

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

I THANK YOU, O FATHER, LORD
OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, THAT
YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS
FROM THE "WISE" AND
"PRUDENT", AND HAVE
REVEALED THEM UNTO BABES...



...And the Light shines in darkness...

...and the darkness did not comprehend it.



Dedication:

I am but a sinful man,
yet even a moth is drawn to the Light.

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BOOK, ESPECIALLY THOMAS AHEARN WHO INKED
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WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

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Prelude

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD.
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD...AND THE WORD WAS GOD.
THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM;
AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANYTHING MADE THAT WAS MADE.
IN HIM WAS LIFE...AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.



...AND THE WORD BECAME
FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US...



HE CAME TO HIS OWN...BUT HIS OWN DID NOT RECEIVE HIM.
HE WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD WAS MADE BY HIM,
BUT THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW HIM...

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign:
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son...
and shall call his name "Immanuel"...**GOD WITH US!**"
-YeshuYah the Prophet

NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST TOOK PLACE IN THIS
MANNER: WHILE HIS MOTHER MARY WAS ENGAGED TO
JOSEPH, BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER, SHE WAS FOUND TO
BE WITH CHILD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...



...AND SO, MARY GAVE BIRTH TO HER
FIRSTBORN SON, AND THEY NAMED HIM
"JESUS". AND THE CHILD GREW, AND BECAME
STRONG IN SPIRIT, FILLED WITH WISDOM, AND
THE GRACE OF GOD WAS UPON HIM...

(THE NAME OF JESUS IN HEBREW IS "YAHSHUA" WHICH MEANS "YAH IS
SALVATION". YAH OR YAHWEH IS THE PERSONAL NAME OF GOD)

NOW WHEN HE WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD, HE AND HIS PARENTS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM FOR THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER. AND AFTER THIS, AS THEY WERE RETURNING HOME, THE CHILD JESUS REMAINED BEHIND IN JERUSALEM; BUT JOSEPH AND HIS MOTHER DID NOT KNOW IT, SUPPOSING HIM TO HAVE BEEN WITH OTHERS IN THEIR GROUP. BUT WHEN THEY COULD NOT FIND HIM AMONG THEIR RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES THEY RETURNED TO THE CITY SEEKING HIM AND AFTER THREE DAYS DISCOVERED HIM IN THE TEMPLE, SITTING IN THE MIDST OF THE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS, BOTH HEARING THEM AND ASKING THEM QUESTIONS. AND ALL THAT HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS UNDERSTANDING AND ANSWERS. AND WHEN HIS PARENTS SAW HIM, THEY WERE AMAZED...



...BUT THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE HAD SAID TO THEM. THEN HE WENT DOWN WITH THEM TO NAZARETH AND WAS SUBJECT TO THEM- AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE SAYINGS IN HER HEART...

...AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND
STATURE, AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN...

Jesus was a carpenter,
He built things
out of wood;
One day someone built
a cross for Him,
so He could build a
kingdom for God.



THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD. THERE WAS A MAN SENT FROM GOD, WHOSE NAME WAS JOHN. HE CAME TO BEAR WITNESS OF THE LIGHT, THAT ALL PEOPLE MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE PROPHETS, "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE, WHO SHALL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU. THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!' ". JOHN BAPTIZED IN THE WILDERNESS AND PREACHED THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS...



REPENT! FOR
THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN IS
AT HAND!!

