

# Raising Of Lazarus

(Based on John 11:1-55)

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Jesus received a message, "Lord, the one you love is sick." Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus was sick. Jesus loved them and said, "This sickness is not going to end in death, but for the glory of God. The Son of God will get glory through this."



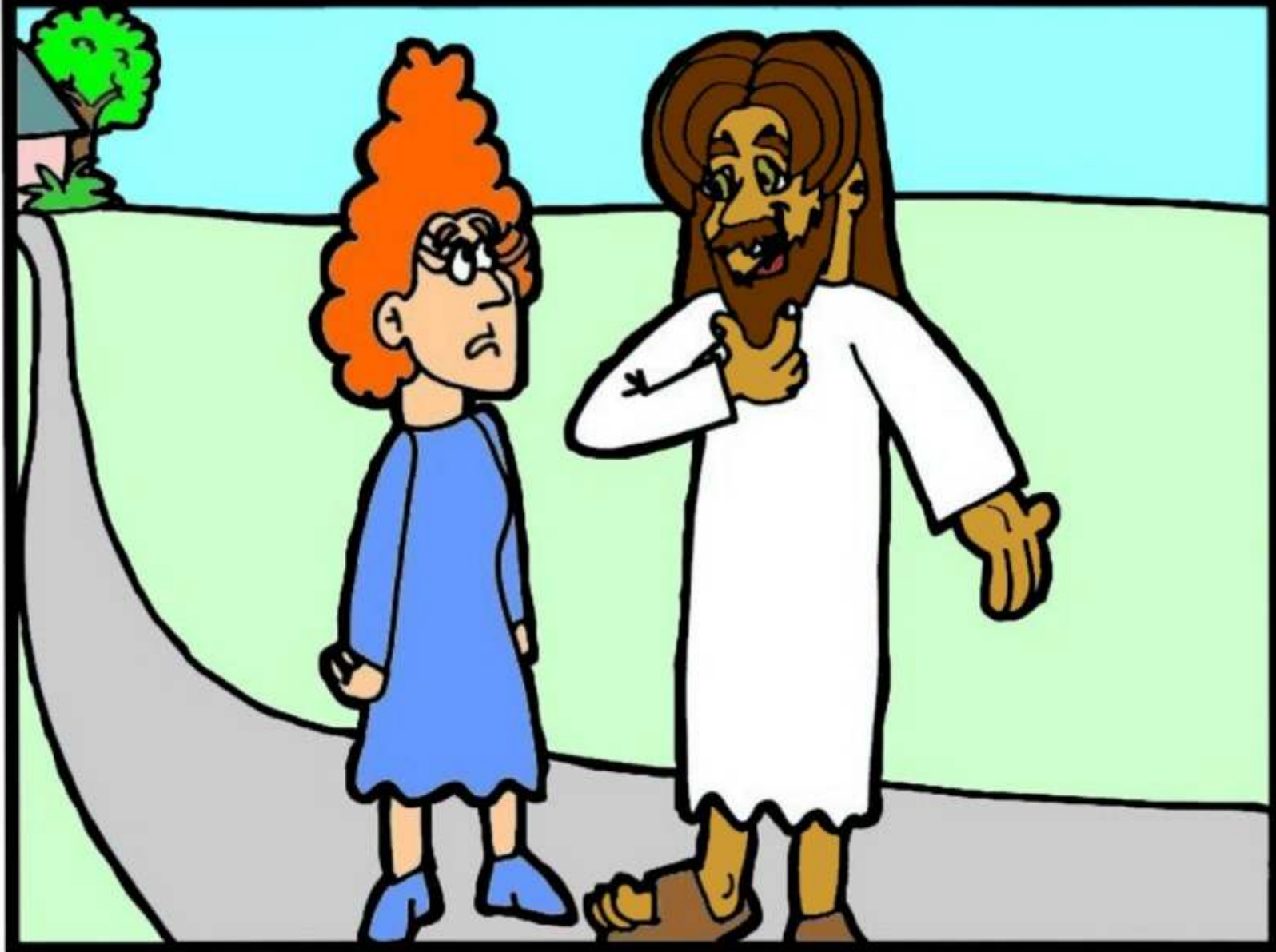
Jesus stayed two more days where he was, then he said to his disciples, "Let's go. Lazarus is fallen asleep but I am going to wake him out of sleep." The disciples thought Lazarus was just resting but Jesus told them plainly, Lazarus is dead."



