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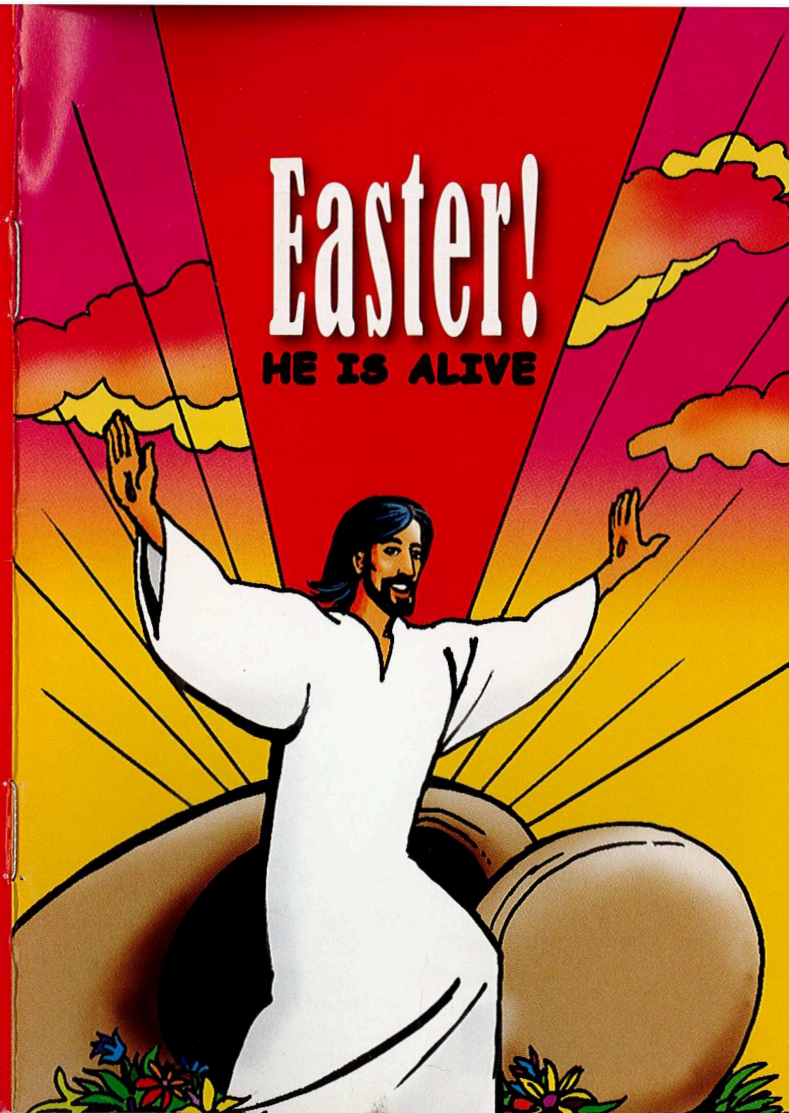


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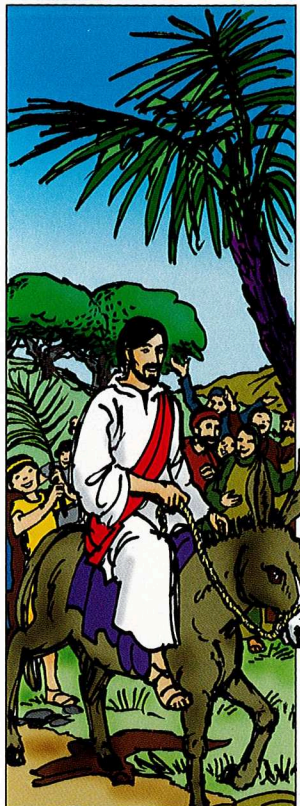
## HE IS ALIVE