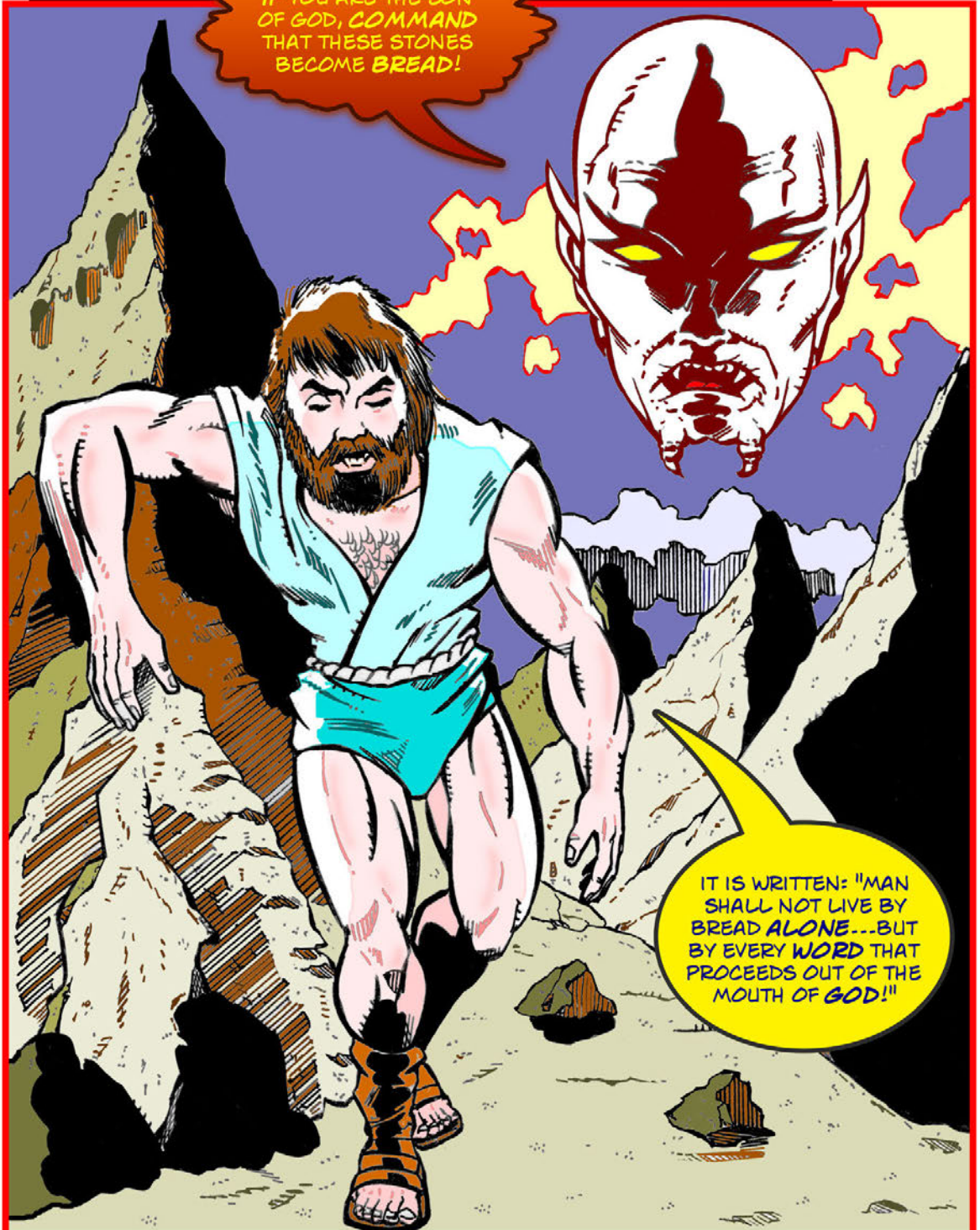
I TRULY BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER...BUT HE
THAT COMES AFTER ME IS **MIGHTIER** THAN
I...WHOSE SHOES I AM NOT **WORTHY** TO
BEAR...HE SHALL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT...AND WITH **FIRE!**

...AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS THAT JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE AND WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN JORDAN. AND AS HE CAME OUT OF THE WATER, THE SKIES OPENED AND THE SPIRIT IN A BODILY SHAPE LIKE A DOVE DESCENDED UPON HIM AND THERE CAME A VOICE FROM HEAVEN...



...THEN JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT UP INTO THE WILDERNESS TO BE TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. AND WHEN HE HAD FASTED FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS HE WAS AFTERWARDS HUNGRY...

IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, **COMMAND** THAT THESE STONES BECOME **BREAD!**



IT IS WRITTEN: "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD **ALONE**...BUT BY EVERY **WORD** THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF **GOD!**"

...AND WHEN THE DEVIL HAD ENDED ALL THE TEMPTATION, HE DEPARTED FROM HIM FOR AWHILE...

...AND JESUS RETURNED IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT INTO GALILEE AND WENT ABOUT TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING ALL TYPES OF SICKNESS AND DISEASE; AND LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE FOLLOWED HIM...

SON, CHEER UP- YOUR SINS ARE **FORGIVEN** YOU. **ARISE!** TAKE UP YOUR MAT AND **WALK!**



...AS JESUS WALKED BY THE SEA OF GALILEE, HE SAW SIMON AND ANDREW HIS BROTHER CASTING A NET INTO THE SEA, FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN...

DEPART FROM ME;
FOR I AM A **SINFUL**
MAN, O LORD...

FOLLOW ME...AND
I WILL MAKE YOU
TO BECOME
FISHERS OF MEN.

...AND IMMEDIATELY THEY FORSOOK THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM...

---AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS, THAT HE WENT OUT INTO A MOUNTAIN TO PRAY,
AND CONTINUED ALL NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD.



---AND WHEN IT WAS DAY, HE CALLED TO HIM HIS DISCIPLES: AND OF THEM HE
CHOSE TWELVE, WHOM HE ALSO NAMED "APOSTLES"; SIMON (WHOM HE ALSO
NAMED "PETER"), AND ANDREW HIS BROTHER, JAMES AND JOHN, PHILIP AND
BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW AND THOMAS, JAMES THE SON OF ALPHEUS, AND
SIMON CALLED "ZELOTES", AND JUDAS THE BROTHER OF JAMES, AND JUDAS
ISCARIOT, WHO ALSO BETRAYED HIM.

...GREAT MULTITUDES FOLLOWED JESUS...AND SEEING THEM HE WENT UP INTO A MOUNTAIN, AND WHEN HE HAD SAT DOWN, HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH AND TAUGHT THEM, SAYING...

