

**JESUS**  
PERFECT  
SACRIFICE.



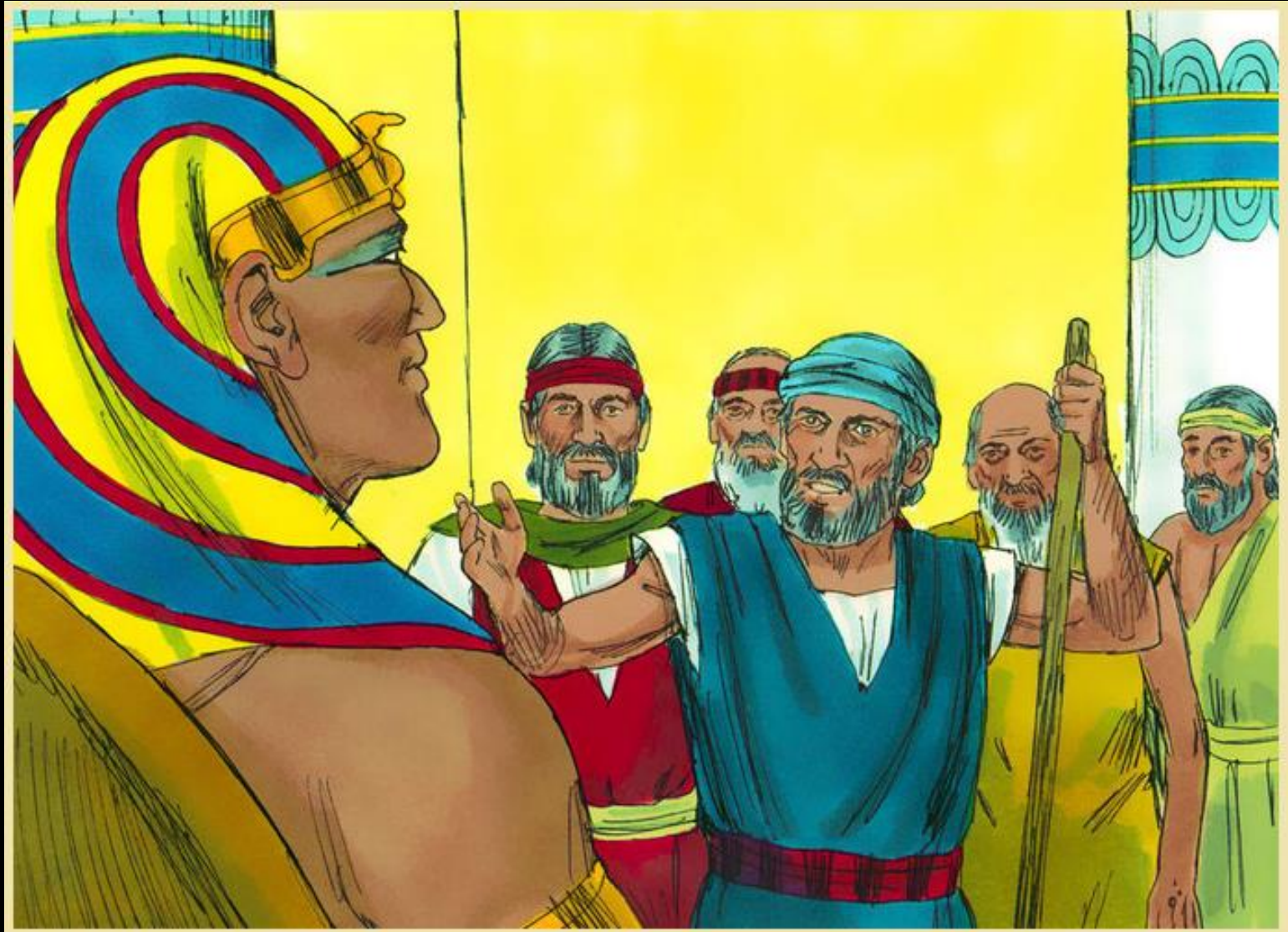
Let's review quickly...



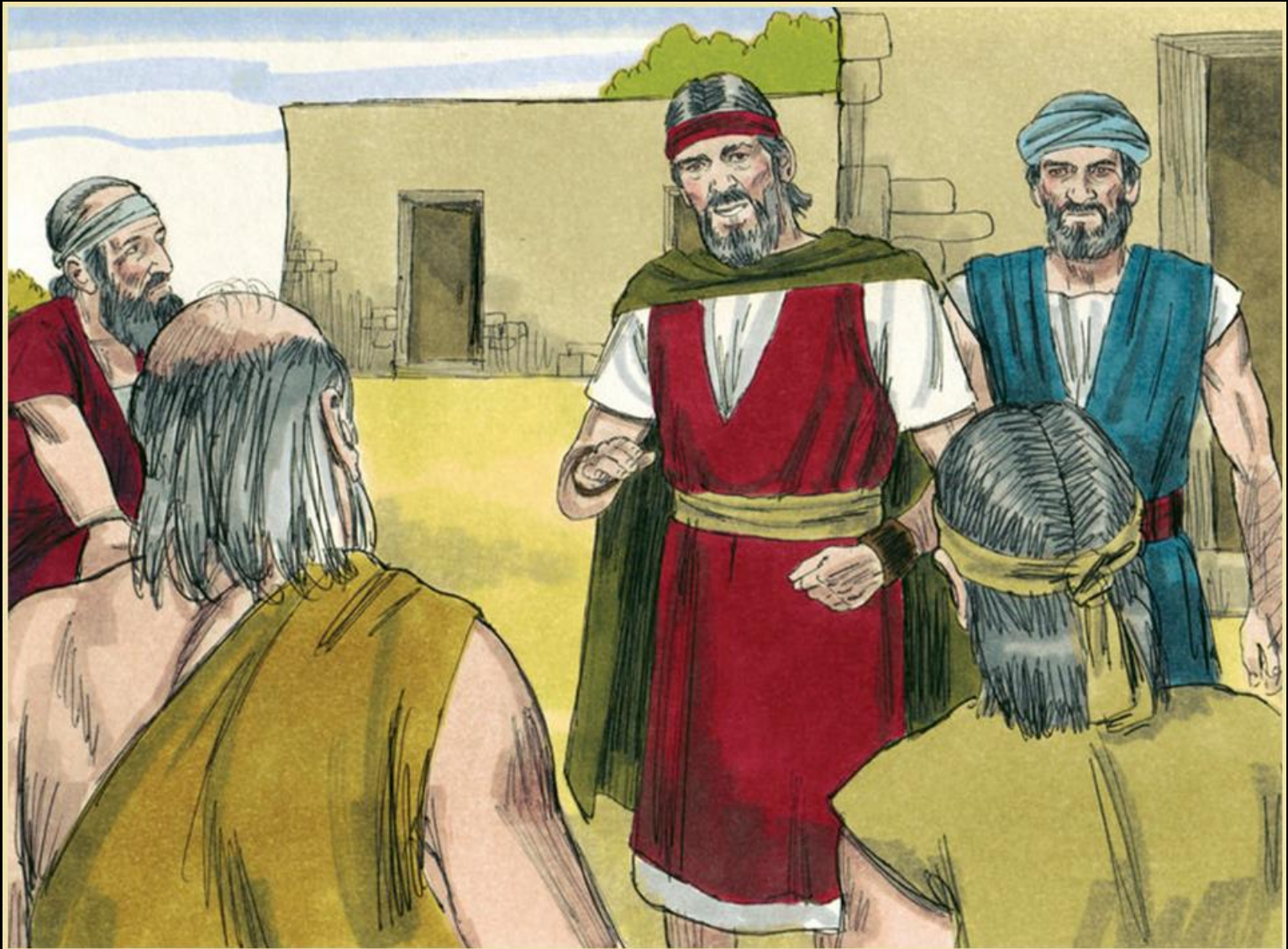
The Israelites had been enslaved for over 400 years in Egypt...



