



**“But be brave! I have  
defeated the world!”  
John 16:33**

**THE WORLD**

**LIGHT**  
**for the Deaf**

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## Jesus Christ is King!

On the front cover of this issue we show our Lord Jesus Christ having defeated the *world*. In fact He said this at the Last Supper with His twelve apostles (John 16:33). It was shortly before He was arrested and put to death on the cross.

What Jesus meant is that Satan's world system tried to persuade Jesus to abandon His mission to the world. But Satan failed! In all ways Jesus was tempted the same as you and I were, yet He never gave up to these temptations. He won over these temptations! (See Hebrews 4:15.)

Because Jesus defeated the world, and went through the terrible suffering and death on

the cross, the Father God has exalted Him to the very **top!** (See Philippians 2:9.)

So now Jesus Christ is now the reigning **king**, and those who obey Him have been added to His kingdom. (See Colossians 1:13.) On the earth Jesus' kingdom is known as His *church*.

When we believe in Jesus, trust Him, and obey Him in repentance and in baptism, we are automatically in His kingdom, or church.

May the Lord bless you as you read this special edition of *Light for the Deaf*, prepared especially for our deaf Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ.

Billy Leavell, deaf editor

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AND THE LORD GOD FORMED MAN OF THE DUST  
OF THE GROUND . . .



AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE  
BREATH OF LIFE . . .

AND MAN BECAME A  
LIVING SOUL.



GENESIS 2:7,  
KING JAMES VERSION

THIS PAGE DRAWN  
BY EMMA FARMER

# CHRIST

WHAT DOES  
THIS WORD MEAN?

MANY PEOPLE THINK IT IS  
A LAST NAME, LIKE "JOHN  
SMITH", BUT IT IS *NOT* A  
NAME--

IT IS A *TITLE!*

THE APOSTLE  
PETER SAID  
GOD HAD  
MADE JESUS  
"BOTH  
*LORD AND  
CHRIST*"  
(ACTS 2:36).

THE TITLE "*CHRIST*" MEANS "*ANOINTED ONE*".



MANY YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN, THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS ANNOUNCED THAT GOD PROMISED A PERSON, THE **CHRIST**, OR "ANointed ONE", WOULD COME AND HELP THE ISRAELITES.



IN GREEK THE WORD IS "**CHRIST**"--

*χριστος* --Greek

מָשִׁיחַ --Hebrew

BUT IN HEBREW THE WORD IS "**MESSIAH**".

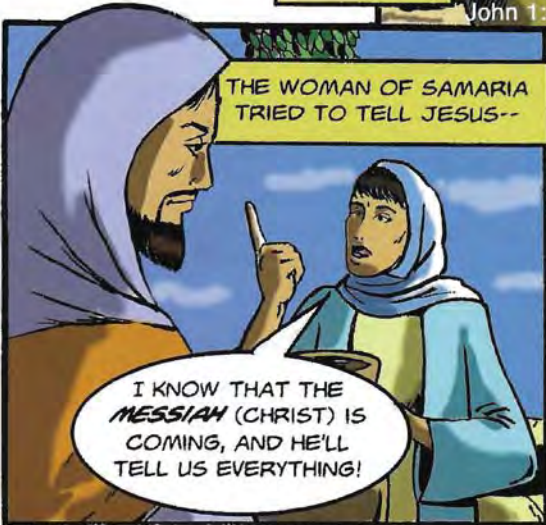
BOTH MEAN THE **SAME**.



ANDREW CAME TO HIS BROTHER SIMON PETER AND SAID--

WE'VE FOUND THE **MESSIAH** (CHRIST)!

John 1:41



THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA TRIED TO TELL JESUS--

I KNOW THAT THE **MESSIAH** (CHRIST) IS COMING, AND HE'LL TELL US EVERYTHING!



I WHO SPEAK TO YOU-- AM THE **MESSIAH**!

John 4:25-26



KINGS OF ISRAEL WERE ALSO CALLED GOD'S "ANointed". THEY WERE CHOSEN TO BE *KINGS* OVER GOD'S PEOPLE.

1 Samuel 10:1;

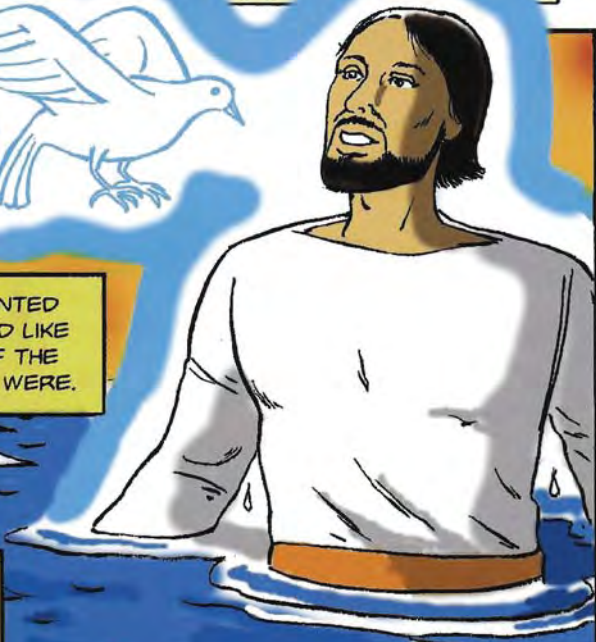



JESUS WAS NOT ANointed WITH OIL OVER HIS HEAD LIKE KING DAVID OR ANY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT KINGS WERE.

