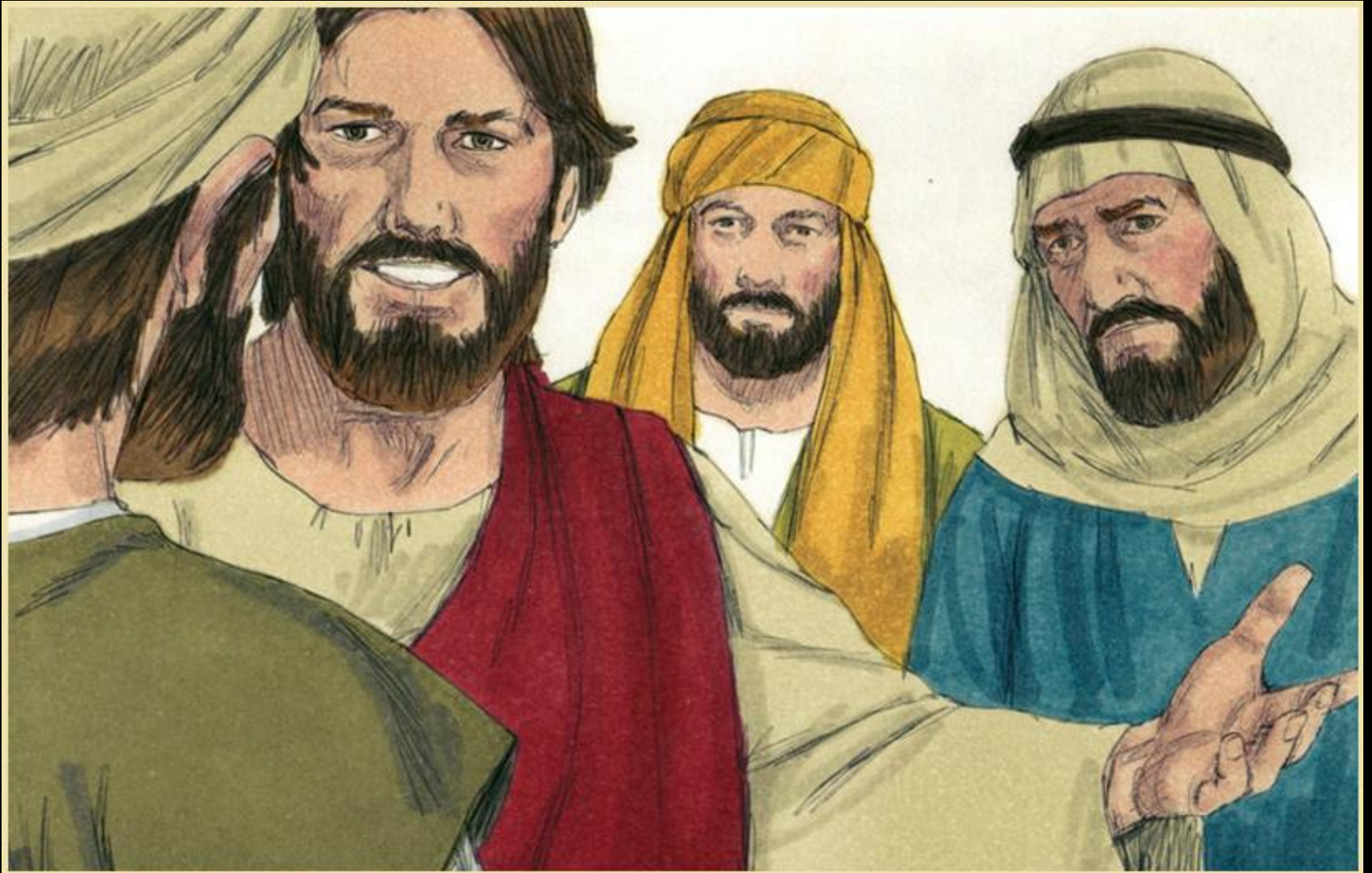


The Mission Begins

Jesus was 30yrs old when he began his public teaching and ministry to the people of Israel.



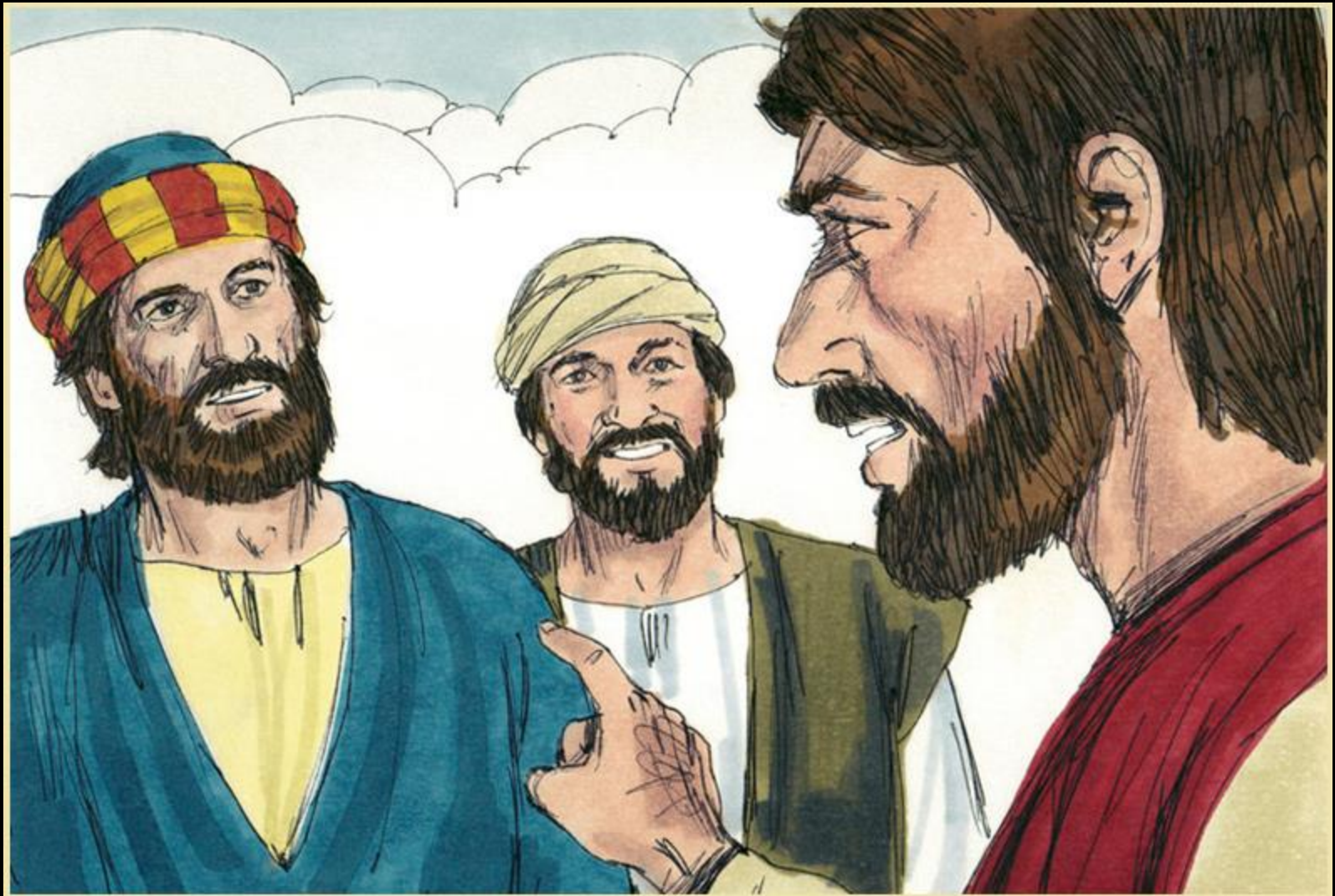
Jesus began to call men to follow him. Many of these men had heard him preaching, seen him perform miracles or knew Jesus personally before he asked them to help him.

Jesus was going to teach them
and then send them out to tell
others about the good news of
salvation.