God sent in Moses to deliver the people via incredible plagues...



God told the people what they must do to escape the final plague...



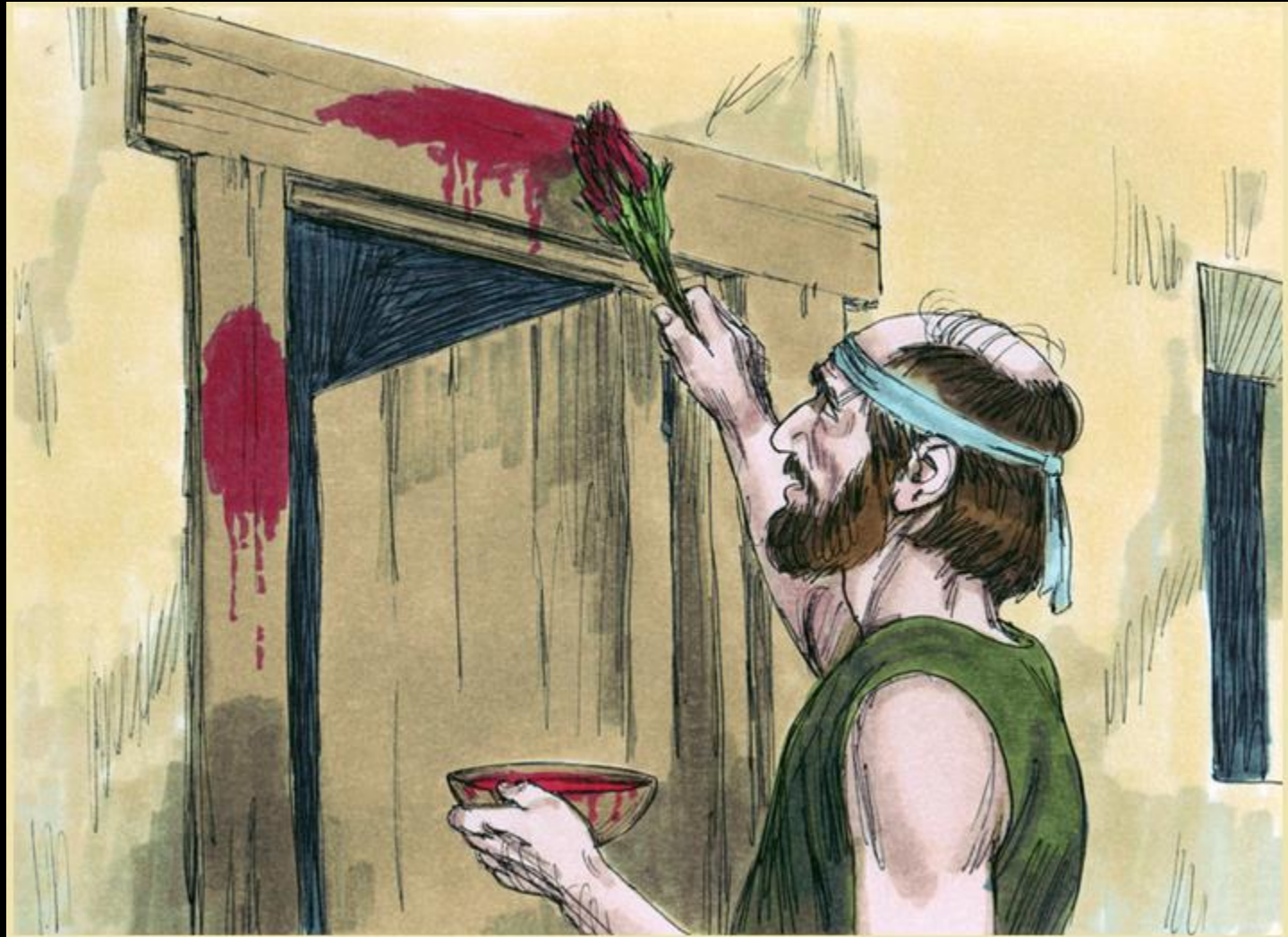
“Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month **each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice,** one animal for each household. The animal you select **must be a one-year-old male,** either a sheep or a goat, **with no defects.**”

**“Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month.**

**Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight.”**

**(Exodus 12:3-6)**

They are to **take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes** of the houses... (v7)



“On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD!” (v12)

**But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign,**  
marking the houses where you are staying.

**When I see the blood, I will pass over you.**

This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the  
land of Egypt. (v13)