HE WAS ANointed WITH THE *HOLY SPIRIT*.

Acts 10:38

WITH THIS SPECIAL ANointed, JESUS BECAME A *VERY SPECIAL* PERSON-- GOD'S *MESSIAH*, OR *CHRIST*, WHO BRINGS *SALVATION* TO ALL PEOPLE!





THERE ARE MANY PROPHECIES ABOUT CHRIST IN THE *OLD TESTAMENT* . . .

THE CHRIST WAS TO BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD AS *ABRAHAM'S SEED*.  
(GENESIS 12:3)

THE CHRIST WAS TO COME FROM THE ISRAELITE TRIBE OF *JUDAH* (MICAH 5:2).

THE CHRIST WAS TO BE AN *IMPORTANT PROPHET* WHOSE VERY WORD CANNOT BE IGNORED WITHOUT DANGER TO ONESELF!  
(DEUTERONOMY 18:15)

THE CHRIST WAS TO COME FROM THE FAMILY LINE OF *DAVID*.  
(JEREMIAH 23:5)

THE CHRIST WAS TO BE *GOD HIMSELF* IN THE FLESH!  
(ISAIAH 9:6)

CHRIST'S RULE AND PEACE WILL CONTINUE *FOREVER!*  
(ISAIAH 9:7)

IT IS VERY *IMPORTANT* TO ACCEPT JESUS AS GOD'S *CHRIST*-- GOD'S *ANointed* OR *CHOSEN ONE*--

THE ONE GOD CHOSE TO HELP US AND TO TAKE AWAY OUR *SINS!*



# The Trap

BEFORE WE BEGIN  
OUR BIBLE STORY,  
WE TAKE AN  
IMAGINARY LOOK AT  
WHAT THE PHARISEE  
LEADERS MAY HAVE  
DONE ONE NIGHT . . .

HE'S  
COMING!

SHH!

YES, WE  
NEED TO  
BE QUIET,  
IF WE'RE  
TO DO  
WHAT WE  
*PLAN!*



Based on John 8:1-11

THE NEXT MORNING,  
JESUS WAS TEACHING  
IN THE TEMPLE--



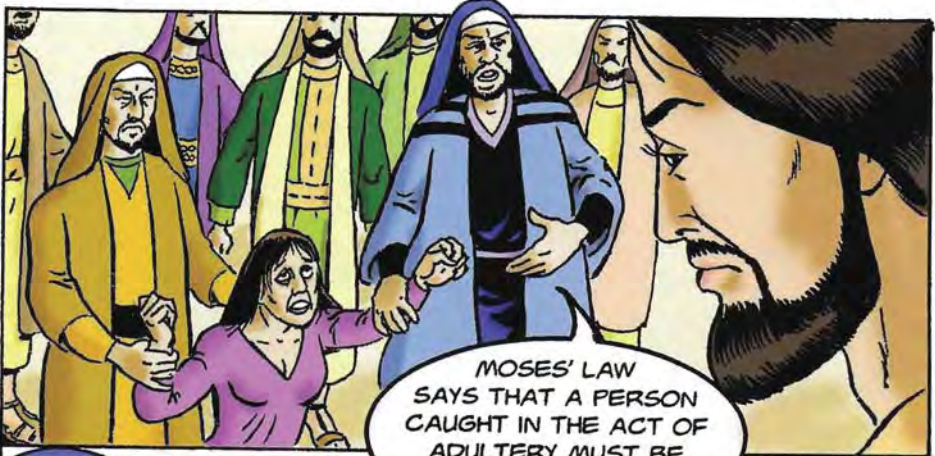
WHEN HE WAS  
INTERRUPTED!



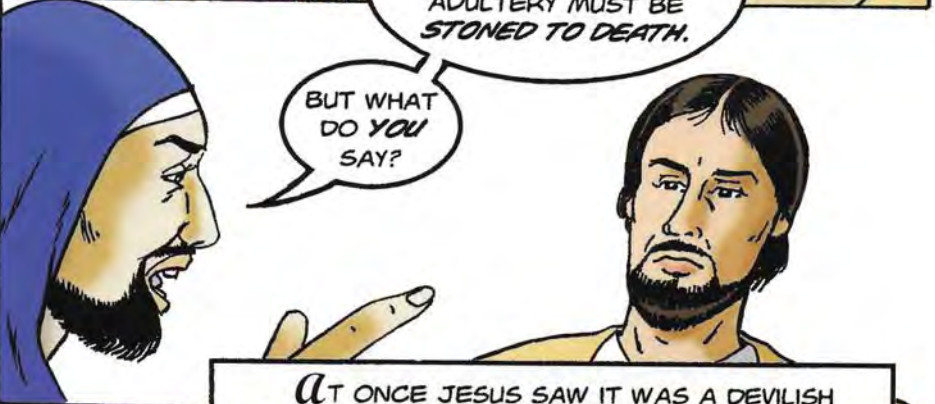
TEACHER!