When Jesus arrived he learned that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. Many people were in the house comforting Mary and Martha, but when Martha heard that Jesus was coming she ran to meet him. Mary stayed in the house.



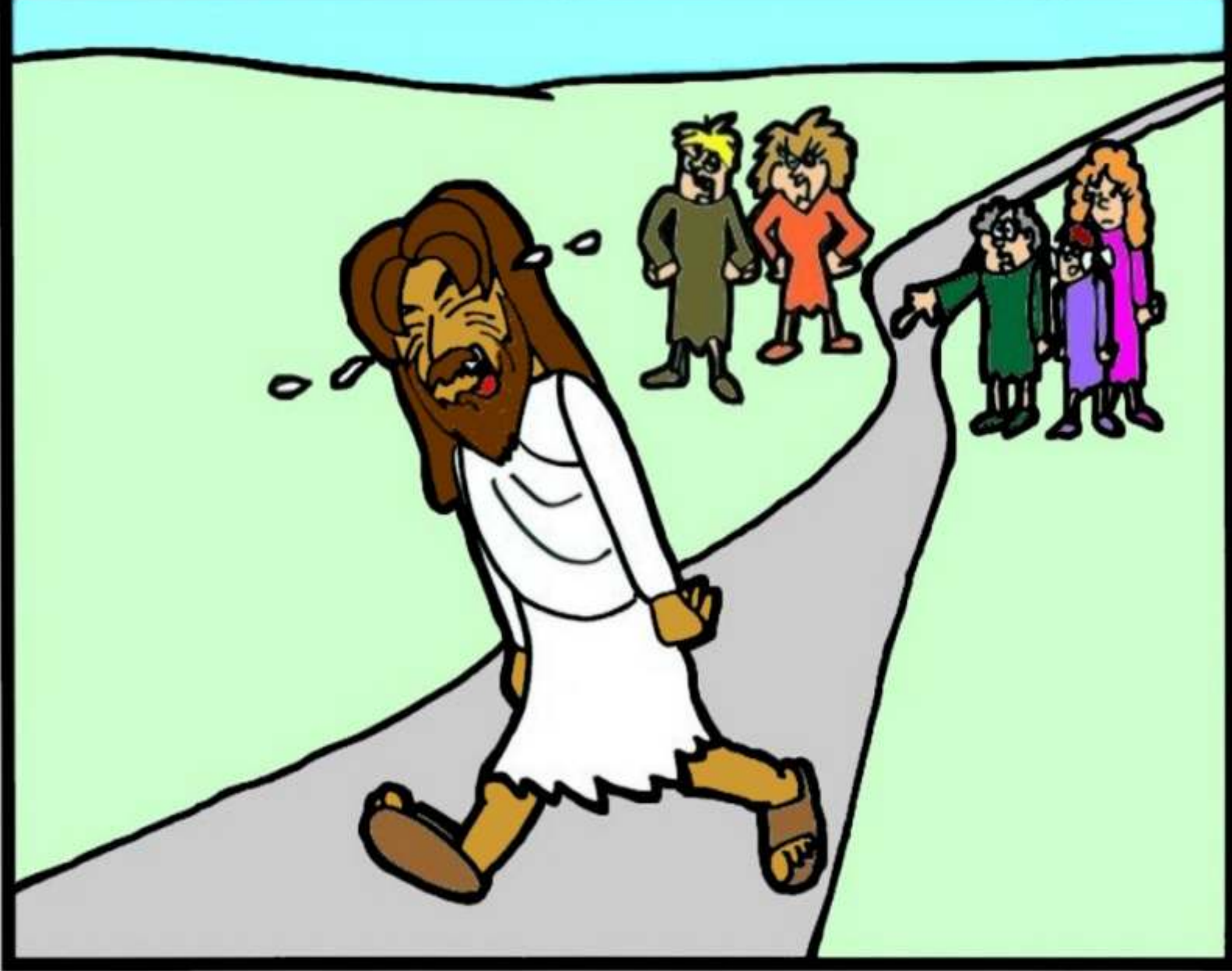
"Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died," said Martha. Jesus answered, "Your brother will rise again". "I know he'll rise when the dead are raised to life at the end of time," answered Martha.



