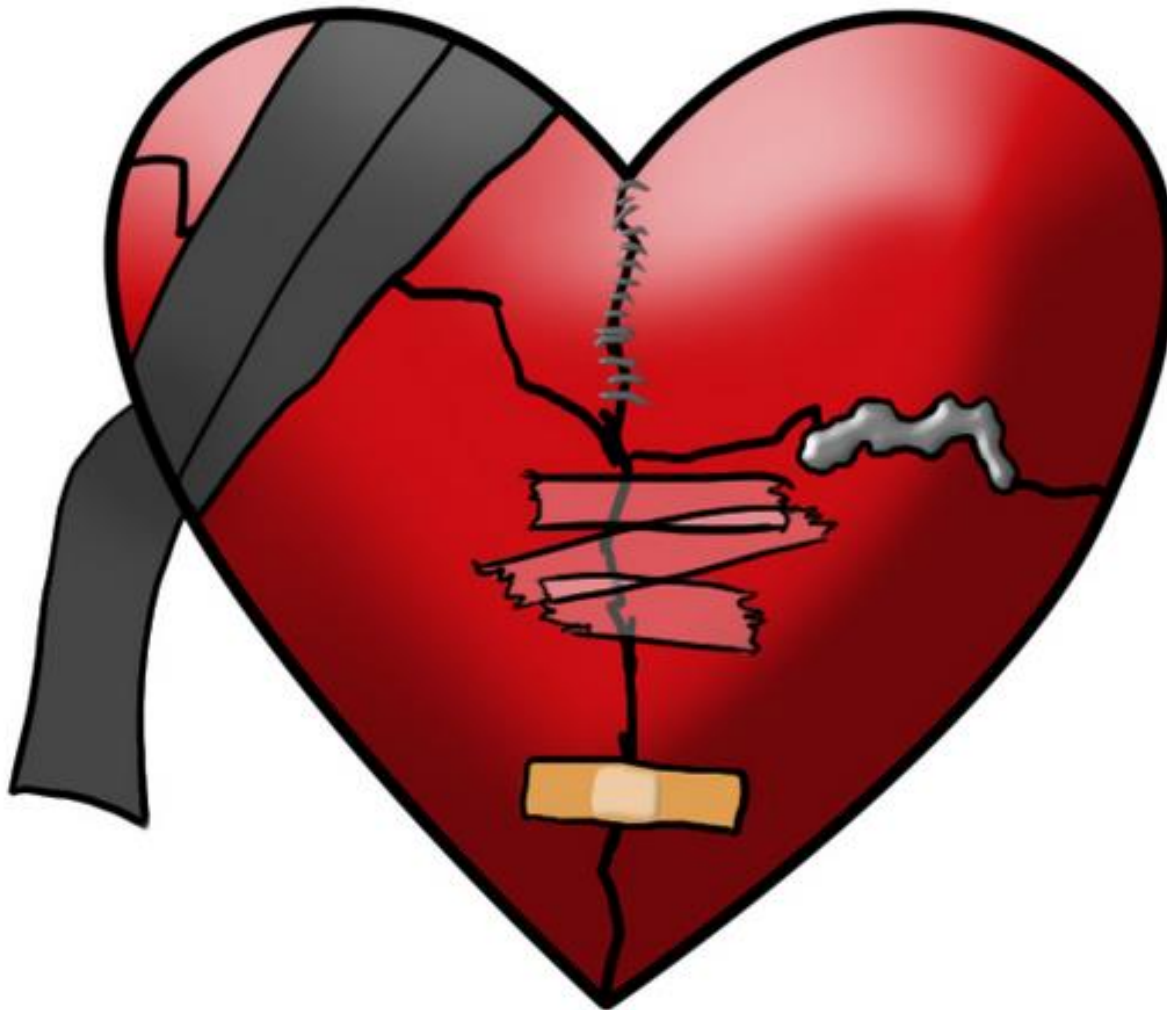
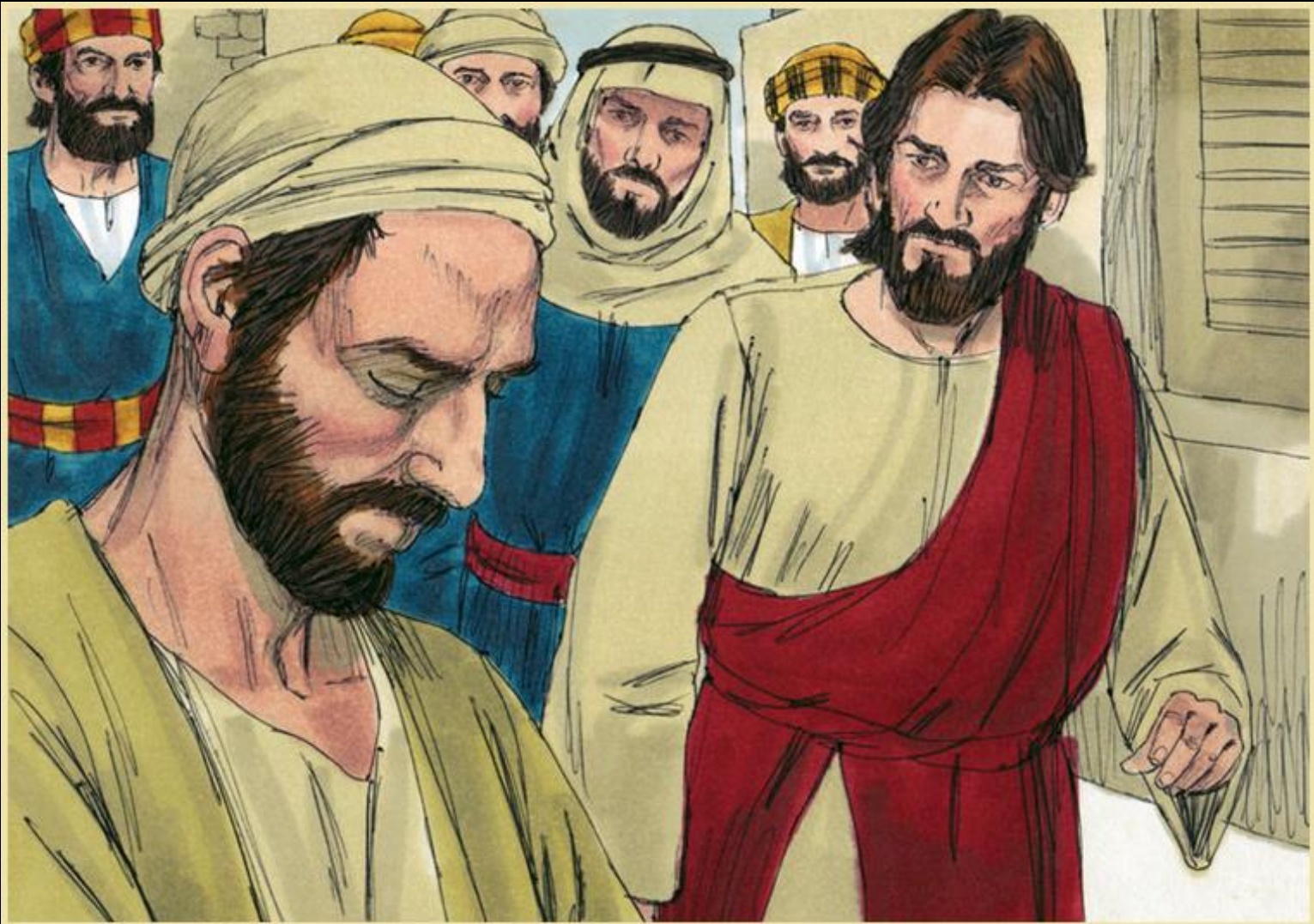