THIS WOMAN  
WAS CAUGHT IN THE  
VERY ACT OF  
ADULTERY!

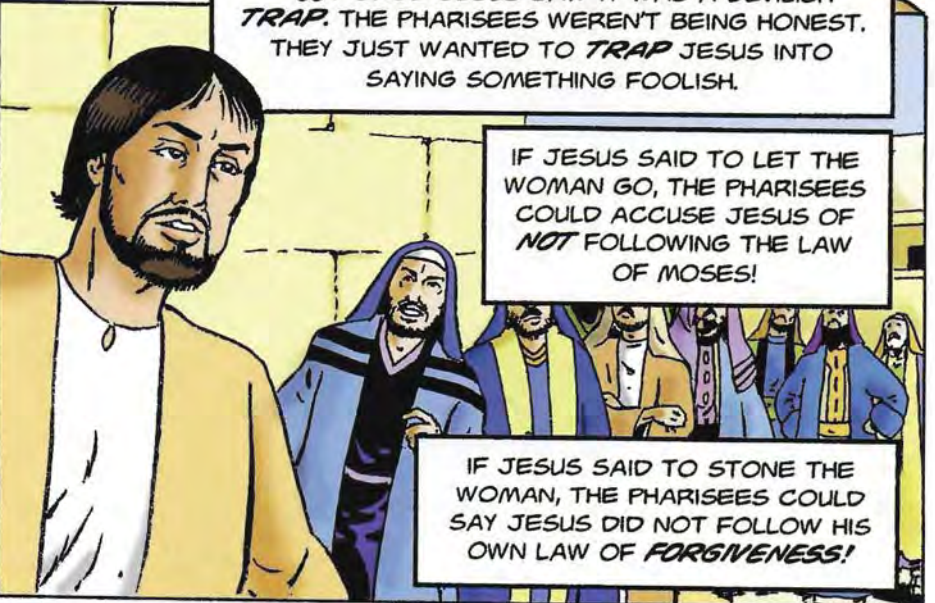


MOSES' LAW SAYS THAT A PERSON CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ADULTERY MUST BE STONED TO DEATH.



BUT WHAT DO YOU SAY?

AT ONCE JESUS SAW IT WAS A DEVILISH TRAP. THE PHARISEES WEREN'T BEING HONEST. THEY JUST WANTED TO TRAP JESUS INTO SAYING SOMETHING FOOLISH.



IF JESUS SAID TO LET THE WOMAN GO, THE PHARISEES COULD ACCUSE JESUS OF NOT FOLLOWING THE LAW OF MOSES!

IF JESUS SAID TO STONE THE WOMAN, THE PHARISEES COULD SAY JESUS DID NOT FOLLOW HIS OWN LAW OF FORGIVENESS!



JESUS KNELT ON THE GROUND AND WROTE IN THE DIRT ...

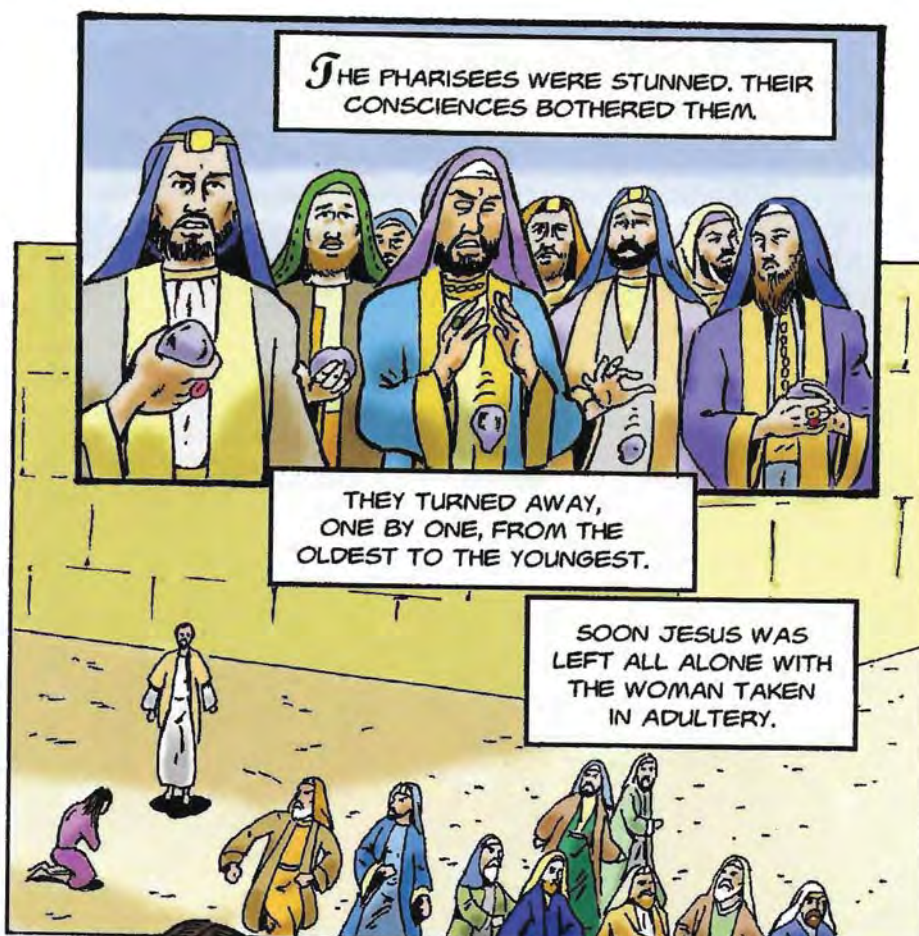
WHILE THE PHARISEES CONTINUED ASKING JESUS TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS.