“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.” (Matt 4:18)

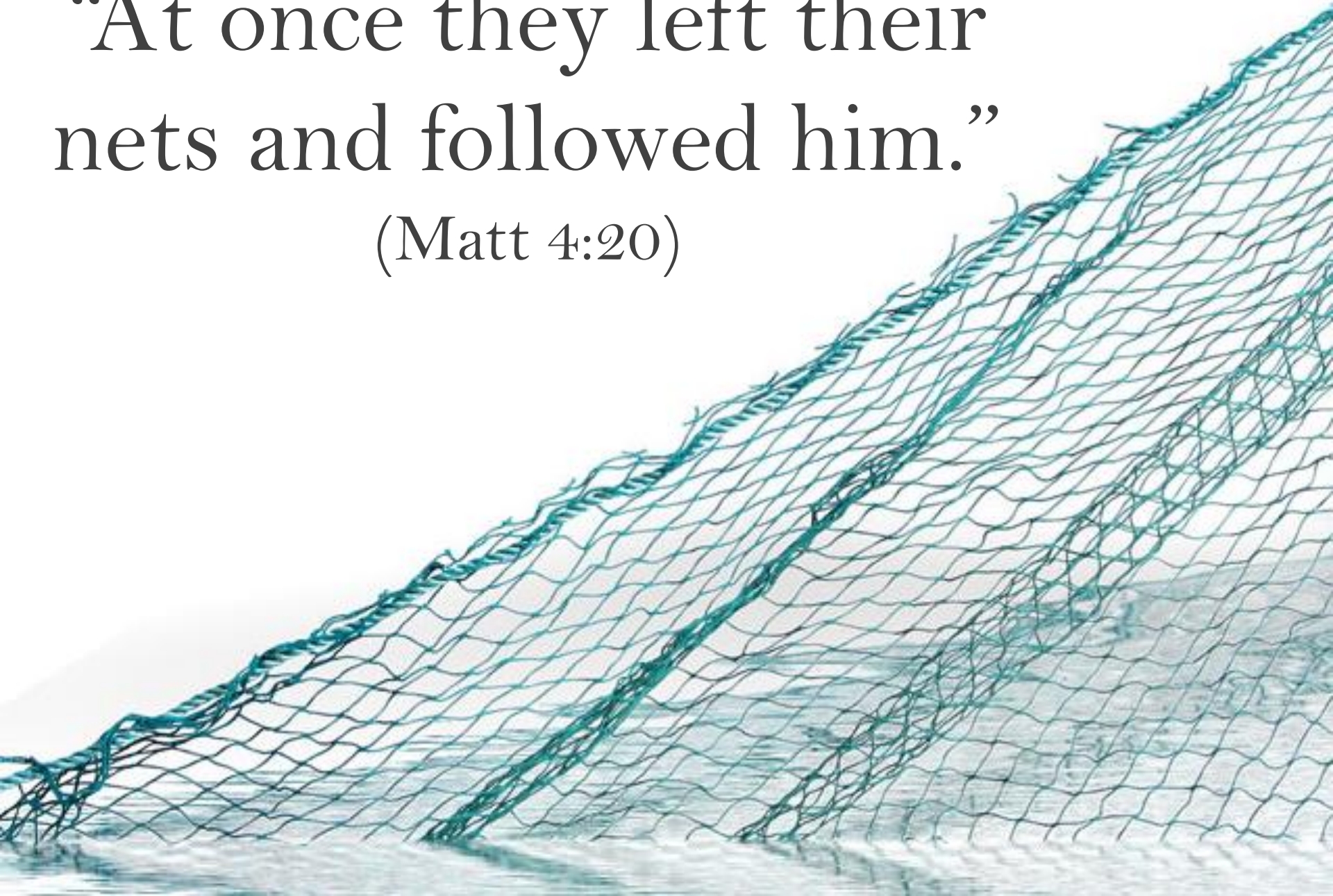


“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matt 4:19)



“At once they left their
nets and followed him.”

(Matt 4:20)



“Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them...” (Matt 4:21)



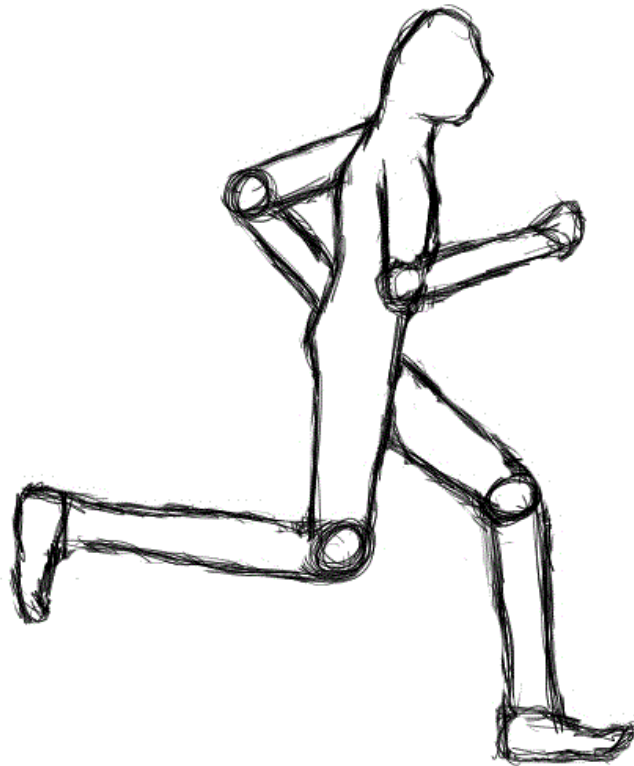
“...and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.” (Matt 4: 22)



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said, “and I will send you
out to fish for people.”



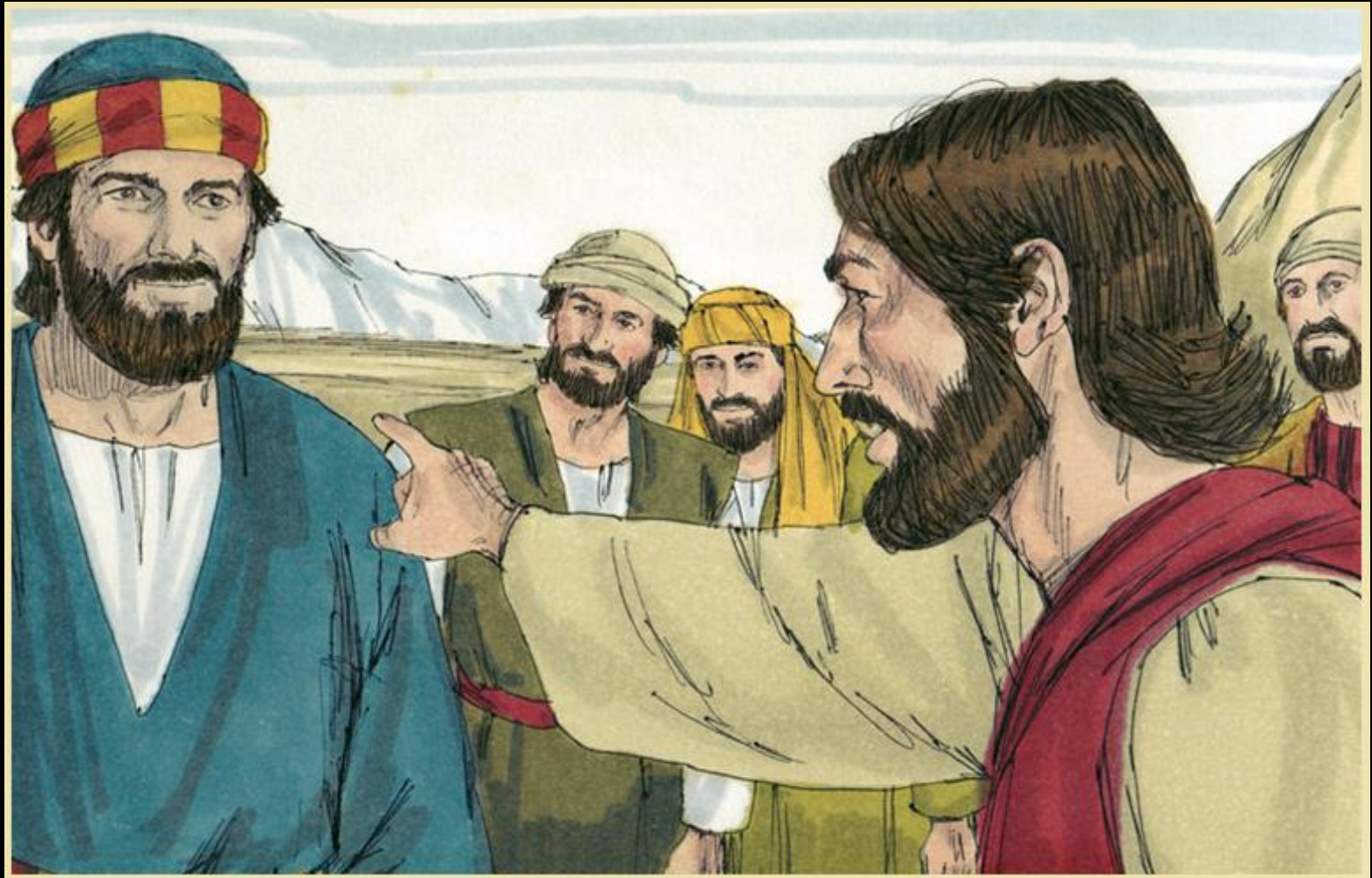
These men immediately left their **lifestyle**, their income, their jobs, their family to follow Jesus!



They left everything they
knew...to join Jesus in the
mission of fishing for men.



