four days
earlier.

**IF YOU'D ONLY
BEEN HERE...
I KNOW LAZARUS
WOULD STILL BE
ALIVE!!**



I AM THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.
YOUR BROTHER
WILL RISE
AGAIN!

**TAKE ME
TO HIM.**

**MOVE
THE
STONE!**

**BUT
LORD...**

**IT'S
BEEN FOR
FOUR
DAYS!**



IT WILL
SMELL
AWFUL!



THIS IS
HORRIBLE!

OH
MARTHA!

HU-
HUU...



RMBLL
RMBLL...



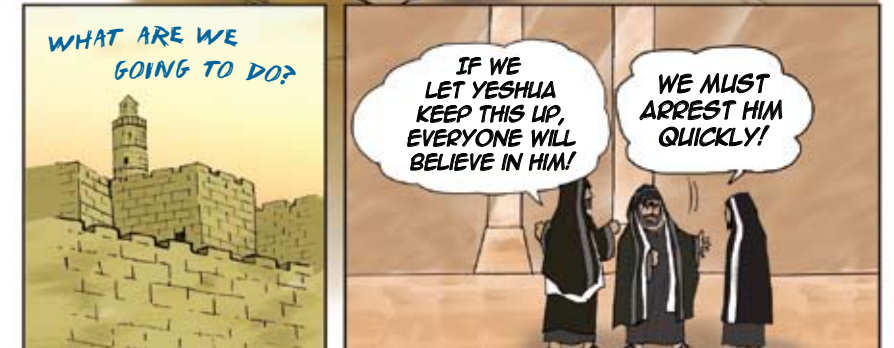
**LAZARUS
!!**

**COME
OUT!**

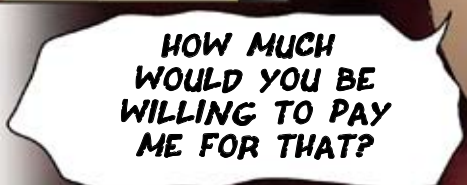


WHAT
?

**NO WAY
!!**



The High Priest and religious leaders envied Yeshua's popularity.



TRUE FRIEND OR NOT?



- 1 When something good happens to a friend, I am truly happy for them without being jealous.
- 2 I can be trusted. I don't put friends down behind their backs.
- 3 I am willing to forgive a friend who has hurt me, just like I want others to be willing to forgive me.
- 4 When my friends are in trouble, they know they can depend on me to care and help.
- 5 My choices encourage my friends away from activities and habits that will bring them down.
- 6 I don't choose my friends by their looks or social status.

1 POINTS NOPE, THAT'S NOT LIKE ME AT ALL	2 POINTS I'M LIKE THAT SOMETIMES	3 POINTS THAT'S TOTALLY ME

6-9 POINTS
YOU NEED SOME WORK, FRIEND!
 Your ideas about friendship may need revising. You might want to start by taking Jesus' advice to treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

10-14 POINTS
AN AVERAGE FRIEND!
 You seem to have mixed ideas about friendship. Maybe for you friendship is just for fun, nothing too serious. But real friends look out for each other and help each other become better people. Begin to practice the six points in the quiz and look for friends who do the same!

15-18 POINTS
A TRUE FRIEND!
 You know what true friendship is about and you're willing to put it into practice. Did you know that Jesus also wants to be that kind of friend to you? Take him up on his offer!

CHECK OUT THE PAGE 63 TO ENCOUNTER THE BEST FRIEND OF ALL!

FRIEND FOR SALE



When Judas first signed up to join Jesus' team, things were looking good. Jesus was a great communicator and becoming quite popular. Hanging with Jesus was good for his image! But now things weren't going so well. Jesus wasn't as popular as before and there were rumors that the religious leaders were out to get him, even kill him if they could. When it began looking like the other team was going to win, Judas switched sides and sold out his friend for a little pile of money. How about you? Have you ever sold out a friend? Maybe their popularity isn't what it used to be so you decided to drop them before it affected your image. Or maybe you sold their reputation by uncovering their flaws to others. In the end, Judas did something even worse: he never made things right. He stayed focused on himself and his shame rather than working to restore the relationship. Had he gone to Jesus, admitting what he had done and asking for forgiveness, the friendship could have been restored. Maybe you have some restoring to do too. Do you have what it takes to try to make things right?