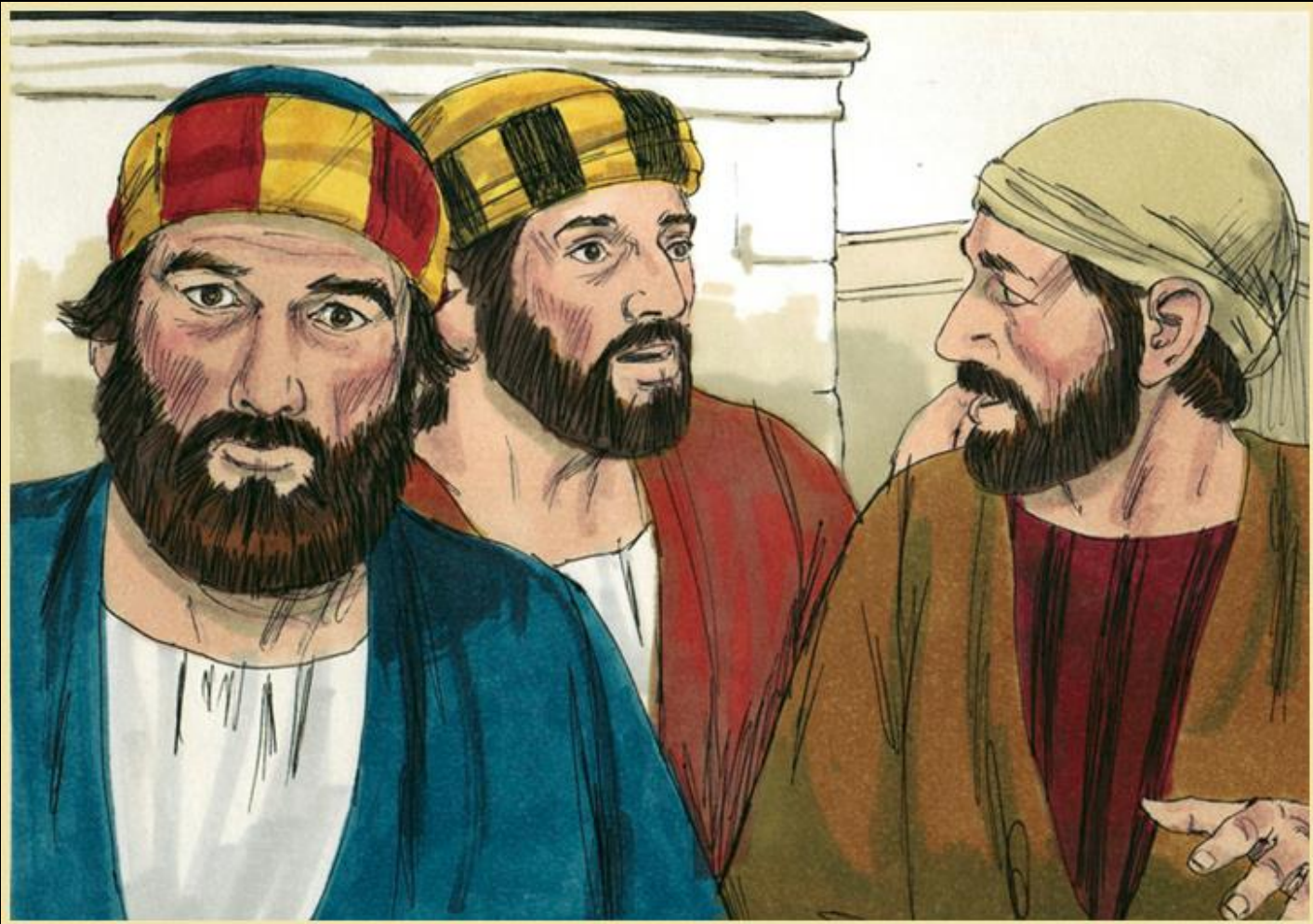
Jesus Heals



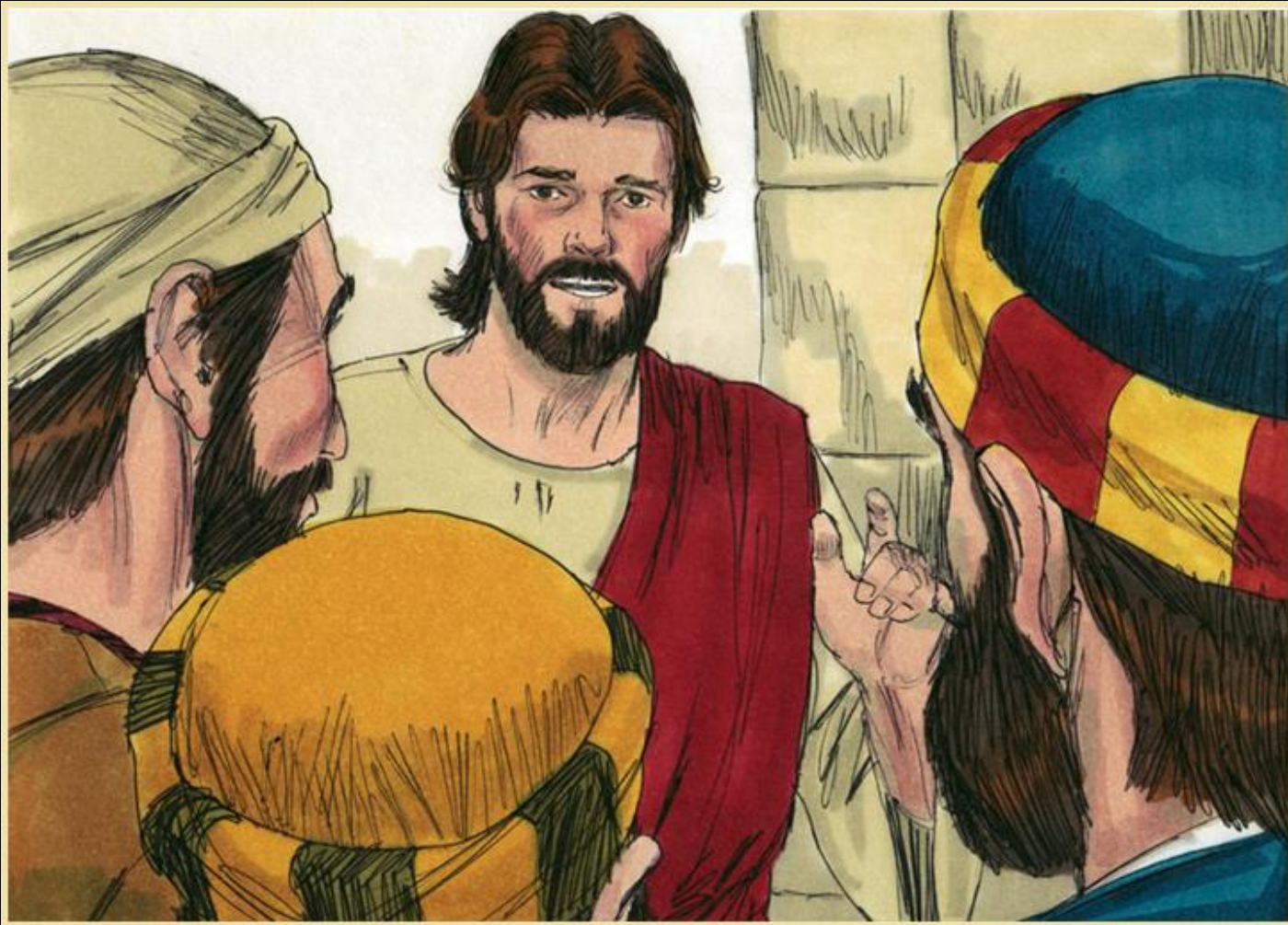
“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.” (v1)



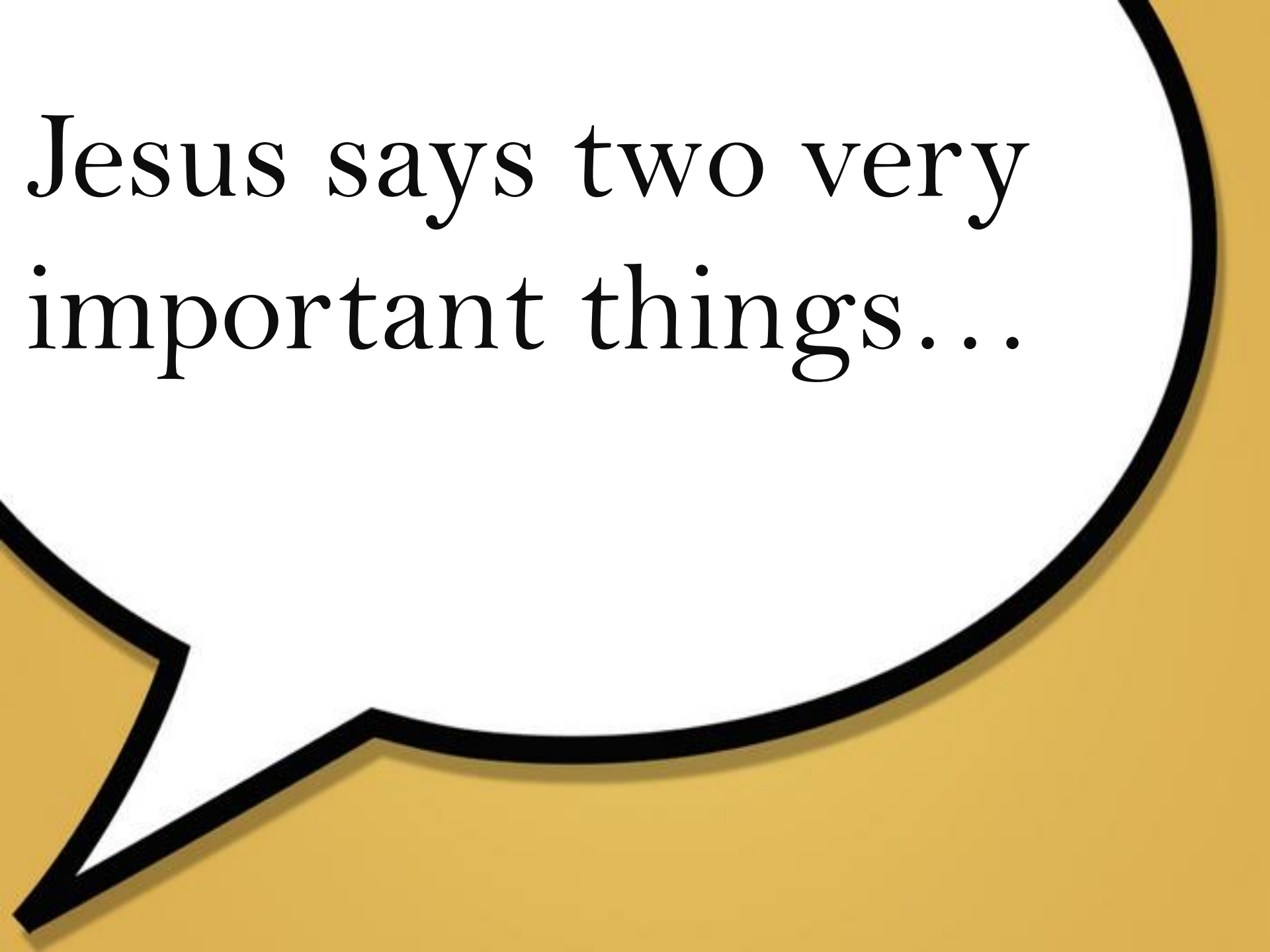
“Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” (v2)