THEN JESUS STOOD UP AND FINALLY GAVE HIS ANSWER ...

THE MAN WHO IS WITHOUT SIN-- LET HIM THROW THE *FIRST* STONE!

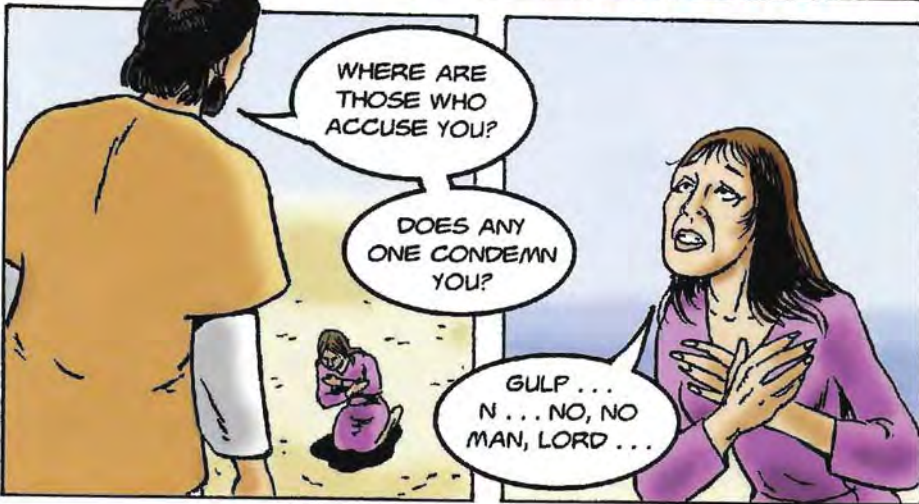




THE PHARISEES WERE STUNNED. THEIR CONSCIENCES BOTHERED THEM.

THEY TURNED AWAY, ONE BY ONE, FROM THE OLDEST TO THE YOUNGEST.

SOON JESUS WAS LEFT ALL ALONE WITH THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY.



WHERE ARE THOSE WHO ACCUSE YOU?

DOES ANY ONE CONDEMN YOU?

GULP...  
N... NO, NO MAN, LORD...

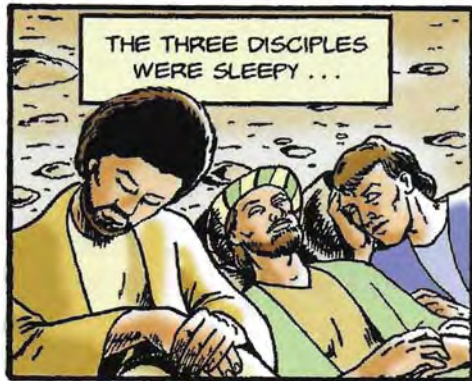


GO ...



# THE TRANSFIGURATION

This story from Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36

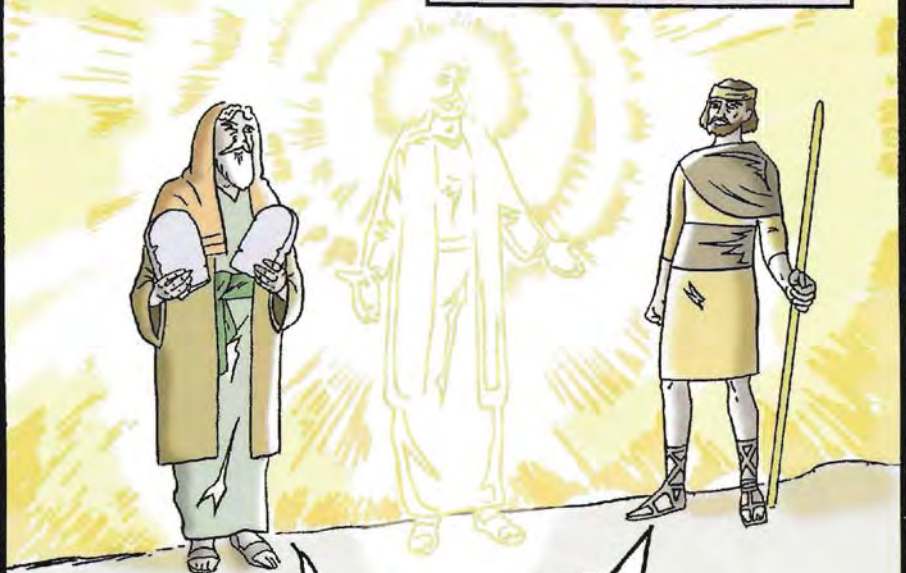




JESUS WAS CHANGED SO THAT HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN!