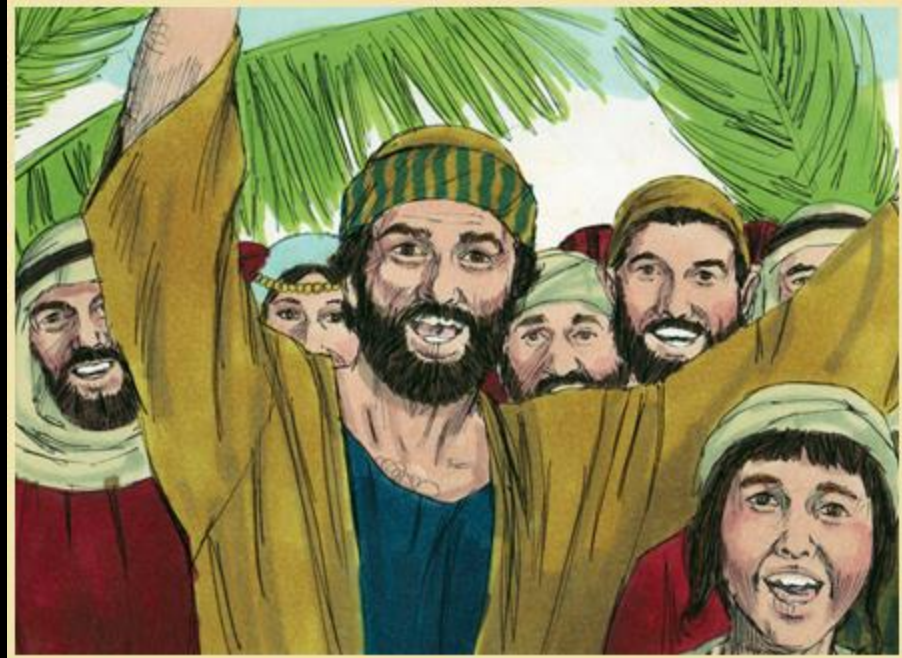
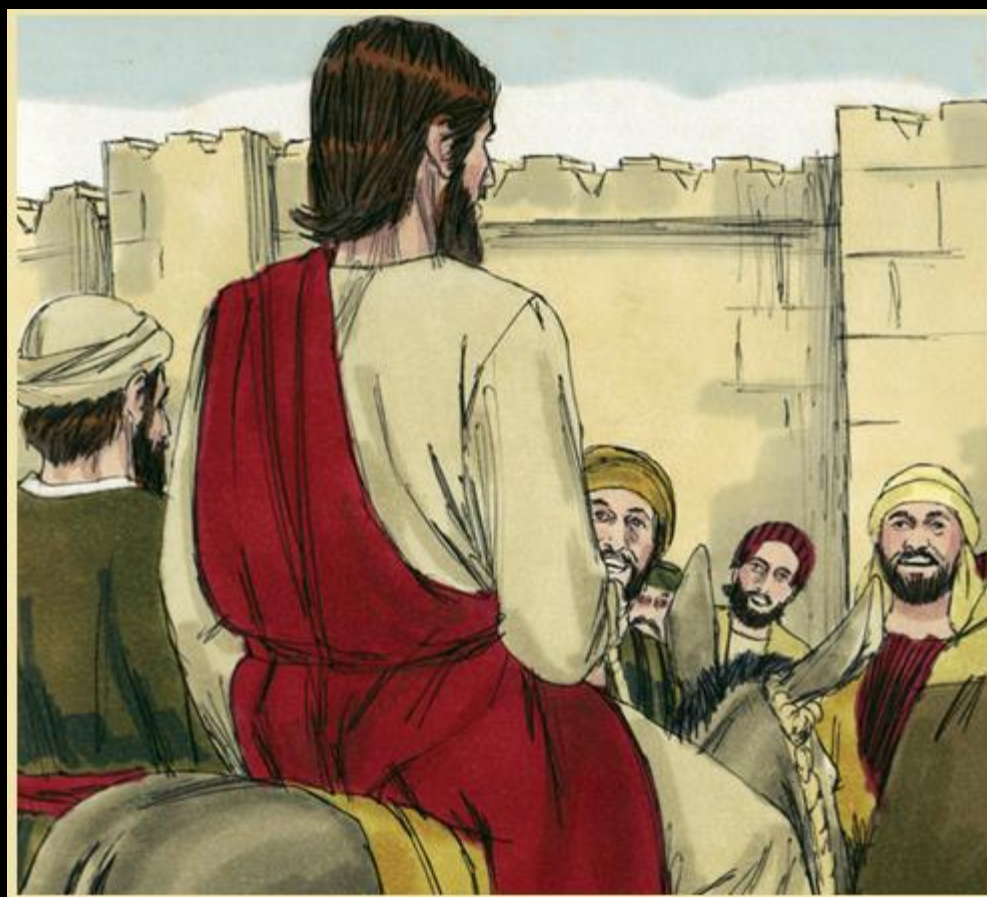


# Why is this important?



When Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem; it was the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan.

The day the male lambs were chosen for the Passover sacrifice (Ex 12:3-6).



Jesus road into Jerusalem on the very day that the Israelites were to choose a lamb for Passover, and inspect it for defects.



Jesus riding in on a donkey refers to the tradition that a donkey is an animal of peace, versus the horse, which is the animal of war.

A king came riding up to a foreign city on a horse when he was bent on war and rode up on a donkey when he wanted to point out he was coming in peace.



“No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one... **They don't know where to find peace.**”