Like John, Jesus began by telling the people that they needed to **repent**. They needed to **change their thinking** and change their **attitudes** and **actions**.



They needed to
agree with God
that they were sinners:
because they had
broken God's law
in many ways.

They needed to
believe the good news
that God had come to tell them:
Jesus was here to save them
and make them acceptable to
God.

Jesus knew that the people would not be able to accept the good news that he came to bring if they didn't already believe the bad news.



Do not think that I have come to
abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have
not come to abolish them but to fulfill
them. (Matt 5:17)



For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law **until everything is accomplished.**

(Matt 5:17)

‘I am not coming to give you a new way of being made right with God...I am here to fulfill the only (old) way of being right with God.’



‘It is true that God’s law is
still binding on you. And
you must obey it
perfectly...and I will.’

I am here to do what you
can not do; fulfill the law
*and offer a payment for
failing to fulfill the law.*

Remember that God's instruction
requires perfect obedience.



For I tell you that unless your
righteousness surpasses that of the
Pharisees and the teachers of the
law, you will certainly not enter the
kingdom of heaven. (Matt 5:20)

‘If you are going to rely on your own good behavior to be granted entrance into God’s friendship and kingdom...’



‘...you must be even holier than the ‘holiest people’ you know.’

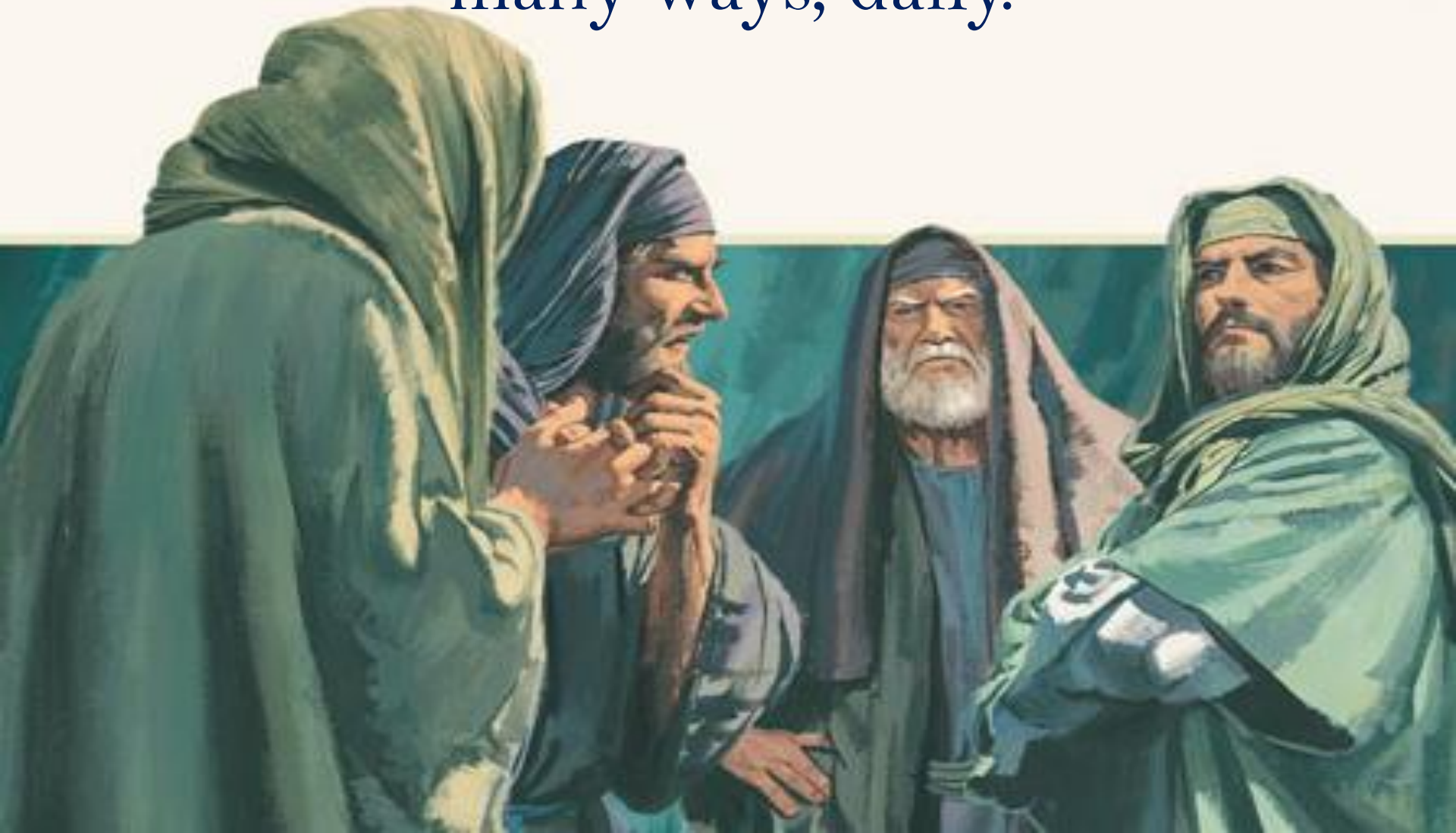


God's law demands
PERFECT OBEDIENCE
IN EVERYTHING
ALWAYS.

Many in Jesus day, believed that they were fulfilling the demands of the law.



They didn't realize yet that they broke
many of God's holy standards (laws) in
many ways, daily.



Jesus had to regularly point out the many ways that the Jews broke God's laws.



So that they could understand that they too are under the judgement of God.



You have heard that it was said
to our ancestors, 'You shall not
murder, and anyone who
murders will be subject to
judgment.' (Matt 5:21)

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment...anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

(Matt 5:22)



You have heard the
commandment that says,
‘You must not commit
adultery.’ (Matt 5:27)

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a
woman lustfully has already committed
adultery with her in his heart.

(Matt 5:28)



James 2:10 (NIV)

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it!”



The bad news then is:

That everyone who has
lusted with his/her eyes or
even gotten angry at
someone else...is guilty!

Jesus is saying that:

That everyone who has 'only'
committed these two sins is
guilty of hell fire and
separation from God.

Jesus had a lot to say to
those who thought that
they could please God in
their own strength.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and
Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are
like whitewashed tombs, which look
beautiful on the outside but on the
**inside are full of the bones of
the dead and everything unclean.**

(Matt 23:27)

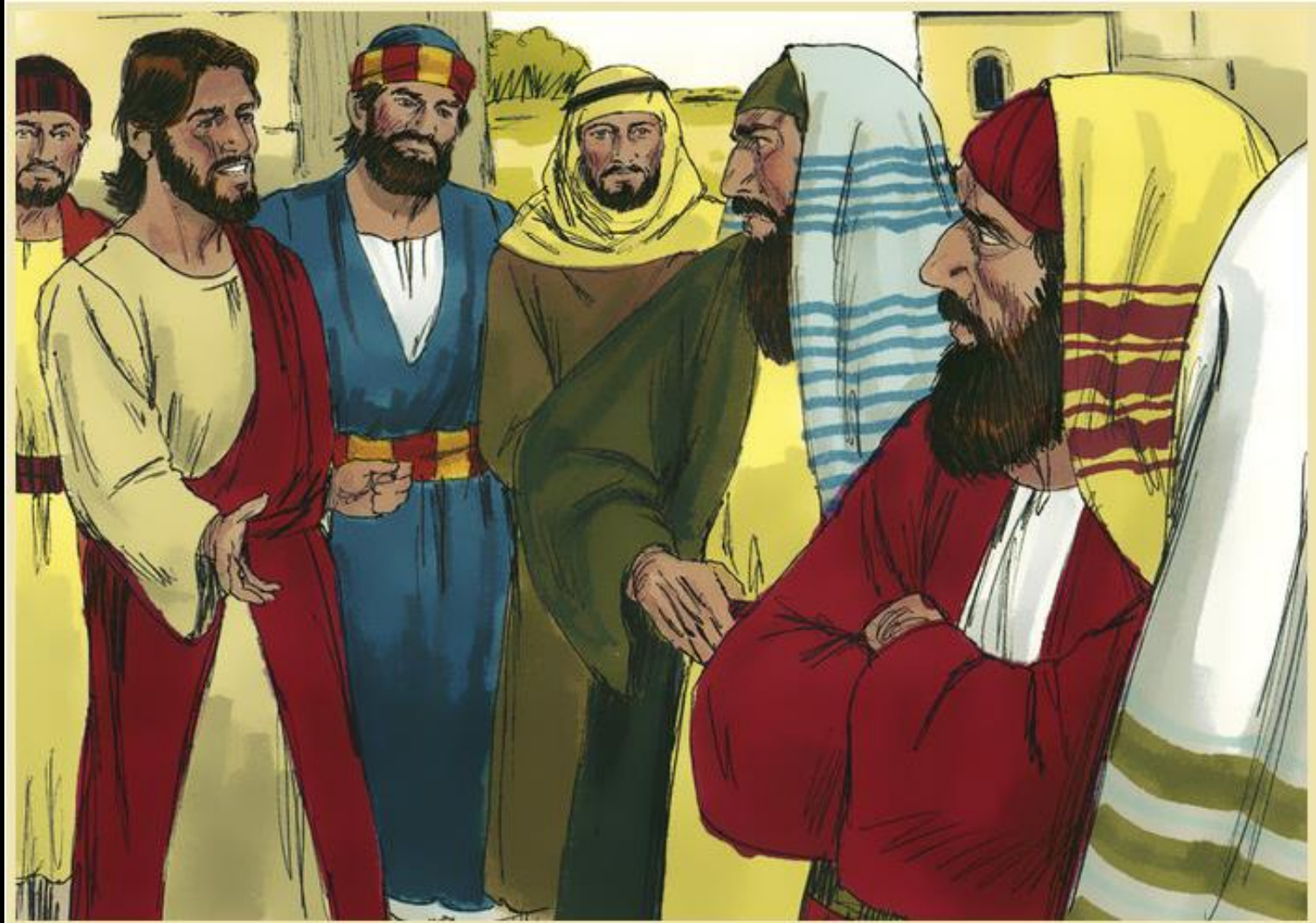
In the same way, on the
outside **you appear to**
people as righteous but on
the inside **you are full of**
hypocrisy and wickedness.