"I am the one who raises the dead and I am the life. He that believes in me even if he dies he will still live and he who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" asked Jesus. "I believe you are the Saviour, the Son of God," answered Martha.

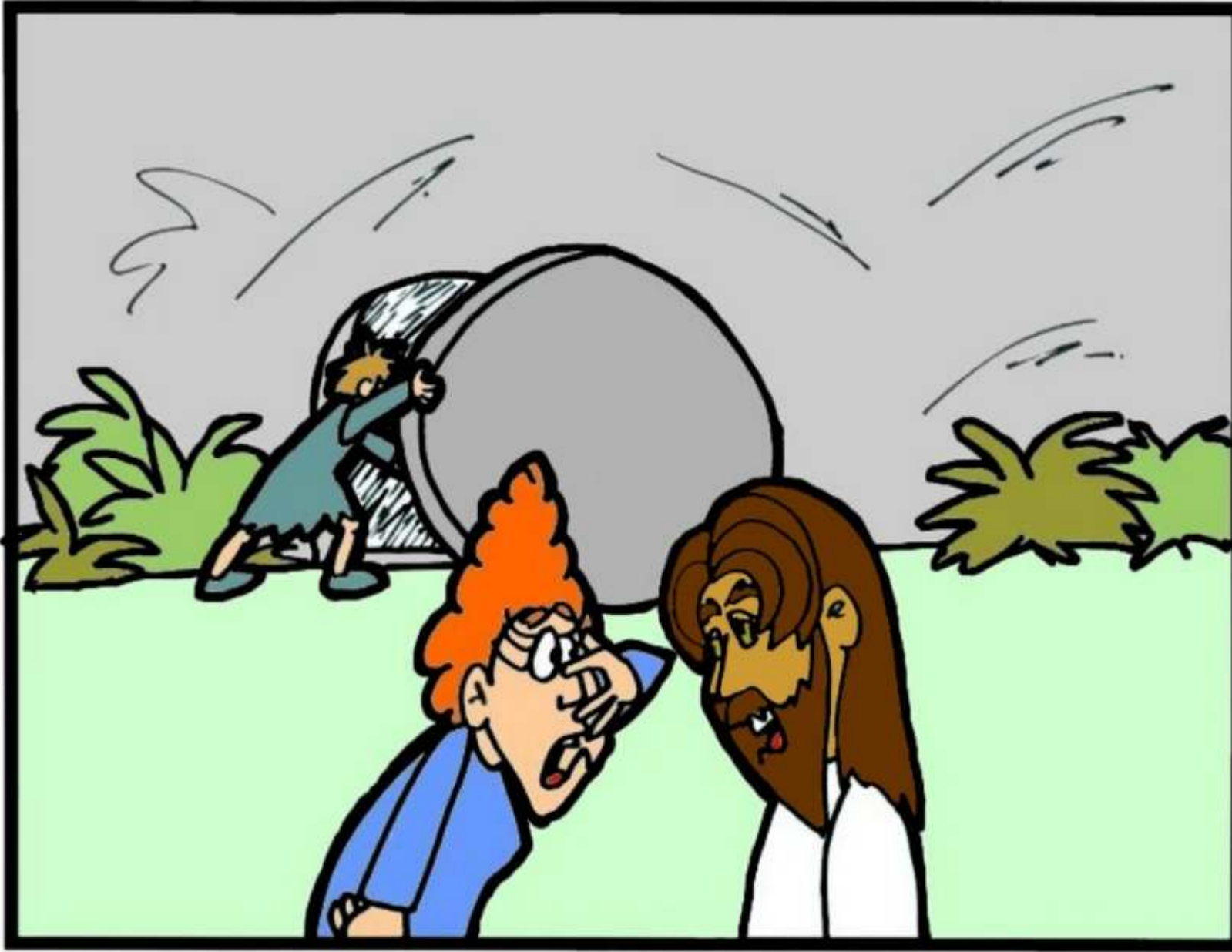


Mary came to Jesus and fell at his feet weeping, "Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died." Jesus asked where Lazarus was laid and the people led him to the tomb.



Jesus wept. Some of the people watching said, "Look how much he loved him!" Others said, "This man who healed blind people, couldn't he have stopped Lazarus from dying?"