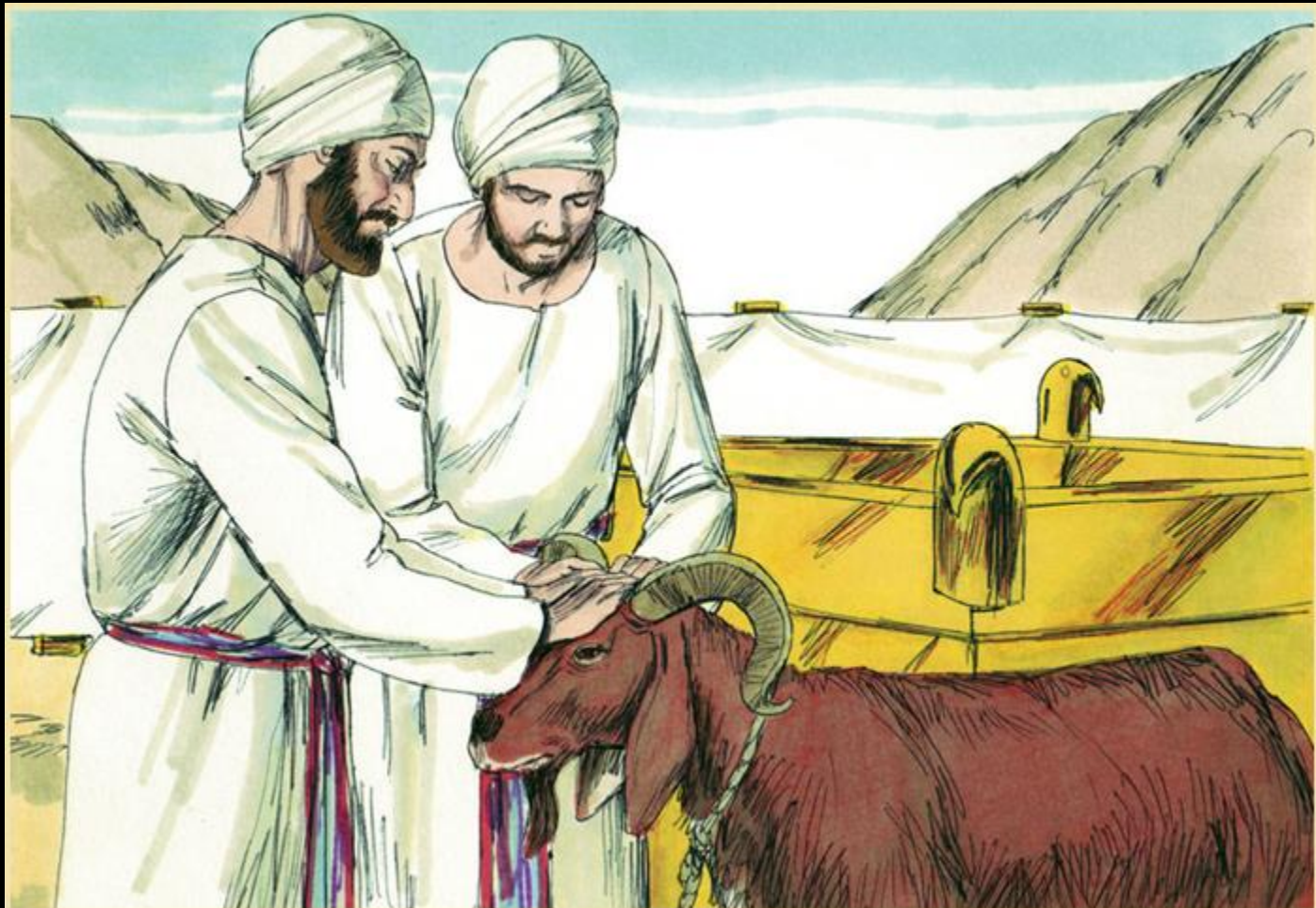
*(Romans 3:11-12, 17)*

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that **brought us peace** was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

*(Isaiah 53:5)*

# The High Priest Was to Select out a Male Lamb or Goat for an Offering

“Aaron must take from the community of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.” (Lev 16:5)



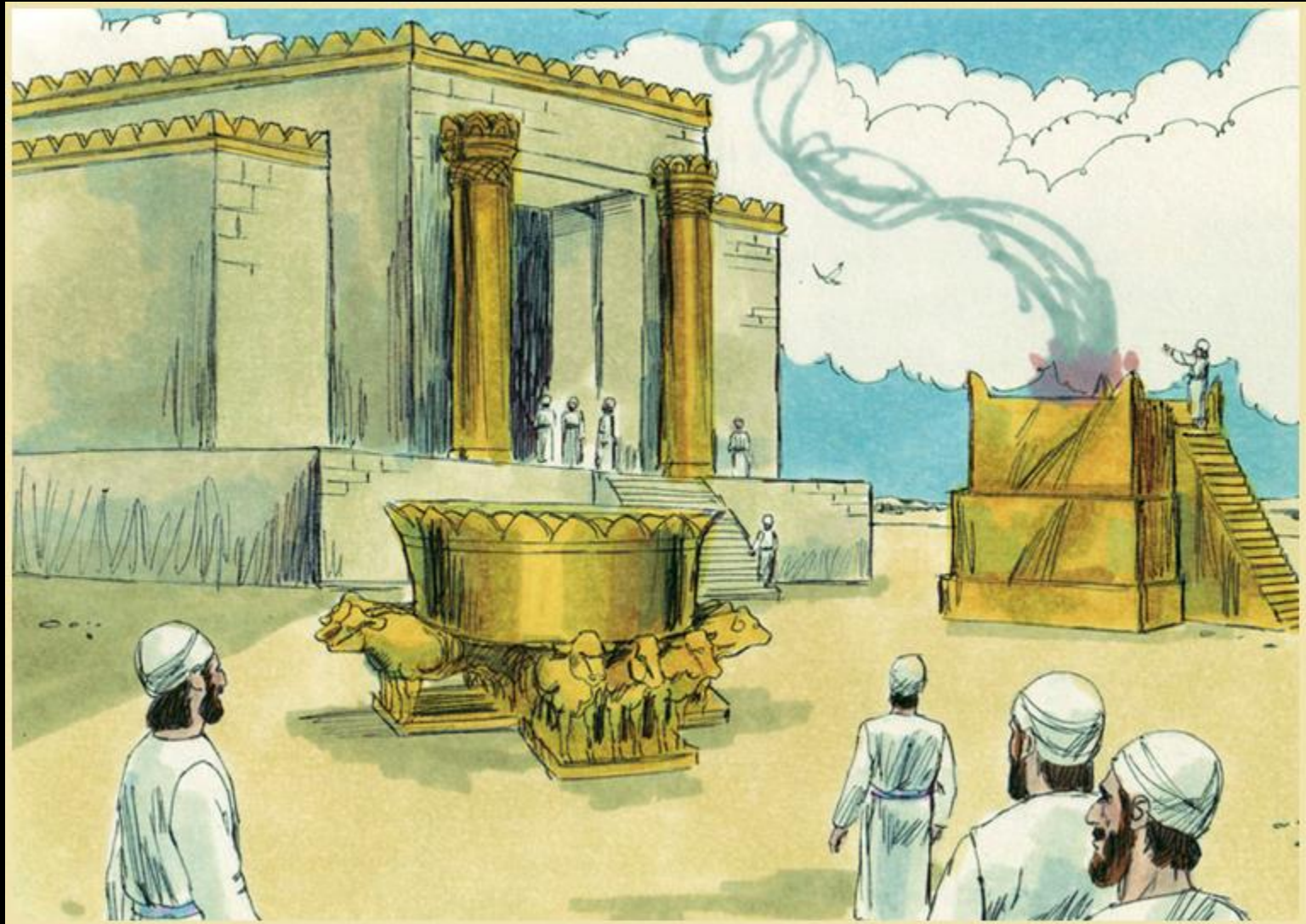
# The Parallel

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up... "You do not realize that it is better for you that **one man die for the people** than that the whole nation perish." So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death. (John 11:49-53)