BLESSED ARE THE **POOR IN SPIRIT**- FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO **MOURN**- FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE **MEEK**- FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO **HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**- FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE **MERCIFUL**- FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY. BLESSED ARE THE **PURE IN HEART**- FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

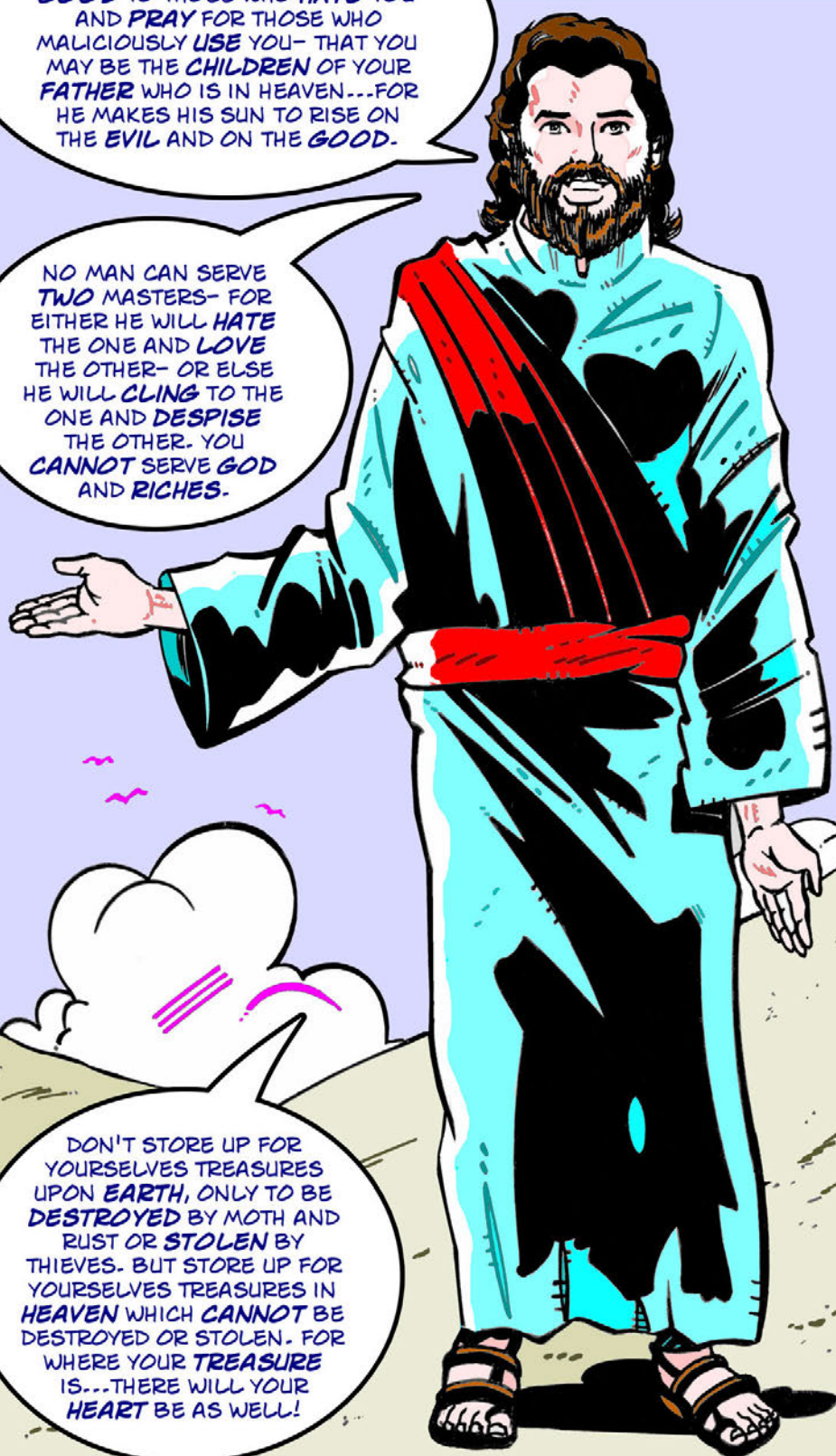
BLESSED ARE THE **PEACEMAKERS**- FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE **PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**- FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...BLESS
THOSE WHO CURSE YOU. DO
GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU
AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
MALICIOUSLY USE YOU- THAT YOU
MAY BE THE CHILDREN OF YOUR
FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN...FOR
HE MAKES HIS SUN TO RISE ON
THE EVIL AND ON THE GOOD.

NO MAN CAN SERVE
TWO MASTERS- FOR
EITHER HE WILL HATE
THE ONE AND LOVE
THE OTHER- OR ELSE
HE WILL CLING TO THE
ONE AND DESPISE
THE OTHER. YOU
CANNOT SERVE GOD
AND RICHES.

DON'T STORE UP FOR
YOURSELVES TREASURES
UPON EARTH, ONLY TO BE
DESTROYED BY MOTH AND
RUST OR STOLEN BY
THIEVES. BUT STORE UP FOR
YOURSELVES TREASURES IN
HEAVEN WHICH CANNOT BE
DESTROYED OR STOLEN. FOR
WHERE YOUR TREASURE
IS...THERE WILL YOUR
HEART BE AS WELL!



...AND IT CAME TO PASS THAT WHEN JESUS HAD FINISHED THESE SAYINGS, THE PEOPLE
WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING- FOR HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY...

...AND THEY BROUGHT YOUNG CHILDREN TO HIM, THAT HE SHOULD TOUCH THEM; AND HIS DISCIPLES SCOLDED THOSE THAT BROUGHT THEM. BUT WHEN JESUS SAW IT, HE WAS MUCH DISPLEASED...

PERMIT THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO **COME** TO ME, AND DO NOT **FORBID** THEM. FOR OF **SUCH** IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN...



...TRULY I SAY TO YOU- WHOEVER SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS A **LITTLE CHILD**, HE SHALL NOT **ENTER** THEREIN.