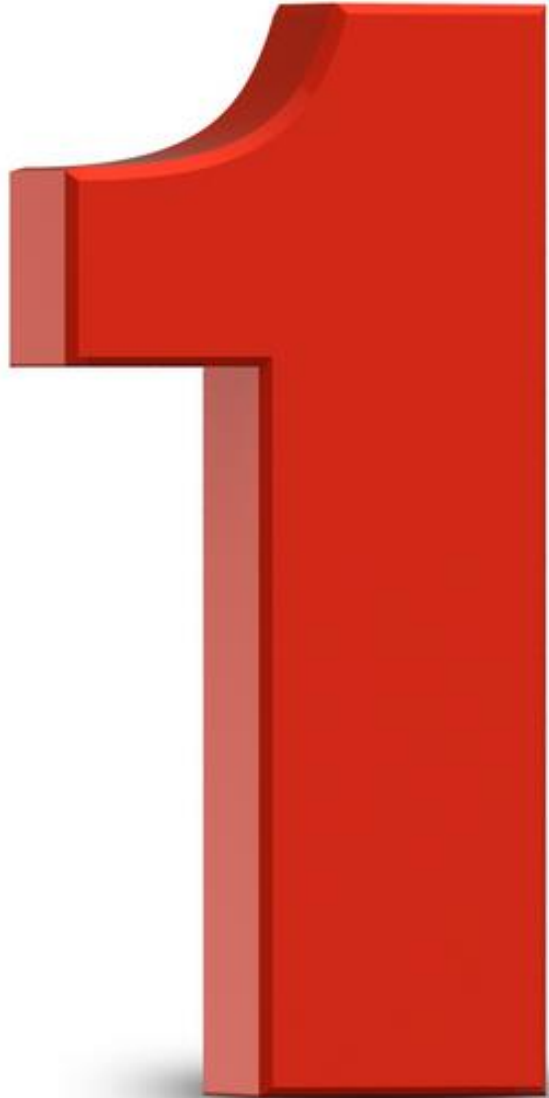
“It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.” (v3)



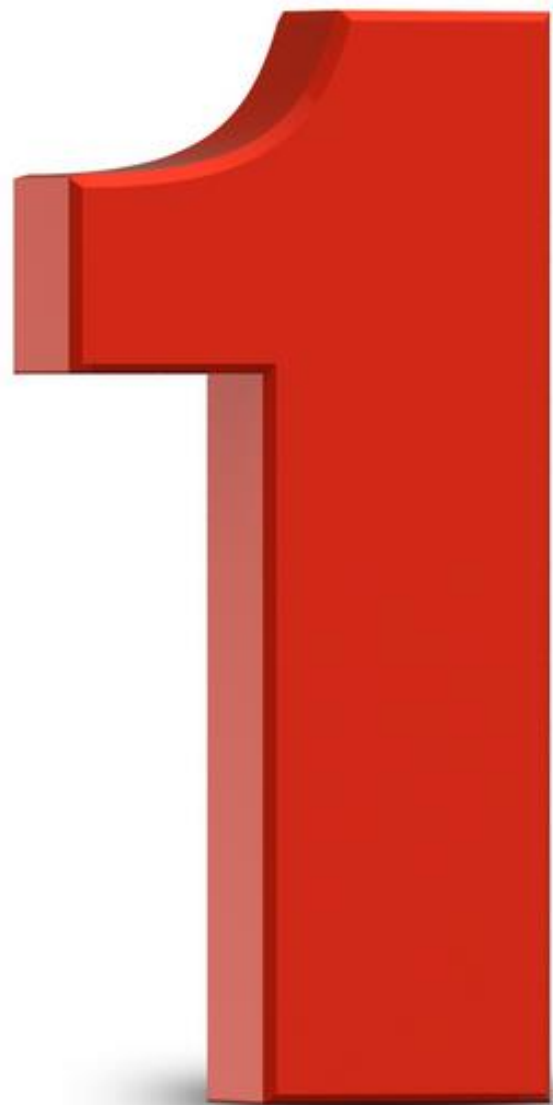
“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I **am the light of the world.**” (v4-5)



Jesus says two very
important things...



Jesus says that this man
was not blind because
of anyone's sinning
*(though he was a
sinner...and all illness is
a result of the fall)*



BUT so that
God's power and
glory would be
seen through
him.

The Jews had adopted some
notion, some mistaken
theology, that all illness was
the result of personal or
parental sin.

However, the man's blindness
did picture every person's
spiritual blindness from birth!





God allows pain and suffering to individuals, not as punishment for sin, but so that God could use them as a means of displaying his power and glory.



“My grace is sufficient for you, for
*my power is made perfect in
weakness.*” Therefore I will boast
all the more gladly of my
weaknesses, so that the power of
Christ may rest upon me.

(2 Cor 12:9)

“...**we also glory in our sufferings**, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, *because* **God's love has been poured out into our hearts...**”

(Rom 5:3-5)



“As long as it is
day, we must do
the works of him
who sent me.
Night is coming,
when no one can
work.”

The judgment is coming and when it comes, no one will be able to be saved any longer. It will be too late.



Jesus is saying that time is running out.

The daylight is almost over; we need to urgently work at God's business of saving the lost.



“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. ⁵ But while I am here in the world, **I am the light of the world.**” (v4-5)

Jesus said something very similar
just one chapter earlier...

Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

This is a clear illustration:

Although the blind man had lived
in darkness all of his life...his
healing by Jesus made him able to
see the light!

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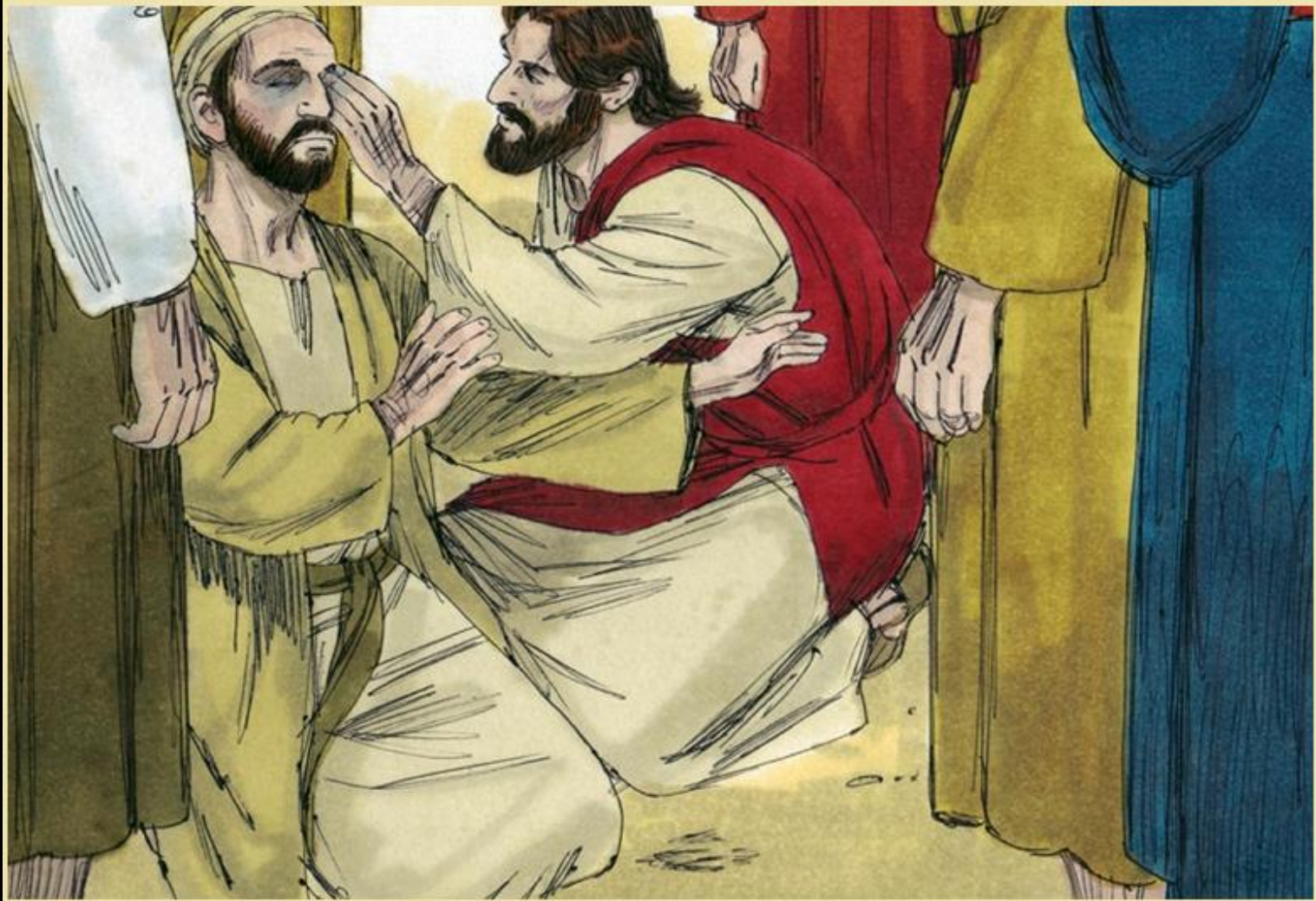
We each have lived in darkness all of our lives... born blind to the light of the gospel...until Christ opened our eyes allowing us to see and believe.

