

Crucifixion of Jesus

(Based on Matthew 27, Isaiah 53:5 & 10, Mark 15,
Luke 23, John 18:12 - John 19:42)

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On the way they forced a man named Simon to carry Jesus' cross because Jesus was too weak. A big crowd of people followed Jesus and all the ladies wept. They were so upset when they saw what the soldiers had done to Jesus.



Then they crucified Jesus. It was 9:00 o'clock in the morning.



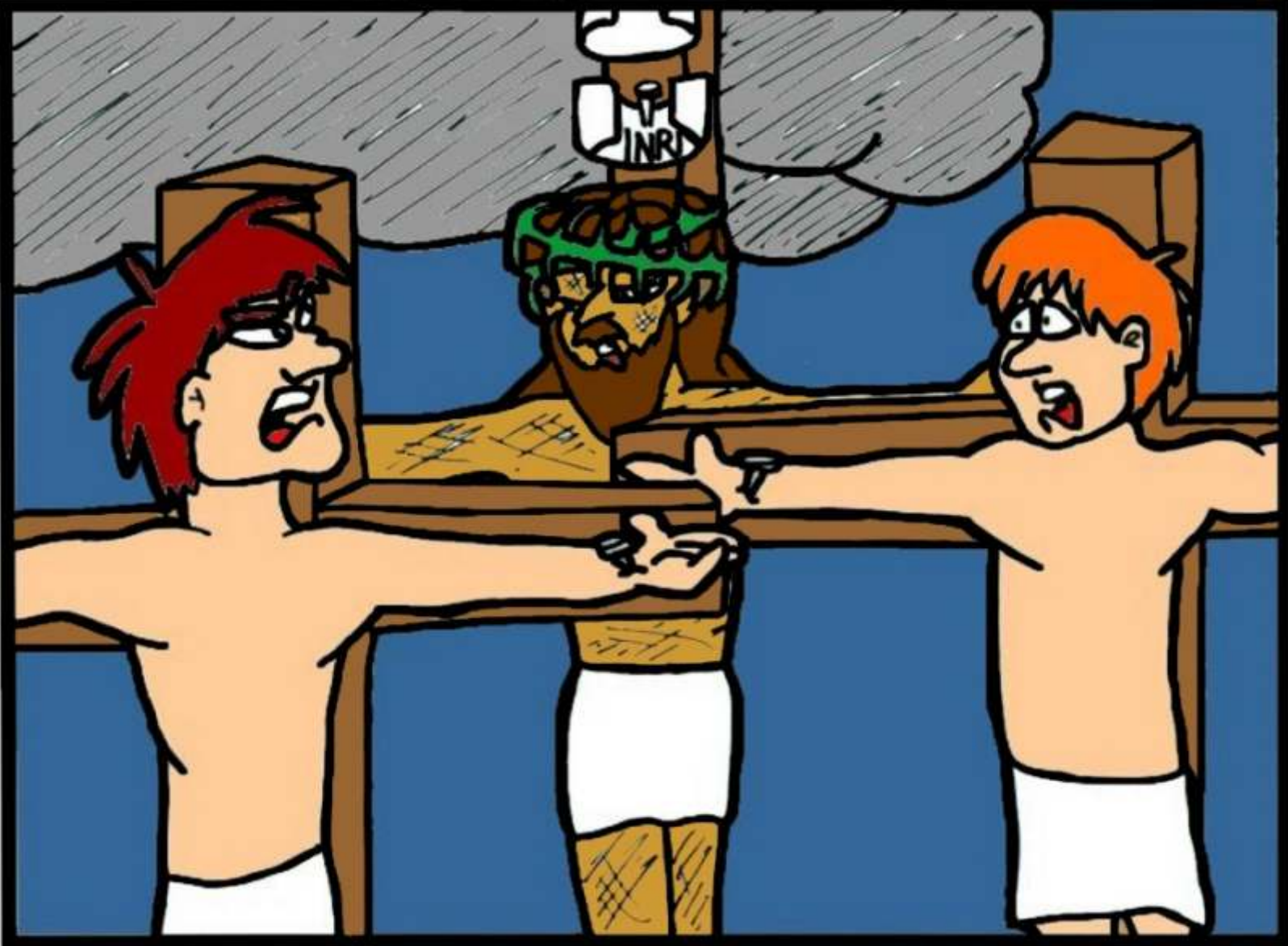
The soldiers divided his clothes into four parts, a piece for each soldier and they had a contest to see who would win his coat. This happened exactly like the prophet foretold hundreds of years before.



"Father, please forgive them,"
prayed Jesus. "They don't know
what they are doing."