HIS CLOTHES BECAME AS WHITE AS SUNLIGHT ON SNOW!

AND *MOSES* AND *ELIJAH* FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT APPEARED, TALKING WITH JESUS!

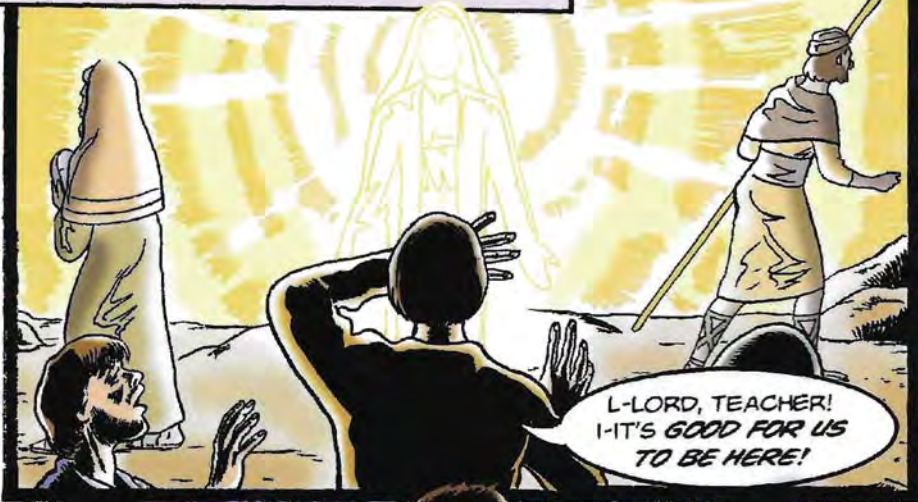


... AND YOU ARE TO SUFFER AND TO DIE IN JERUSALEM.

YES, YOU MUST SHED YOUR BLOOD FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS OF MANY.



PETER WAS SO EXCITED HE SPOKE OUT, NOT REALIZING WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT--



LET'S MAKE THREE TENTS OF WORSHIP HERE!

ONE FOR YOU,  
ONE FOR MOSES,  
AND ONE FOR  
ELIJAH!

BUT A BRIGHT CLOUD CAME OVER THEM, AND A VOICE SUDDENLY CAME FROM THE CLOUD--

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.  
I AM WELL PLEASSED WITH HIM.  
HEAR HIM!**



THE DISCIPLES WERE FRIGHTENED. THEY FELL ON THEIR FACES.

BUT A MOMENT LATER, JESUS TOUCHED THEM--

GET UP!  
DON'T BE AFRAID!

THE DISCIPLES LOOKED UP. MOSES AND ELIJAH WERE GONE, AND JESUS WAS BACK TO *NORMAL*!

DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS VISION UNTIL AFTER THE *SON OF MAN* HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

WHAT DOES OUR LORD MEAN ABOUT THIS "RISING FROM THE DEAD"?

ONLY LATER WOULD THEY FIND OUT, AFTER JESUS HAD DIED ON THE CROSS AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD TO BECOME *LORD AND SAVIOR*!

We told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. We told you about His coming. We told you about His coming. Those things we told you were not just smart stories that people invented. No! We saw the greatness of Jesus with our own eyes. Jesus heard the voice of the Father. The voice said, "This is My Son, and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him." And we heard that voice. It came from heaven while we were with Jesus on the holy mountain.

--2 Peter 1:16-18, EVD

The word became a man and lived among us. We saw His glory-- the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father.

--John 1:14, EVD

JAMES DID NOT WRITE ABOUT THIS GREAT SCENE BECAUSE HE WAS KILLED BY KING HEROD AGRIPPA I DURING A PERSECUTION OF THE YOUNG CHURCH. (ACTS 12:2).

# The Three Talents

From Matthew 25:14-30

**J**ESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AND HE USED THIS PARABLE OF THE TALENTS.



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MAN GOING ON A JOURNEY.

THIS MAN FIRST CALLED HIS SERVANTS AND TRUSTED THEM TO TAKE CARE OF HIS PROPERTY.



THE MAN GAVE *FIVE TALENTS* TO ONE SERVANT.



TO ANOTHER MAN, HE GAVE *TWO TALENTS*.



TO STILL ANOTHER SERVANT, THE MAN GAVE *ONE TALENT*.

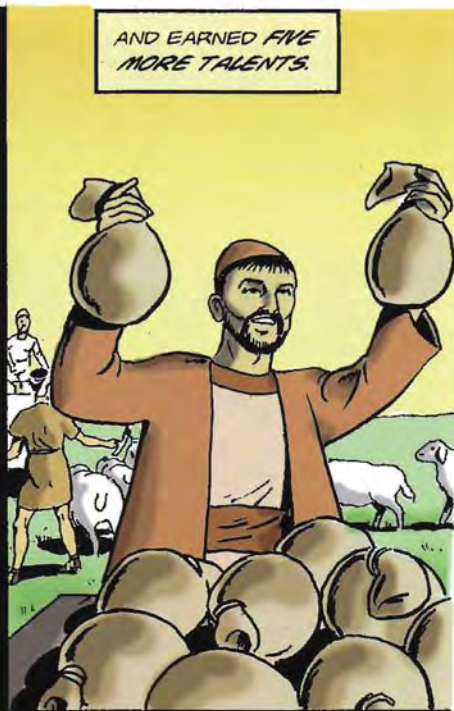


THEN THE MAN WENT  
ON HIS JOURNEY.

