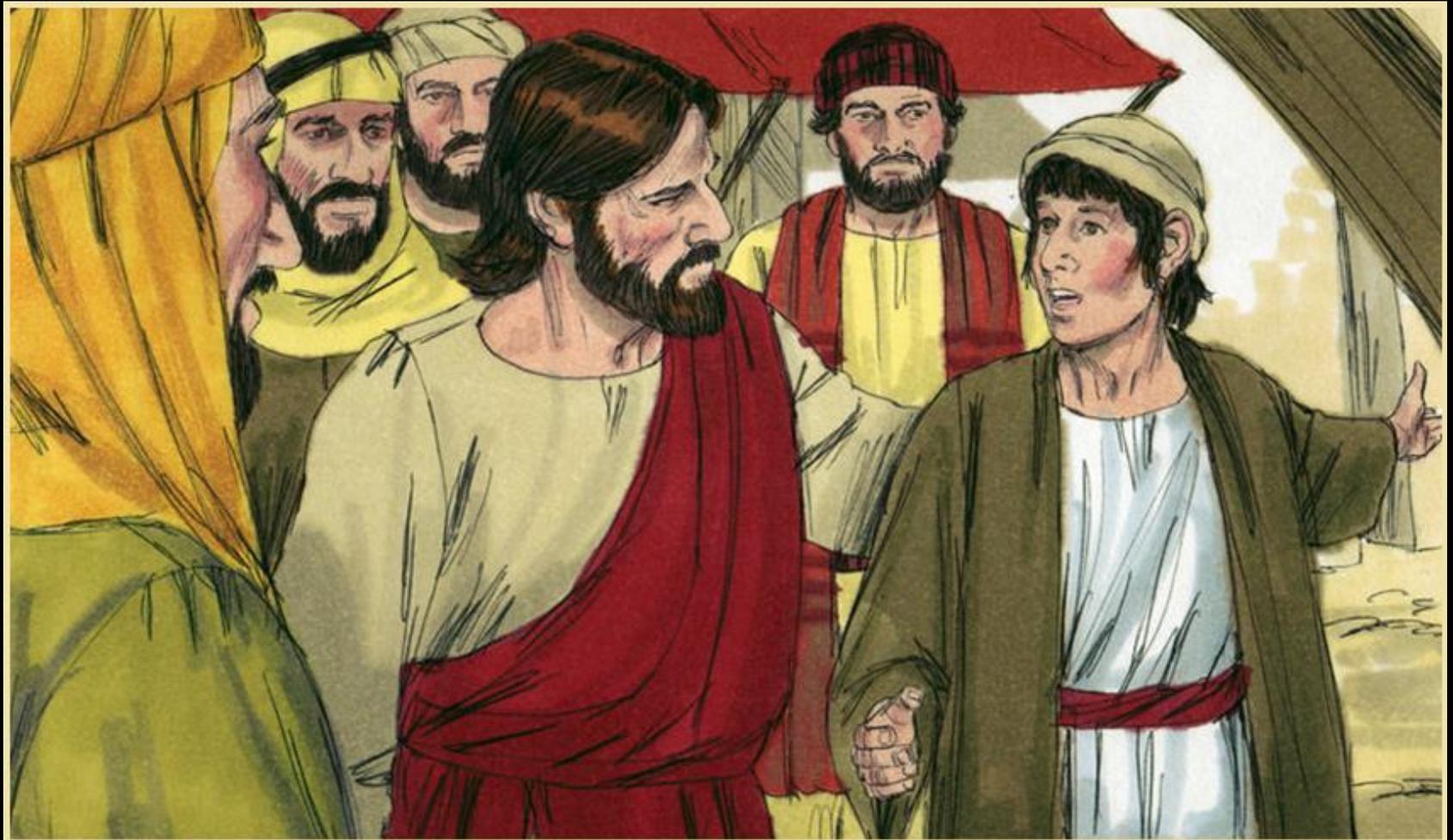


Jesus Raises the Dead

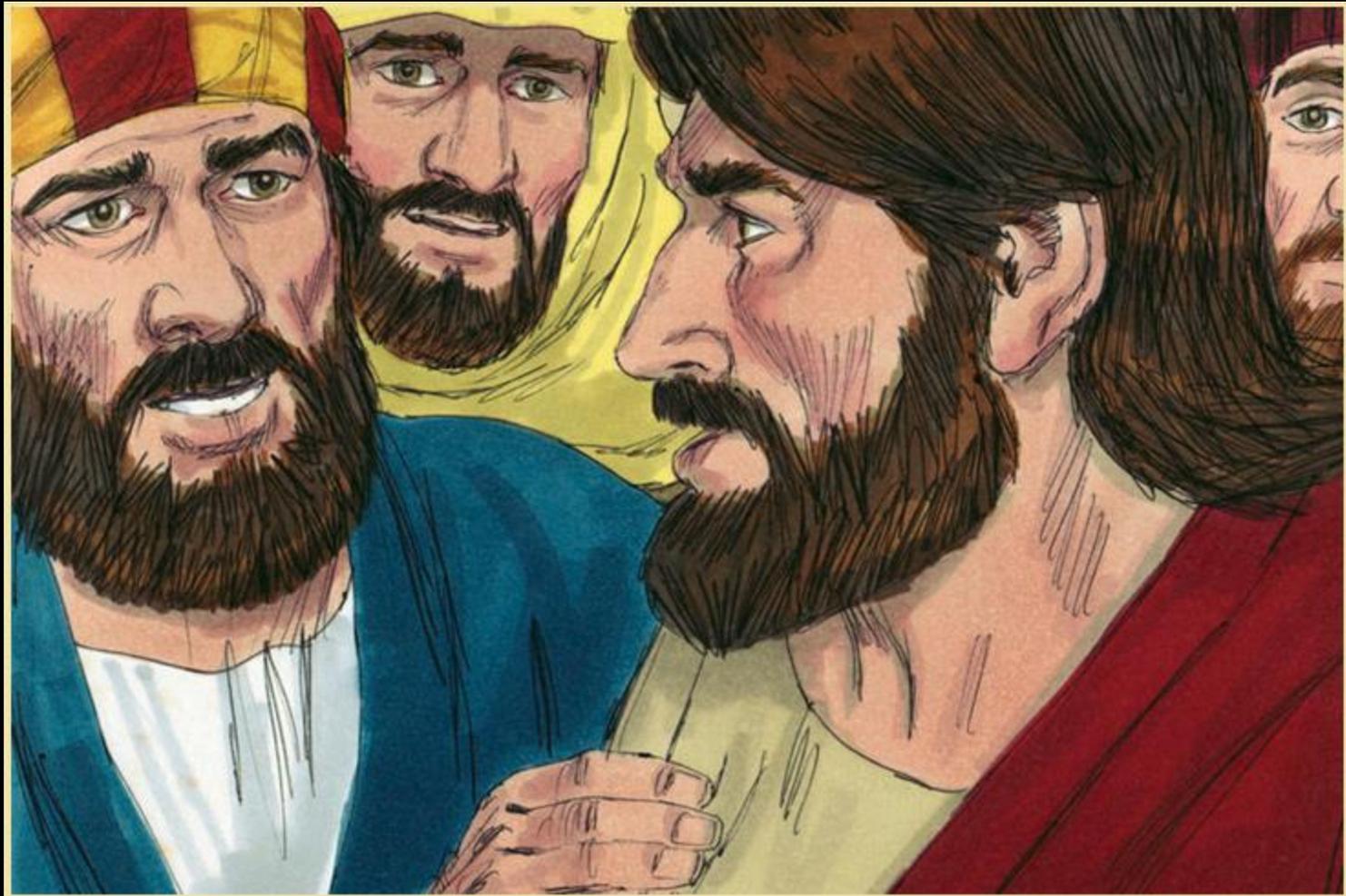
John 11:1-52



Now a man named Lazarus was sick...
So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the
one You love is sick.' (v1, 3)



