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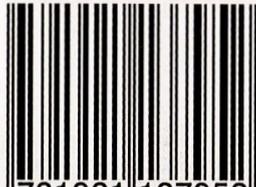
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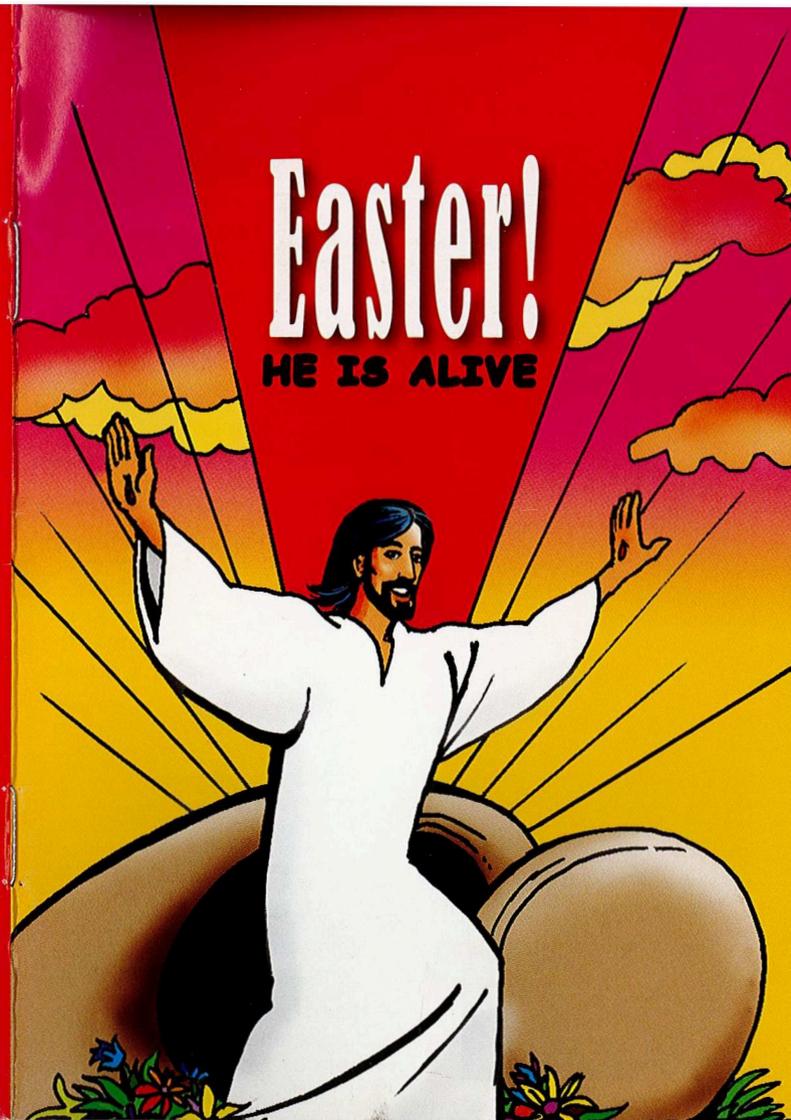


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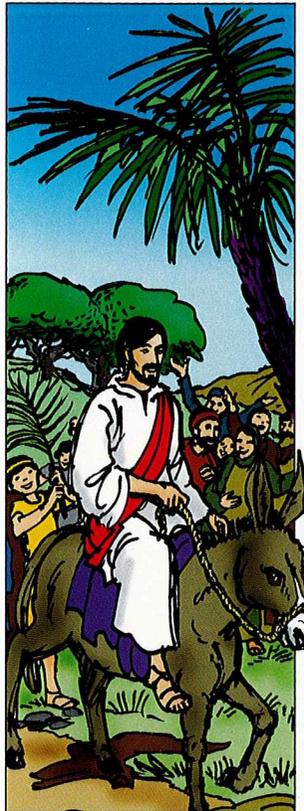
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HE IS ALIVE



Easter!!!