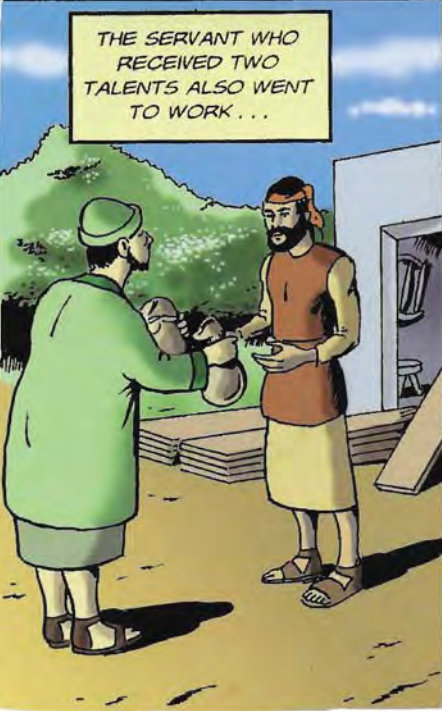


THE FIRST SERVANT,  
WHO RECEIVED FIVE  
TALENTS, WENT TO  
WORK AT ONCE ...

AND EARNED FIVE  
MORE TALENTS.



THE SERVANT WHO  
RECEIVED TWO  
TALENTS ALSO WENT  
TO WORK ...



AND EARNED  
TWO MORE  
TALENTS.



AND WHAT OF THE  
SERVANT WHO GOT  
ONE TALENT?



HE DUG UP A HOLE  
IN THE GROUND--

AND *BURIED* HIS  
TALENT IN IT!



*A*FTER A LONG TIME,  
THE MASTER FINALLY  
CAME BACK HOME.



WHAT HAVE YOU  
DONE WITH MY  
MONEY WHILE  
I WAS GONE?





MASTER, YOU GAVE ME FIVE TALENTS.

LOOK, I GAINED FIVE MORE!



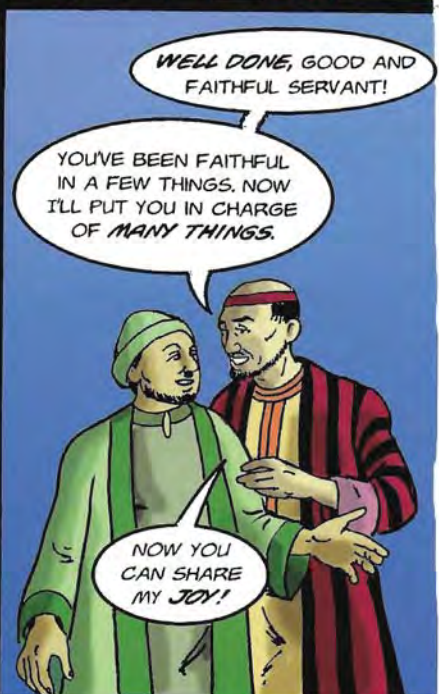
WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! YOU'VE BEEN FAITHFUL IN A FEW THINGS. NOW I'LL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MANY THINGS.

NOW COME AND SHARE YOUR MASTER'S HAPPINESS!



MASTER, YOU GAVE ME TWO TALENTS.

LOOK! I EARNED TWO MORE TALENTS!



WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

YOU'VE BEEN FAITHFUL IN A FEW THINGS. NOW I'LL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MANY THINGS.

NOW YOU CAN SHARE MY JOY!



M... MASTER ...  
I--I KNOW YOU'RE A  
**HARD MAN ...**

Y-YOU HARVEST  
WHERE YOU **NEVER**  
**HARVESTED ...**

YOU GATHER WHERE  
YOU **NEVER PLANTED**  
**SEED ...**

SO ... SO ...  
I--I WAS **AFRAID ...**



A-AND I ...  
I **HID** YOUR  
TALENT IN  
THE GROUND ...

H-HERE IS YOUR  
TALENT-- **SAFE**  
**AND SOUND--**  
A-ALL OF YOUR  
**MONEY.**



WHAT ...

YOU **EVIL,**  
**LAZY**  
**SERVANT!**

YOU "KNEW" I  
HARVEST WHERE I  
NEVER HARVESTED, AND  
I GATHERED WHERE I  
NEVER PLANTED SEED?



WHY DIDN'T YOU  
**AT LEAST** DEPOSIT  
MY MONEY WITH  
THE BANKERS?

THEN I WOULD HAVE  
**INTEREST** ADDED WHEN  
YOU RETURNED MY  
MONEY TO ME!