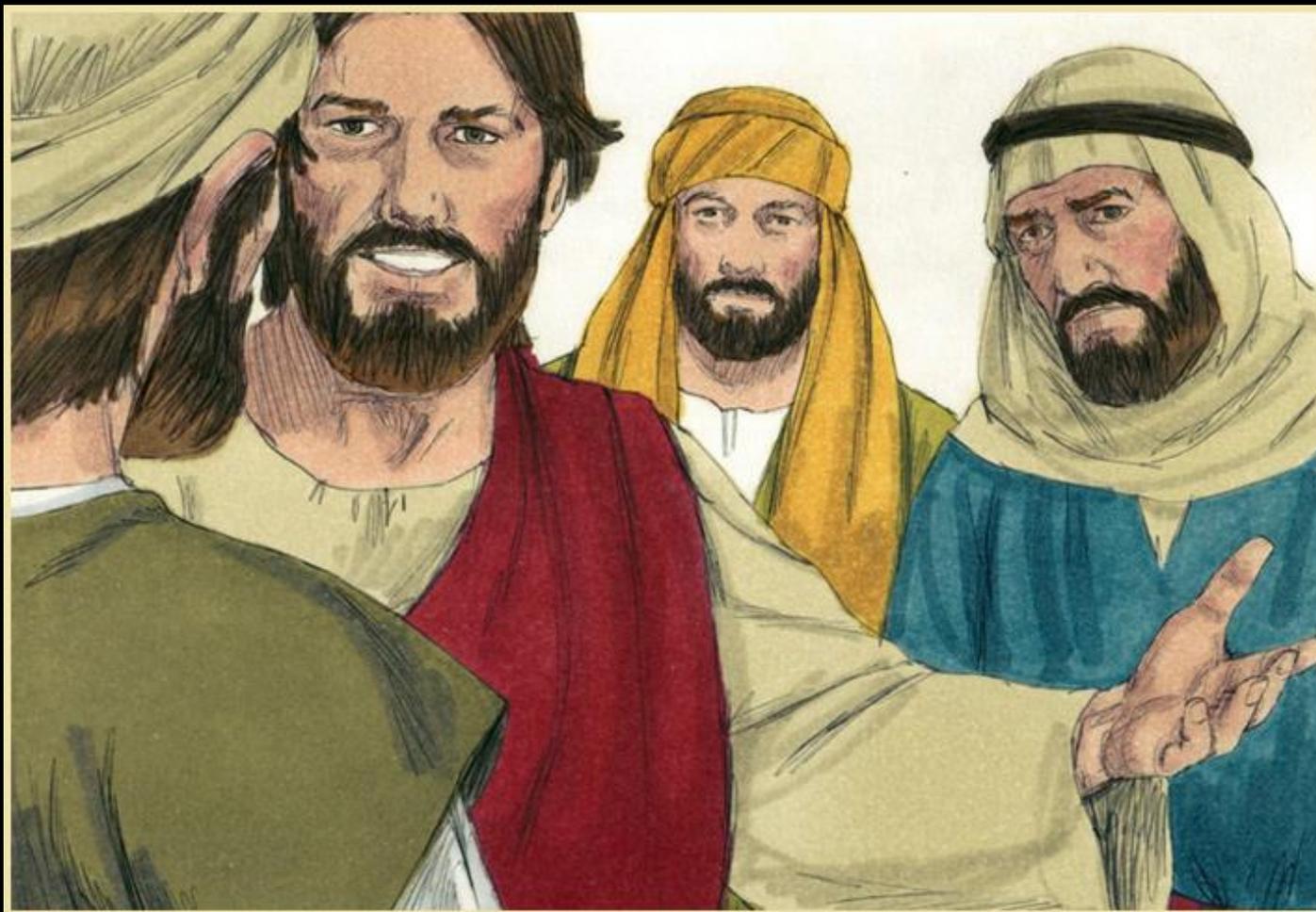
When He heard this, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will not end in death. No, **it is for God’s glory** so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.’ (v4)



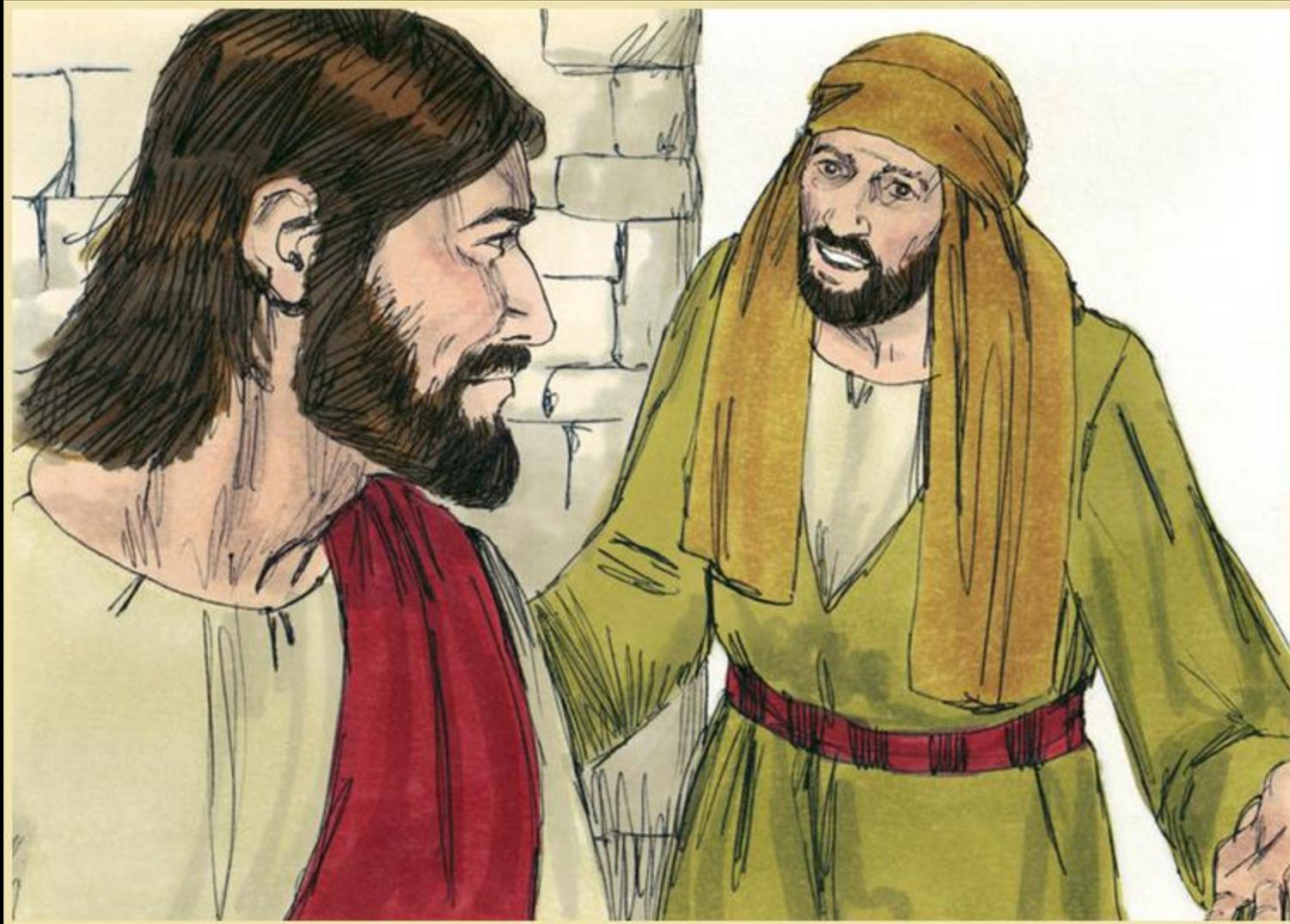
Now **Jesus loved** Martha
and her sister and Lazarus.