(Matt 23:28)

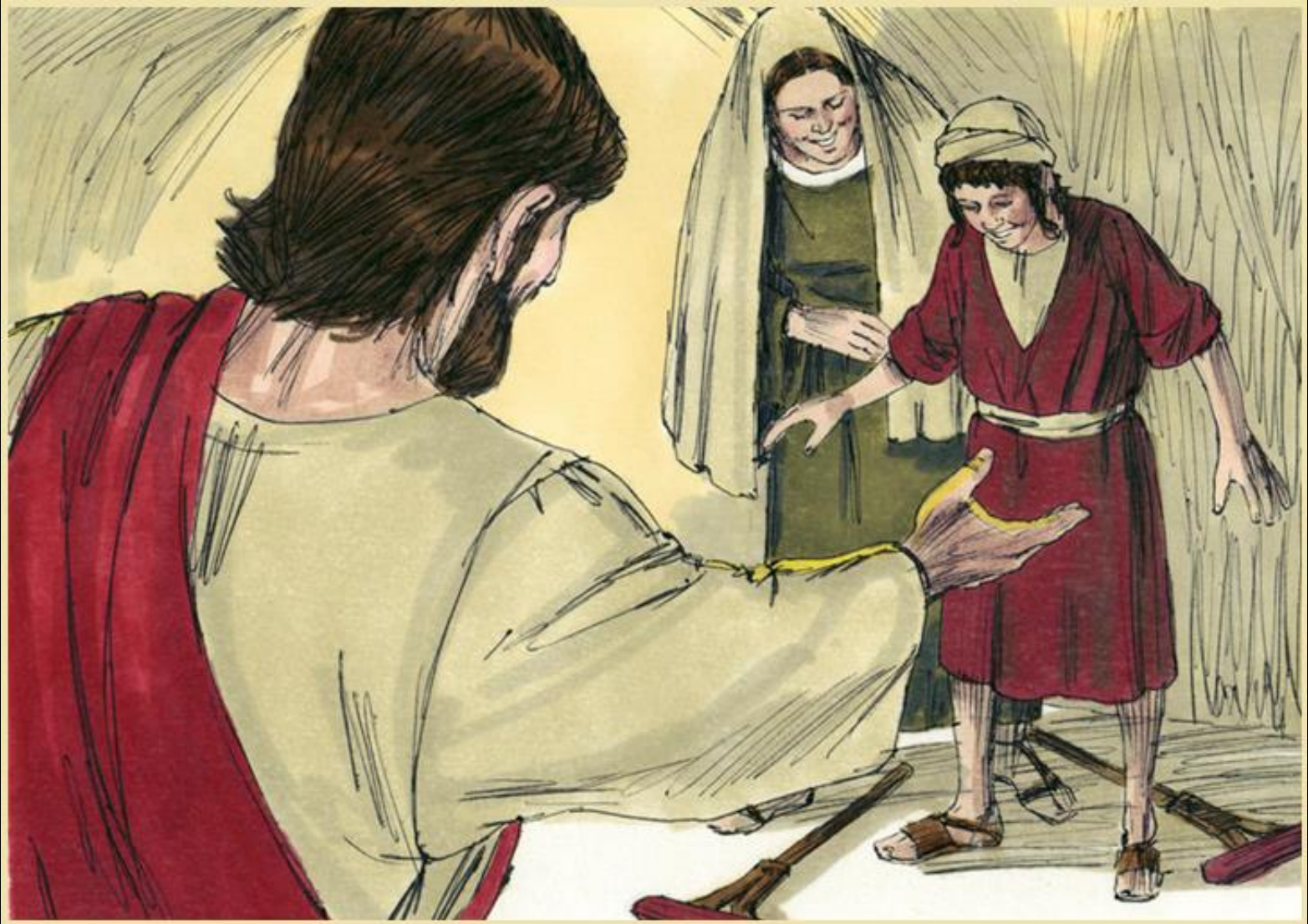
You serpents, you brood of
vipers, **how will you escape
the sentence of hell?**

(Matt 23:33)

As you can imagine this angered many of the religious leaders who thought that they were obeying God well enough.



Jesus began to heal the sick, the blind, the lame, the demon possessed as a sign of his authority.



Jesus had compassion on all these sick and suffering people. He knew that all of these sad and painful things were a result of man's sin and disbelief in what God had said in the Garden.



These signs and
wonders showed that
he had **power** over the
curses of sin.

They showed that since he
could be trusted to heal the
physical consequences
of sin...

...then he could be trusted
to remedy the
spiritual consequences
as well.

These miracles showed that:

-He was the Deliverer that John & the Prophets said he was (by fulfilling prophecy) **Isa 53:4**

-He was more powerful than any disease or force of nature or Satan.

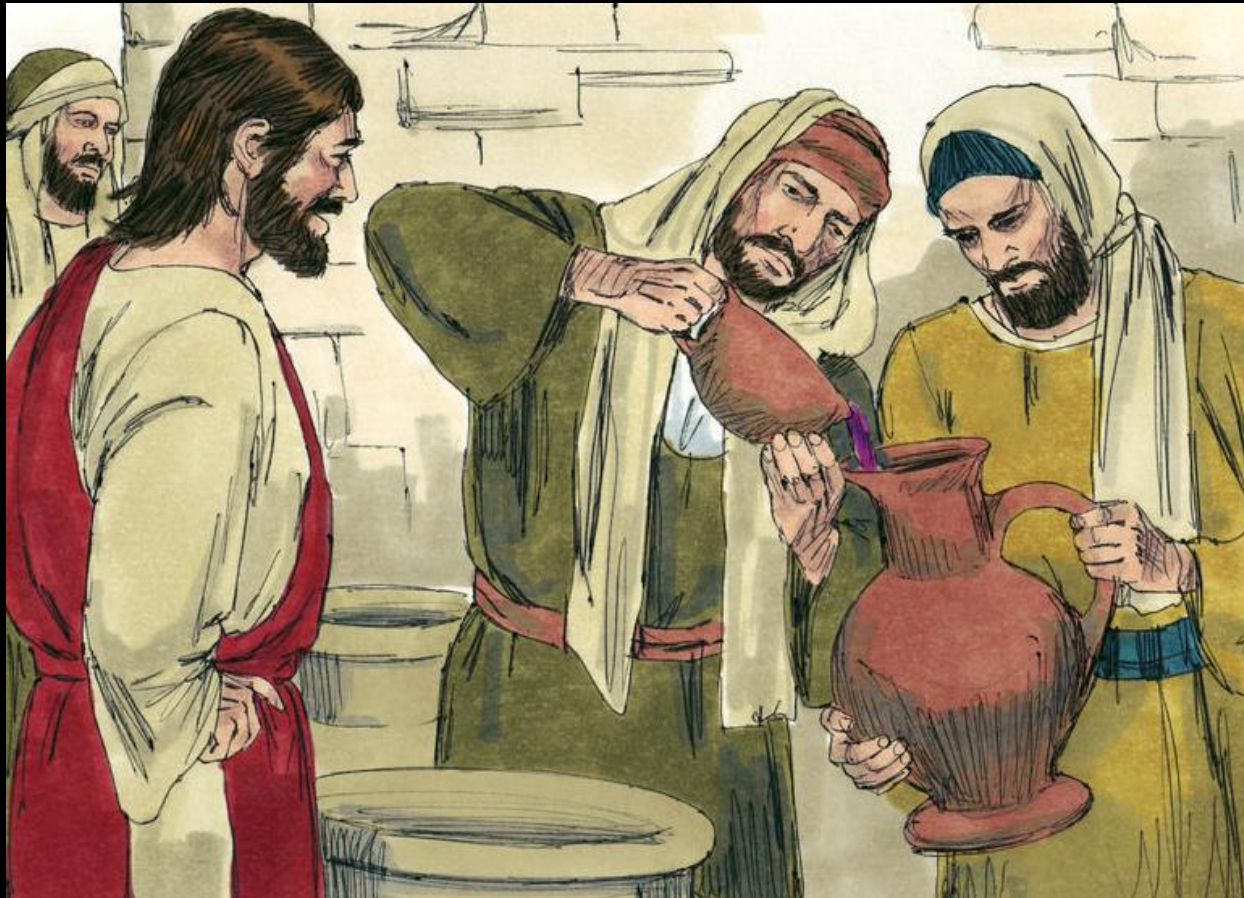
These miracles showed that:

- Israel needed to be healed from the greatest disease of all, sin.
- In the same way he had power over diseases, he also had power to heal sin.