The Lord's Supper

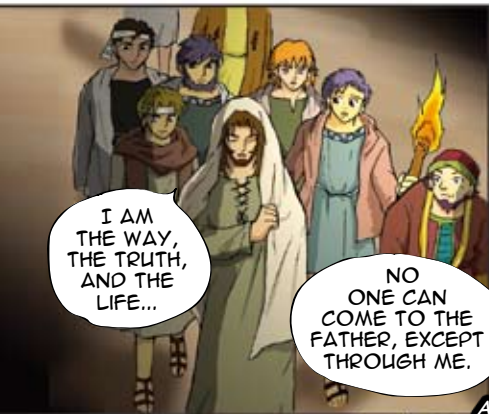


Yeshua already knew what was going to happen to him as he prepared to have his last meal with his disciples.





I'M GOING BACK TO MY FATHER, TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU!



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE...

NO ONE CAN COME TO THE FATHER, EXCEPT THROUGH ME.



I WILL ASK THE FATHER TO SEND YOU THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WILL HELP YOU...

AND ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.

*After supper, Yeshua took his disciples to Gethsemane.**



ABBA FATHER!

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU...



SO IS IT POSSIBLE THAT I DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS?

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE. I WANT TO DO YOUR WILL... NOT WHAT I WANT!



HUF

HUF HUF

CRUSH

SPLAT SPLAT

HUF

HUF HUF



TROMP TROMP



TROMP

TROMP

TROMP



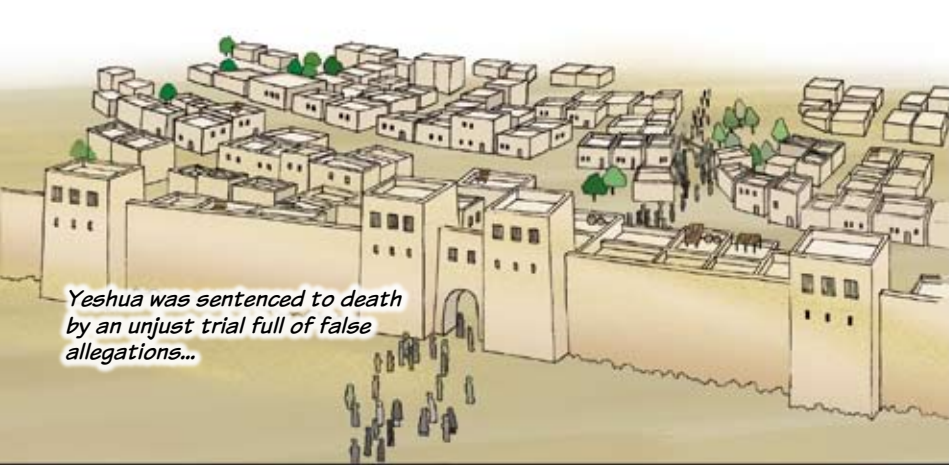
THE MAN I KISS IS THE ONE YOU WANT... ARREST HIM!

OKAY !!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

And so, Judas betrayed Yeshua.

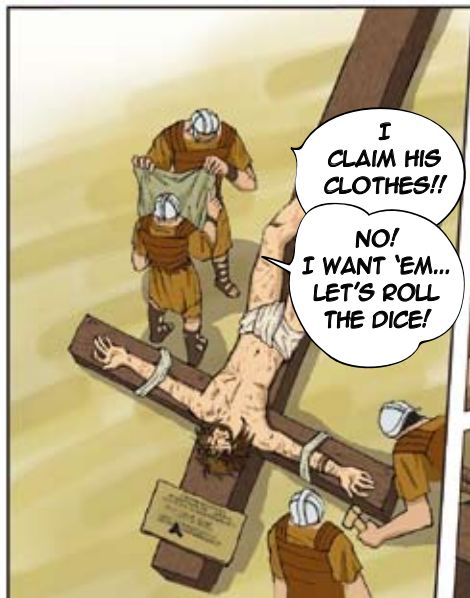
Then, Yeshua was taken to the high priest..."



Yeshua was sentenced to death by an unjust trial full of false allegations...



And forced to carry his cross to the place of execution called Golgotha.



I CLAIM HIS CLOTHES!!

NO! I WANT 'EM... LET'S ROLL THE DICE!



HE WON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE AFTER THESE NAILS!

THUNK!



AAAHH

GAAV!
FATHER!

YOU SAVED OTHERS! NOW SAVE YOURSELF!

IF YOU'RE THE MESSIAH, PROVE IT!



GUHN!
GUHN!
GUHN!