So when He heard that
Lazarus was sick, **he stayed**
where He was two more
days... (v5-6)

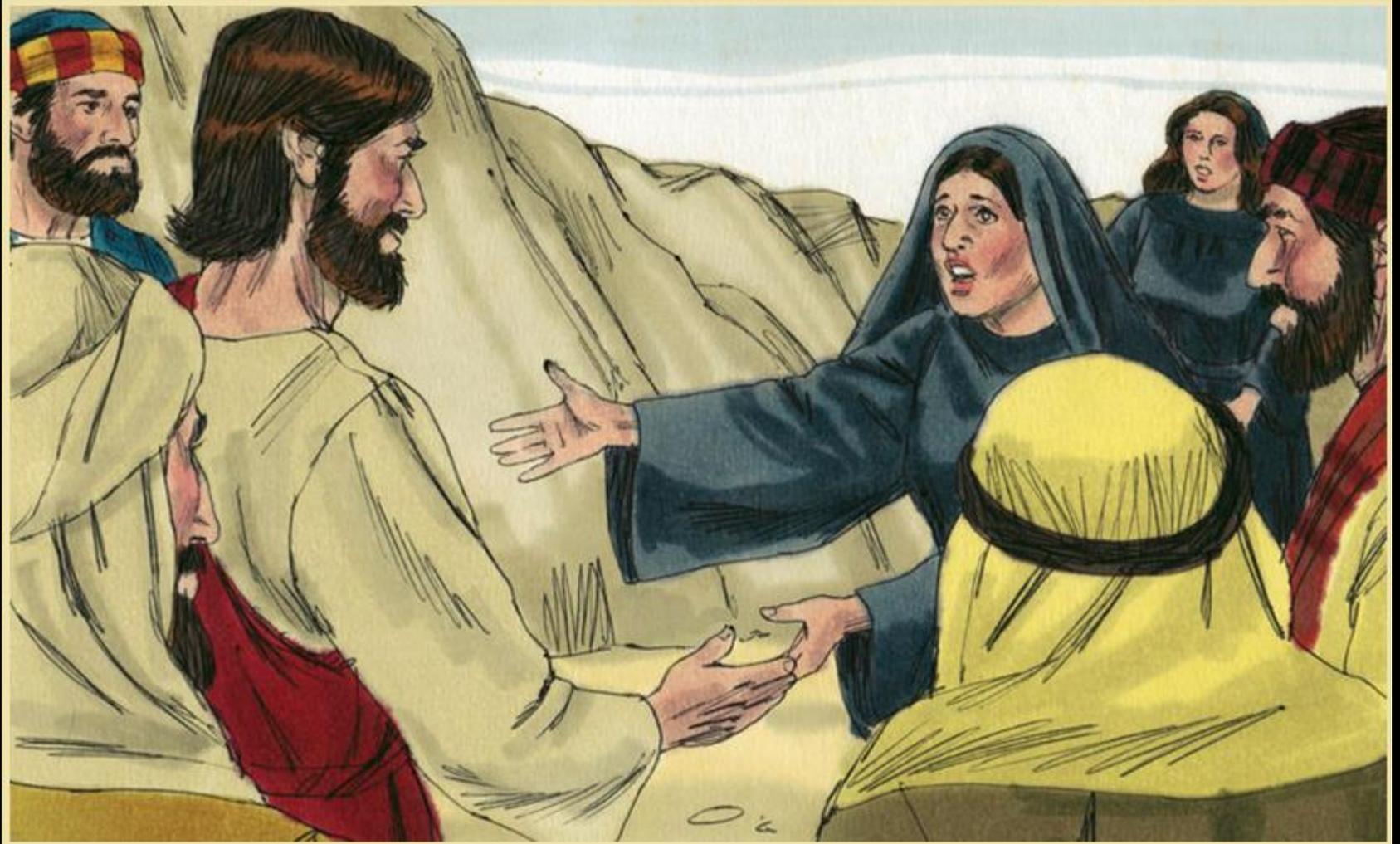
Jesus told them, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake **I am glad I was not there,** so that you may believe.' (v14-15)



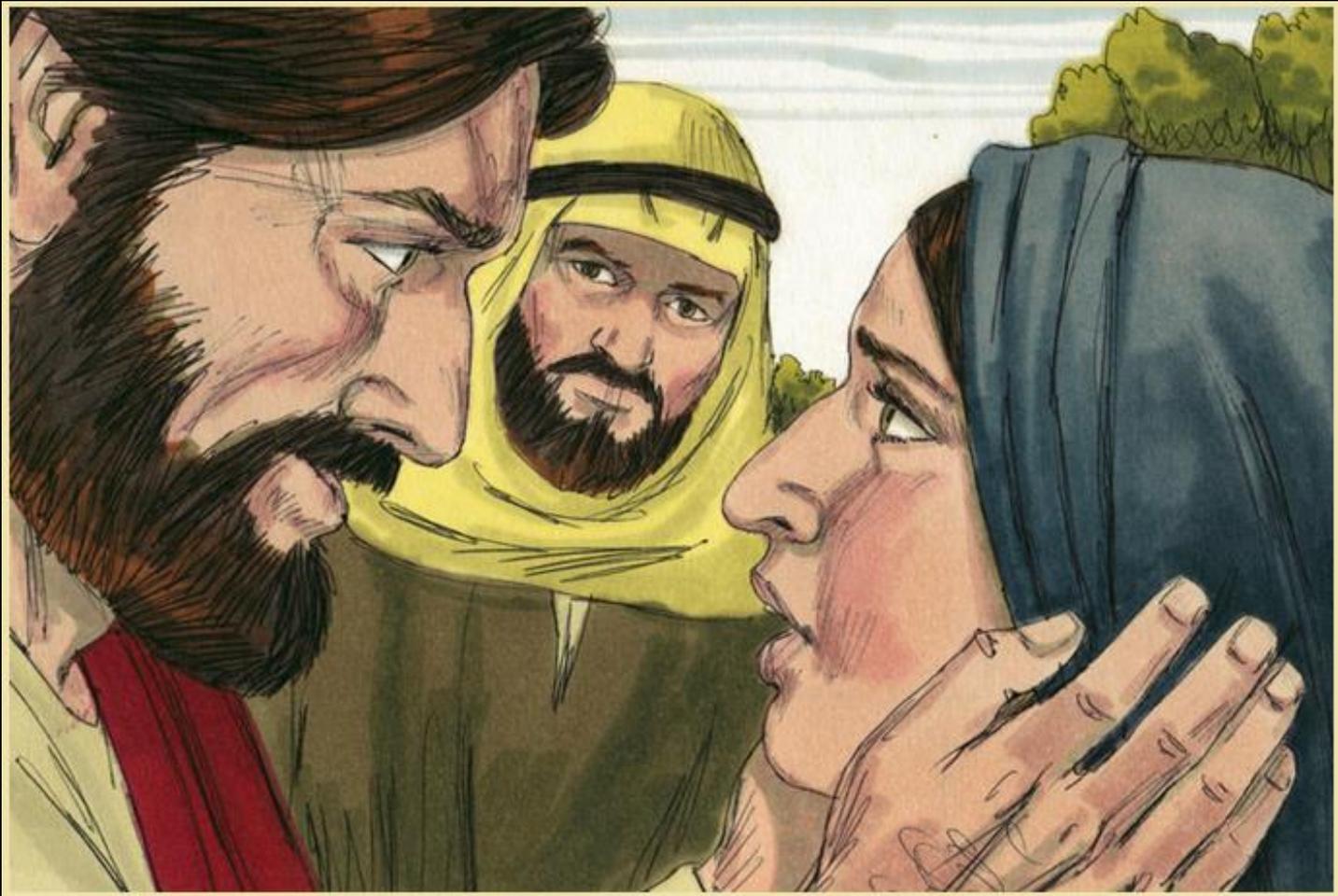
On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. (v17)



Martha heard that Jesus was coming, and went out to meet Him... 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if You had been here, my brother would not have died.' (v20-21)



‘I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ (v22-24)