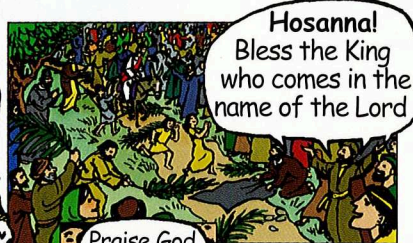


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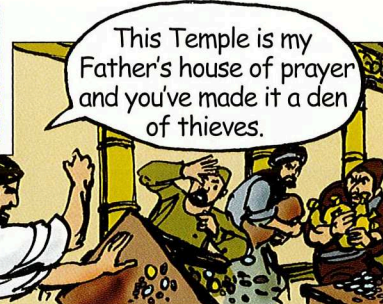
The action began a week before, on the Sunday when Jesus came to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival



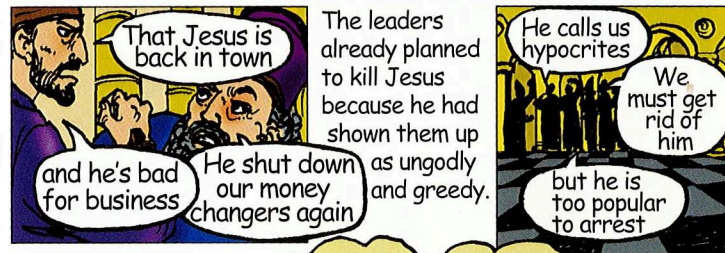
... and the people began to celebrate, cheering and singing praise to God.



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



He threw the money changers out of the temple courts

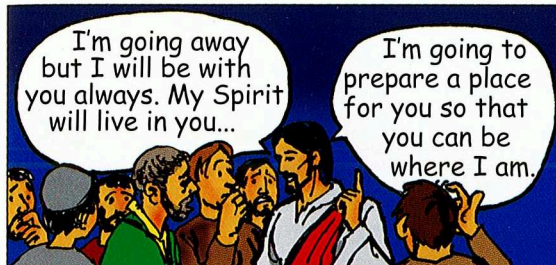
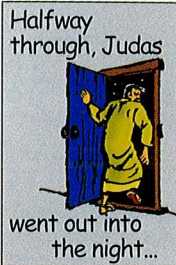


They got what they wanted when one of Jesus' friends, Judas Iscariot, decided to betray him.





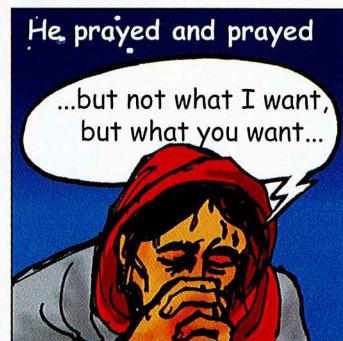
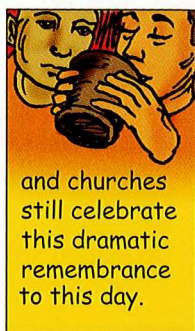
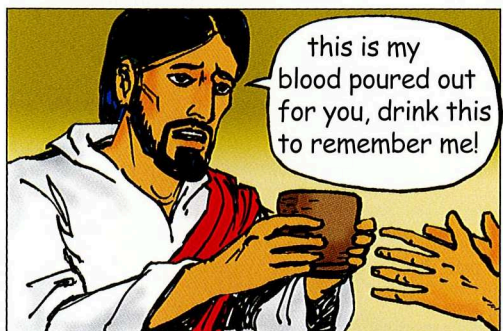
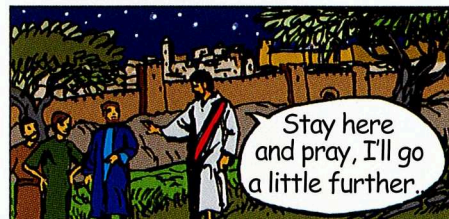
**J**ust before the Passover Sabbath Jesus gathered his friends in an upper room to celebrate the traditional meal.



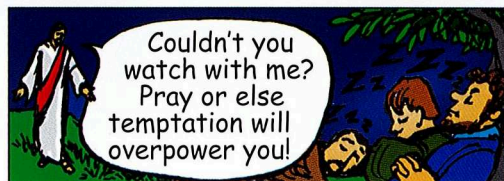
They didn't understand this until later...