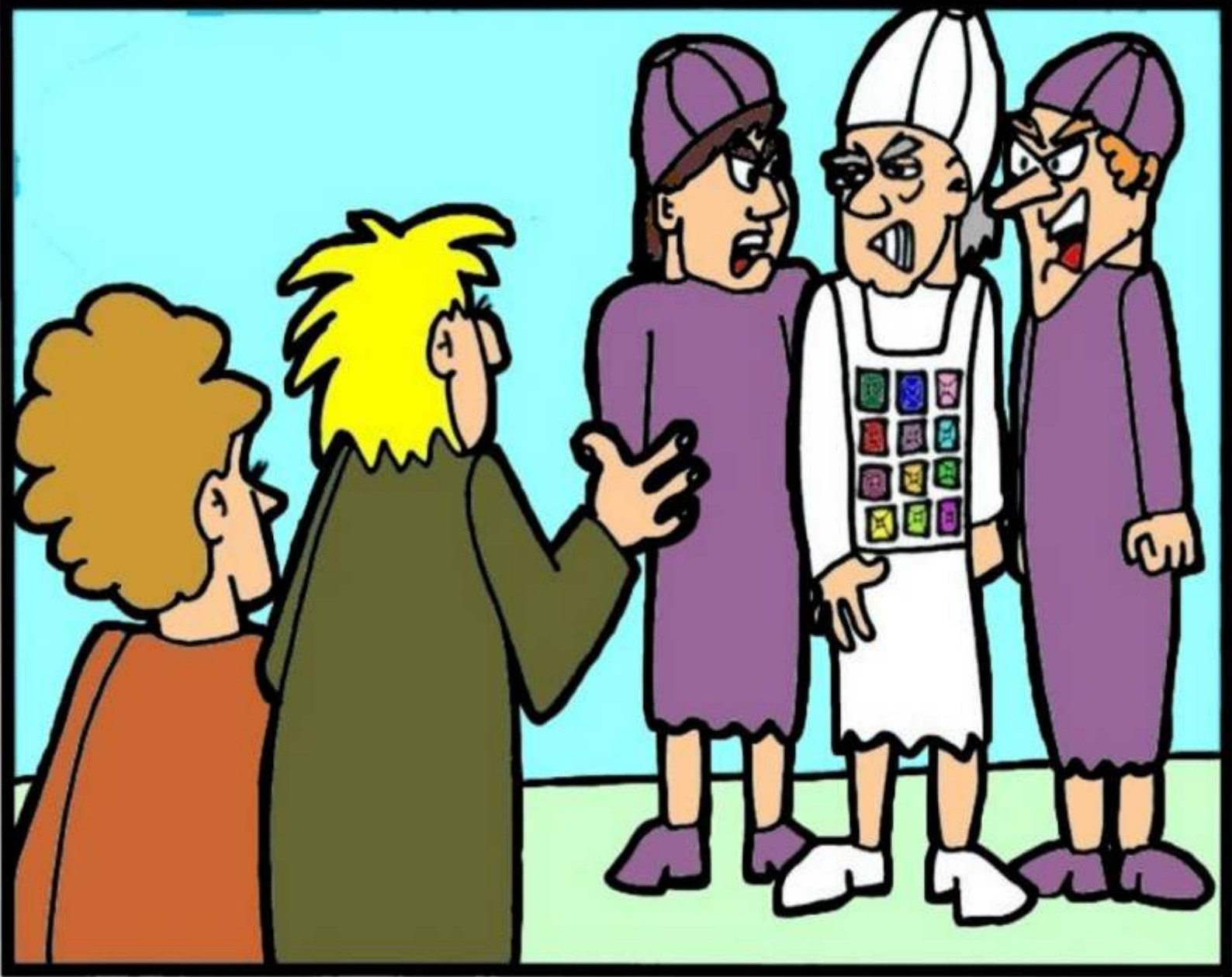
Jesus ordered the stone cover removed and Martha said, "Lord he's been dead for four days. By now he'll be very stinky." "Didn't I say that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" asked Jesus.



With a very loud voice Jesus shouted, "Lazarus come out!"



He that was dead came out. His hands, feet and face were wrapped with cloth bands. "Get him out of those cloth bands and let him go free!" said Jesus.



That day many people became believers in Jesus, but some people ran and told the phony Pharisees what Jesus had done. The Pharisees and priests gathered together and decided that they would kill Jesus.



Lord, thank you for eternal life  
and that one day we will be  
together again.