...AND AS JESUS ENTERED INTO A CERTAIN VILLAGE, TEN MEN WHO WERE LEPERS MET HIM AND CRIED OUT, "JESUS, MASTER- HAVE MERCY ON US!".

WHEN HE SAW THEM HE SAID, "GO, SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS" AND AS THEY WENT TO DO SO, THEY WERE CLEANSED OF THEIR DISEASE.

BUT ONLY ONE OF THEM, WHEN HE SAW THAT HE WAS HEALED, TURNED BACK AND WITH A LOUD VOICE GLORIFIED GOD AND FELL DOWN ON HIS FACE AT JESUS' FEET, GIVING HIM THANKS...



...AND WHEN THE TAX-COLLECTORS AND SINNERS DREW
NEAR TO JESUS TO LISTEN TO HIM THE RELIGIOUS
LEADERS WERE OFFENDED AND BEGAN TO COMPLAIN...

WHY DO YOU
ASSOCIATE WITH
SINNERS??

THOSE WHO ARE
WELL DON'T
NEED A
PHYSICIAN...BUT
THE SICK DO!



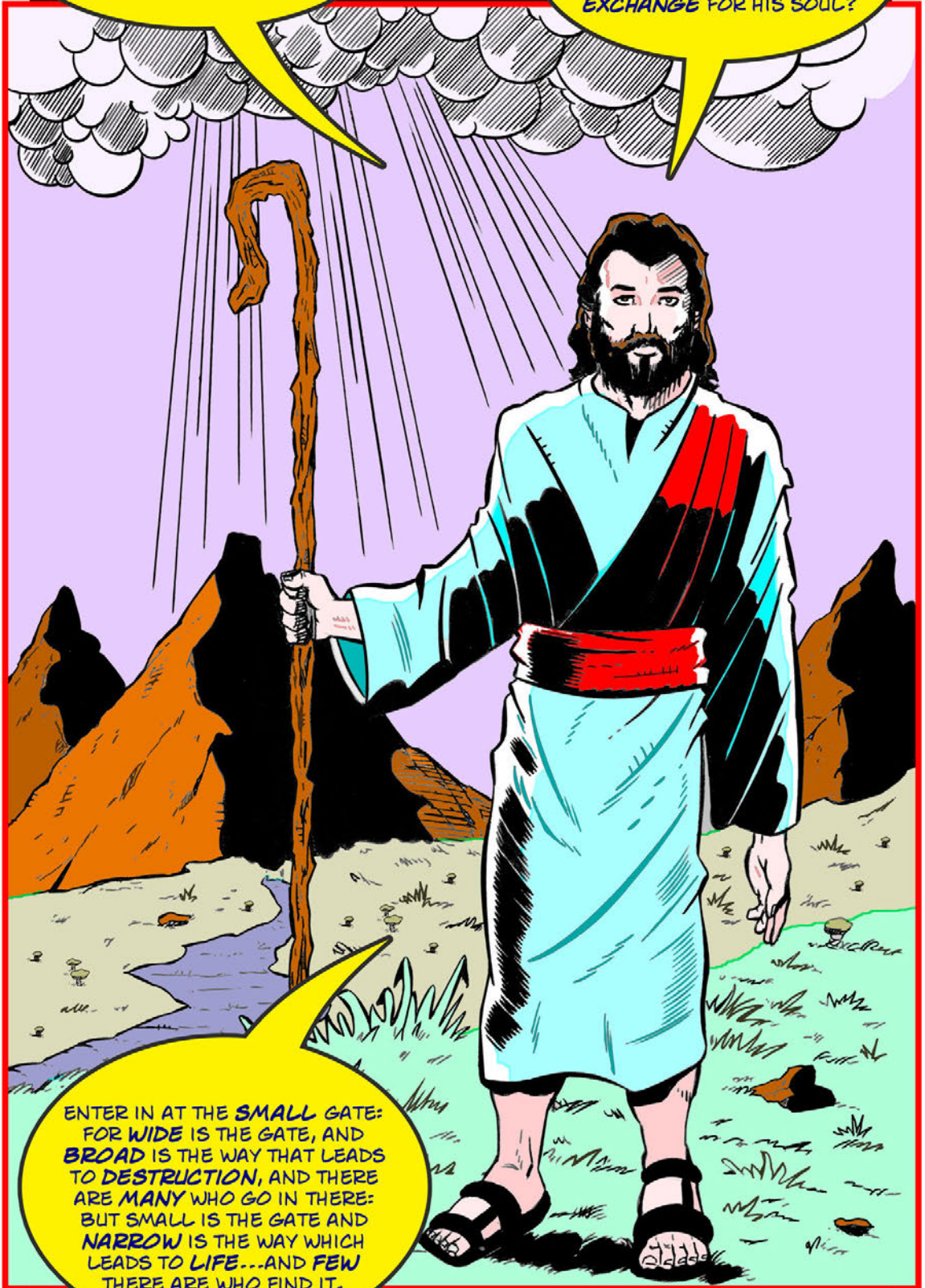
...THE SON OF MAN
HAS COME TO **SEEK**
AND TO **SAVE** THOSE
WHO ARE **LOST**!

...AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH MADNESS
AND ENVY AND CONFERRED WITH EACH
OTHER WHAT THEY MIGHT DO TO JESUS...

IF ANY MAN WILL COME
AFTER ME, LET HIM **DENY**
HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS
CROSS, AND **FOLLOW** ME.