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.



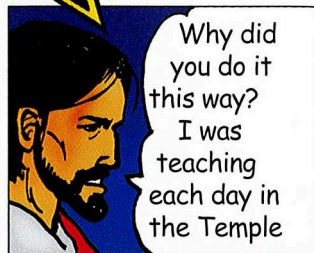


Just then an armed crowd arrived led by Judas Iscariot.



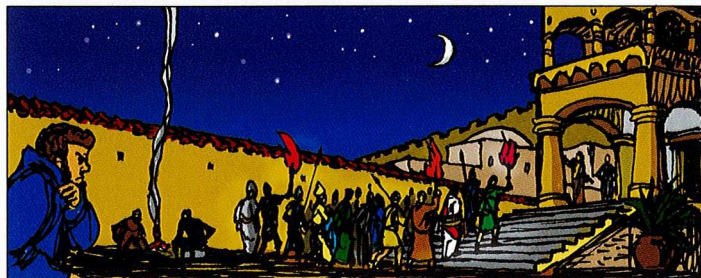
Teacher!

That was the signal for the mob to grab Jesus...



Why did you do it this way?  
I was teaching each day in the Temple

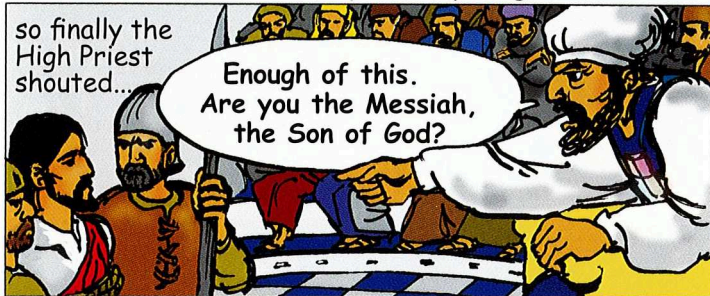
They tied him up and dragged him off to the High Priest.



All the religious leaders had gathered there...

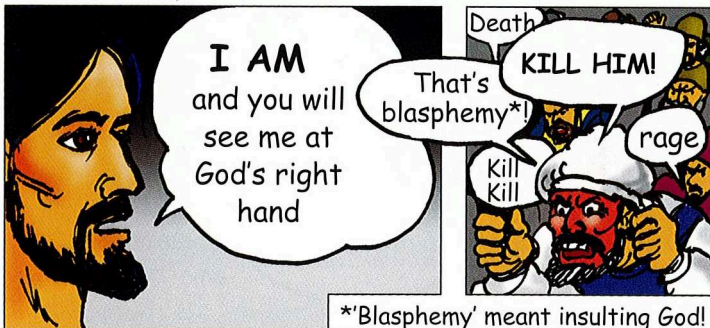


They brought many charges against him but couldn't prove anything.



so finally the High Priest shouted...

Enough of this.  
Are you the Messiah,  
the Son of God?



**I AM**  
and you will see me at  
God's right hand

That's blasphemy\*!