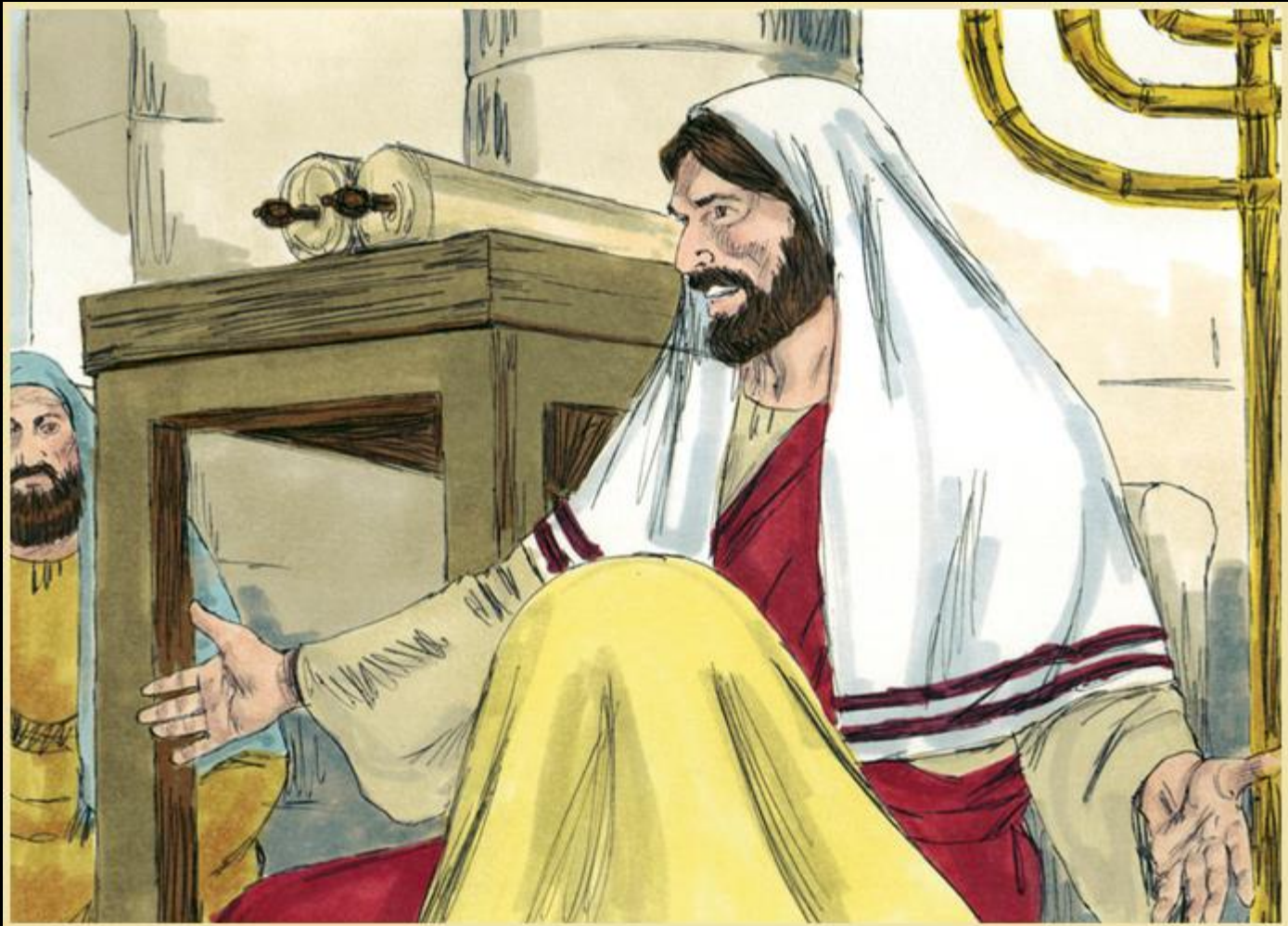
According to the Law, the lambs chosen for sacrifice by each family on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan **must be visible for 5 days** before the Passover sacrifice in order for everyone to observe the selected animal's perfection.

*(4 days as we count; the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> day becomes the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> according to the Jewish Calendar)*

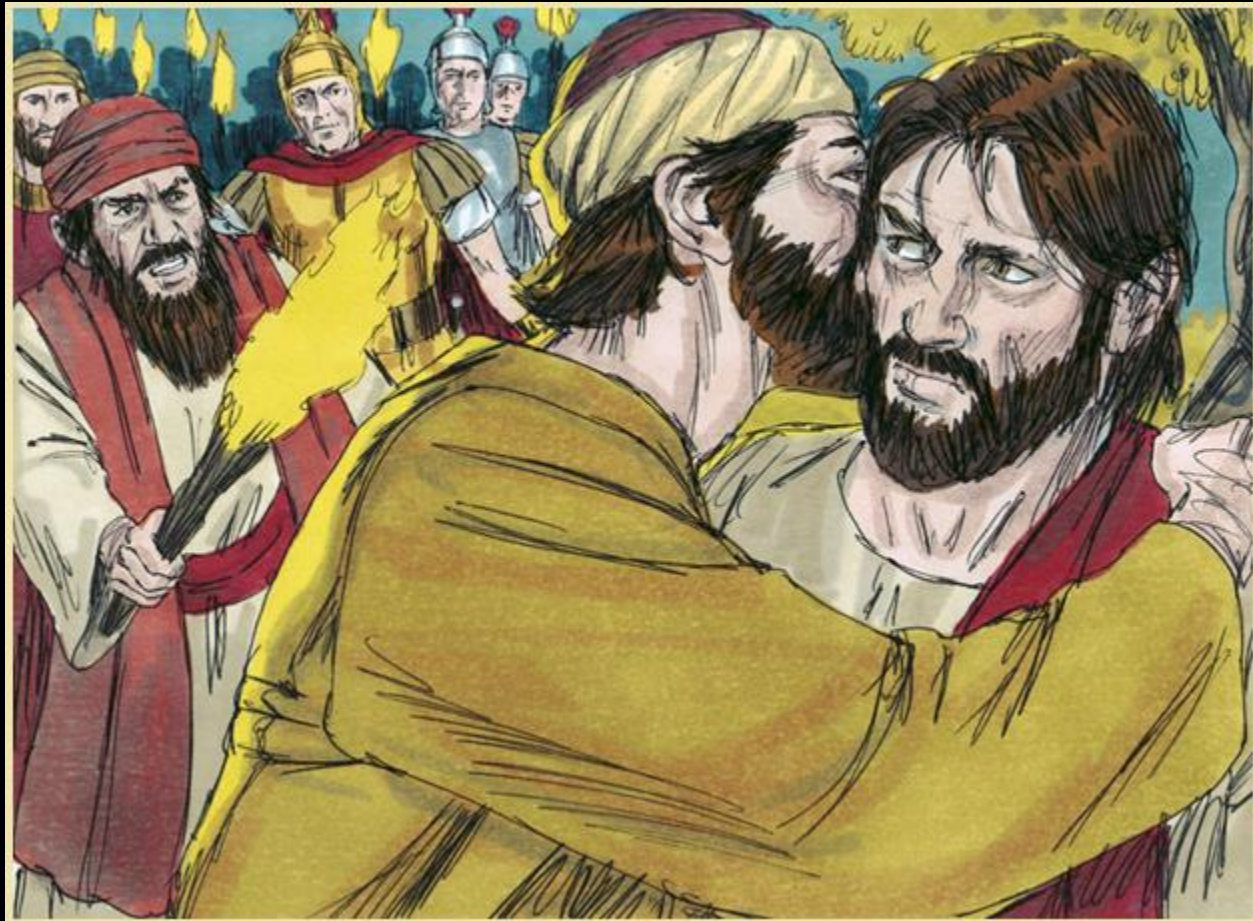
Jesus first stop after riding in on the donkey was the temple.