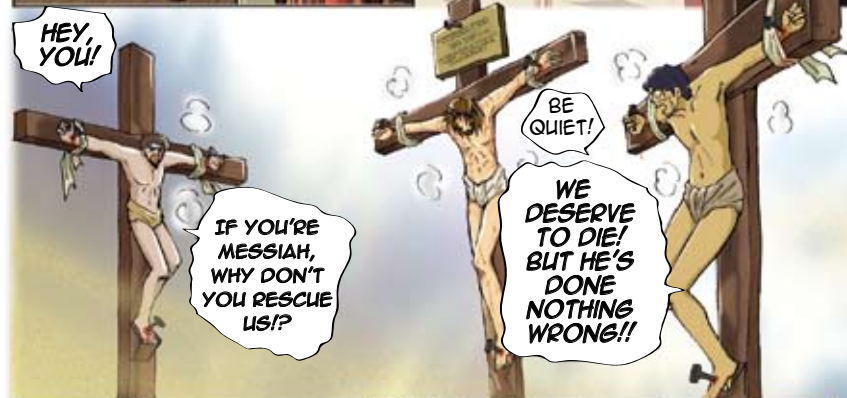
EAAAHH!

FORGIVE THEM!

THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.



HA HA HA



HEY, YOU!

BE QUIET!

IF YOU'RE MESSIAH, WHY DON'T YOU RESCUE US?

WE DESERVE TO DIE! BUT HE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG!!



LORD... PLEASE... REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU ENTER YOUR KINGDOM...

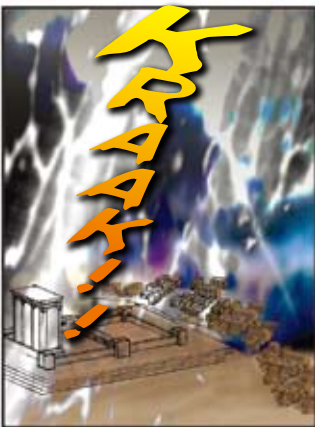


I TELL YOU TODAY... YOU'LL JOIN ME IN PARADISE...



MY GOD...! MY GOD!!!

WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?!



FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT...

IT IS FINISHED.

And with those words, Yeshua gave up his life.



Yeshua's body was wrapped in a clean cloth of linen...

and laid in a tomb cut from solid rock...



On the third day, in the early morning...



WE'LL TAKE THESE SPICES TO PROPERLY PREPARE HIS BODY!



FLASH!

Suddenly, a powerful earthquake shook the ground.

RUMMMBLE!

AHHH!



HE'S GONE!

AND THE STONE WAS MOVED!!



THE TOMB!

As soon as they heard the news, Peter and John ran to the tomb.

HIS BODY'S GONE!!

?

LHH
LHH

MARY WAS RIGHT!!

The men returned home but Mary didn't want to leave.

SOB SOB

WOMAN, WHY ARE YOU WEEPING?

SOMEONE TOOK THE BODY OF MY LORD AWAY.

P-
PRAISE GOD!!

MARY ...

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

?!?

GO TO MY BROTHERS AND TELL THEM I'VE RISEN!

MY WORK IS COMPLETE, AND I WILL RETURN TO MY FATHER SOON!

IT WAS WRITTEN THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER...

AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WOULD RISE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD!

That very evening, Yeshua appeared to his disciples.