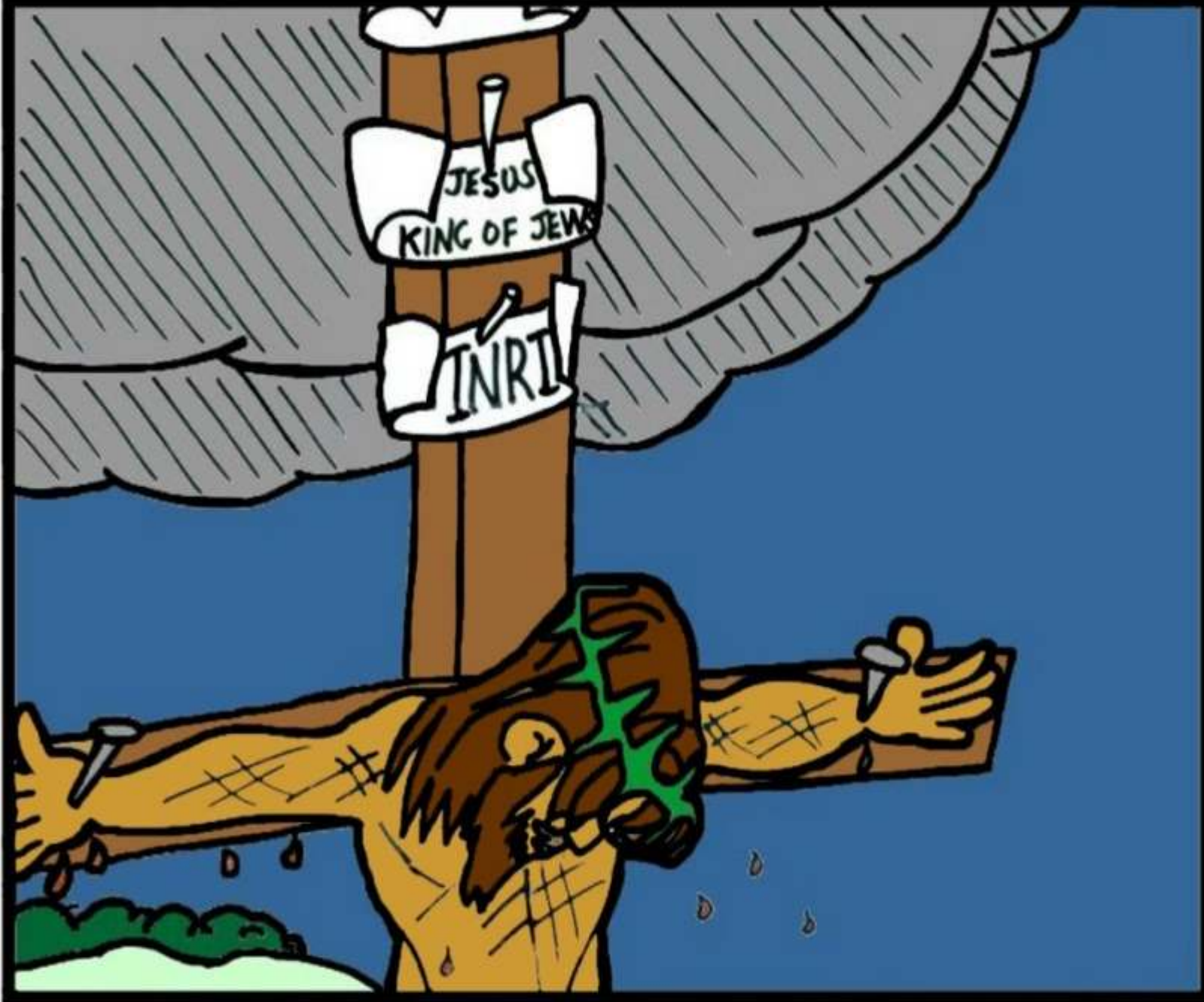
People passed by Jesus and made fun of him. "Save yourself! If you are the Son of God come down from the cross!" The boss priests and leaders made fun of Jesus. "He saved others but he can't save himself!"



Two robbers were crucified and even they made fun of Jesus. "If you are the Christ save yourself and us too," said one of them. "Aren't you afraid of God?" said the other. "We are receiving the consequences of what we did, but this man did nothing wrong."



Then turning to Jesus he said, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



At about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon Jesus said, "It is finished. Into your hands I give my spirit." And he breathed his last breath.



Jesus' friends took his body off the cross and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. They put spices and perfumes on his body. Then they laid it in a new tomb carved out of the rock. They rolled a large stone in front of the door and they left.



Lord, thank you for taking our punishment. All our sins were laid on you.