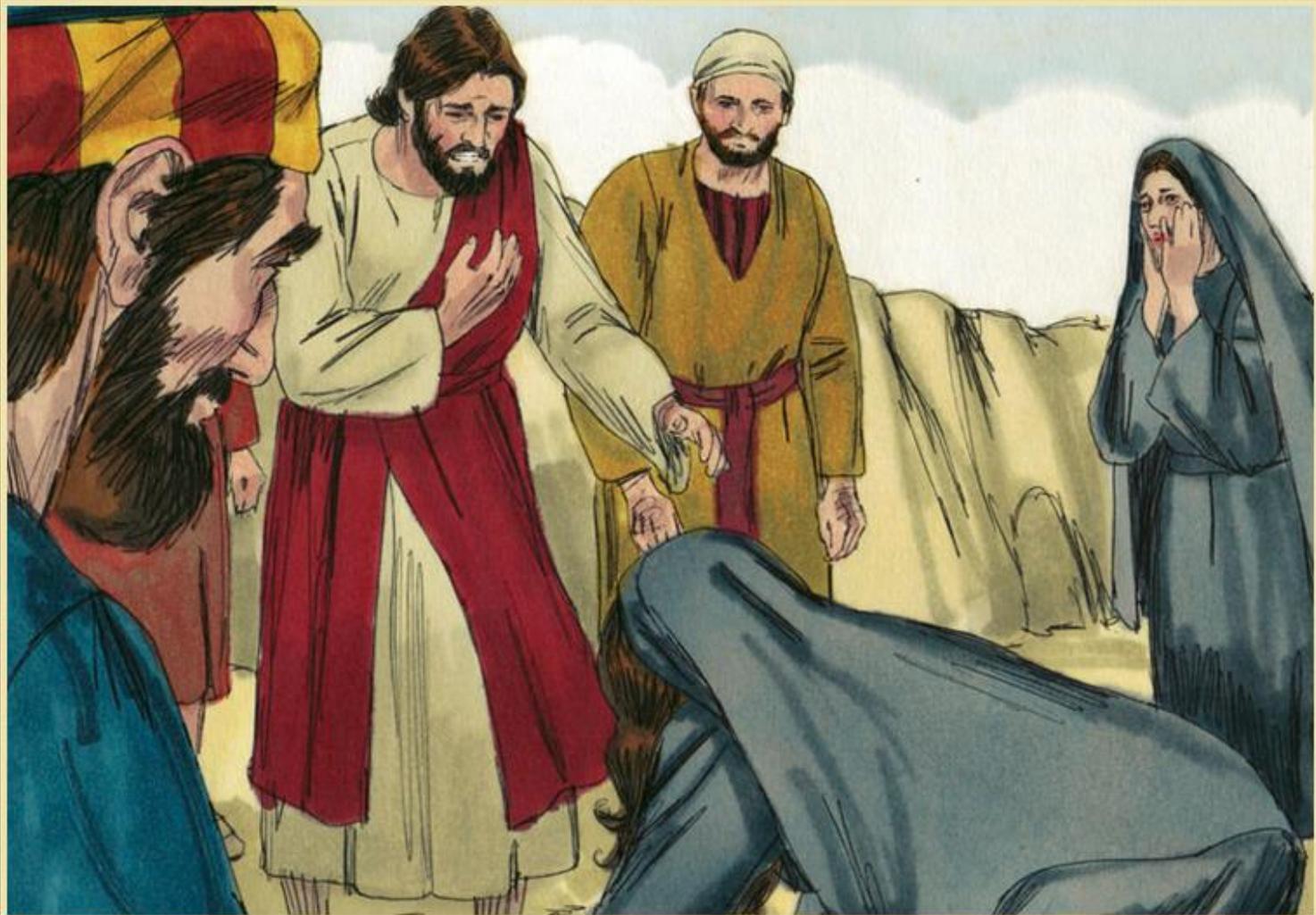


Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.

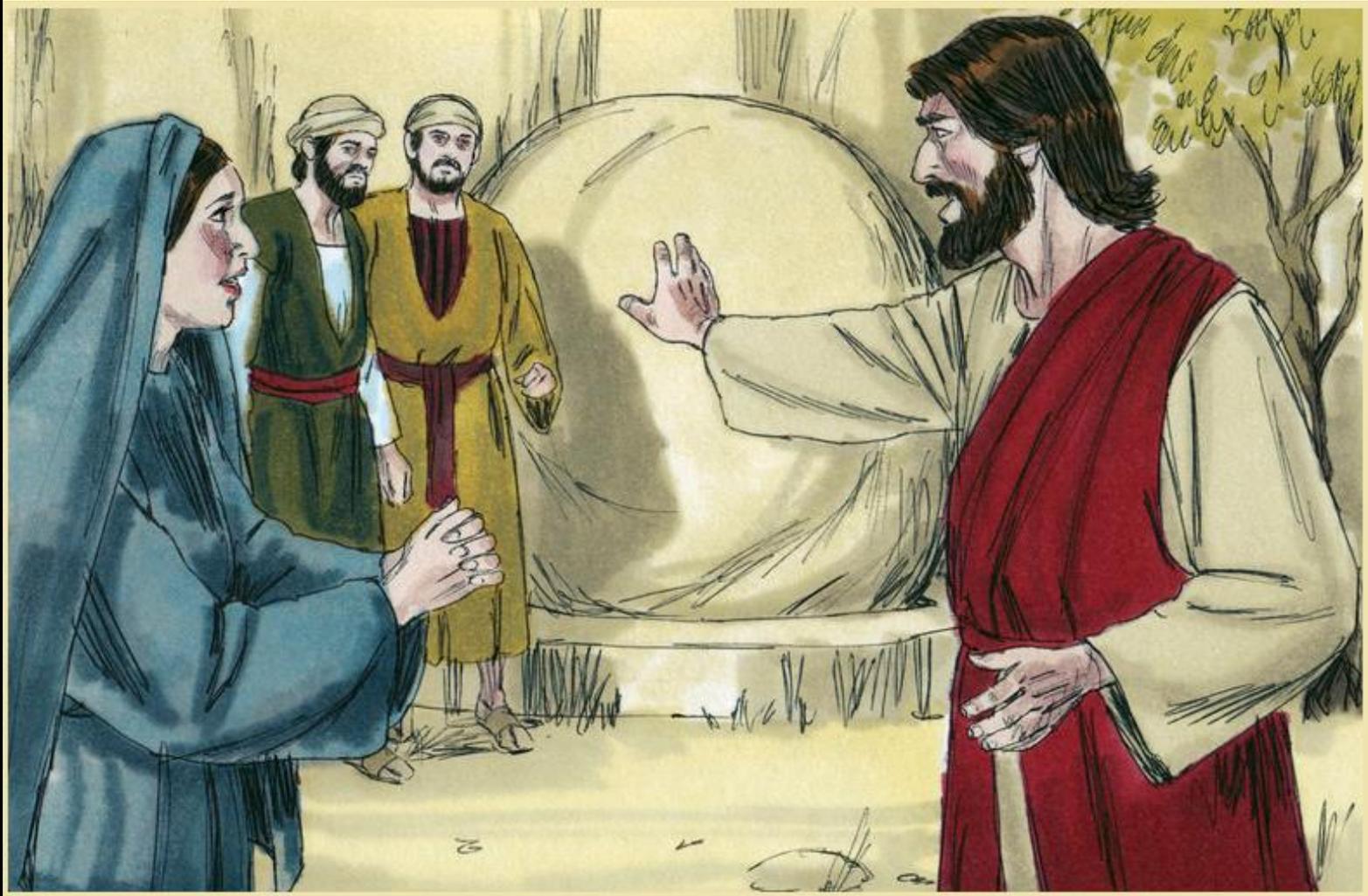
Do you believe this?' (v25-26)

‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’ (v27)

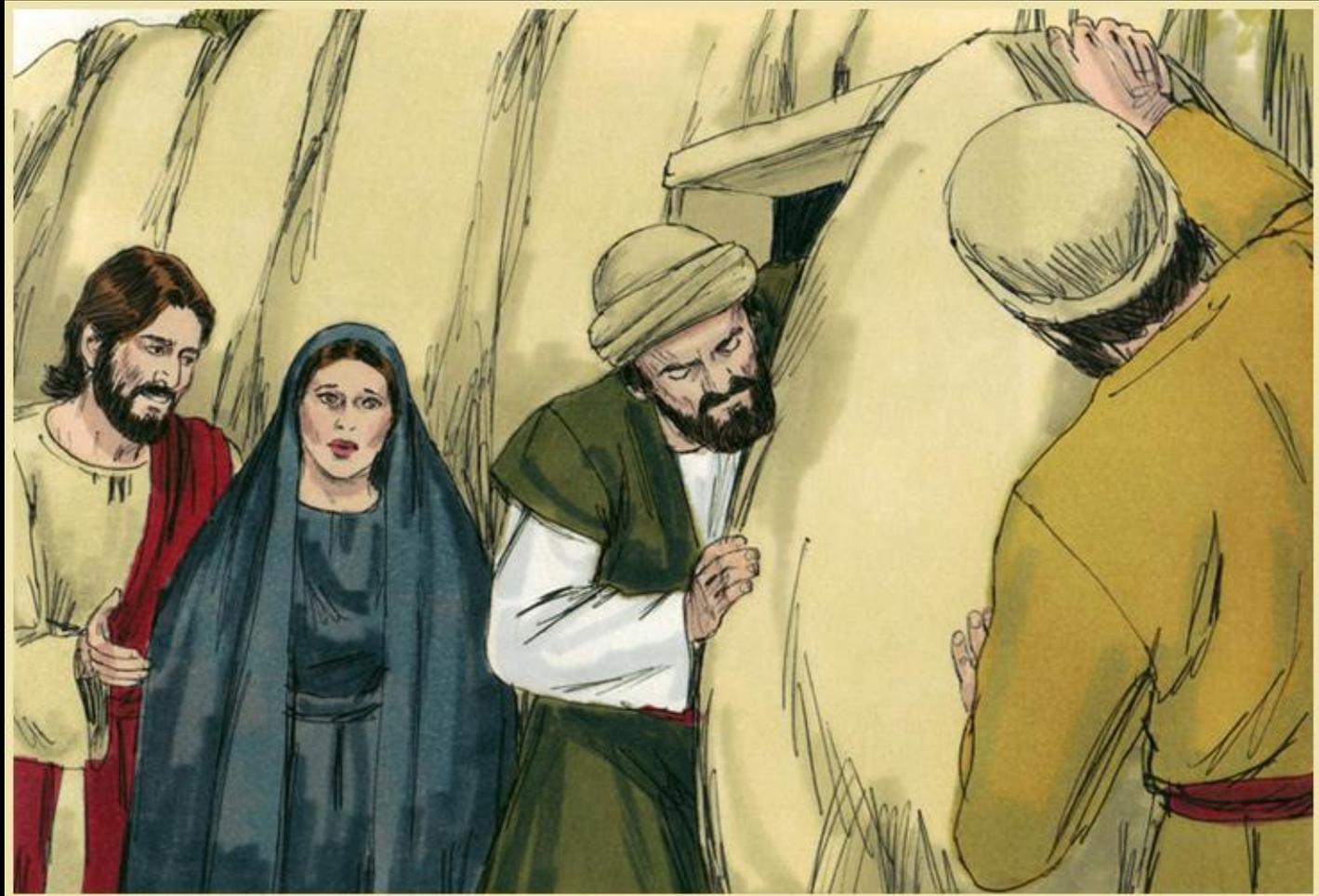
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled...Jesus wept. (v33-35)