Jesus miracles begin to gain momentum, significance and meaning.



Jesus first miracle was **turning water into wine** (John 2:1-11) this showed he had some form of power over some elements and that he can create something from something.



This first miracle is a striking parallel to God's first plague in Egypt.

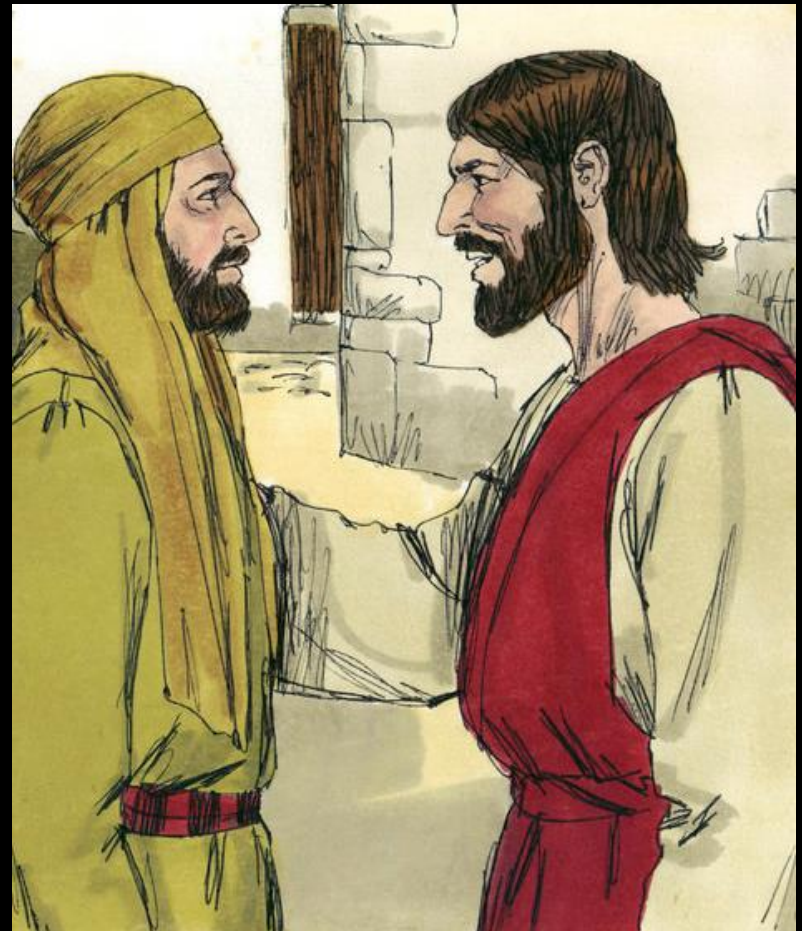


It also foreshadows the second and third bowls of wrath prophesied about in Revelation (16:3-4).

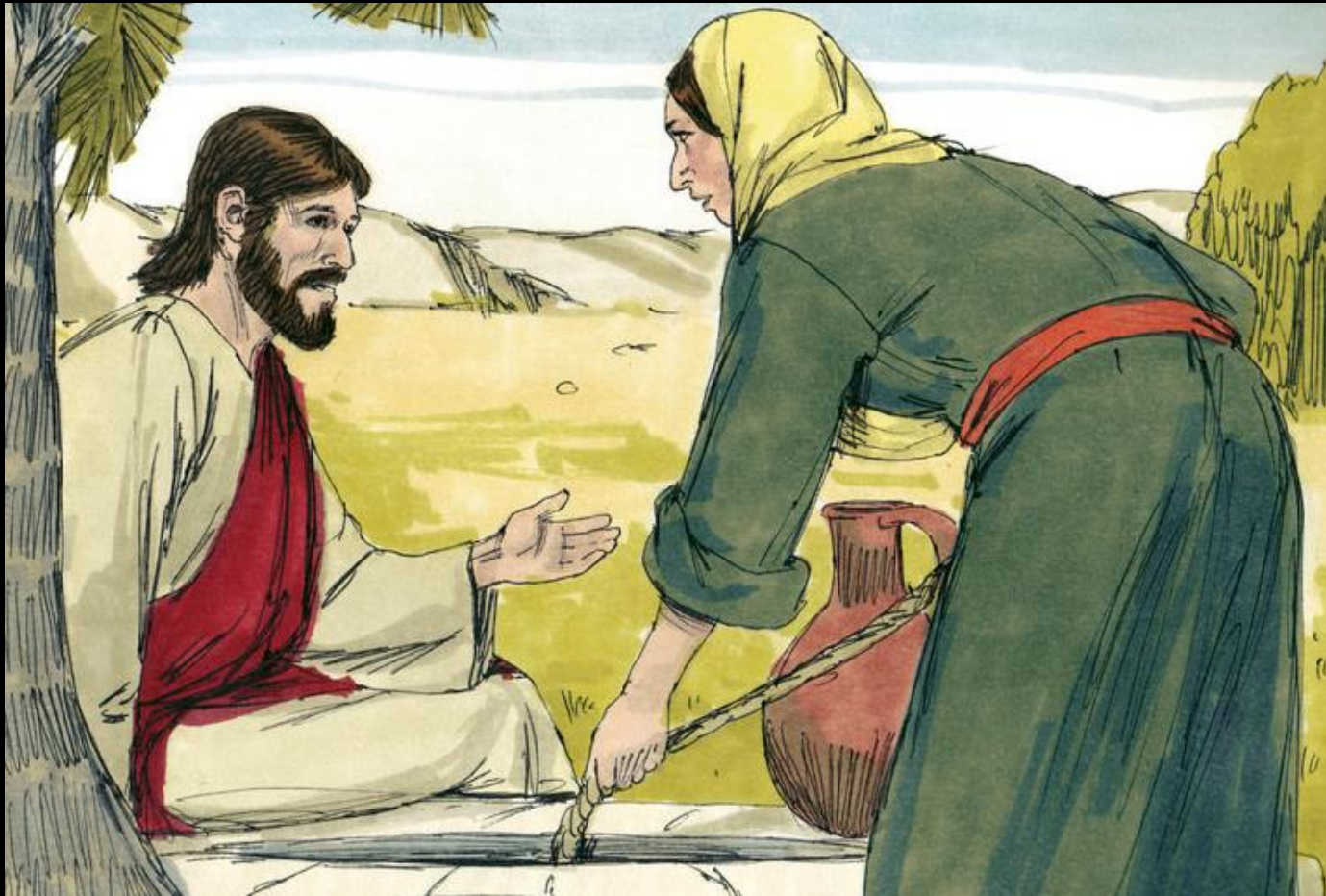


It's as if Jesus is saying
“IAM the One who did
that...” and “IAM the
One who will do that...”