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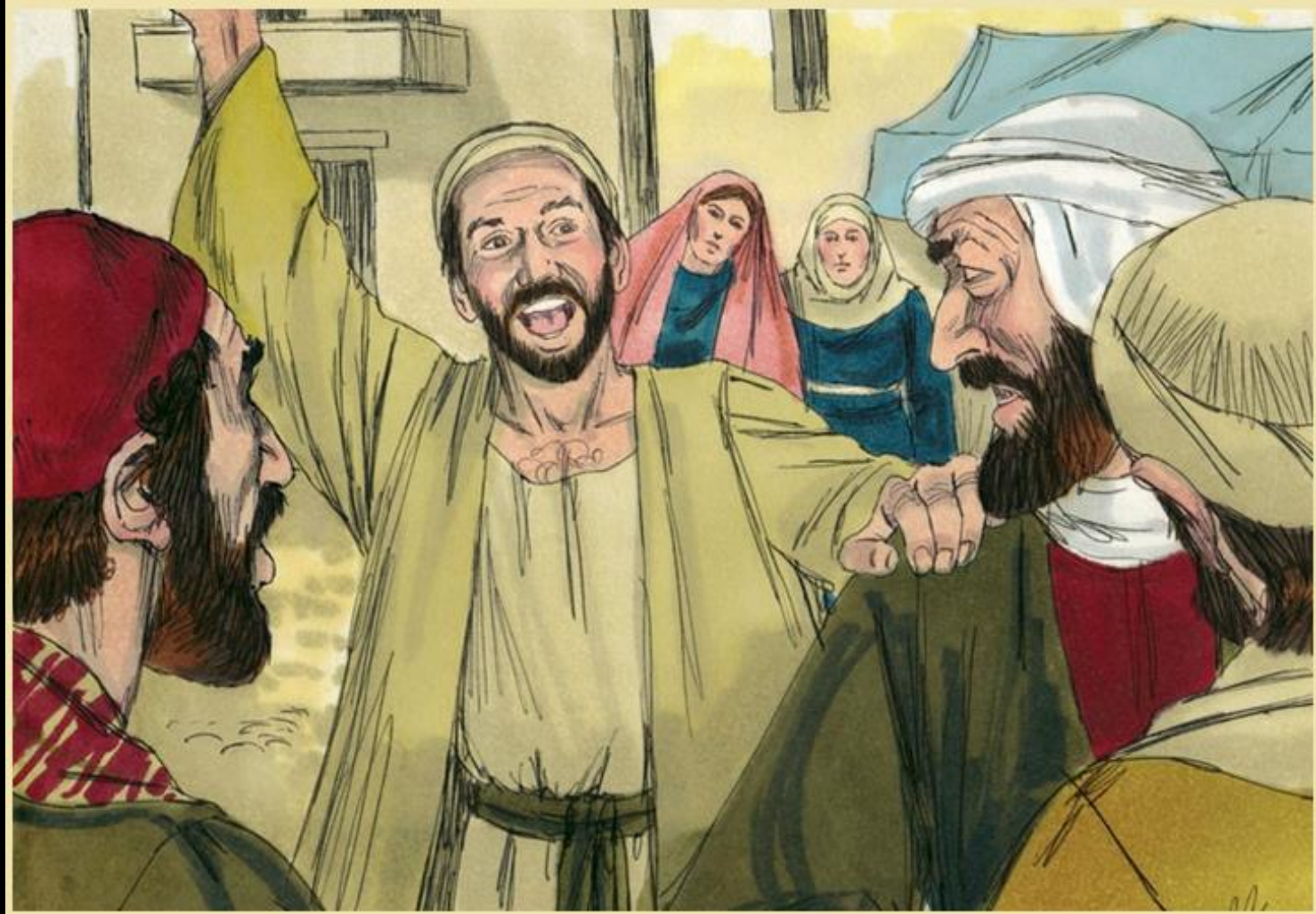
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)

“Then he spit on the
ground, made mud
with the saliva...” (v6)

“...and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes.” (v6)



He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam”. So the man went and washed and came back seeing! (v7)



Jesus spit on the ground and made mud
paste and rubbed it on the man's eyes...



Why would someone who spoke the world into existence, choose such a strange way to heal someone?

WHY?

When Jesus performed this miracle, he was attacking the Pharisees.



This event
happened on a
Sabbath day, which
the Pharisees
manipulated in
order to show
how 'holy' they
were.



The Pharisee's had two Sabbath laws that Jesus broke:

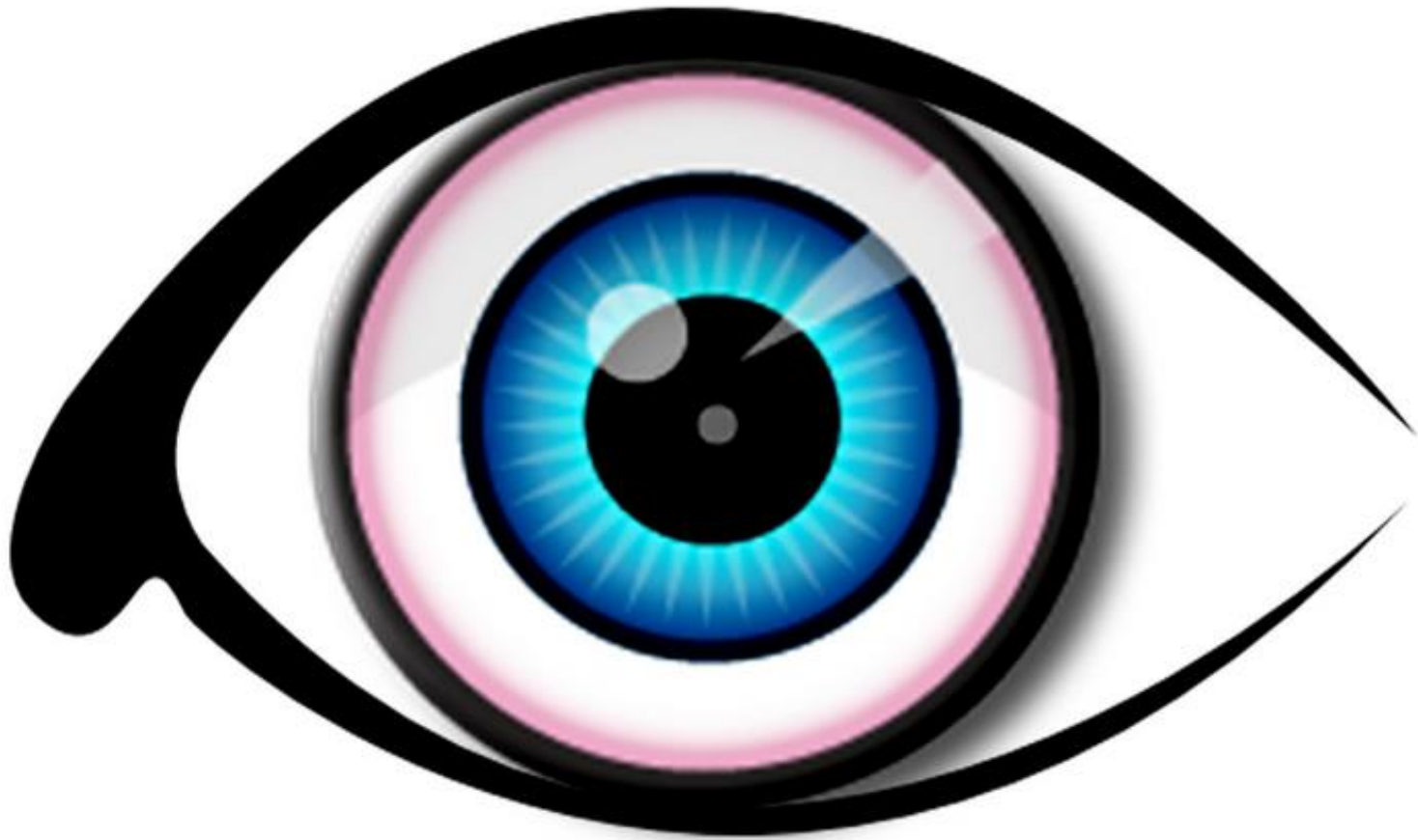
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MAN

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RULES

You can not heal or work with eyes
(*as a Dr. would*) on the Sabbath...or with
non life threatening illnesses. (Yoma 8:6)



You can not work with clay,
knead dough or **paste** on the
Sabbath. (Sabb 7:2)



The religious elite thought
that they were acceptable
to God and pleasing God
when they followed these
(and many other) laws.