FOR WHAT IS A MAN
PROFITED, IF HE SHALL GAIN
THE WHOLE WORLD, AND
LOSE HIS OWN **SOUL**? OR
WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN
EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?

ENTER IN AT THE **SMALL GATE**:
FOR **WIDE** IS THE GATE, AND
BROAD IS THE WAY THAT LEADS
TO **DESTRUCTION**, AND THERE
ARE **MANY** WHO GO IN THERE:
BUT **SMALL** IS THE GATE AND
NARROW IS THE WAY WHICH
LEADS TO **LIFE**...AND **FEW**
THERE ARE WHO FIND IT.



...NOW THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER WAS DRAWING NEAR AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES SOUGHT HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS. THEN SATAN ENTERED INTO JUDAS ISCARIOT, ONE OF THE TWELVE, AND HE WENT TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS, TO BETRAY HIM TO THEM. AND WHEN THEY HEARD IT, THEY WERE GLAD, AND PROMISED TO GIVE HIM MONEY. AND HE SOUGHT HOW HE MIGHT CONVENIENTLY BETRAY HIM...



...WHEN JESUS KNEW THAT HIS HOUR WAS COME THAT HE SHOULD DEPART OUT OF THIS WORLD TO THE FATHER, HAVING LOVED HIS OWN WHO WERE IN THE WORLD, HE LOVED THEM TO THE END.

AND WHEN THE EVENING WAS COME, HE SAT DOWN WITH THE TWELVE APOSTLES. THEN HE TOOK BREAD AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND SAID...

TAKE...EAT- THIS IS MY **BODY** WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU...

...AND THIS CUP IS MY **BLOOD**, WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY...FOR THE **FORGIVENESS** OF SINS.



I GIVE TO YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT- THAT YOU **LOVE** ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED **YOU**. BY **THIS** SHALL ALL PEOPLE KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY **DISCIPLES**- IF YOU HAVE **LOVE** FOR ONE ANOTHER.

WHEN JESUS HAD SPOKEN THESE WORDS, HE WENT OUT WITH HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE BROOK CEDRON WHERE THERE WAS A GARDEN CALLED GETHSEMANE AND HE SAID TO THEM, "MY SOUL IS EXCEEDING SORROWFUL...EVEN UNTO DEATH. YOU WAIT HERE...WHILE I GO AND PRAY YONDER". AND BEING IN AN AGONY HE PRAYED EARNESTLY...



O MY FATHER, IF IT
BE POSSIBLE, LET
THIS CUP **PASS**
FROM ME---

...NEVERTHELESS
NOT MY WILL, BUT
YOURS, BE DONE.

...THEN JUDAS CAME WITH A GREAT BAND OF MEN ARMED WITH SWORDS AND SPEARS TO ARREST JESUS. AND JUDAS HAD GIVEN THEM A SIGN, SAYING- "WHOEVER I SHALL KISS, THE SAME IS HE; TAKE HIM AND LEAD HIM AWAY". AND SO, AS SOON AS HE HAD ARRIVED, HE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO JESUS, SAYING "HAIL, MASTER!!"; AND KISSED HIM...

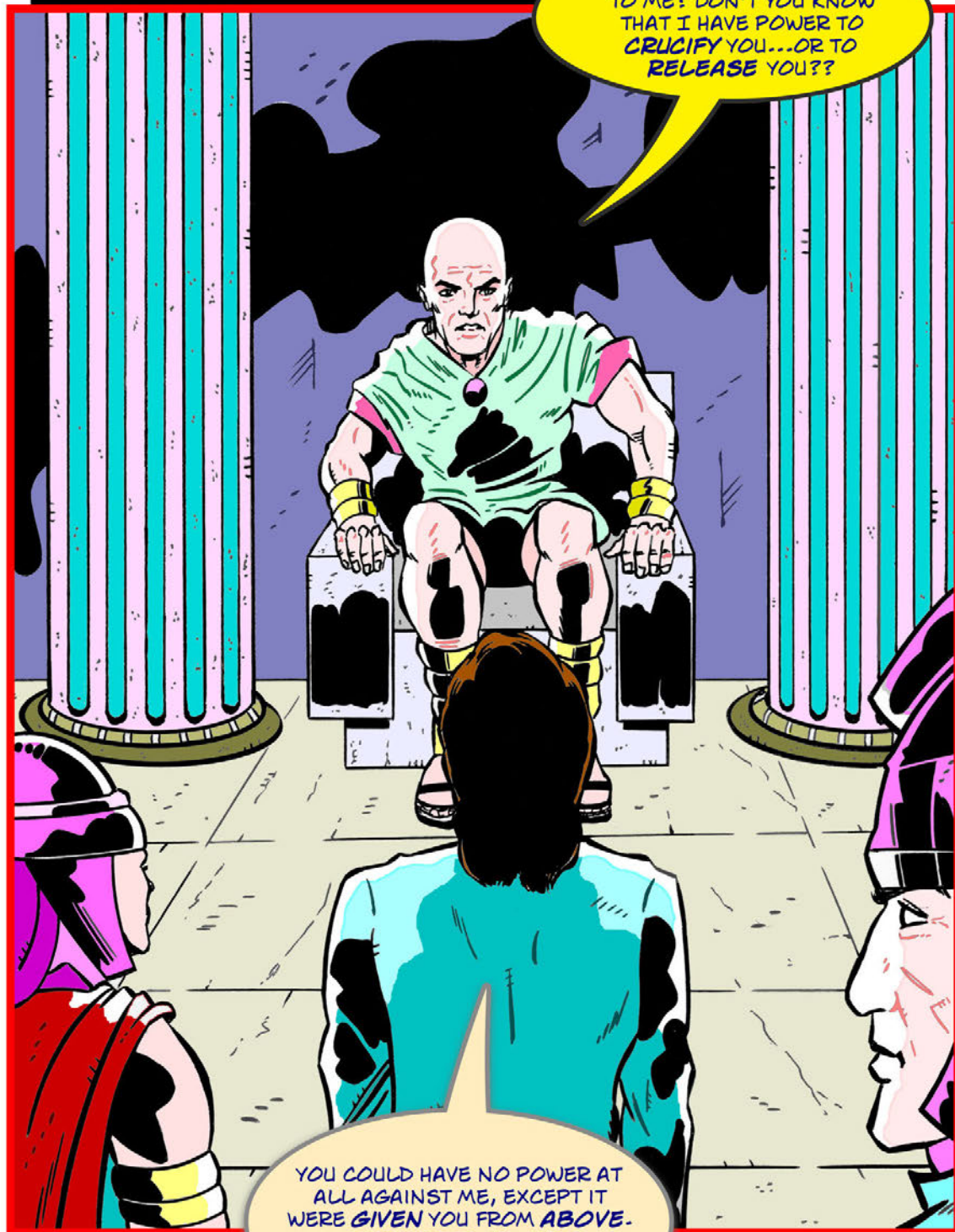
JUDAS, DO YOU
BETRAY THE SON OF
MAN...WITH A KISS?