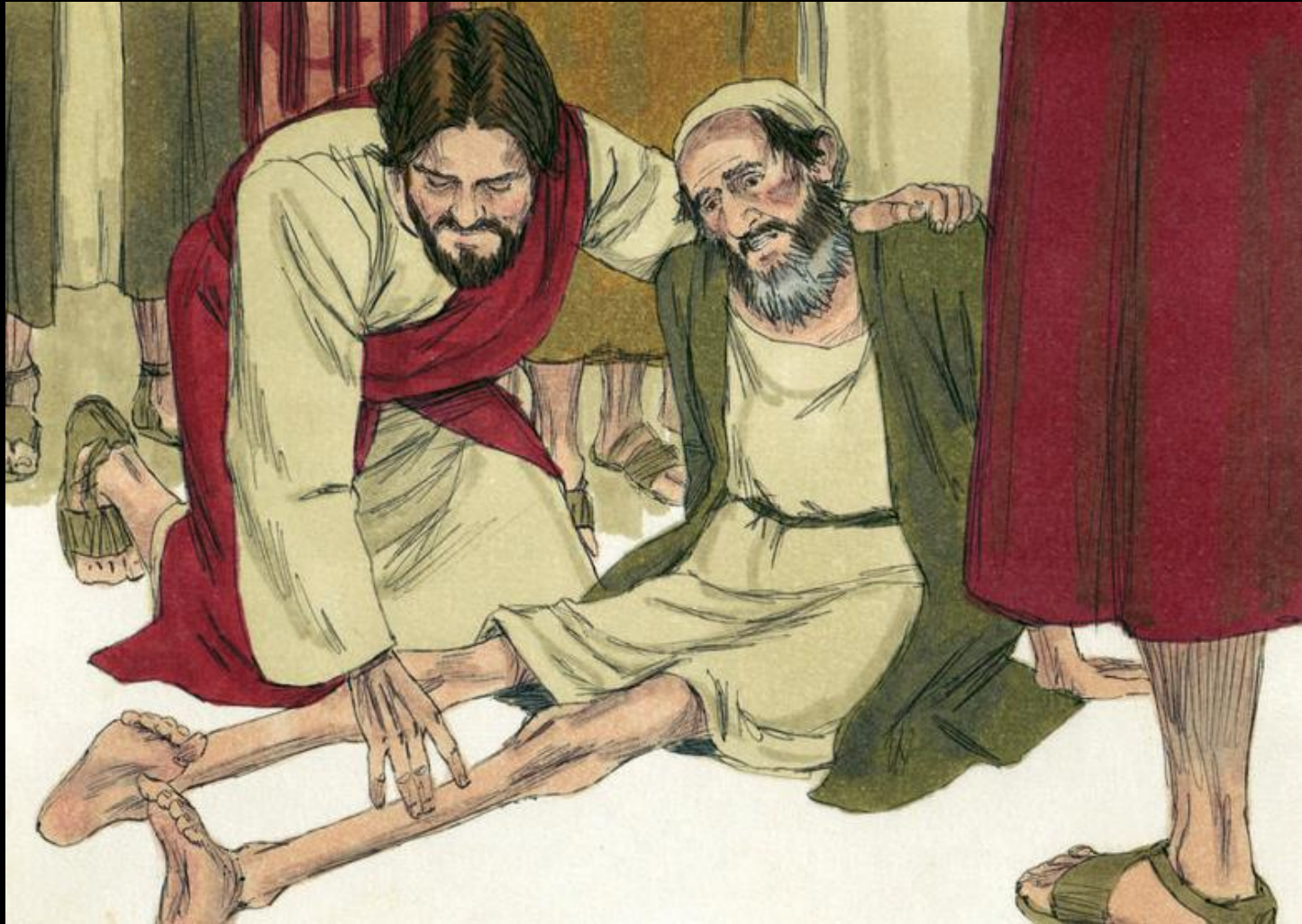
Jesus then tells Nathanael that he **saw what he was doing in a separate location** (John 1:48), giving a glimpse that he was omnipresent.



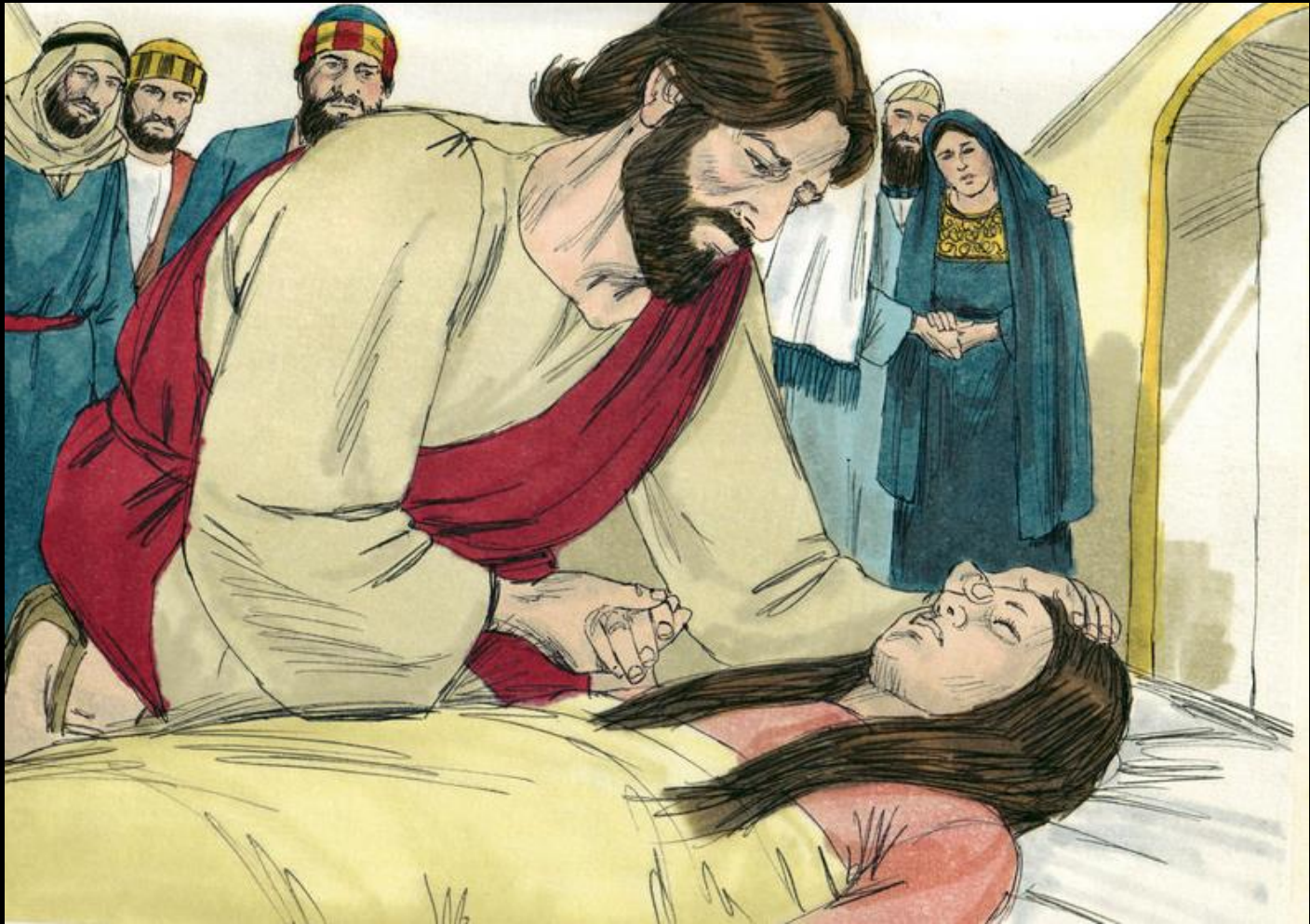
Jesus **reads the mind** of the Samaritan woman (John 4:17-18) showing he had power over the human mind and intellect, giving a glimpse that he was omniscient.



Jesus began to **heal many people of their diseases**
(blind people, invalids, lepers) (Matt 4:23-25) this
showed that Jesus has power over the human body...



He **cured illnesses (which were a curse of sin)** and did many humanly impossible things. This showed his deity, the creator himself, he was omnipotent.