**For five days** Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, was present at the Temple in Jerusalem, where everyone could **see** Him.

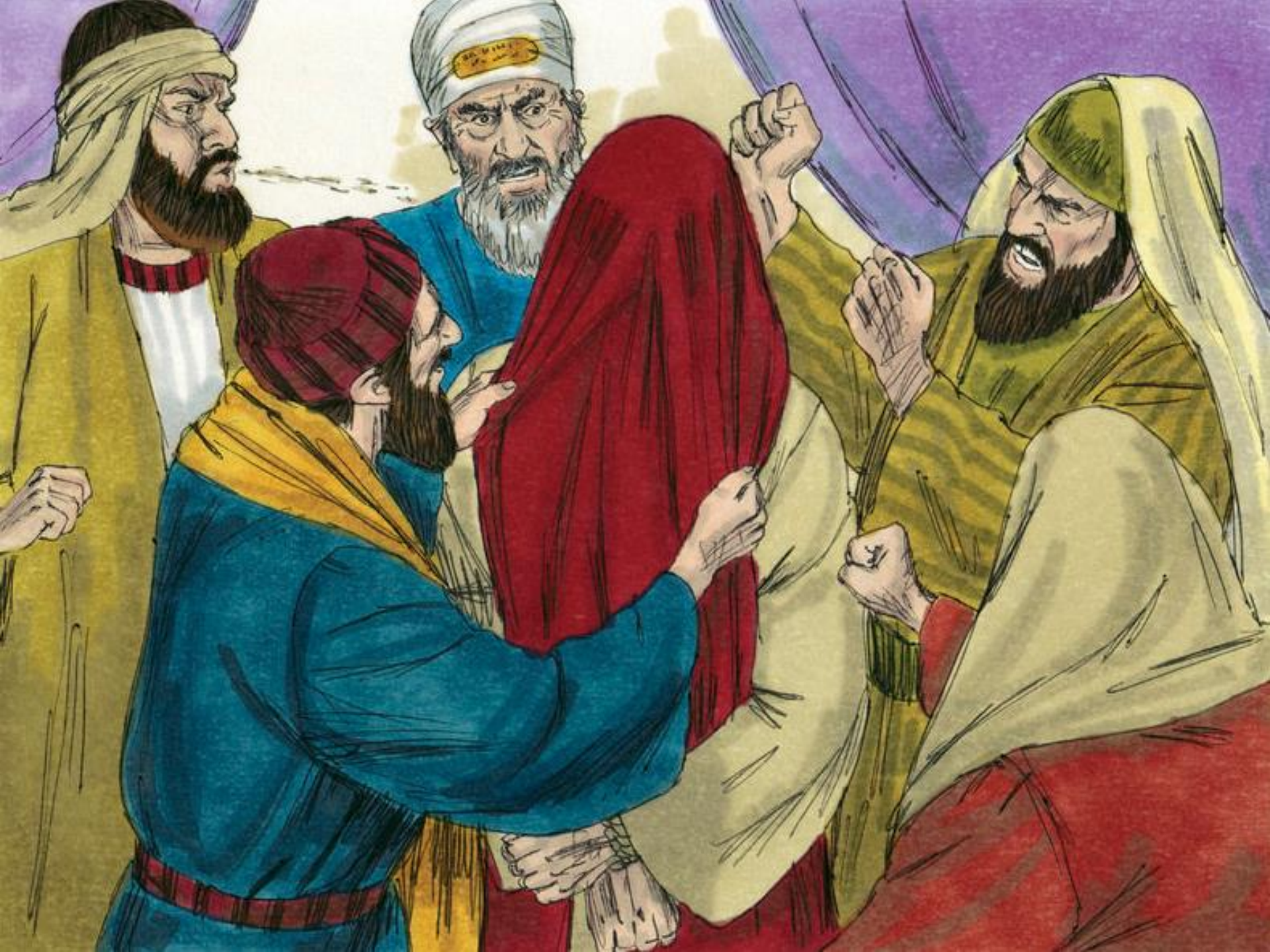


**Thursday:** The evening of this day is the beginning of the day the lambs are sacrificed at the Temple. *This is the evening Jesus was betrayed and taken to the High Priest.*



They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor....The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters and called out the entire regiment. They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head.

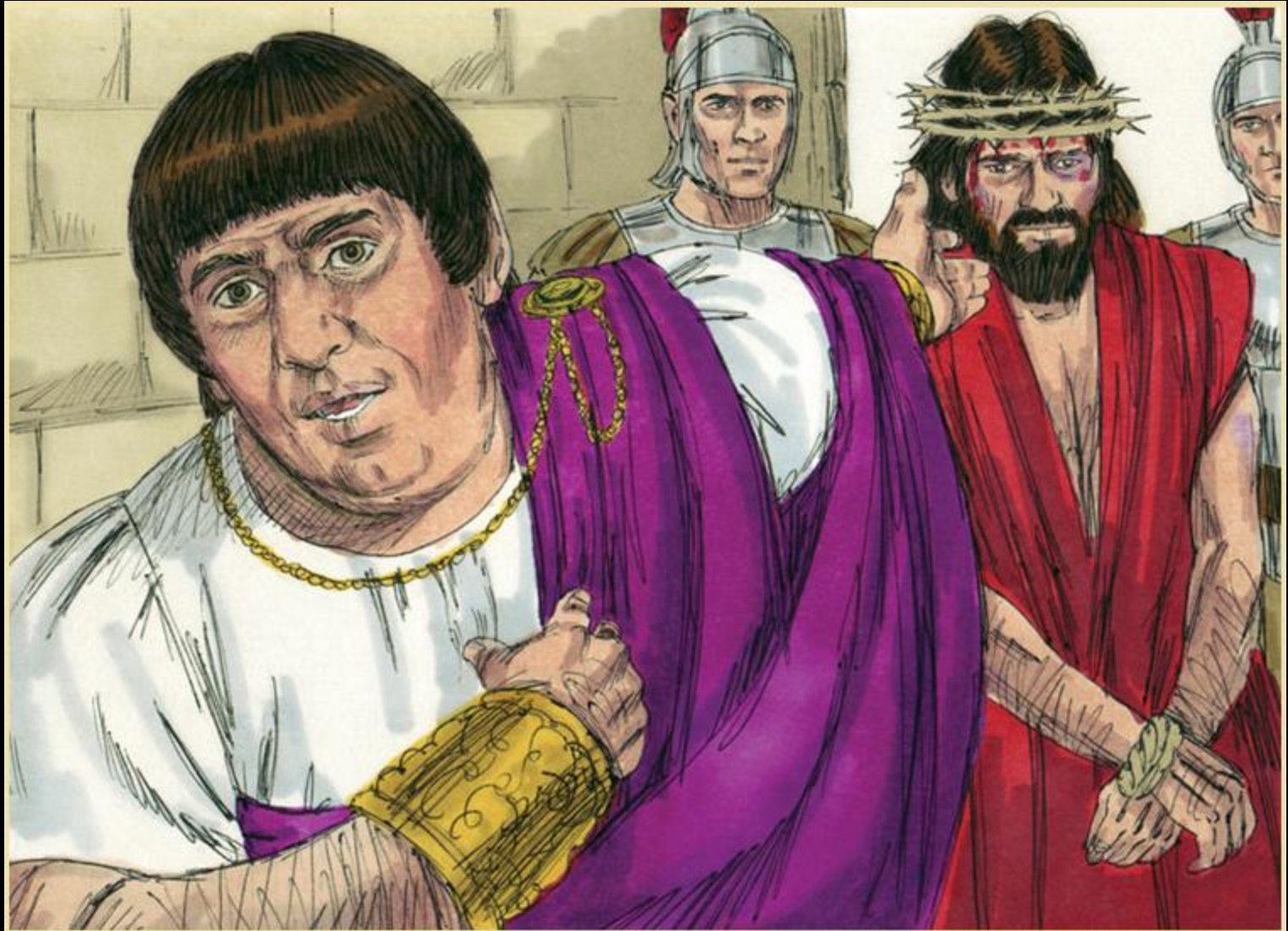
(Mark 15:1, 16-17)



Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, and he announced his verdict. “You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and **find him innocent.**

**Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty.**

Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, **“I find nothing wrong with this man!”**



HE IS A SPOTLESS,  
ACCEPTABLE, MALE  
LAMB WITHOUT  
DEFECT!

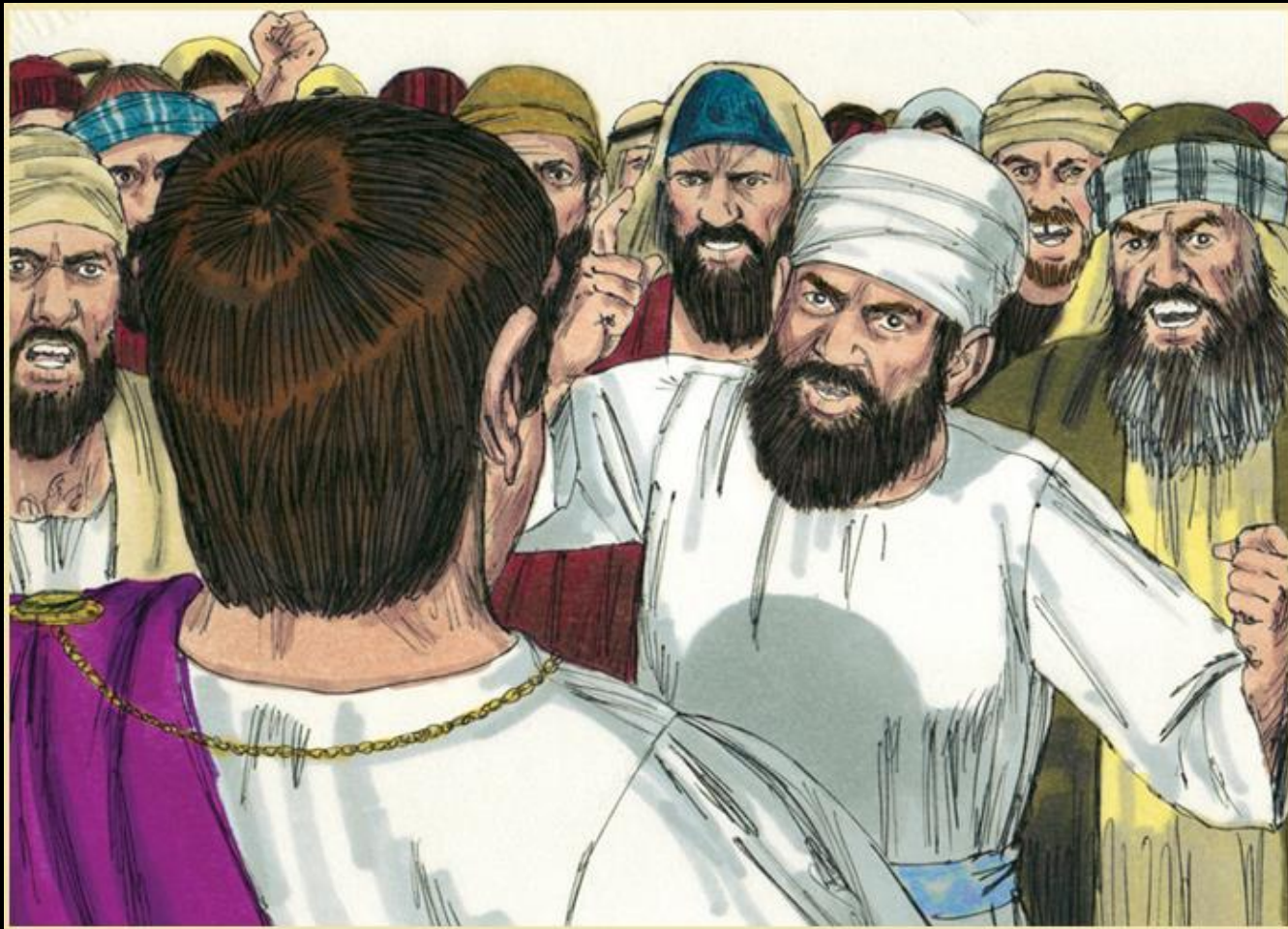
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Then he must take the two male goats and present them to the LORD at the entrance of the Tabernacle. He is to cast sacred lots to determine which goat will be reserved as an offering to the LORD and which will carry the sins of the people to the wilderness. Aaron will then present as a sin offering the goat chosen by lot for the LORD.