...AND THEY LAID THEIR HANDS ON HIM...AND TOOK HIM...AND ALL HIS DISCIPLES FORSOOK HIM AND FLED...

...THEN JESUS WAS BROUGHT TO THE HALL OF JUDGMENT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ROMAN GOVERNOR PONTIUS PILATE WHERE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ACCUSED HIM OF MANY THINGS---

WHY DON'T YOU **SPEAK** TO ME? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE POWER TO **CRUCIFY** YOU...OR TO **RELEASE** YOU??



YOU COULD HAVE NO POWER AT ALL AGAINST ME, EXCEPT IT WERE **GIVEN** YOU FROM **ABOVE**. THEREFORE, HE WHO **DELIVERED** ME TO YOU HAS THE **GREATER SIN**.

---ALTHOUGH PILATE COULD FIND NO FAULT IN JESUS, THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS PERSUADED THE CROWD TO DEMAND HIS DEATH. AND SO, PILATE, WILLING TO PLEASE THE PEOPLE, DELIVERED JESUS TO THEM TO BE WHIPPED---AND CRUCIFIED---

...THEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE GOVERNOR TOOK JESUS INTO THE COMMON HALL AND GATHERED AROUND HIM THEIR ENTIRE BAND. THEY STRIPPED HIM AND PUT UPON HIM A PURPLE ROBE. AND WHEN THEY HAD FASHIONED A CROWN OF THORNS THEY PLACED IT ON HIS HEAD AND PUT A WOODEN STAFF IN HIS RIGHT HAND AS THEY BOWED THEIR KNEES BEFORE HIM, MOCKING HIM AND SAYING, "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!". THEY SPAT ON HIM AND TOOK THE STAFF AND STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD. AND AFTER THEY HAD RIDICULED HIM, THEY LED HIM AWAY TO CRUCIFY HIM...



...AND HE BEARING HIS CROSS WENT FORTH TO A PLACE CALLED "GOLGOTHA"... "THE PLACE OF A SKULL"...

...AND THERE THEY CRUCIFIED HIM, AND TWO OTHERS WITH HIM, ONE ON EITHER SIDE, AND JESUS IN THE MIDDLE. AND PILATE WROTE A TITLE AND HAD IT PLACED ON THE CROSS. AND ON IT WAS WRITTEN-
"JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS"---



...AS THE PROPHET YESHAYAH HAD FORETOLD:
"HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN...A MAN OF SORROWS AND ACQUAINTED
WITH GRIEF: AND WE HID AS IT WERE OUR FACES FROM HIM...
ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN
WAY; AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE SINS OF US ALL..."

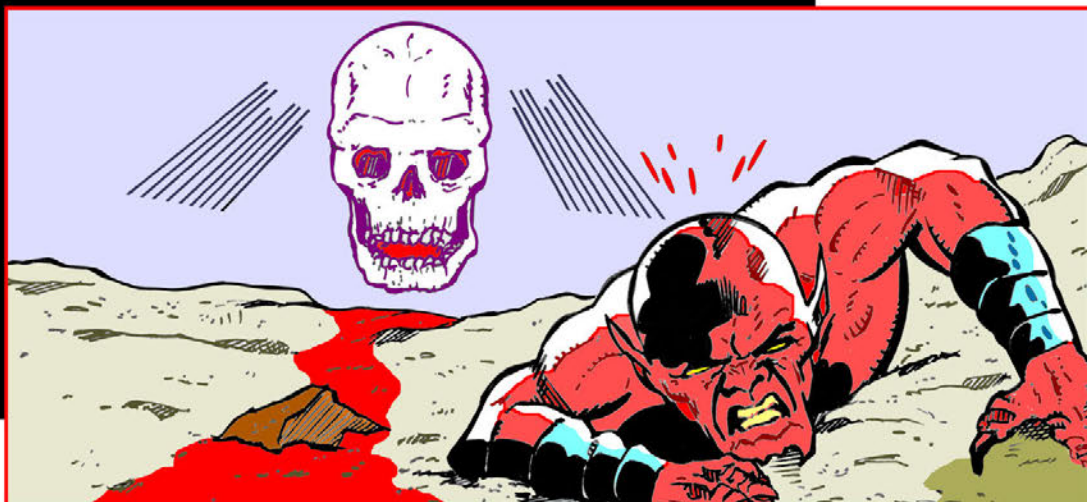
...FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY-
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT
PERISH---BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE---

...FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO
CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM
MIGHT BE SAVED---

IT IS FINISHED...