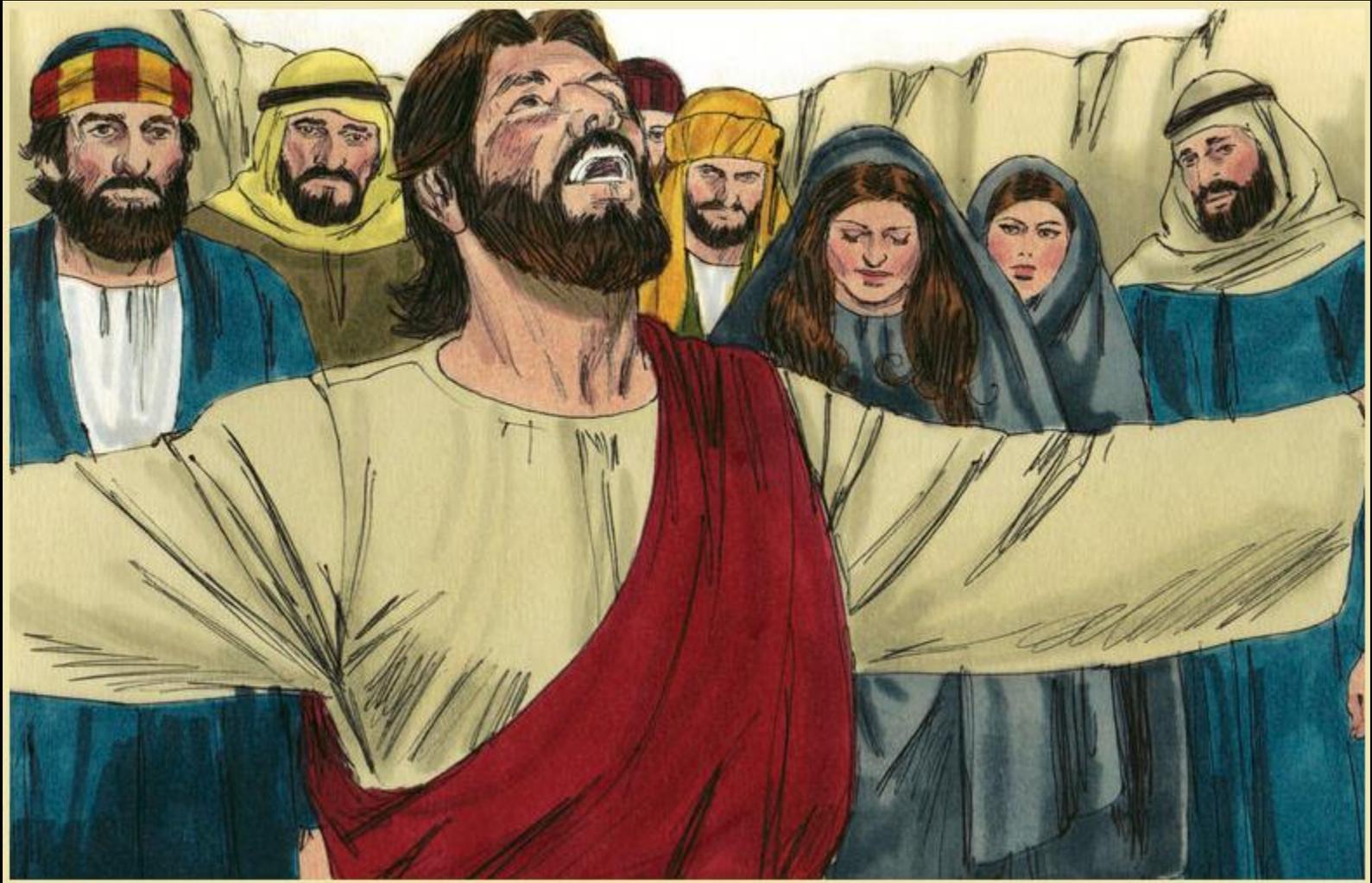
Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' He said. (v38-39)



‘But, Lord,’ said Martha, ‘by this time there is a bad odor...’ Jesus replied, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe, **you will see the glory of God?**’ So they took away the stone... (v39-41)



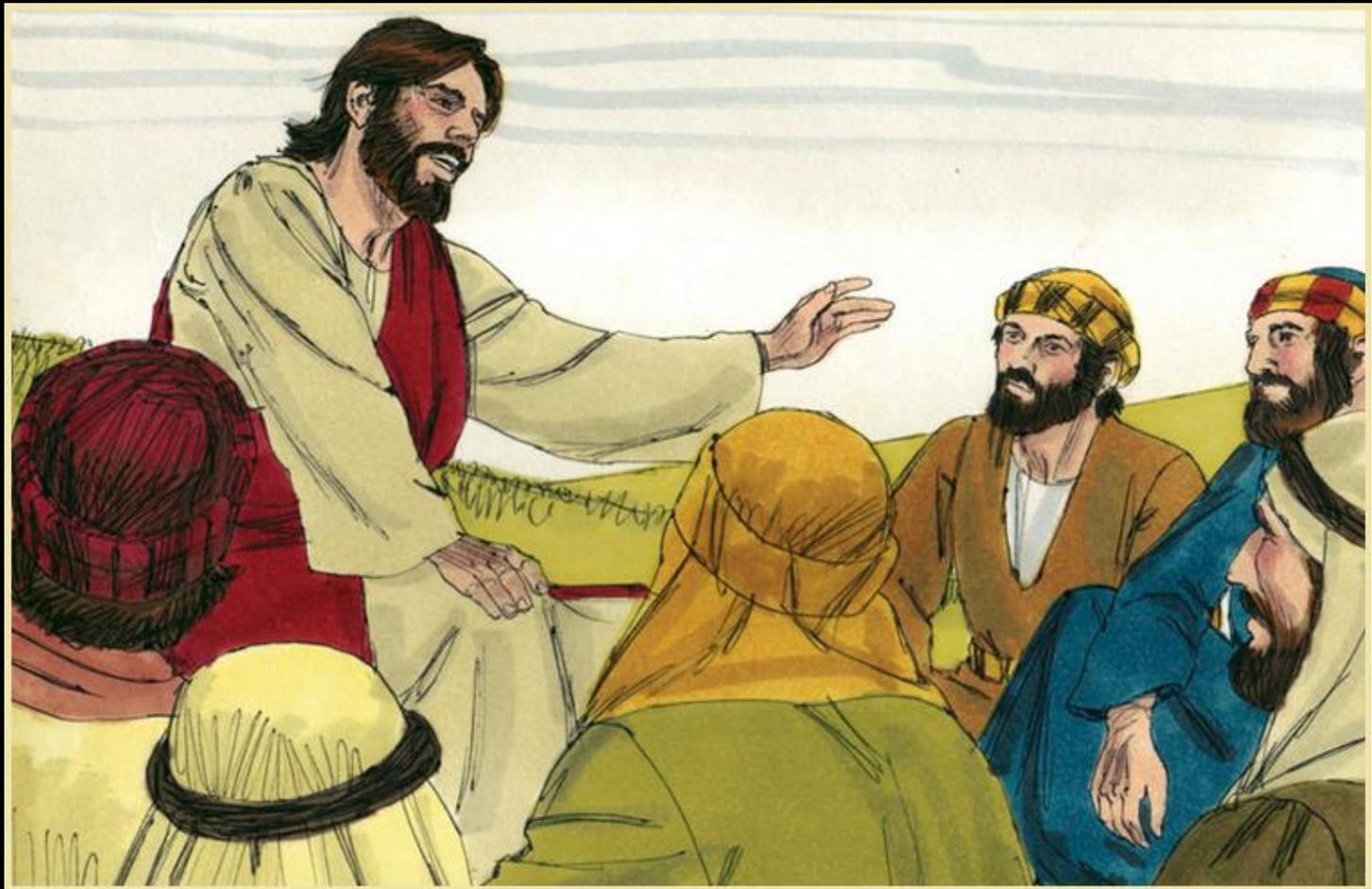
Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. I knew that you always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, **that they may believe** that You sent Me.' (v41-42)