Jesus was literally spitting on
these two man made laws.

How do you think God feels
about using man made rules in
order to please Him?



In this account, Jesus was showing that he not only can give sight to the physically blind but also the spiritually blind, if they would **believe in him and come to him his way:** by faith in what he said.

It is by
hearing what Jesus says,
believing what Jesus says
and **doing** what Jesus says
that actually can heal us...
not man made laws.



When was the last time that God
'worked in the dirt with his hands'?

Jesus was showing that just as God gave physical life to Adam, in the Garden...Jesus can give eternal life to the sons of Adam.



Jesus was also showing that he was claiming to be the Potter (Rom 9:21, Job 10:9) and the one who makes the seeing see, the blind; blind and the hearing hear (Ex 4:11).



Does not the potter have the
right to make out of the same
lump of clay some pottery
for special purposes and some
for common use?

(Rom 9:21)

The LORD said to him, “Who
gave human beings their
mouths? Who makes them deaf
or mute? Who gives them
sight or makes them blind? Is
it not I, the LORD? (Ex 4:11)

Jesus was showing that
only by his words
and his works
can any one be given
eternal life!

Jesus is also
the pool of life...
that we must cleanse ourselves in.



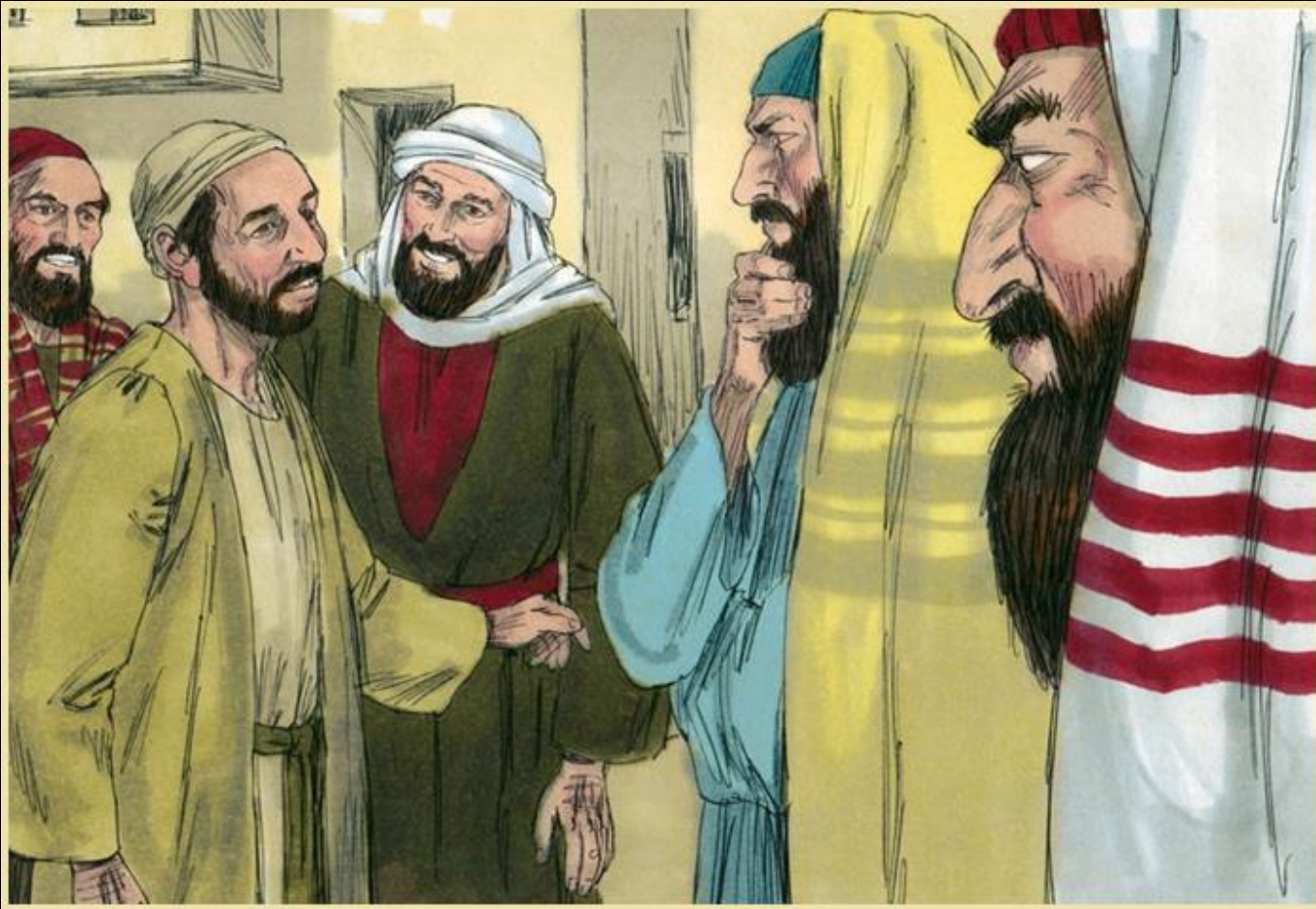
Let anyone who is thirsty come
to me and drink... (Jn 7:37)

Whoever drinks the water I
give them will never thirst.

Indeed, the water I give them
will become in them a spring of
water welling up to eternal life.

(Jn 4:14)

His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” (v8)



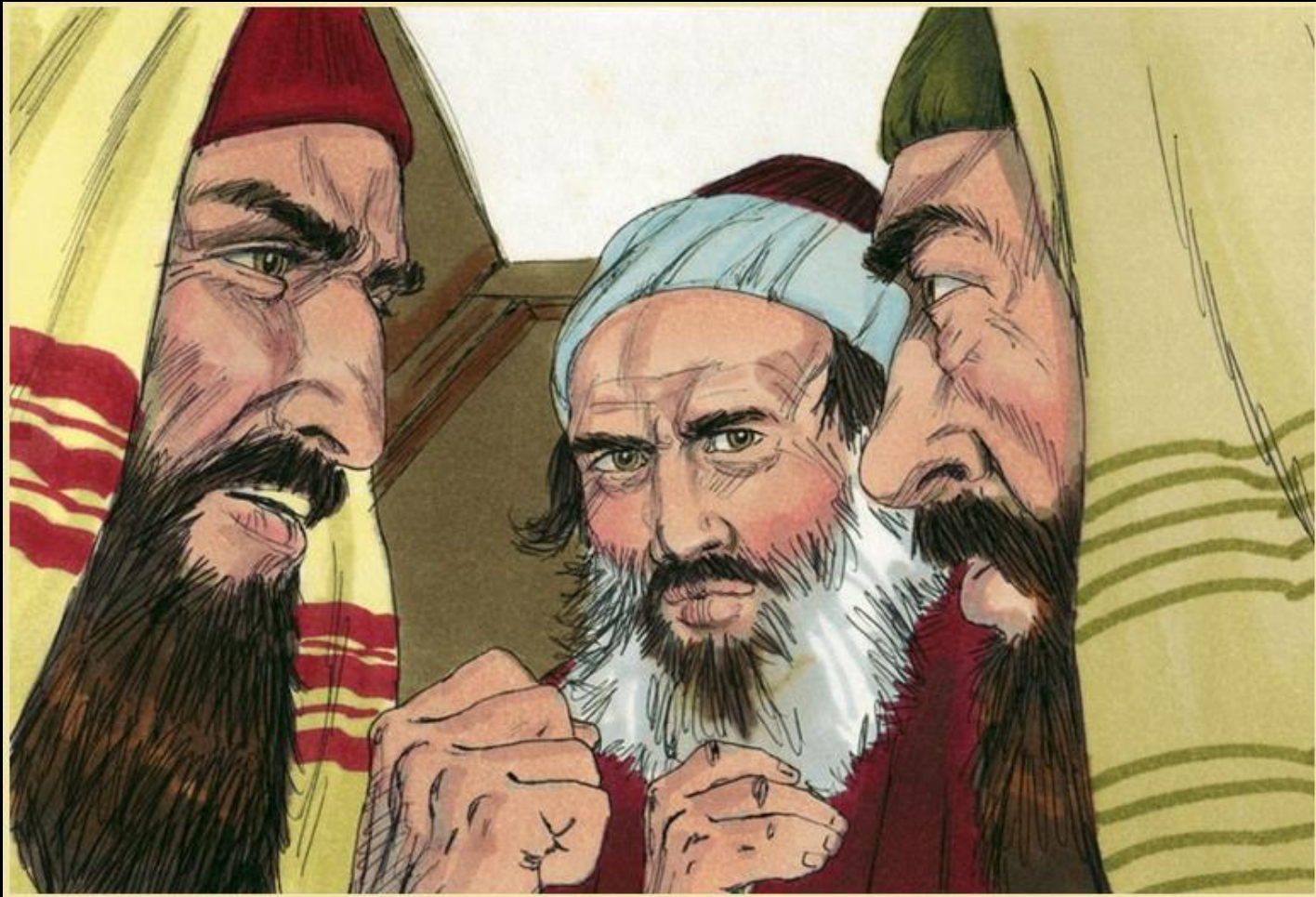
Some said he was, and
others said, “No, he just
looks like him!” But the
beggar kept saying,
“Yes, I am the same one!”