**KILL HIM!**

rage

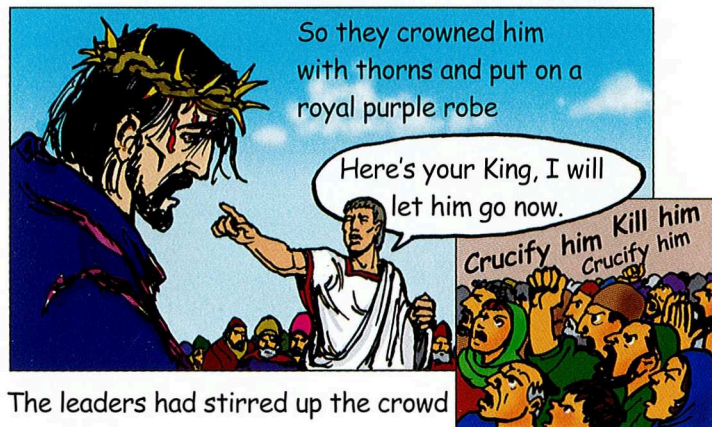
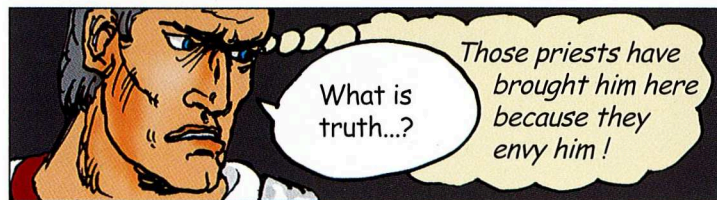
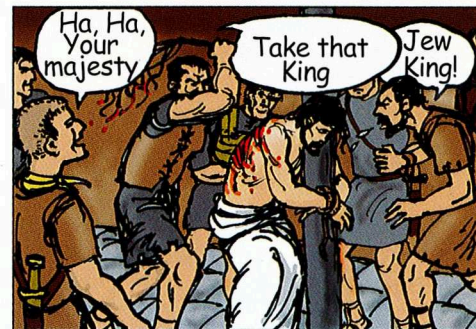
Kill Kill

\*'Blasphemy' meant insulting God!



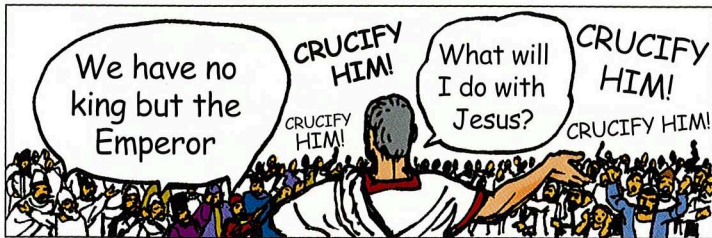
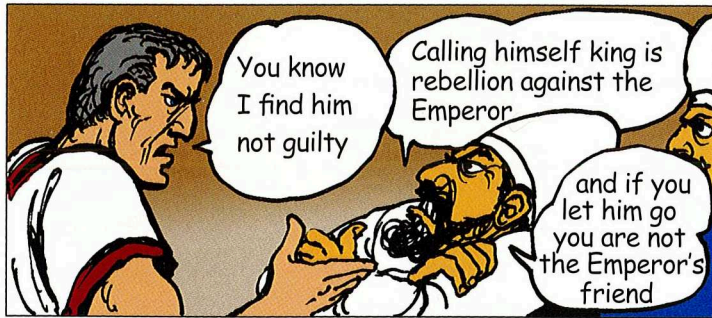


Pilate thought he could satisfy the leaders by mocking Jesus. Perhaps they would feel pity.



The leaders had stirred up the crowd

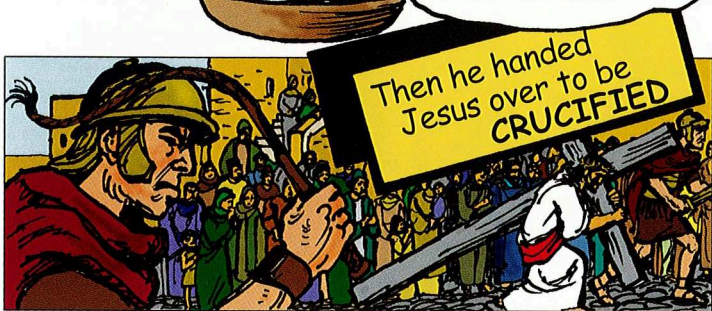




So Pilate gave in. He asked for a bowl of water... and washed his hands of it all.



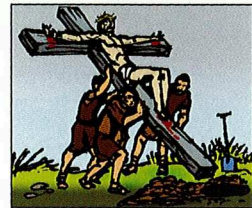
His blood is on your heads not mine!