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

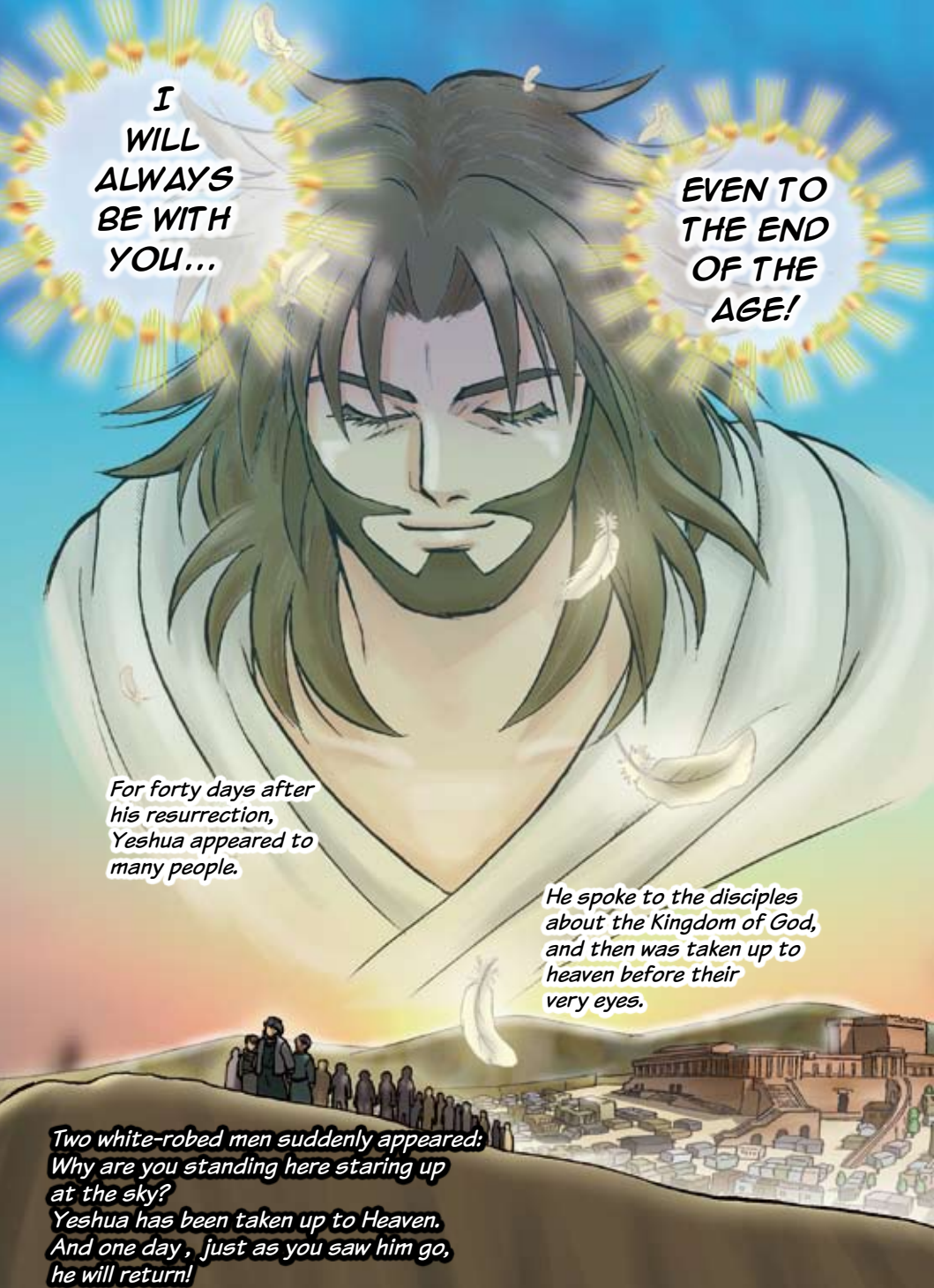
When they first saw him, they were frightened because they thought he was a ghost.

ALL THE PROPHECIES WRITTEN ABOUT MY LIFE IN THE ANCIENT TEXTS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED!

ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME...

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND TELL THIS GOOD NEWS TO EVERYONE.

AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY ALL THE COMMANDS I HAVE GIVEN YOU.



I
WILL
ALWAYS
BE WITH
YOU...

EVEN TO
THE END
OF THE
AGE!

For forty days after
his resurrection,
Yeshua appeared to
many people.

He spoke to the disciples
about the Kingdom of God,
and then was taken up to
heaven before their
very eyes.

Two white-robed men suddenly appeared:
Why are you standing here staring up
at the sky?
Yeshua has been taken up to Heaven.
And one day, just as you saw him go,
he will return!

AN OFFER AND A CHOICE

THERE IS A LONGING INSIDE EACH OF US.

It is a longing that no one and nothing in this world can fill. It is a need that God created in us from the beginning—the need to know his love and to love him in return. So how can it be filled?

IT BEGINS WITH A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

Jesus, the GodMan, came to earth to show us the Father's love and to become our Savior. A savior is someone who rescues you when you can not save yourself.

WE ALL NEED RESCUING.

We need rescuing from the wrong things we have done and the evil that lurks in our hearts. We all fall short of the standard set by God. We can try to achieve it by being good, but that is like trying to reach for the impossible. On our own, we can never be good enough. We cannot save ourselves from the sin that separates us from God.

GOD SENT JESUS TO EARTH TO SAVE US.


Only Jesus lived a perfect life without sin. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we can be forgiven. He died in our place and he came back to life in three days, proving he has all authority, even over death.

EACH OF US MUST CHOOSE WHAT WE WILL DO WITH JESUS.

To accept his death as the payment for your sins is to admit that you need a Savior—someone who can restore you to a right relationship with God, your Creator. Everyone who believes in Jesus and follows his teachings will live with him forever one day in heaven, just as Jesus promised.

GOD HAS SENT HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and opens our hearts to his forgiveness and love. Jesus wants to be your Savior. He wants to fill the longing in your heart with his love. Why not talk with him now?



Jesus, I believe you came to
earth to show me the Father's love
and to die in my place on the cross.
Thank you for laying down your life for
me; I know I do not deserve such love. I am
sorry for my sin that has separated me
from you and kept me from following your
plan for my life. Thank you for forgiving
me and filling the longing in my heart with
your love. Guide me by your Holy Spirit
to understand and follow you each day
until I see you face to face.



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