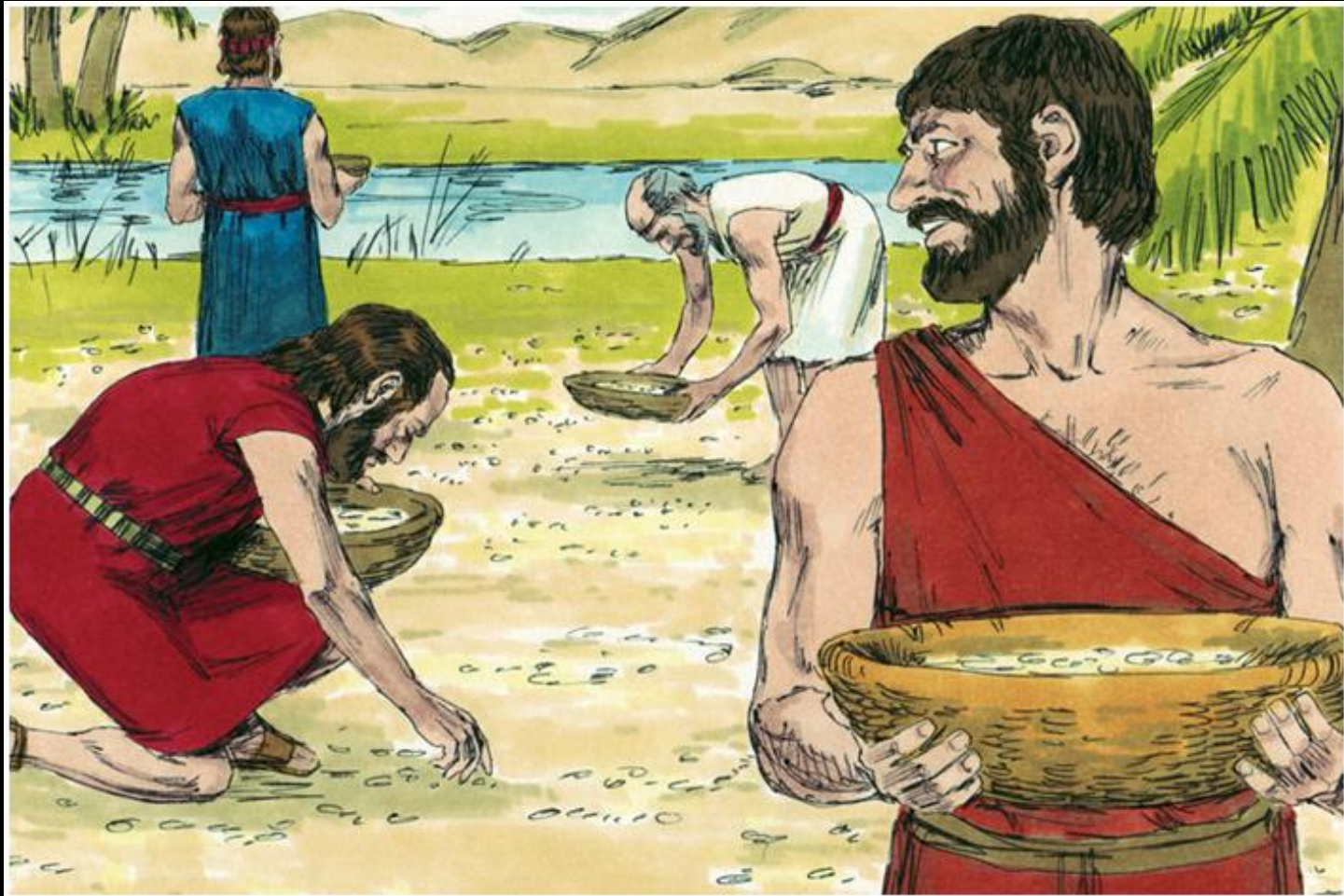


Jesus **heals a boy in a completely different town** (John 4:43-53), this showed that Jesus was not bound by space or time the way that we are. Showing he is totally free of natural laws; like God.

Jesus **feeds the 5,000 men** and their families by multiplying 5 loaves and 2 fish (John 6:1-15). Jesus showed that he is the great provider...



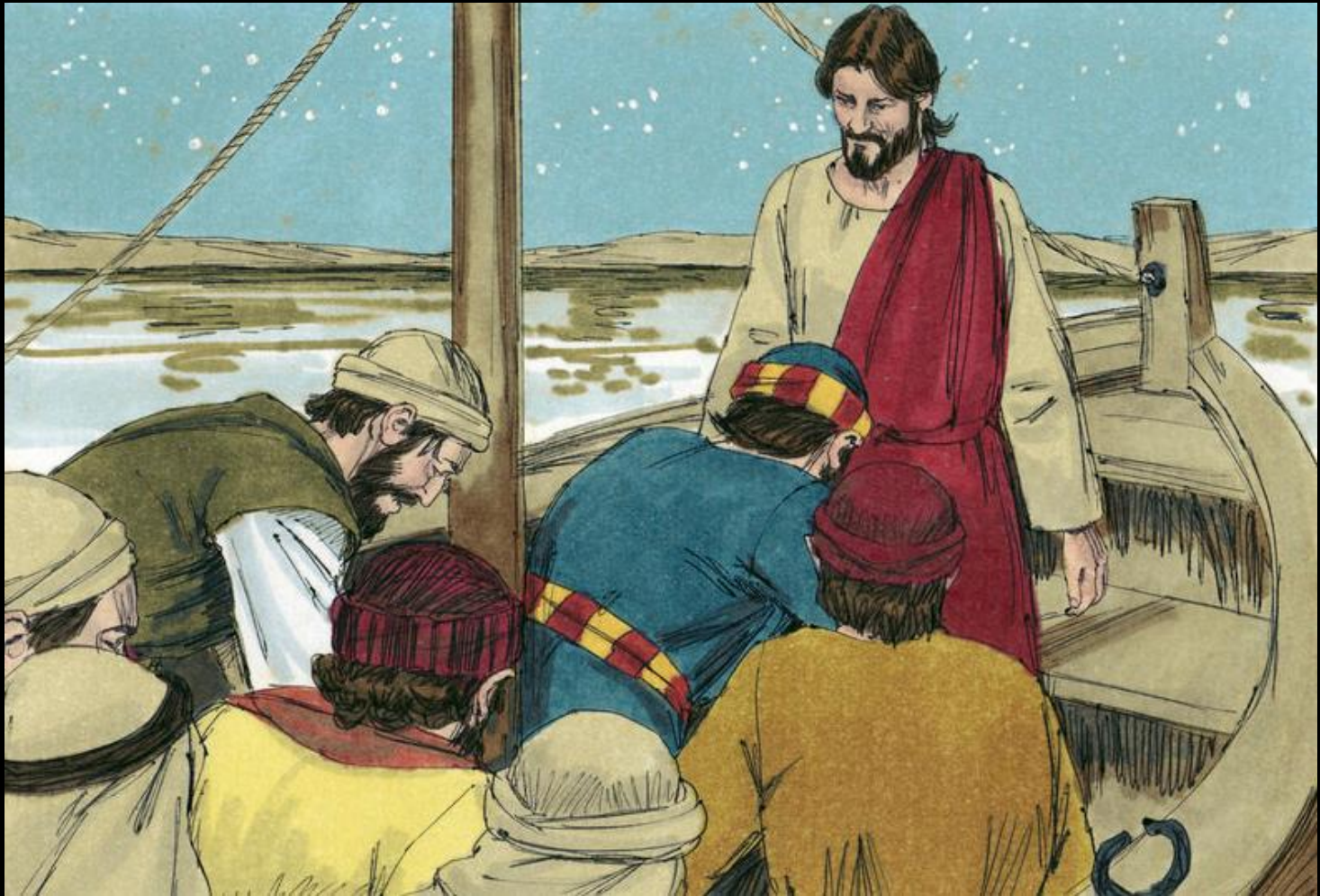
...the same God who rained manna down from heaven. Again, he created something, from something.



Jesus **walks on water** (John 6:16-24), showing that he was the God who's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the water in the beginning.