(v9)

They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?” He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”
(v10-11)

Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!” (v13-15)

Some Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” There was a deep division of opinion among them. (v16)



Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?”

The man replied, “I think he must be a prophet.” The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. They asked them, “Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?”

(v17-19)

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A parallel of mistaken identity.

1) Who is this blind man? Is he really who he says he is?

2) Who is this Jesus man? Is he really who he says he is?

The confusion over the
identity of the blind beggar
parallels
the confusion of the crowds
over the identity of Jesus...

The blind man kept saying
‘I am the one [I am he]’
the exact Greek phrase
Jesus uses to identify
himself later in the event.

If the on lookers correctly
recognized/identified the
blind man, their eyes would
be able to see accurately the
identity of the one who
heals spiritual blindness.

His parents replied, “We know this is our son and that he was born blind, but we don’t know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.”

(v20-23)

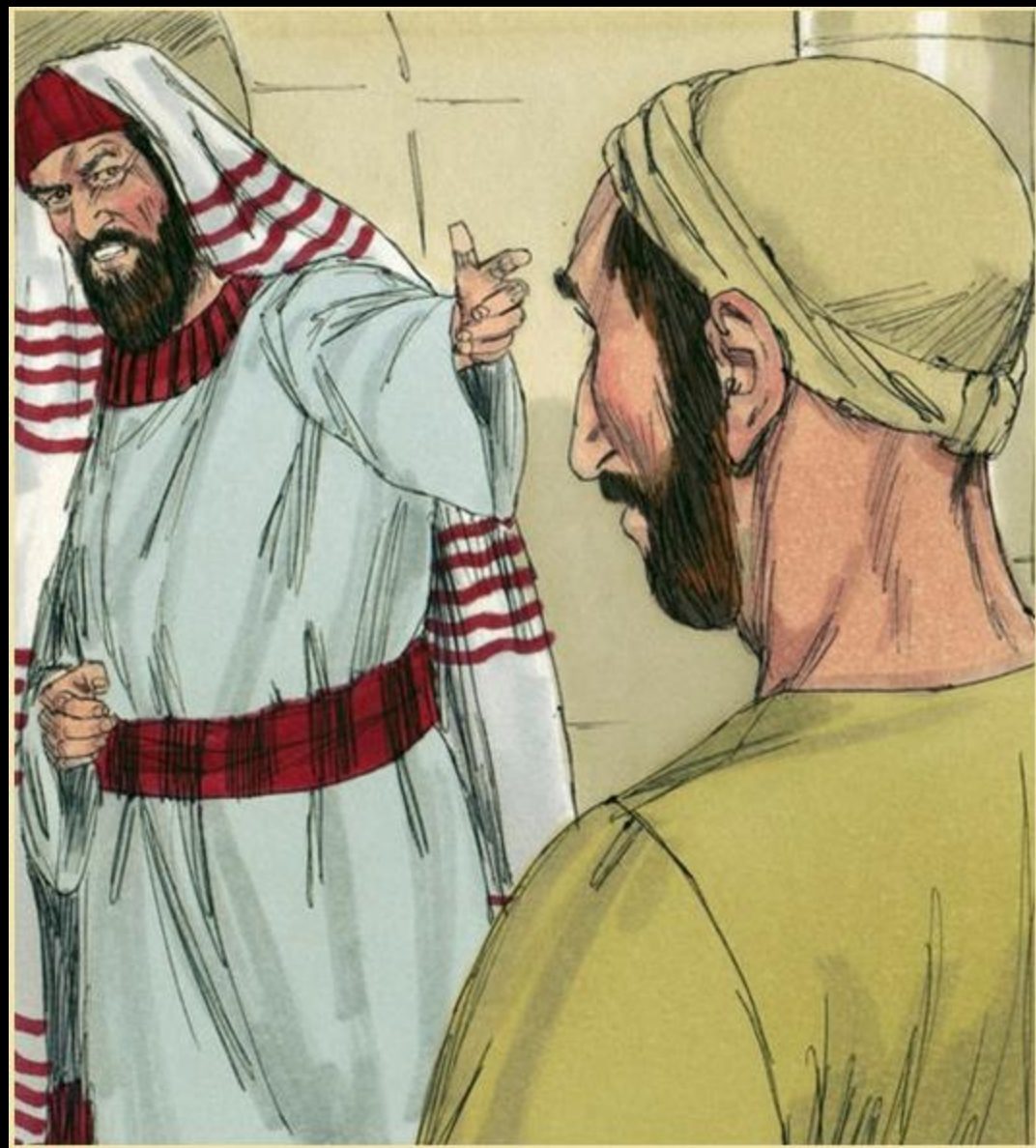
His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That's why they said, "He is old enough. Ask him."

(v20-23)

How can you believe since you
accept glory from one another
but do not seek the glory that
comes from the only God?

(John 5:44)

Anyone who was unwilling to admit the identity of the blind man (preferring the honor of men)...would not be able to see the identity of Jesus and get the honor of God.



So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.”(v24)

“I don’t know whether he
is a sinner,” the man
replied. “But I know this:
I was blind, and now I can
see!” (v25)

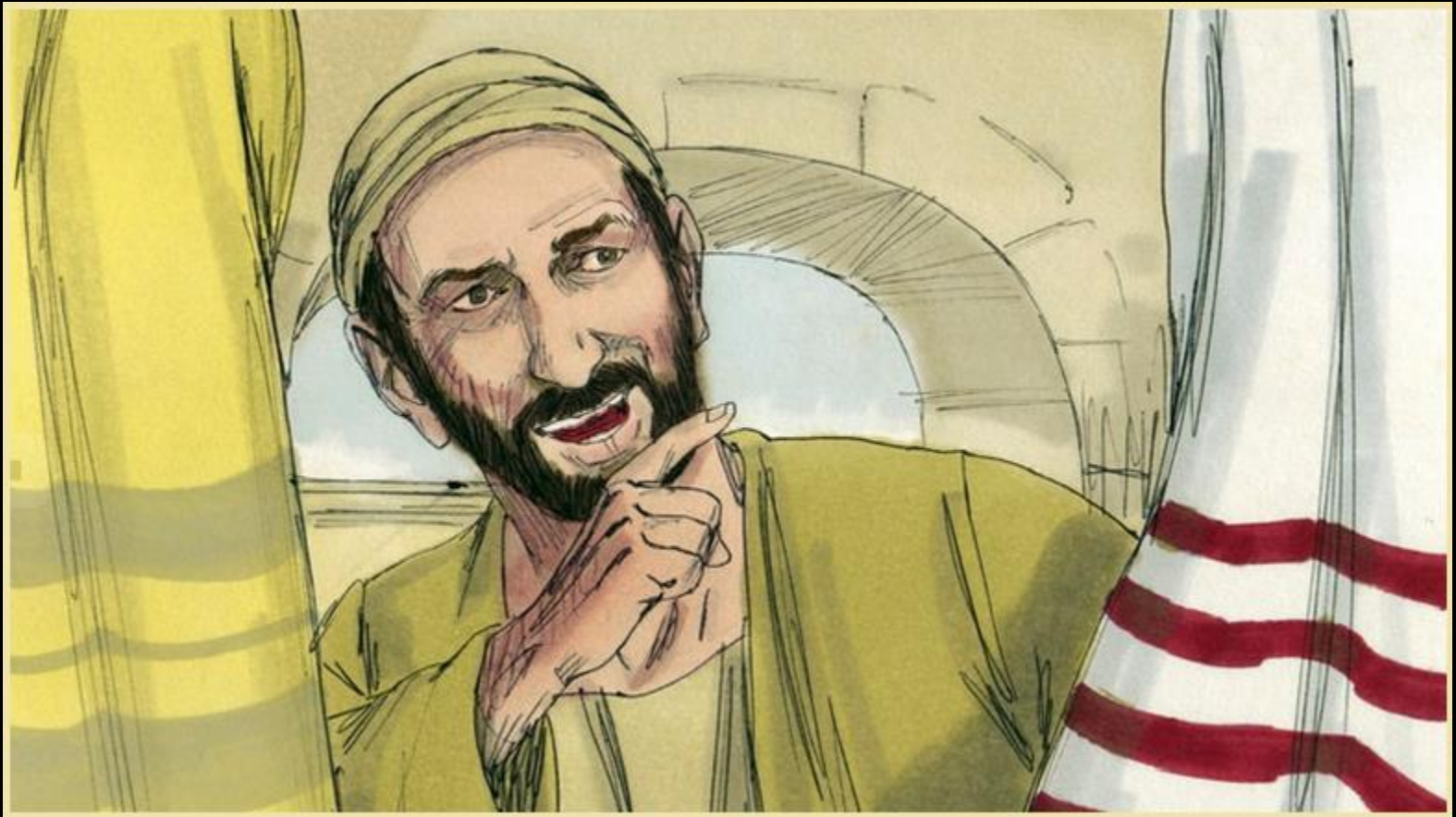
“...what did he do?” they asked.
“How did he heal you?” “Look!” the
man exclaimed. “I told you once.
Didn’t you listen? Why do you
want to hear it again? Do you want
to become his disciples, too?”