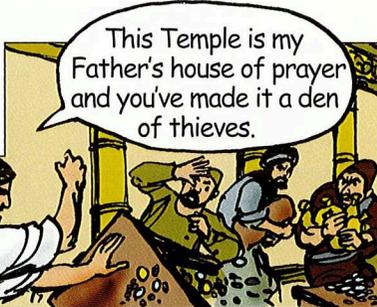
The action began a week before, on the Sunday when Jesus came to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival



... and the people began to celebrate, cheering and singing praise to God.



After that amazing arrival Jesus came into the Temple of God each day.



He threw the money changers out of the temple courts



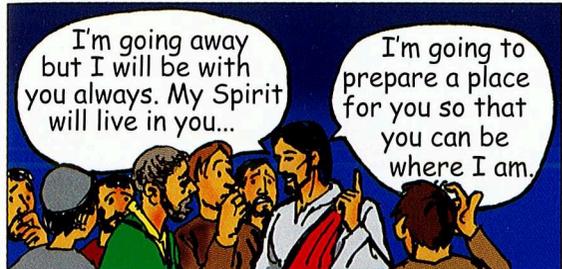
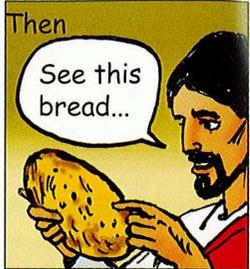
The leaders already planned to kill Jesus because he had shown them up as ungodly and greedy.



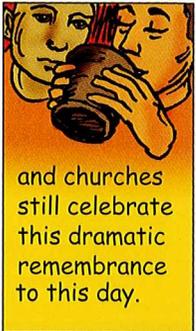
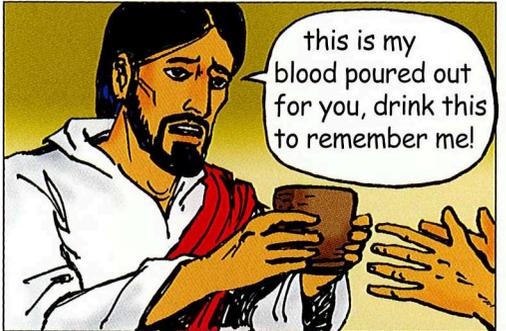
They got what they wanted when one of Jesus' friends, Judas Iscariot, decided to betray him.



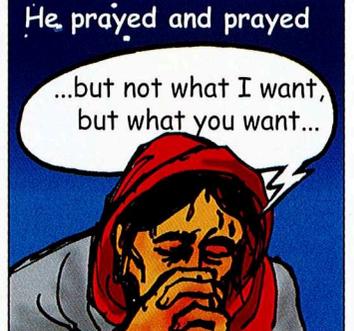
Just before the Passover Sabbath Jesus gathered his friends in an upper room to celebrate the traditional meal.



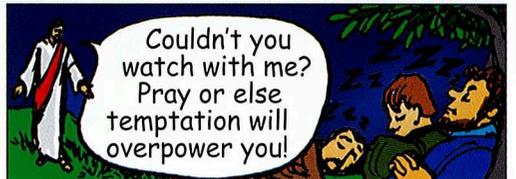
They didn't understand this until later...



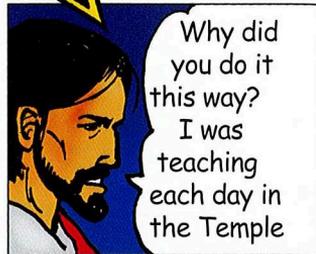
The garden of Gethsemane was across from Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives



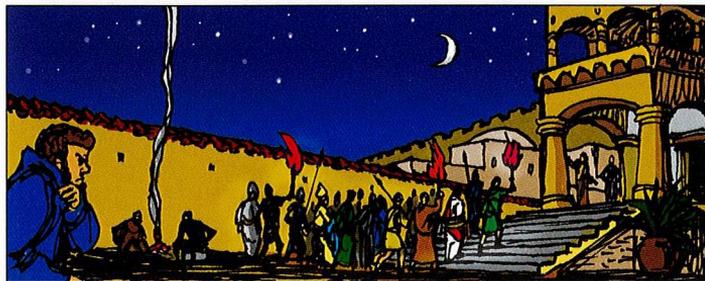
Then, ready for what was to come, he returned to his friends.