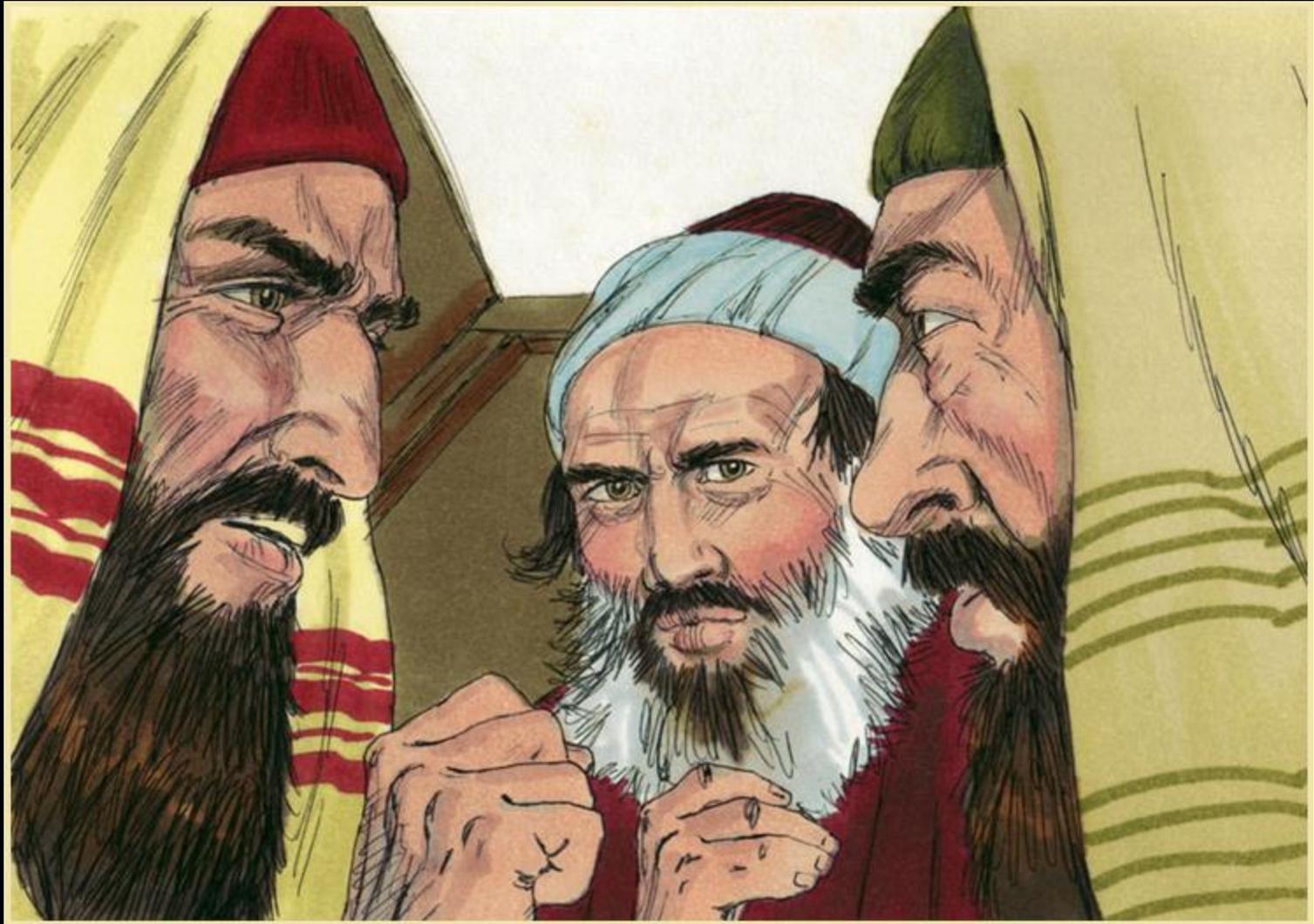
Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. (v43-44)



After this, **many** of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, **believed in Him.** (v45)



Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. (v47a)



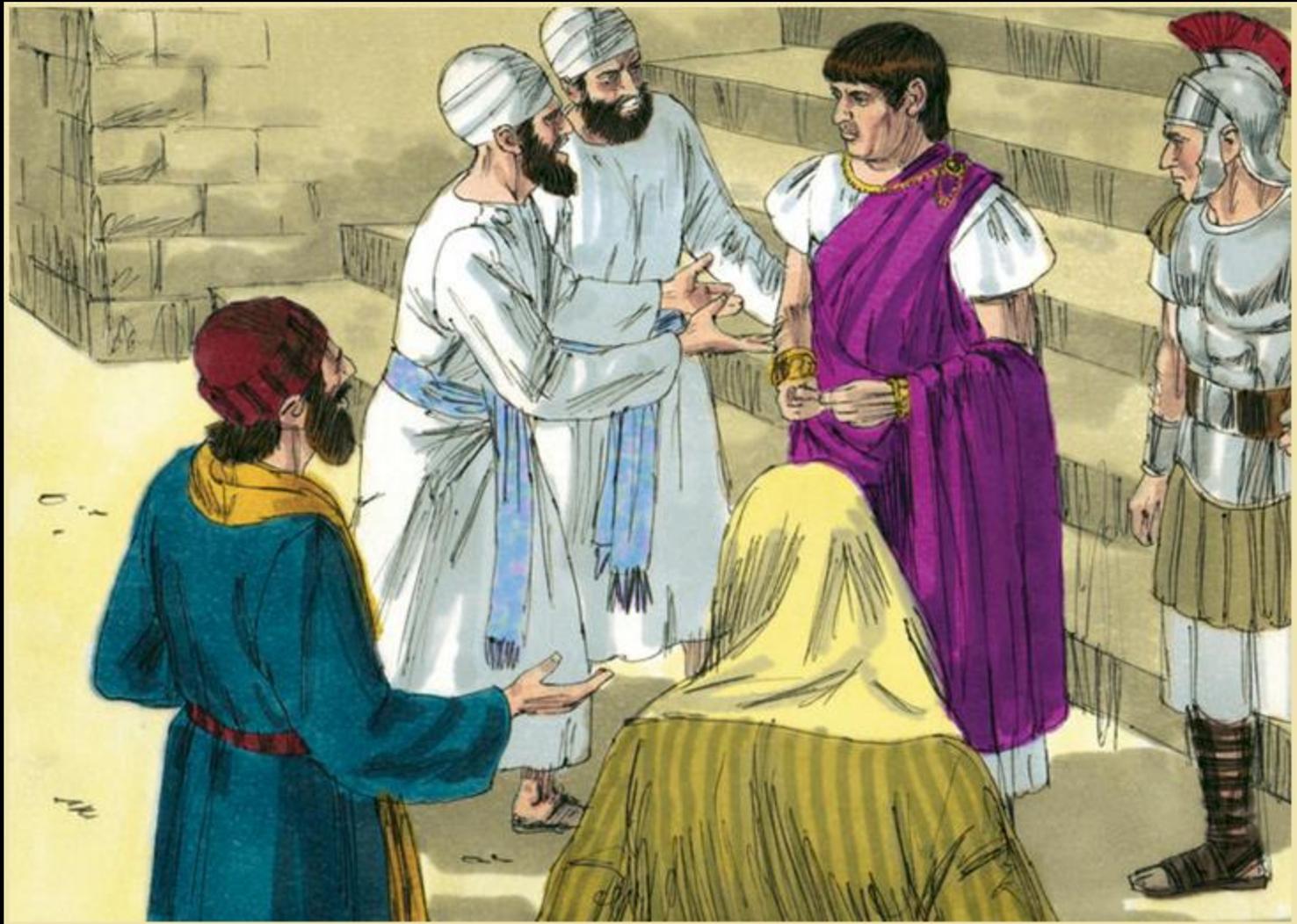
“What are we going to do?” they asked each other. “This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation.” (v47b-48)

Caiaphas, **who was high priest** at that time, said, “You don’t know what you’re talking about! You don’t realize that **it’s better for you that one man should die for the people** than for the whole nation to be destroyed.”