(v26-27)

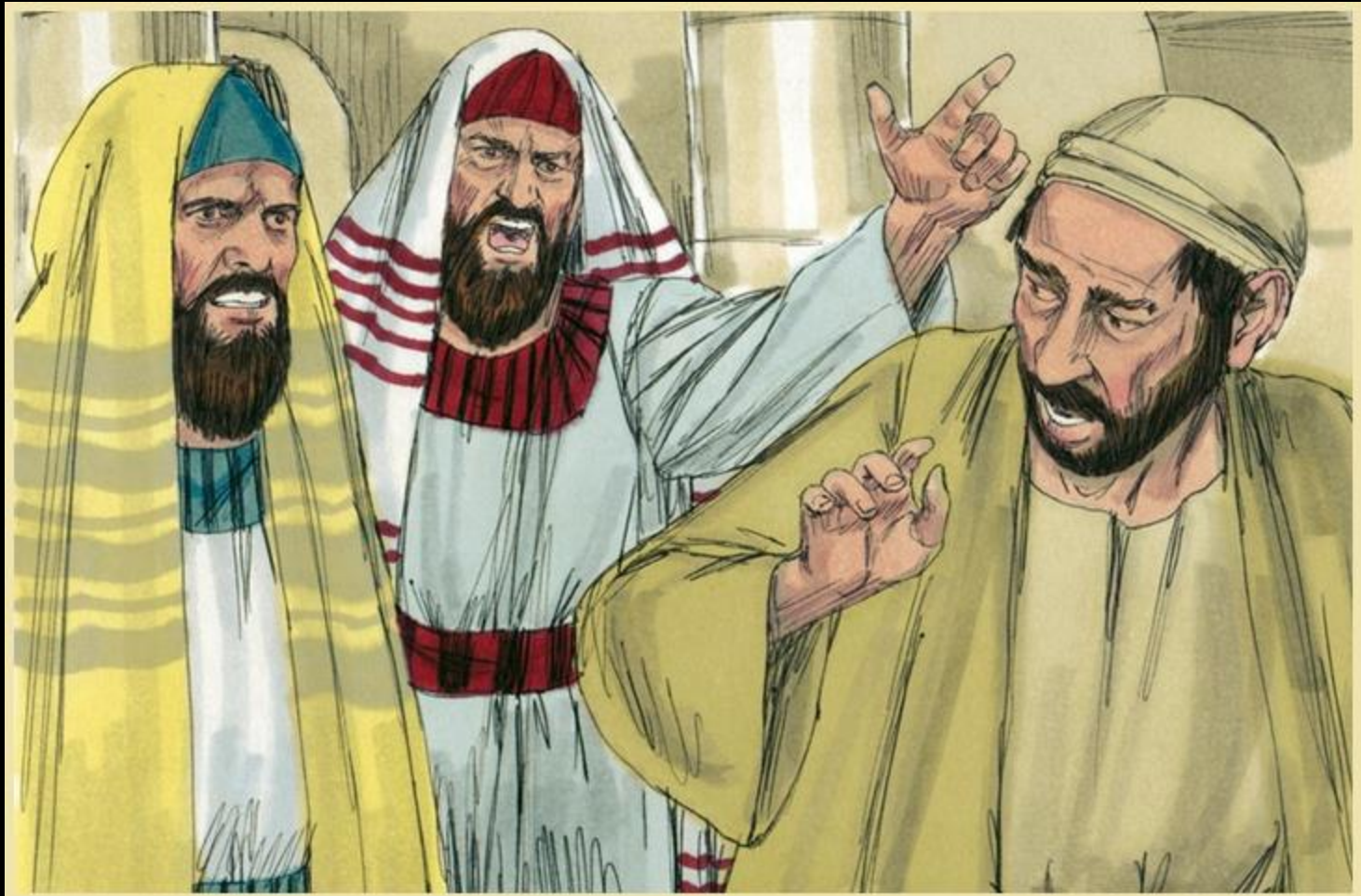
Then they cursed him and said,
“You are his disciple, but we are
disciples of Moses! We know God
spoke to Moses, but we don’t even
know where this man comes from.

(v28-29)

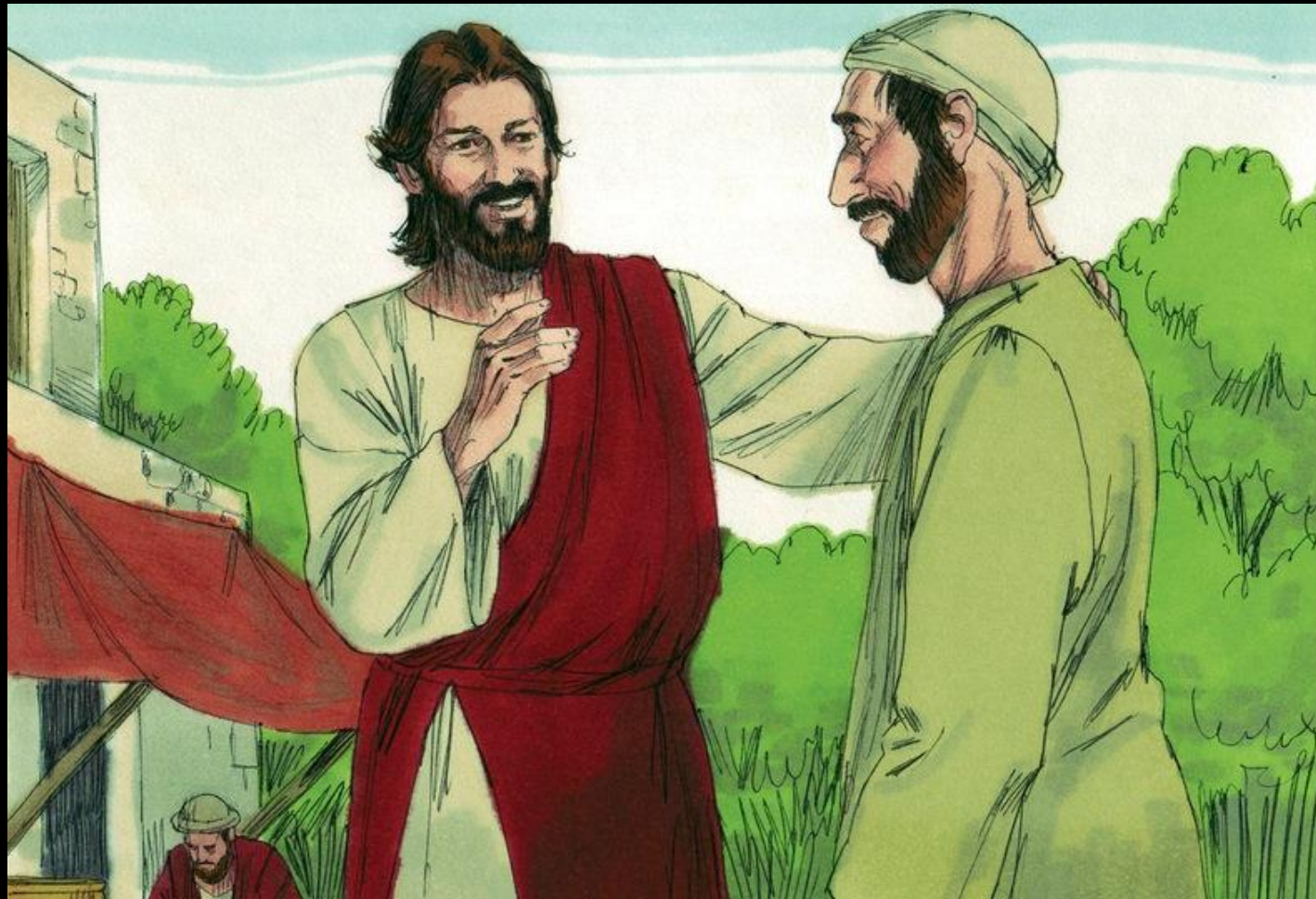
“Why, that’s very strange!” the man replied. “He healed my eyes, and yet you don’t know where he comes from?. Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, he couldn’t have done it.” (v30, 32-33)



“You were born a total sinner!” they answered.
“Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw
him out of the synagogue. (v34)



When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (v35)



Jesus loved to refer to himself as “The Son of Man”

The term the Son of Man occurs in Matthew **32 times**, in Mark **15 times**, in Luke **26 times**, and in John **12 times**. In the Gospels the title is always recorded as having been used by Christ of Himself and never by angel, by man, or by demon.