Just then an armed crowd arrived led by Judas Iscariot.



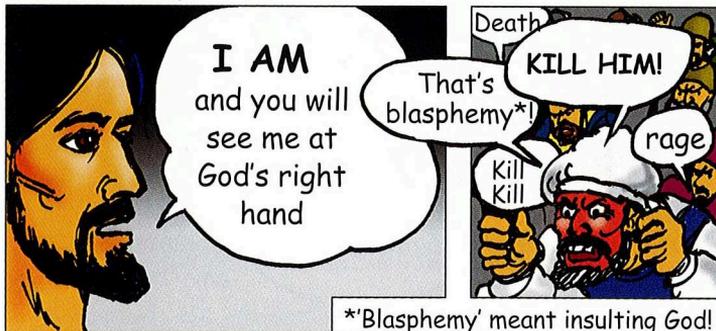
They tied him up and dragged him off to the High Priest.



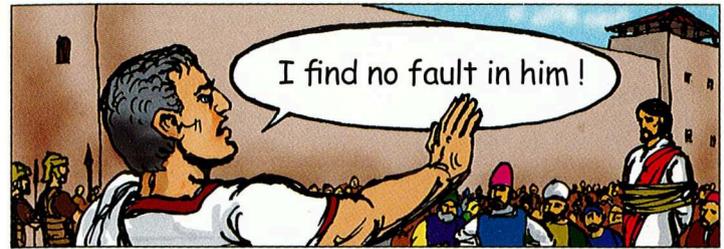
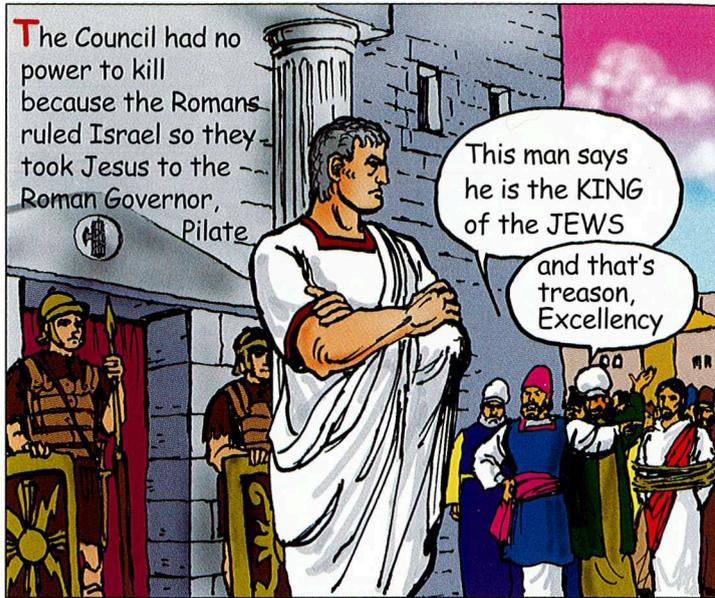
All the religious leaders had gathered there...



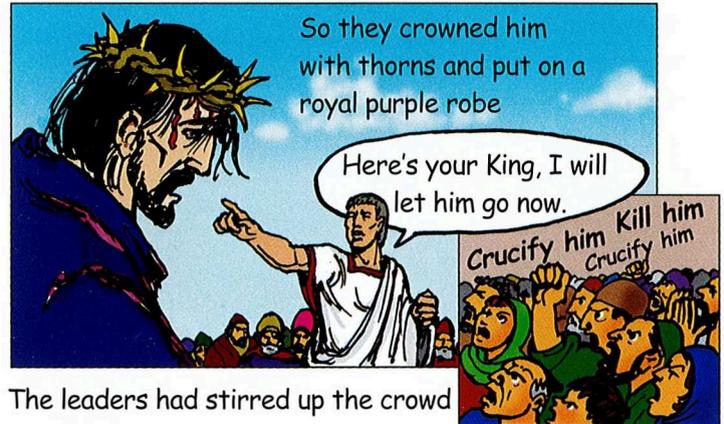
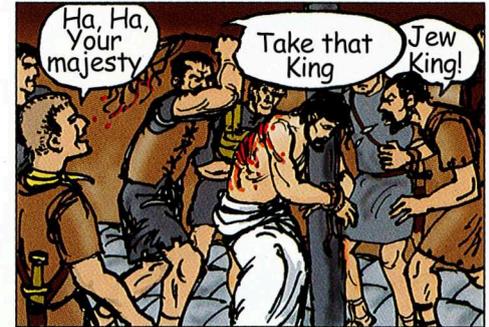
They brought many charges against him but couldn't prove anything.

