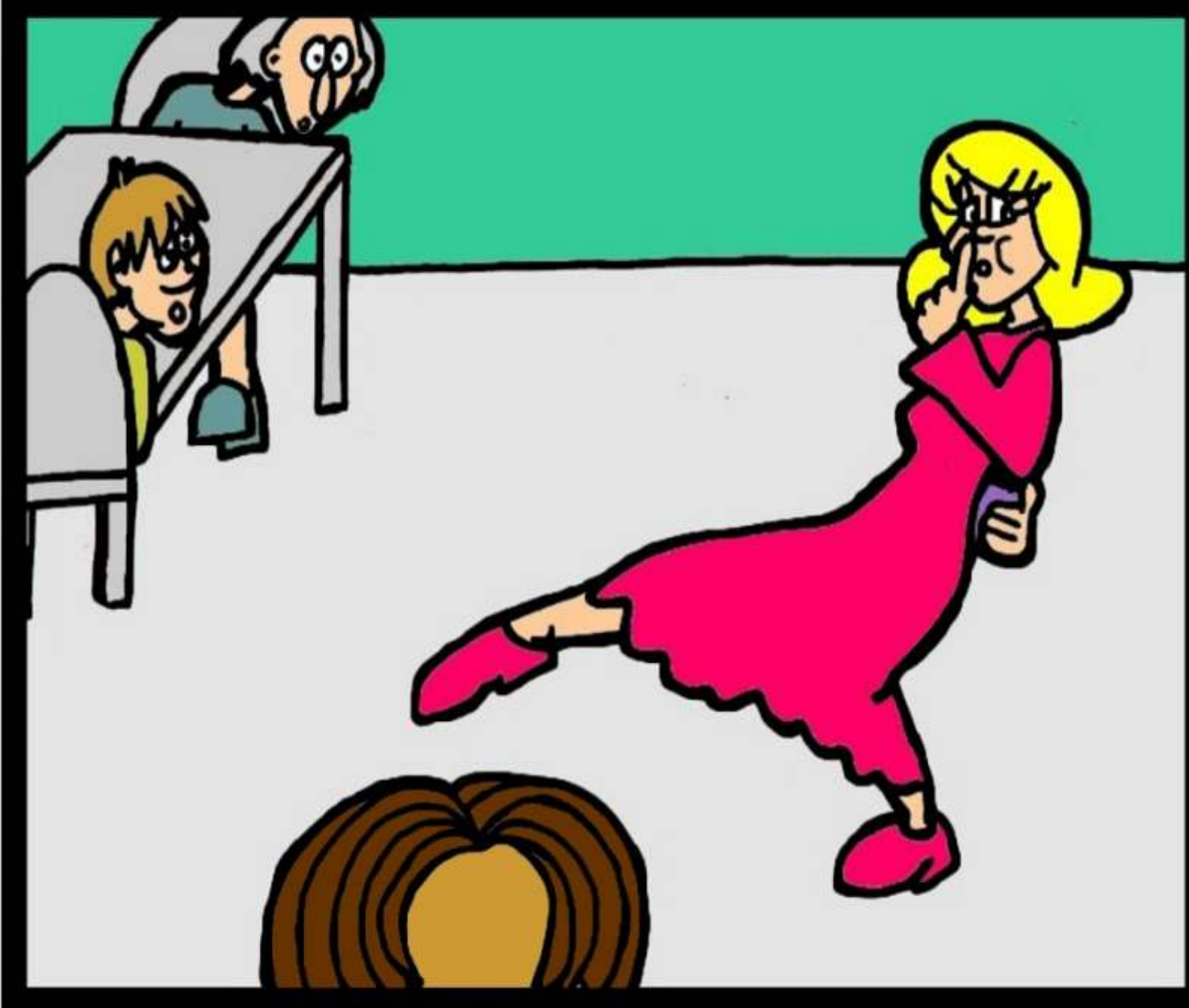


# Mary Anoints Jesus

(Based on Mark 14:3-9, John 12:1-8)

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Mary quietly snuck into the room behind Jesus. "Close your eyes Jesus," she said. "I have a present for you."



"Okay," answered Jesus. Jesus closed his eyes and waited.



When Jesus opened his eyes, oil was running all down his hair, under his shirt and down his back. Mary had poured a whole container of perfumed oil on Jesus head. This oil was very precious and very, very expensive.