(v49-50)

He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world. (v51-52)

So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death. (v53)



Let's consider
Eleven Observations
from this account;

First

Lazarus was very ill

This wasn't a minor illness...it eventually took his life.

Second

Lazarus' family sent word

The family was banking all their
hope on Jesus.

Third

Jesus could have easily healed

Jesus has healed many people of all sorts of diseases to this point, even over great distances (not in person).

Fourth

Jesus intentionally did

not go to Lazarus

Jesus purposefully stayed.

Fifth

Jesus says that this event
was for the glory of God

(1) "...it is for God's glory" (v4)

(2) "...so that God's Son may be glorified through it" (v4)

(3) "...you will see the glory of God" (v40)

Sixth

Jesus calls His action love

Jesus loved Martha and her
sister and Lazarus. **So** when He
heard that Lazarus was sick,
He stayed...(v5-6)

Greek:

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **Therefore** (when He heard) **He indeed remained** in the place where He was two more days...(v5-6)

“I am glad I was not
there...” (v14)

Greek:

“I **rejoice** that I was not
there...”

“for your sake...so that
you may believe.” (v15)

Jesus loved Lazarus and his family, so much so, that He allowed them to go through suffering in order to allow their lives to **(1) bring glory to God** and **(2) more converts to Christ.**

Seventh

In spite of Jesus' choice to let Lazarus' die, He still wept

Jesus mourns with those who mourn.

Eighth

Lazarus' death led to many believing in Jesus and brought great glory to God

God's goal was accomplished.

Ninth

Jesus showed that he can be
trusted to raise us from the dead
when we die

Tenth

This specific event led to the 'breaking point' in the Pharisees and they began to plan to kill Jesus

This is a major event in the life and ministry of Jesus...

Eleventh

This specific event led to Jesus death, waiting in the tomb for two days...then resurrecting himself on the third.

This is the event that accomplished and secured our salvation and resurrection!

what?



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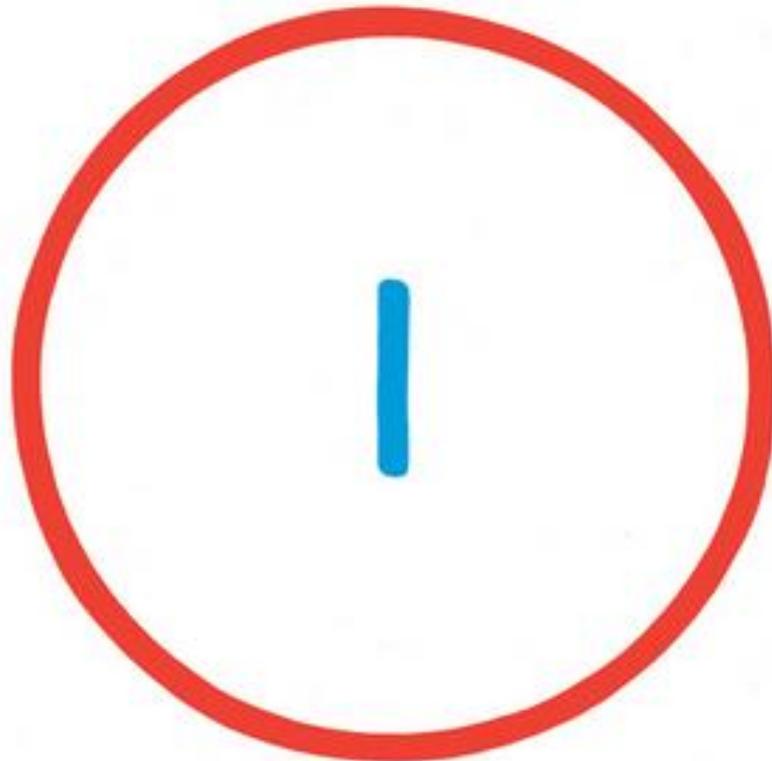
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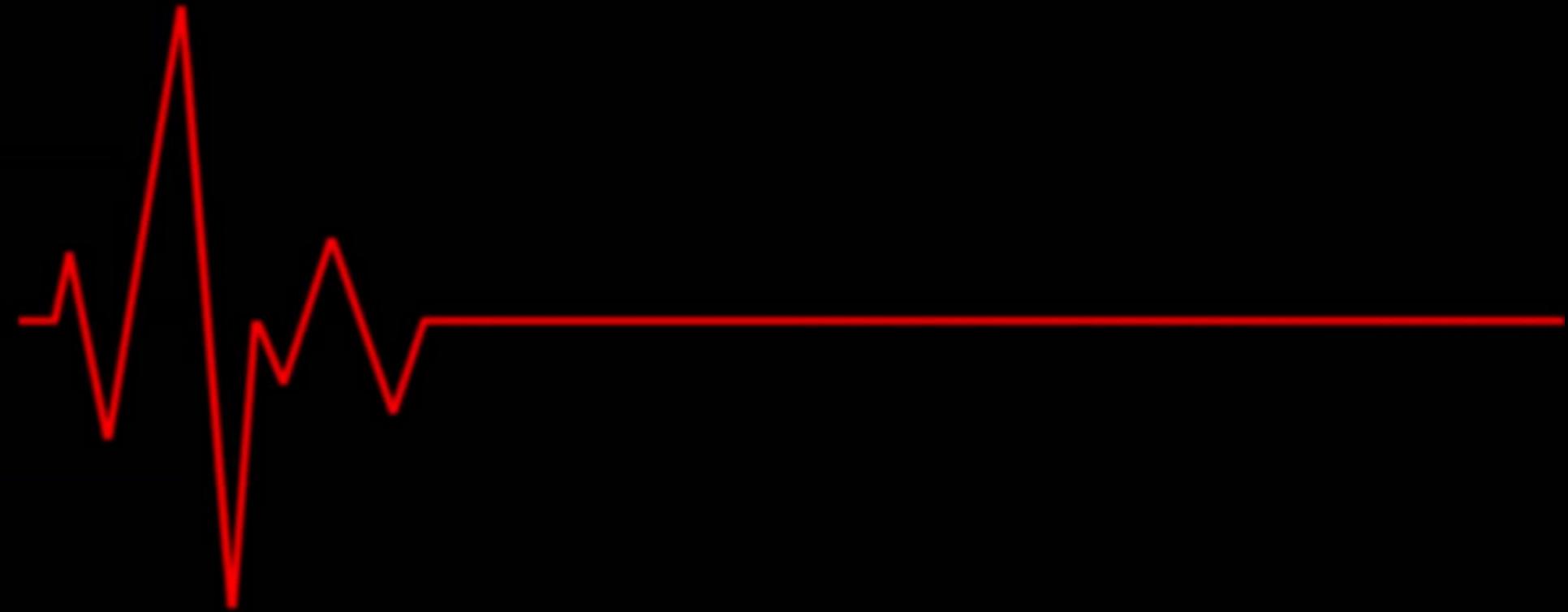
THIS

We are all dead in our sins, helpless to free ourselves, cut off from eternal life.