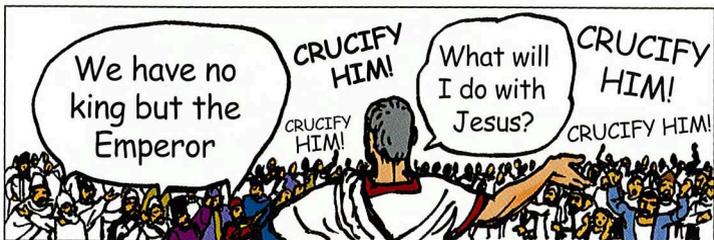
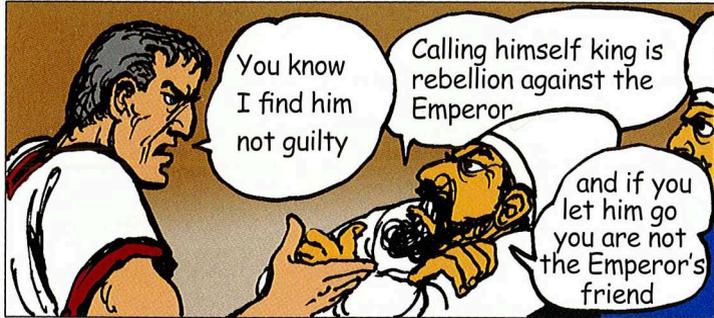


*'Blasphemy' meant insulting God!



Pilate thought he could satisfy the leaders by mocking Jesus. Perhaps they would feel pity.

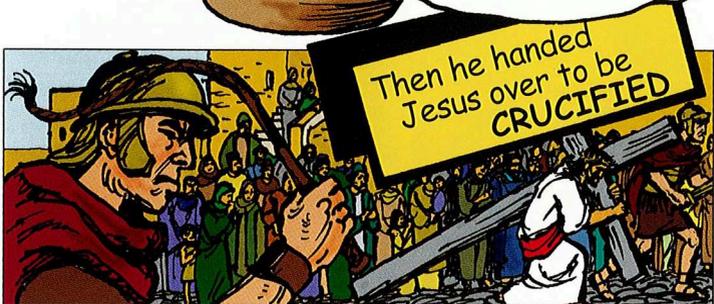




So Pilate gave in. He asked for a bowl of water... and washed his hands of it all.



His blood is on your heads not mine!



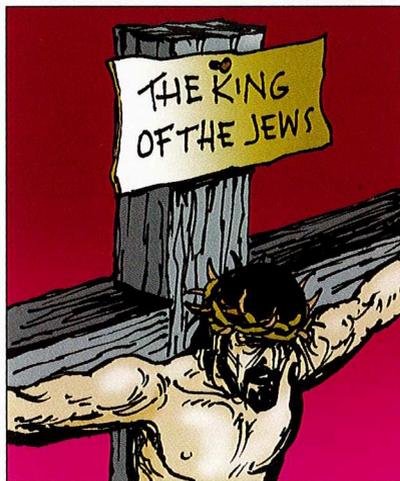
Outside the city they came to Hill Golgotha, the place of the skull!