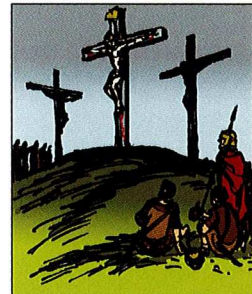
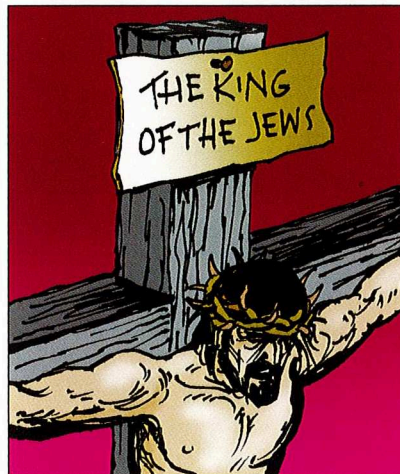
Outside the city they came to Hill Golgotha, the place of the skull!



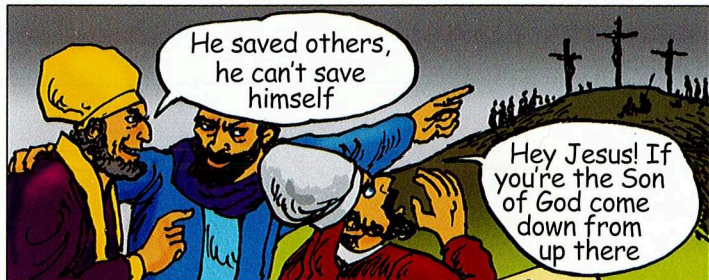
There they did it



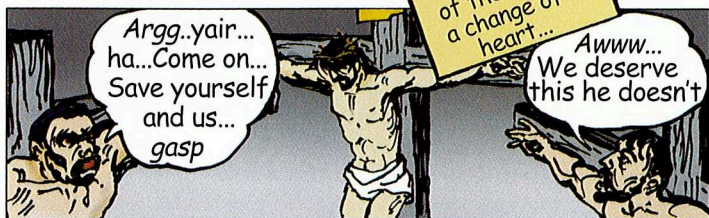
and they crucified two thieves with Jesus, and their day of slow dying began...







Even the criminals joined in...



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



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...



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



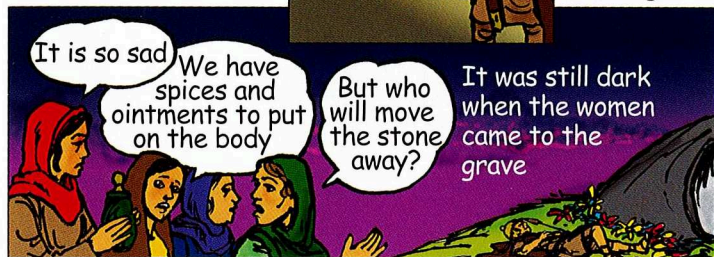
They wrapped the dead body in linen and put it in a new rock tomb.



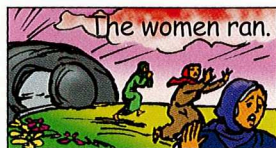
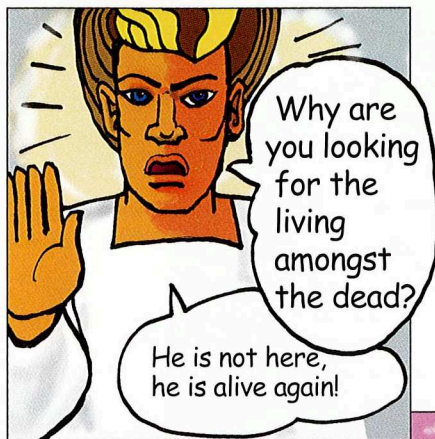
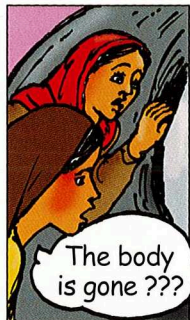
A great stone was rolled over the entrance. It was sealed and a guard mounted so that the body could not be stolen.



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



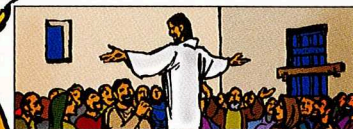




...but Mary Magdalene stayed, crying, when suddenly a person stood behind her...



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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