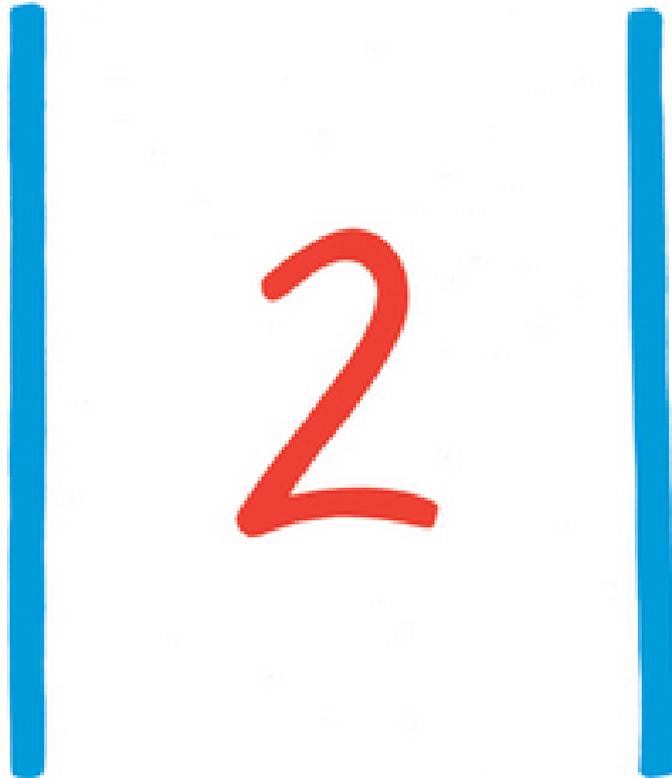
(...you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. Eph 2:1)



We are as good as gone. We
are in the grave of sin. The
mortal illness is killing us.



We can be brought to life by hearing, believing and responding to the words of Christ and leaving our 'grave life' behind.



Only by hearing, believing and
responding to the word of
Christ can we be brought to life.



**It is by hearing the words of
Jesus and obeying the
words of Jesus, that we are
able to be brought to life...
Just as Lazarus was.**

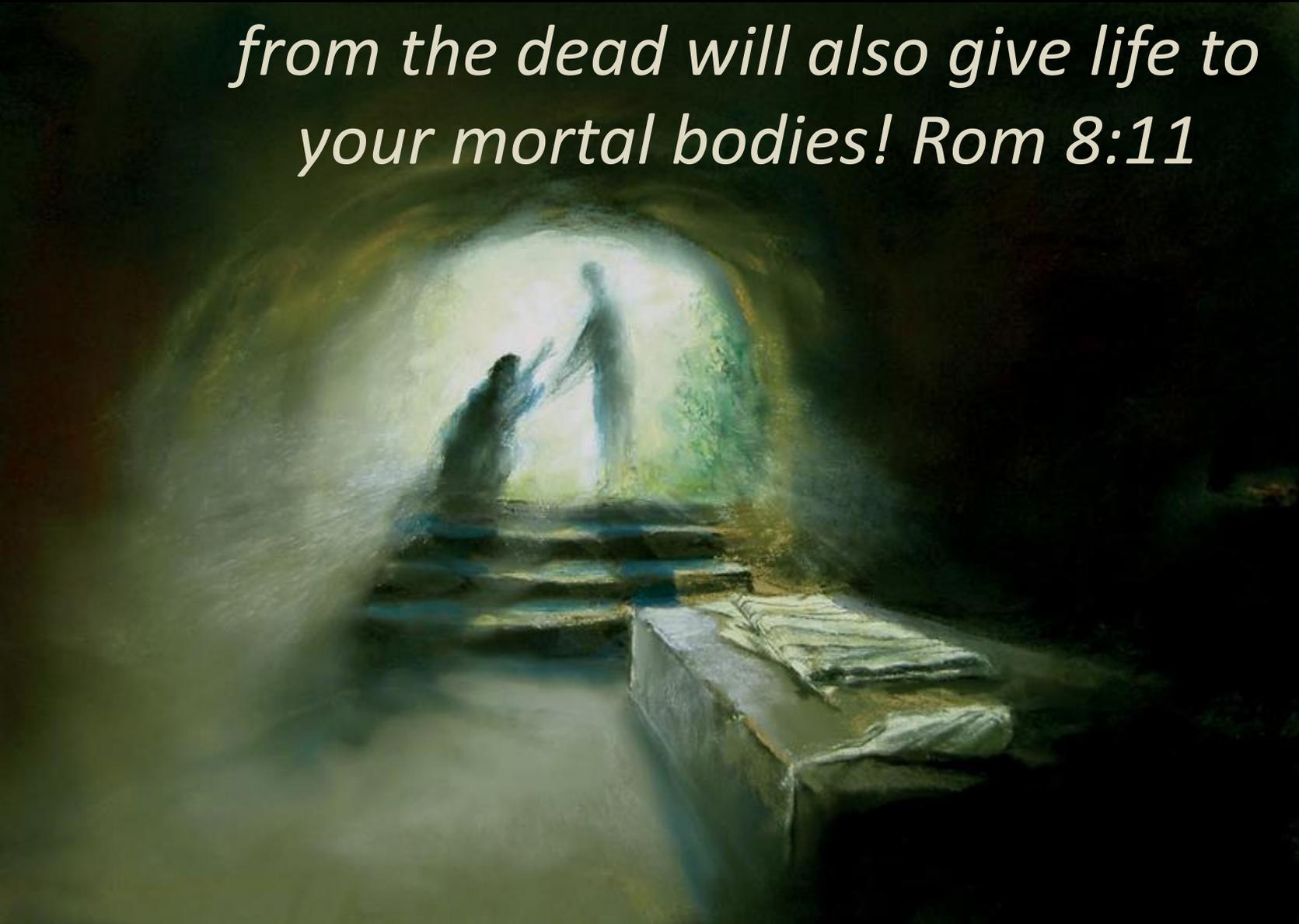
*You were dead because of your sins.... Then
God made you alive with Christ, for he
forgave all our sins. Col 2:13*



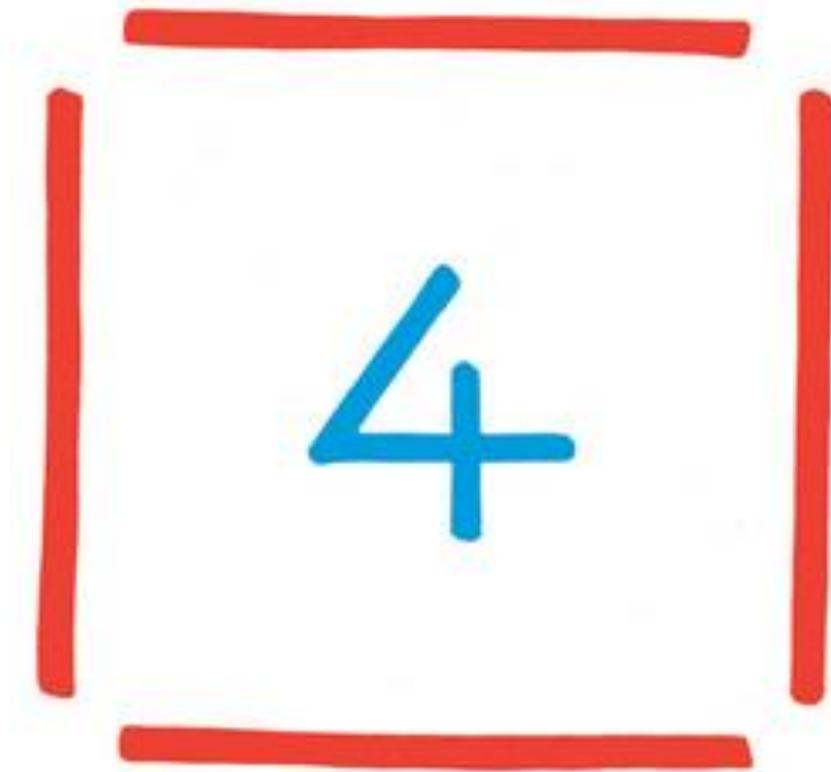
If we have placed our trust in Christ...we can be confident that we will be raised from the dead.



If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies! Rom 8:11



We can be confident that in all the delays, detours and discouragements of life, God is plotting for our good.



*We know that in **all things**
God works **for the good** of those who
love him, who have been called according to his
purpose... Rom 8:28*



“The strength of patience hangs
on our capacity to believe that
God is **up to something good**
for us in all our delays and
detours...

...all the perplexing turns in our lives **are going somewhere good**. They do not lead off a cliff. In all the setbacks of our lives as believers, God is plotting for our joy.” **John Piper**