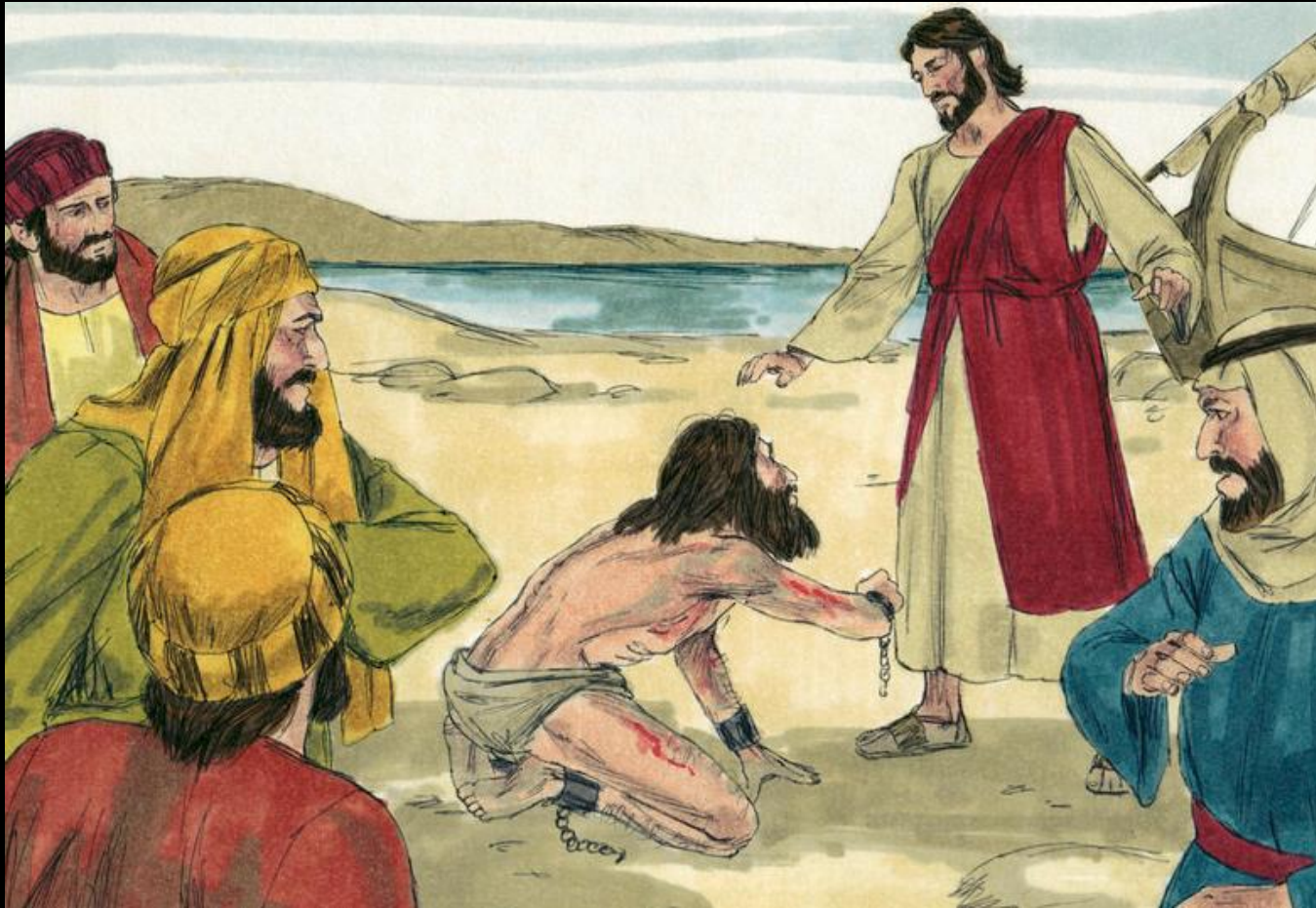


Jesus **calms a great storm on the sea** (Mark 4:35-41) showing that he, as God only can, controls the weather and the world climate.



This also was directly
showing that he was the
very IAM who opened the
Red Sea!

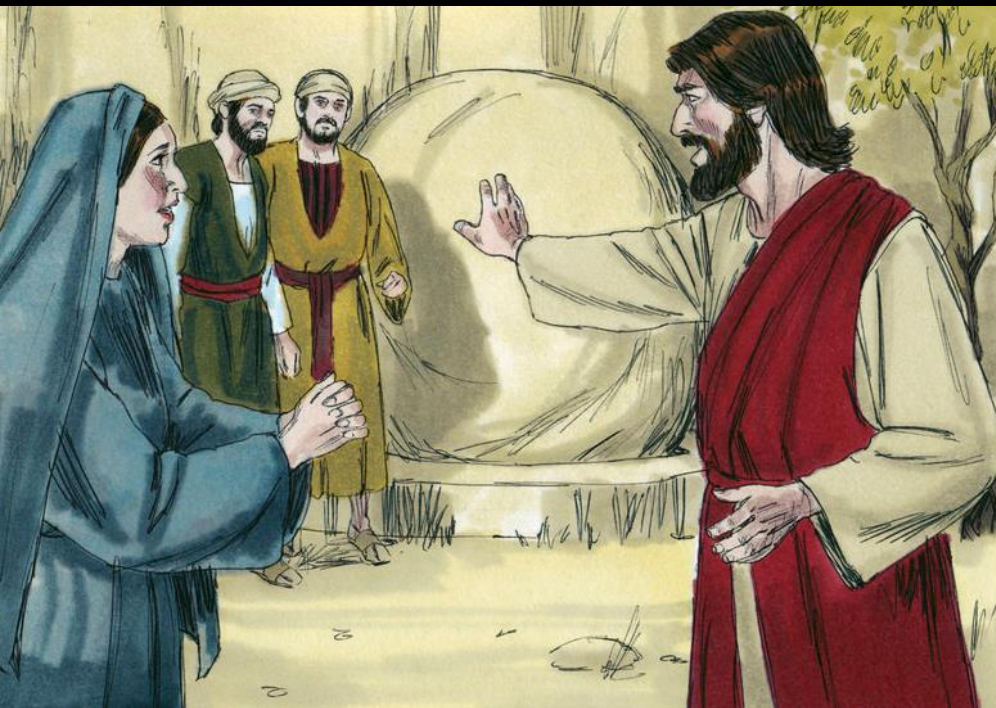
Jesus **heals the demon possessed** and a man with thousands of demons (Mark 5:1-20),
Jesus showed that he had power over the spirit world, evil spirits and even 1,000s of evil demons.



The demons begged not to be thrown into the Lake of Fire. The demons knew and announced that Jesus held the power to the final judgment and who would go to Hell and when.

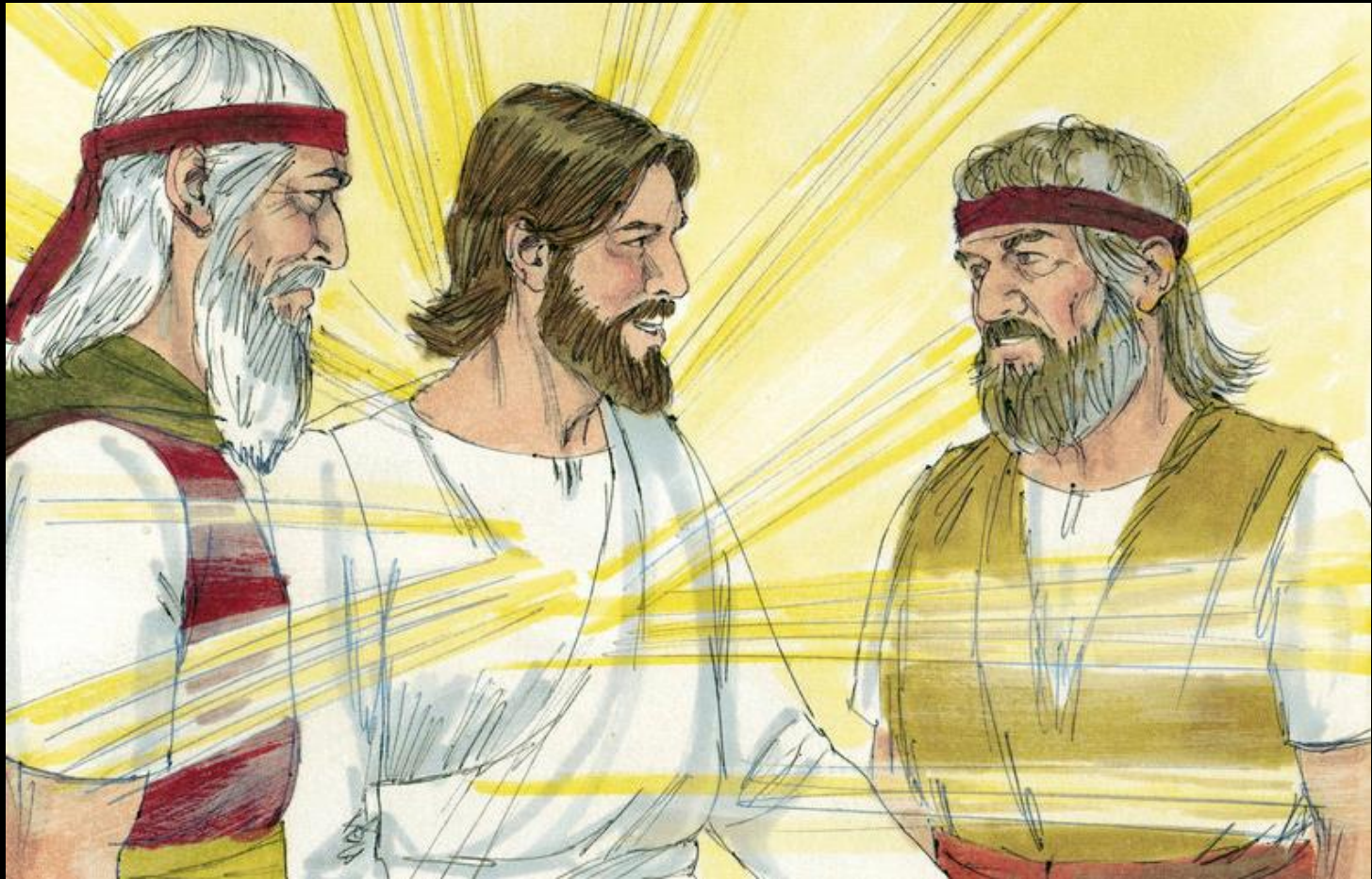


Jesus **raised Lazarus from the dead**
(John 11: 38-44), and showed that he is the one in
control of LIFE and DEATH.
Only God can control the giving and taking of life!



Jesus **accurately prophesies the future** that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him (John 13:18-38), and predicts his own death and resurrection many times; showing that Jesus knows the future, is in the future, knows man's future acts and choices, only as God himself can know.

Jesus **meets with His Father (God) Elijah and Moses** (Matt 17) showing that he is over the past and eternity, he governs the dead, he is IAM, what he says is more important than Moses.



Jesus **is raised from the dead** (John 20) showing that he is fully God, fully brought about something from nothing, he is indestructible & all powerful!



Next Week: Jesus Heals (John 9:1-41)