He was quoting a prophecy
of Daniel:

In my vision at night I looked,
and there **before me was one like a
son of man**, coming with the clouds
of heaven. He approached the Ancient
of Days and was led into his presence.

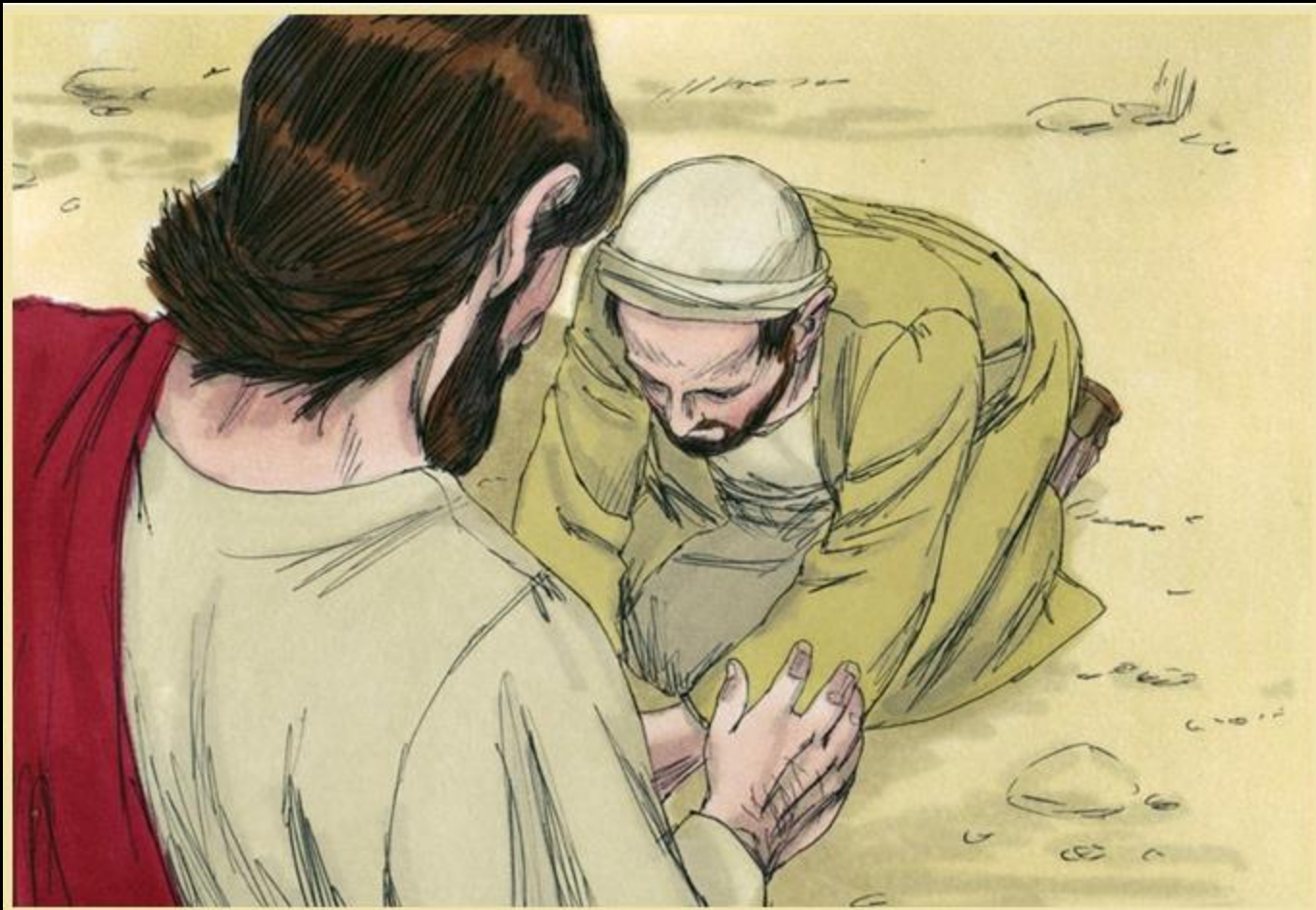
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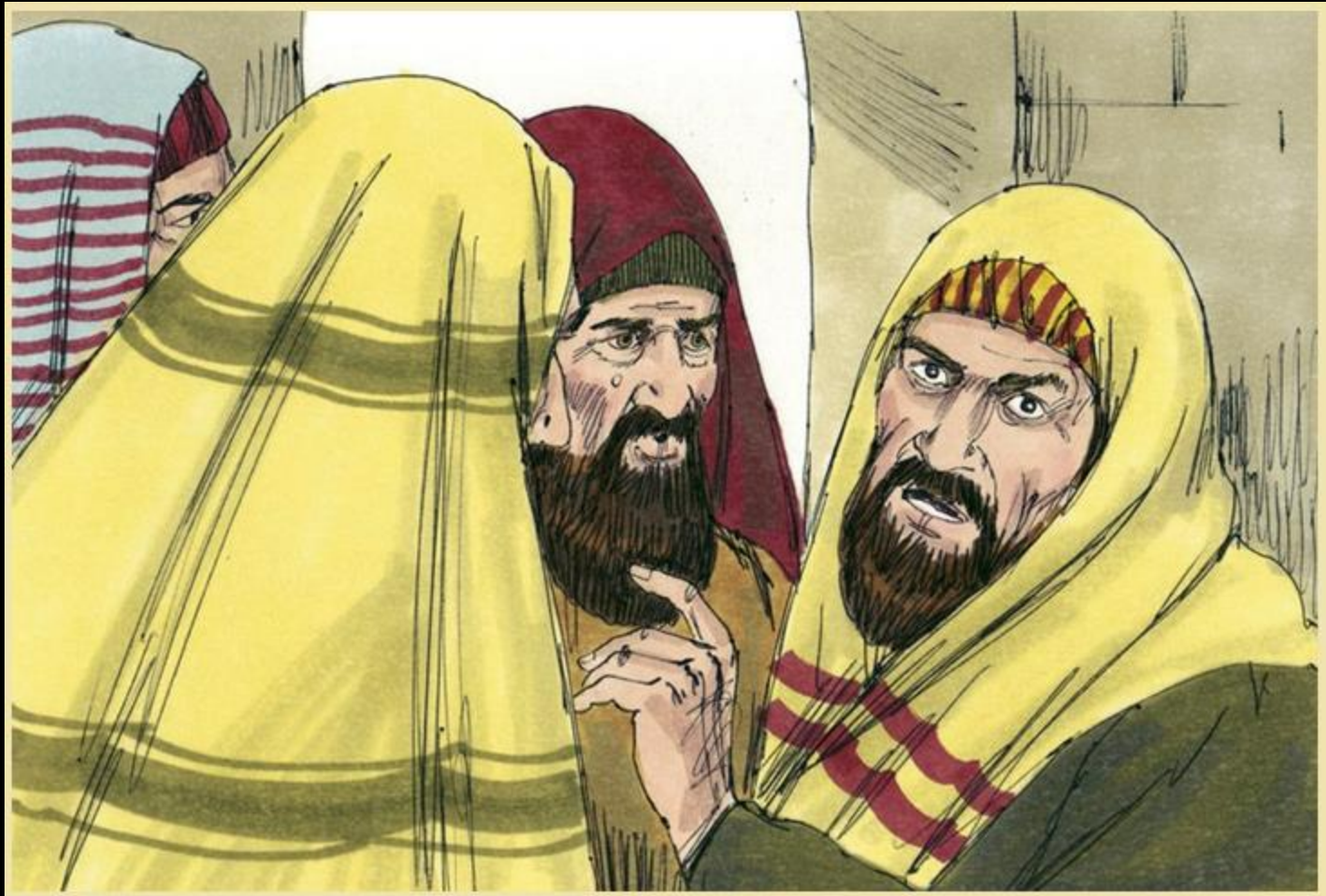
He was given authority, glory and
sovereign power; all nations and peoples of
every language worshiped him. His
dominion is an everlasting dominion that
will not pass away, and his kingdom is one
that will never be destroyed.

(Daniel 7:13-14)

The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.” “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!” “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. (v37-38)



Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.” Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?” (v39-40)



What's the purpose?



We are all born as “**total sinners**”
separated from God...and we are all
spiritually blind, unable to see the way to
God. He must perform a miracle in us.



We are helpless to save ourselves. Our man made laws, traditions and ideas about God and how to get to God, will never work. We can not please God in our own strength



Jesus is God, our creator. Our only hope is in **hearing-believing-doing** what he says...and putting our total trust in him.