TAKE THE ONE  
TALENT AWAY FROM  
HIM AND GIVE IT TO  
THE ONE WHO HAS  
TEN TALENTS!





EVERYONE WHO HAS . . .  
WILL BE GIVEN MORE.

BUT THE PERSON  
WHO DOESN'T HAVE . . .



EVEN WHAT HE  
DOES HAVE, WILL  
BE TAKEN FROM  
HIM!



NOW  
THROW THAT  
**WORTHLESS**  
SERVANT OUTSIDE  
INTO THE  
DARKNESS--



WHERE PEOPLE  
CRY AND GRIND  
THEIR TEETH  
IN PAIN!

# Our Time on Earth is Limited!

by Billy Leavell

<sup>13</sup> Some of you say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to some city. We will stay there a year, do business, and make money." Listen! Think about this. <sup>14</sup> You don't know what will happen tomorrow! Your life is like a fog. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away. <sup>15</sup> So you should say, "If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> But now you are proud and boast. All of this boasting is wrong. <sup>17</sup> And when a person knows how to do good, but does not do good, then he is sinning.

—James 4:17-19, English Version for the Deaf

God's **will** means **what God wants**.

We do not realize how much influence God has on our lives. What we plan, God can push aside and substitute His own plan. That is why we have the song "Have Thine Own Way."

God is all-wise and knows what path we should be taking.

Our Bible reading gives an example: Believers should not be boasting that they will enter so and so city and make so and so much money after so and so time. Instead, their trust should be in **God**: "If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15),

This brings us to another great Scripture:



<sup>28</sup> We know that in everything God works for the good of those people that love him. These are the people God called (*chose*),

because that was his plan. <sup>29</sup> God knew those people before he made the world. And God decided that those people would be like his Son (*Jesus*). Then *Jesus* would be the firstborn of many brothers [and sisters]. <sup>30</sup> God planned for those people to be like his Son. And he called (*chose*) those people.

God called those people and made them right with him. And God gave his glory to those people that he made right.

**Romans 8:28-30**

Everything works for good for those people who love God! That's great! With God with us, we can be confident that He will lead us to good!

But because our sight is limited, we don't know what will happen tomorrow. In our Bible reading at the top of page 26, James compares our lives to a "fog". The fog appears for a short time. Then it disappears. This means our lives are limited! We might live fifty years, seventy years, eighty years, but there is a time when we must die. Young people think they can't die, but too often they meet death sooner than they thought! Compare eternity with life on earth. You will see life on earth is much too, too short!

That is why we should be careful to follow God here on earth *now*. Moses has this to say:

Teach us how short our lives really are so we can become really wise.

**Psalms 90:12**

You know the money you earn or receive is very limited. You would not spend the

money foolishly. You would be very careful of every shilling you spend. You would make sure your rent is paid. You would make sure your utilities are paid. You would make sure you have enough money for a month's supply of food. Etc., etc. You would put a limit on the things you enjoy. It isn't easy, but it can be done.

In the same way, you must be very careful of the time you have remaining on earth.

James warns us that when a person knows how to do good, but doesn't do it, then he is sinning (James 4:17). When you see your time on earth is limited, but spend your time in evil living and other bad stuff, you are definitely *sinning*. The same is true if you have limited income, but waste the money for foolish things, and end up having no food or money for rent.

That is why we should always remember what God wants from us. We should let God have His own way with us. So James says, "So you should say, 'If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that' (James 4:15).

Let us give attention to what God wants today, and do the things He wants. We will be happy we obeyed God!!

# Questions and Answers

## **Matthew 9:35-38**

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

New King James Version

*What does this Bible reading mean today?  
Please explain, and explain in terms of Africa.*

### **ANSWER:**

This question was emailed to us from a deaf lady in Kenya about the above passage.

The passage given us talks about Jesus traveling through many towns and villages. He teaches in their synagogues (Jewish places of worship). He tells the Good News about His coming kingdom (church). (Remember the church, or kingdom, of Christ was not begun until after Jesus had died, risen from the dead, and taken up into heaven.)

In our passage, Jesus heals many people who have all different kinds of illnesses and diseases.

If you look at the people today who are sick or who have different kinds of diseases, you can see they are not happy. To them life is very hard. The man without legs, he has to crawl over the ground. The woman who is blind, she has to have help when walking over dangerous rocks and thorns. These people have many kinds of problems. That is what Jesus saw when He walked the earth. Jesus saw the sufferings of the people. He felt sorry for them. He had a heart for them. He wanted to relieve their sufferings.

Jesus did not see only people who were sick and

crippled. He also saw normal people who were worried and helpless. Worried about what? Many things. Not enough money. Not enough food. Not enough medical help. Maybe these people also worried about their family. Maybe a son or daughter made serious mistakes in life and was suffering.

Jesus' heart was touched by what He saw. He feels the same today about His people, no matter where they are, in Kenya or in the USA.

That is why Jesus said, "There are many people to harvest (save)."

In Jesus' time people had physical needs that were not met. Yet if they were saved, then they would be able to enter the new spiritual kingdom that God has prepared for them. In this new spiritual kingdom there will be no handicaps, bills, no medical problems, no food shortage, etc.