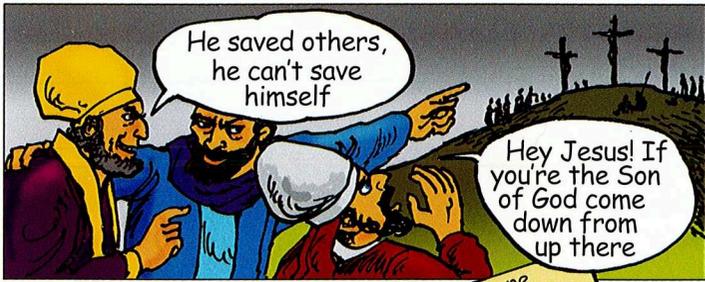


There they did it



and they crucified two thieves with Jesus, and their day of slow dying began...



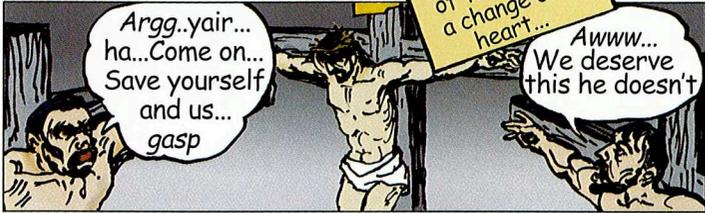


He saved others, he can't save himself

Hey Jesus! If you're the Son of God come down from up there

Even the criminals joined in...

until one of them had a change of heart...



Argg..yair... ha...Come on... Save yourself and us... *gasp*

Awww... We deserve this he doesn't



Please remember me when you come into your kingdom



Jesus replied...

Today you will be with me in heaven

As the soldiers gambled to share Jesus' clothes, the sky turned black!



Father, why have you turned away from me?

Jesus was suffering for our sins... carrying them for us, so God his father turned away from his loved son...

Then after a day of suffering Jesus knew he had paid for our sin and he shouted...

IT IS FINISHED!



He had done what he came for. Paid for our sins by his death and won our forgiveness. So he died.



They wrapped the dead body in linen and put it in a new rock tomb.



Surely this was the Son of God

A great stone was rolled over the entrance. It was sealed and a guard mounted so that the body could not be stolen.



All through the Passover Sabbath Jesus lay dead in the grave, then early on that Sunday morning...

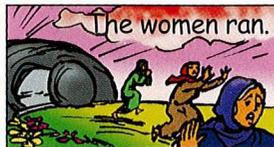
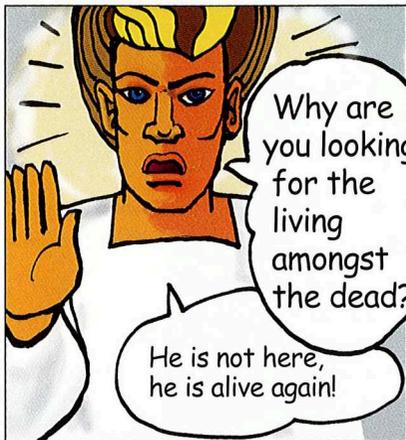


It is so sad

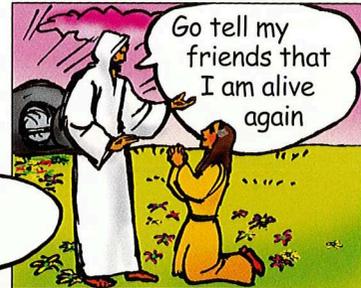
We have spices and ointments to put on the body

But who will move the stone away?

It was still dark when the women came to the grave



...but Mary Magdalene stayed, crying, when suddenly a person stood behind her...



And so she did, the first to tell the **GOOD NEWS**. That night Jesus appeared to his friends in the upper room where they were hiding...



Do you want that?
Do you want to follow Jesus?
Then tell him.
He is alive and listening for you.
He loves you, died and rose again for you!

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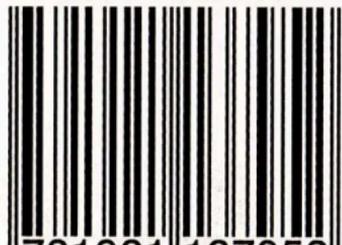
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