FOR THIS PURPOSE DID THE SON OF GOD APPEAR:
THAT THROUGH DEATH HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM THAT HAD
THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL; AND DELIVER
THOSE WHO THROUGH FEAR OF DEATH WERE ALL THEIR
LIFETIME SUBJECT TO SLAVERY.



---AND JESUS, WHEN HE HAD
CRIED AGAIN WITH A LOUD VOICE,
YIELDED UP THE SPIRIT---



---THERE WAS A GOOD AND JUST MAN NAMED JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA WHO WENT TO PILATE
AND BEGGED THE BODY OF JESUS. HE THEN TOOK IT DOWN, WRAPPED IT IN LINEN, AND
LAID IT IN A TOMB WHICH HAD BEEN CUT IN ROCK AND ROLLED A STONE AGAINST THE
ENTRANCE OF THE TOMB---

...IN THE END OF THE SABBATH, AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN TOWARD THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY CAME TO SEE THE SEPULCHRE. AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE: FOR THE ANGEL OF THE LORD DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN, AND CAME AND ROLLED BACK THE STONE FROM THE DOOR AND SAT UPON IT. HIS FACE WAS LIKE LIGHTNING AND HIS CLOTHING WHITE AS SNOW...



...AND THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN, "DON'T BE AFRAID: FOR I KNOW THAT YOU SEEK JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY. AND GO QUICKLY, AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; AND BEHOLD, HE GOES BEFORE YOU INTO GALILEE; THERE YOU SHALL SEE HIM". AND THEY DEPARTED QUICKLY FROM THE SEPULCHRE WITH FEAR AND GREAT JOY; AND RAN TO BRING HIS DISCIPLES WORD.

...AND JESUS SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE ALIVE AFTER HIS SUFFERING BY MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS, BEING SEEN OF HIS APOSTLES FOR FORTY DAYS, AND HE SPOKE TO THEM OF THE THINGS PERTAINING TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD...

GO YOU INTO ALL
THE WORLD- AND
PROCLAIM THE
GOOD NEWS TO
EVERY CREATURE!

...AND LO, I AM
WITH YOU
ALWAYS...EVEN
TO THE END OF
THE WORLD!



...AND HE LIFTED UP HIS HANDS AND BLESSED HIS DISCIPLES AND AS HE DID SO, HE WAS PARTED FROM THEM AND CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN. AND TRULY JESUS DID MANY OTHER SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK- BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN, THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD; AND THAT BELIEVING YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME.

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AFTER THIS MANNER THEREFORE PRAY---

OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN, YOUR
NAME IS SACRED. YOUR KINGDOM
COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE IN EARTH,
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN---

---GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY
BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS;
FOR WE ALSO FORGIVE EVERY ONE
THAT IS INDEBTED TO US.



---AND DO NOT LEAD US
INTO TEMPTATION; BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

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---FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE
POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.

ART BY
TOM AHEARN

...THEN JESUS COMES FROM
GALILEE TO JORDAN UNTO JOHN,
TO BE BAPTIZED BY HIM.
AND JESUS HIMSELF BEGAN TO BE
ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE...

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF
GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY
THE SIN OF THE WORLD!



ART BY ROCK BAKER. INKED BY JR.

THE BLIND RECEIVE THEIR SIGHT, AND THE LAME
WALK, THE LEPROUS ARE CLEANSED, AND THE DEAF
HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED UP, AND THE POOR
HAVE THE GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED TO THEM.

SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN IT WAS NOT
HEARD THAT ANY MAN OPENED THE
EYES OF ONE THAT WAS BORN BLIND!
IF THIS MAN WERE NOT OF GOD, HE
COULD DO NOTHING.



ART BY CARL TAYLOR. INKED BY JR.

...AND THE JEWS' PASSOVER WAS AT HAND, AND JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM, AND FOUND IN THE TEMPLE THOSE THAT SOLD OXEN AND SHEEP AND DOVES, AND THE CHANGERS OF MONEY SITTING: AND WHEN HE HAD MADE A SCOURGE OF SMALL CORDS, HE DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE, AND THE SHEEP, AND THE OXEN, AND POURED OUT THE CHANGERS' MONEY, AND OVERTHREW THE TABLES...