Today you look around yourself. Look at the people in your village. Are they saved? Or lost?

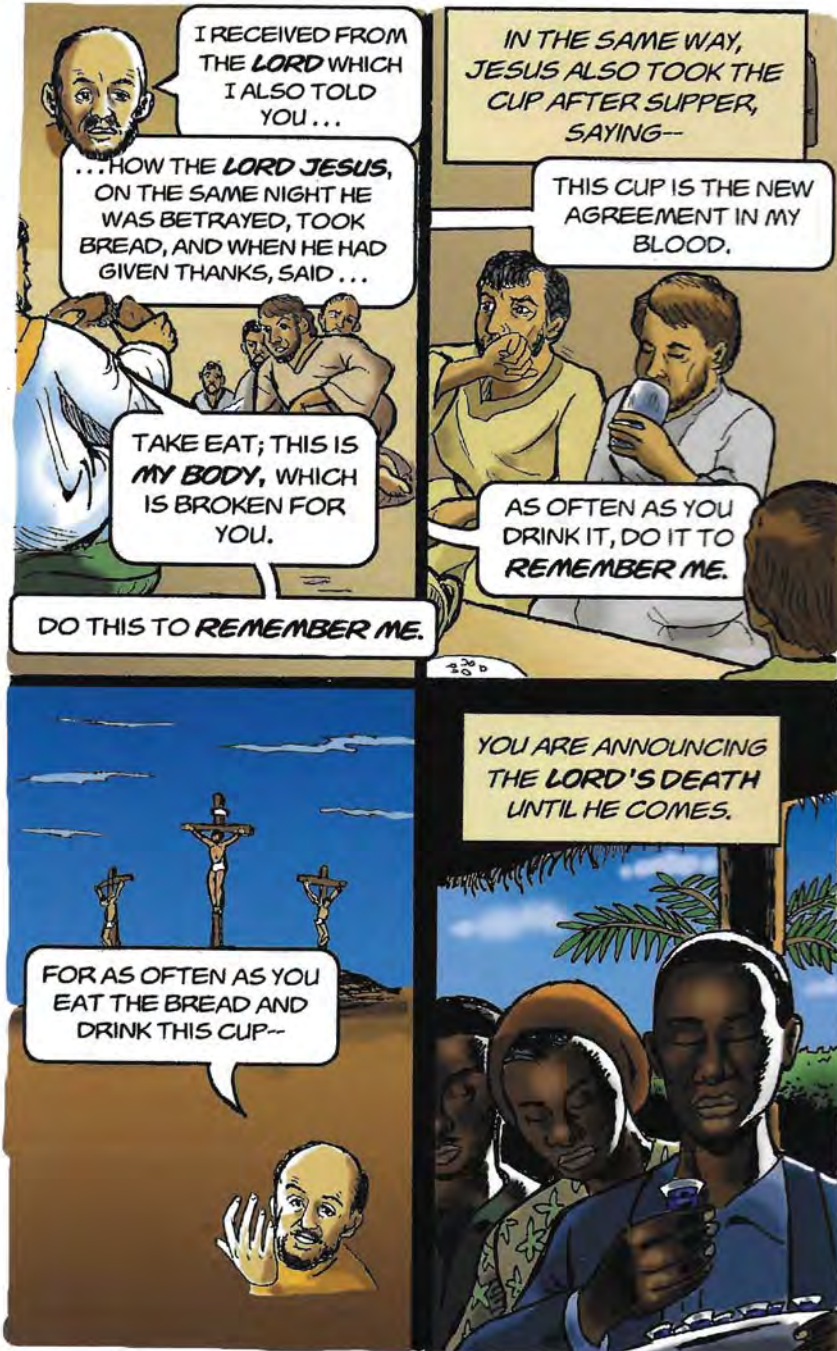
Jesus went on to say, "God owns the harvest (*people*). Pray to Him that He will send more workers to help gather His harvest."

This is still true today. We need to pray to God for more workers to lead more people to Christ. Maybe you can become one of His workers!



# The Lord's Supper

As explained by the apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



## Christ is coming again!



What joy fills our hearts when we hear Christ is coming again!

At the Last Supper with His apostles, Jesus told them: "There are many rooms in My Father's house. I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you with Me, so that you can be where I am" (John 14:1-3).

When Jesus was taken up into heaven, the two angels told the disciples, "You saw Jesus carried away from you into heaven. He will come back in the same way you saw Him go" (Acts 1:14).

The writer of the book of *Hebrews* tells us Jesus came to earth once to sacrifice Himself on the cross for our sins. "So Christ was offered as a sacrifice one time to take away the sins of many people. And Christ will come a second time, but not for people's sin. Christ will come the second time to bring salvation to those people who are waiting for Him" (Hebrews 9:28).

Now, my friend, have you placed your faith in Christ? Have you decided to leave your life of sin and confess your faith in Christ? Have you been baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins? If so, good! If not, why not come to Christ now?

*"My dear children, you belong to God, so you  
have already defeated these false prophets.  
That's because the one who is in you is  
greater than the one who is in the world."*

**1 John 4:4**