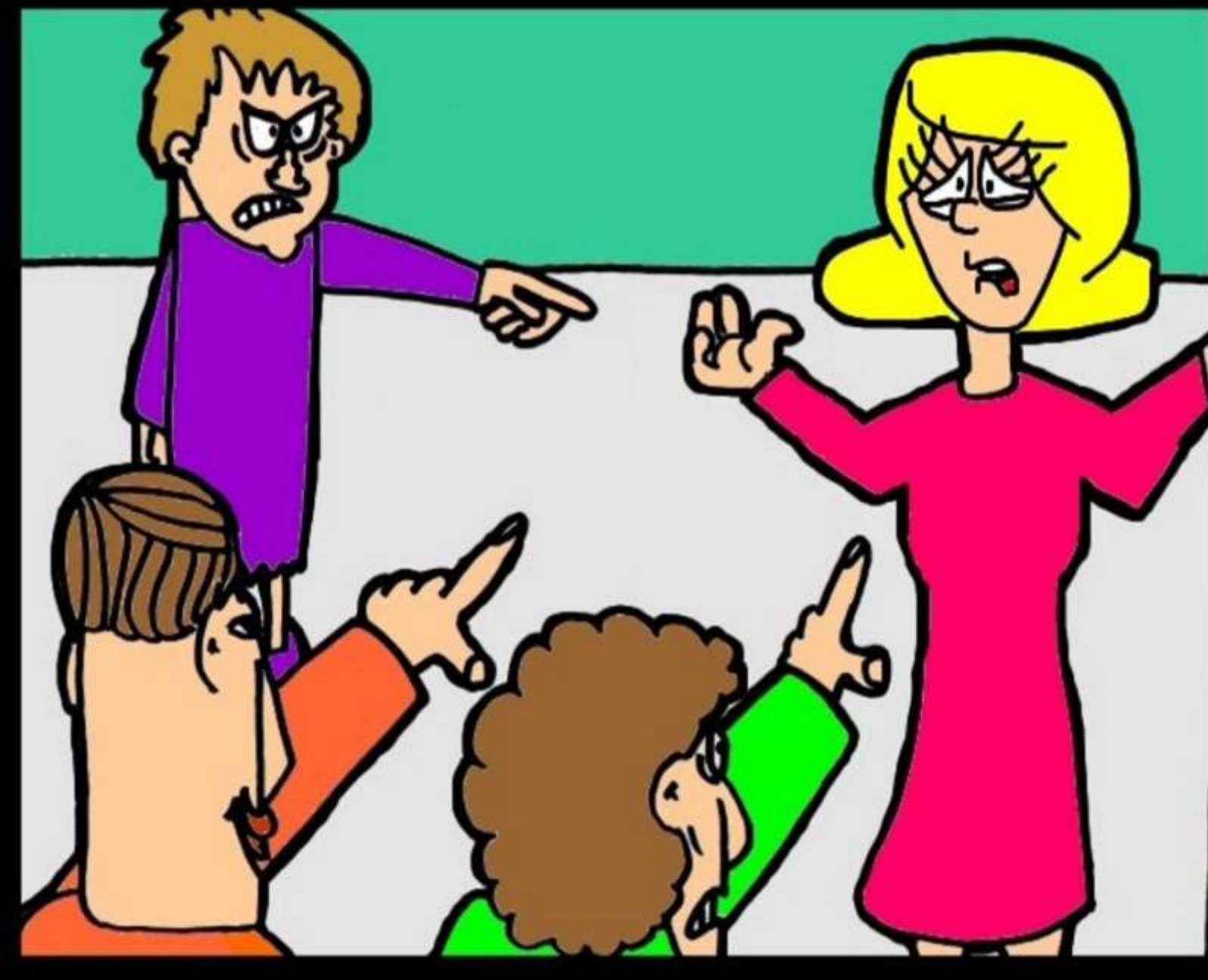
She got down on her hands and knees and began to rub the perfumed oil onto Jesus feet and she wiped his feet with her hair.



"What a foolish girl Mary is! What a waste!" said Judas Iscariot, the disciple that turned against Jesus. "You could have sold this perfume for 300 denarii and given the money to the poor!"



(Judas used to take care of Jesus' money, and whenever he wanted some he would steal it.) The idea sounded good to some of Jesus' other disciples and they were agreeing with Judas.



"What a waste!" they said. "What a foolish girl you are! You're nothing but a big waster!" "But I didn't want to give it to the poor! I wanted to give it to Jesus!" sobbed Mary.





"Leave Mary alone!" said Jesus. "She did a good thing for me. You'll always have the poor and whenever you want, you can do good for them, but ME you will not always have. She did what she could. She is getting my body ready to be buried. What Mary did will be told all over the world!"



Lord, help me to love you like Mary did. Help me to do what I can for you.