ART BY BYRON BLACK; INKS BY JR

JESUS COMPELLED HIS DISCIPLES TO GET INTO A SHIP, AND TO GO BEFORE HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE, WHILE HE SENT THE MULTITUDES AWAY. AND WHEN HE HAD SENT THE MULTITUDES AWAY, HE WENT UP INTO A MOUNTAIN APART TO PRAY: AND WHEN THE EVENING WAS COME, HE WAS THERE ALONE. BUT THE SHIP WAS NOW IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA, TOSSED WITH WAVES: FOR THE WIND WAS AGAINST THEM. AND JESUS WENT TO THEM, WALKING ON THE SEA. AND WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE SEA, THEY WERE TROUBLED, SAYING, "IT IS A SPIRIT!"; AND THEY CRIED OUT FOR FEAR. BUT IMMEDIATELY JESUS SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING...



ART BY JR.



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ART BY LARRY BLAKE

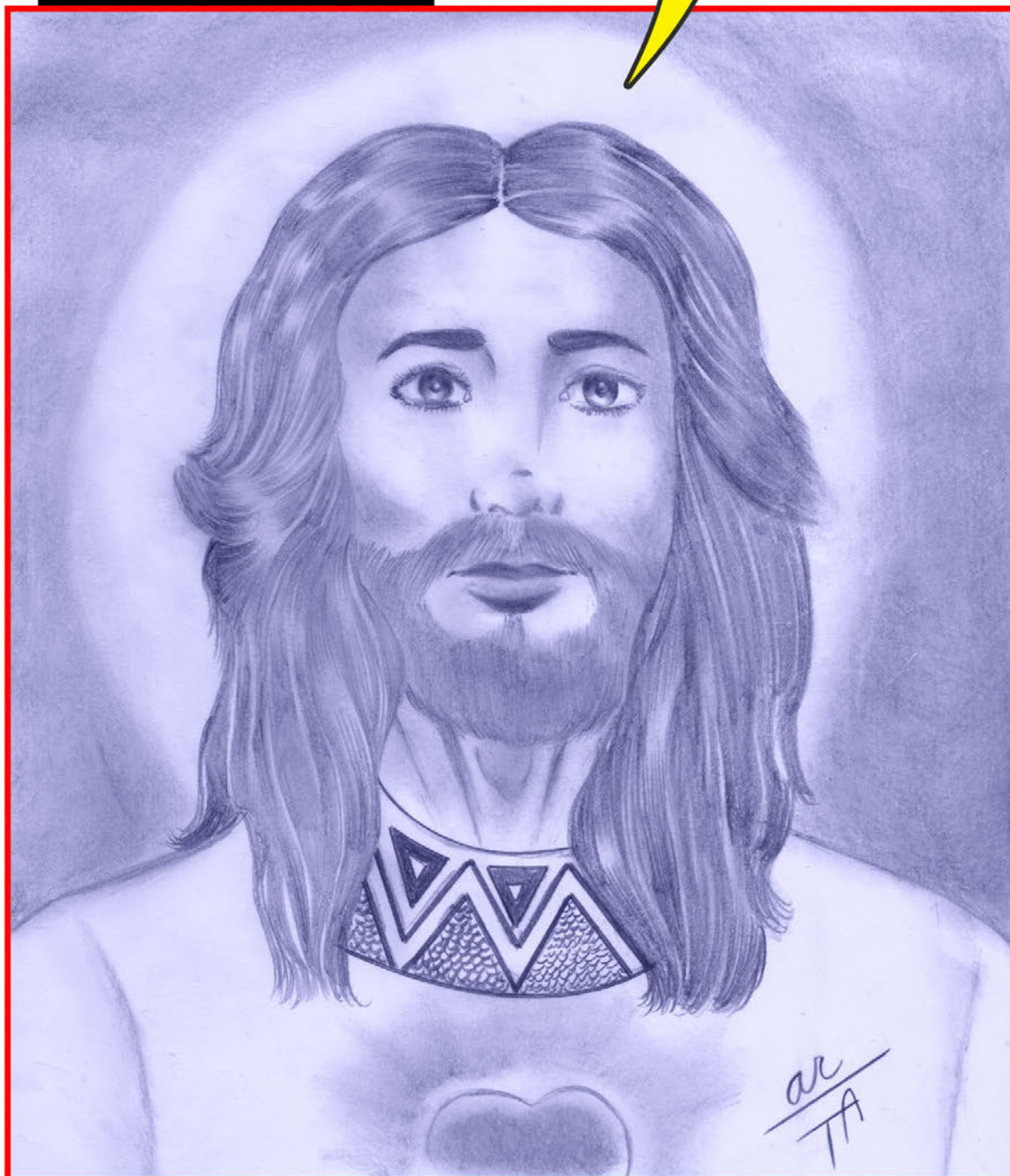
...AND JESUS WENT INTO THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND CAST OUT ALL THOSE THAT SOLD AND BOUGHT IN THE TEMPLE, AND OVERTHREW THE TABLES OF THE MONEYCHANGERS, AND THE SEATS OF THOSE THAT SOLD DOVES, AND SAID TO THEM...



...AND THE SCRIBES AND CHIEF PRIESTS HEARD IT, AND SOUGHT HOW THEY MIGHT DESTROY HIM: FOR THEY FEARED HIM, BECAUSE ALL THE PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHINGS...

ART BY KEN
COTRONA

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: HE THAT
FOLLOWS ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS,
BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.



ART BY ALISA RUBINO AND TOM AHEARN

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH: THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREAT COMMANDMENT---



...AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT,
NAMELY THIS- YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT
GREATER THAN THESE.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them
shall fall to the ground apart from your Father.
But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Fear not therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows.



Art by Luisa Felix