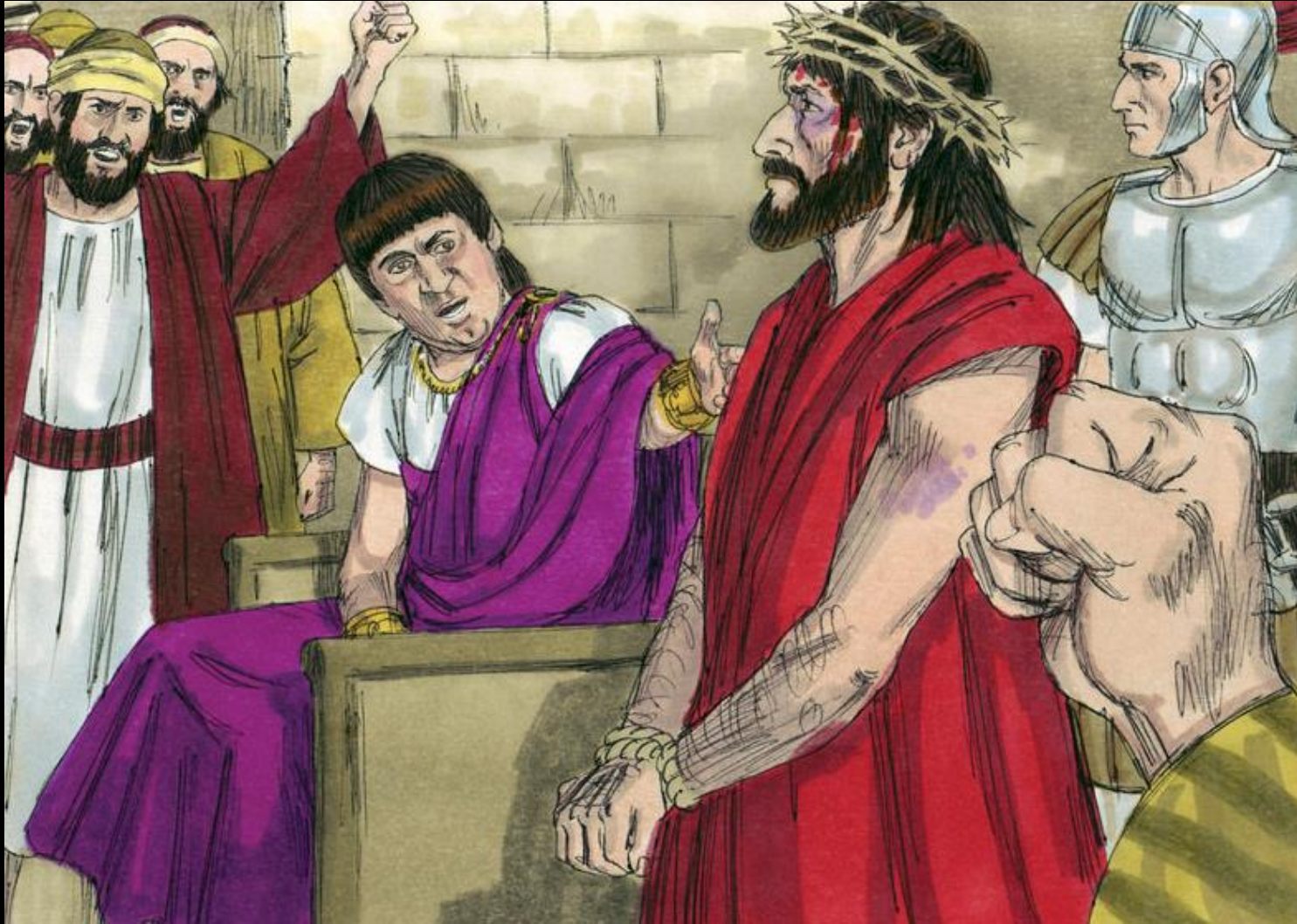
The other goat, the scapegoat  
chosen by lot to be sent away, will  
be kept alive, standing before the  
LORD. When it is sent away in the  
wilderness, the people will be  
purified and made right with the  
LORD.

(Lev 16:7-10)

Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to **release one prisoner** to the crowd—anyone they wanted. This year there was a **notorious prisoner**, a man named **Barabbas**.



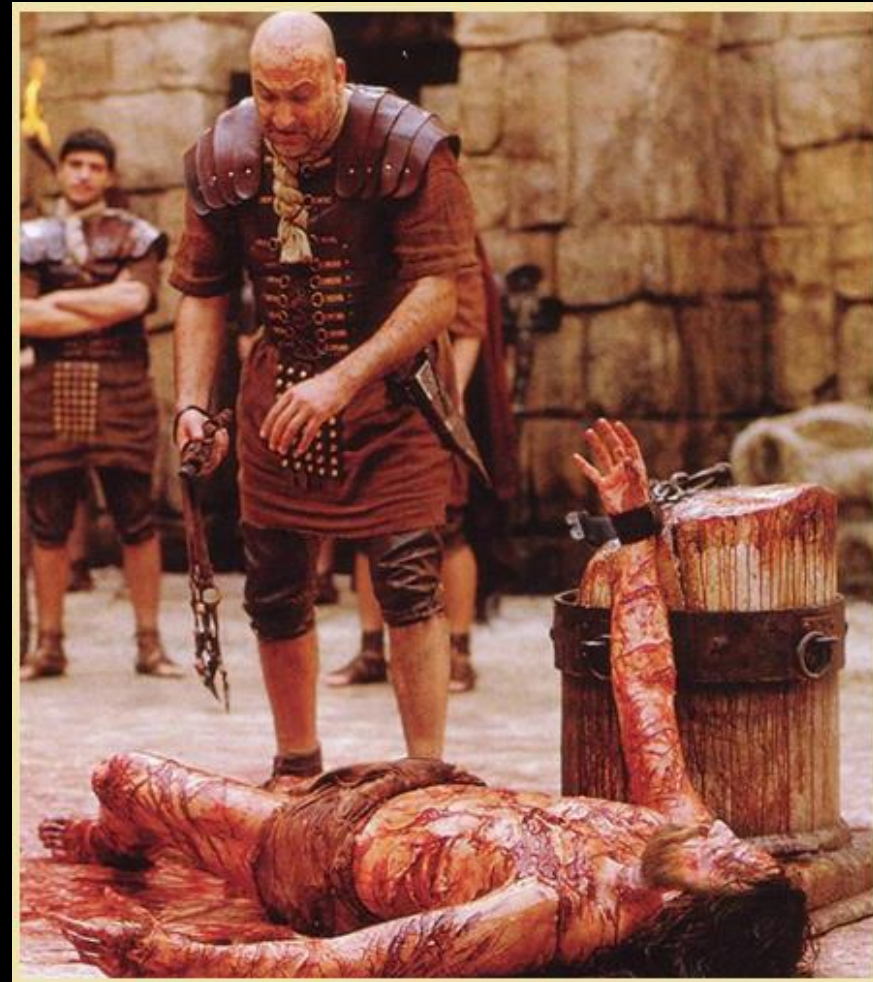
As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—**Barabbas**, or **Jesus who is called the Messiah?**"



Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for **Barabbas to be released** and for **Jesus to be put to death**. So the governor asked again, “Which of these two do you want me to **release to you?**” The crowd shouted back, **“Barabbas!”**

Pilate responded, “Then what should I do with **Jesus** who is called the Messiah?” They shouted back, **“Crucify him!”**

So **I will have him flogged**, and then I will release him.” Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, “**Kill him!**”



# Jesus took on the lashes for breaking the Law in the Old Testament.

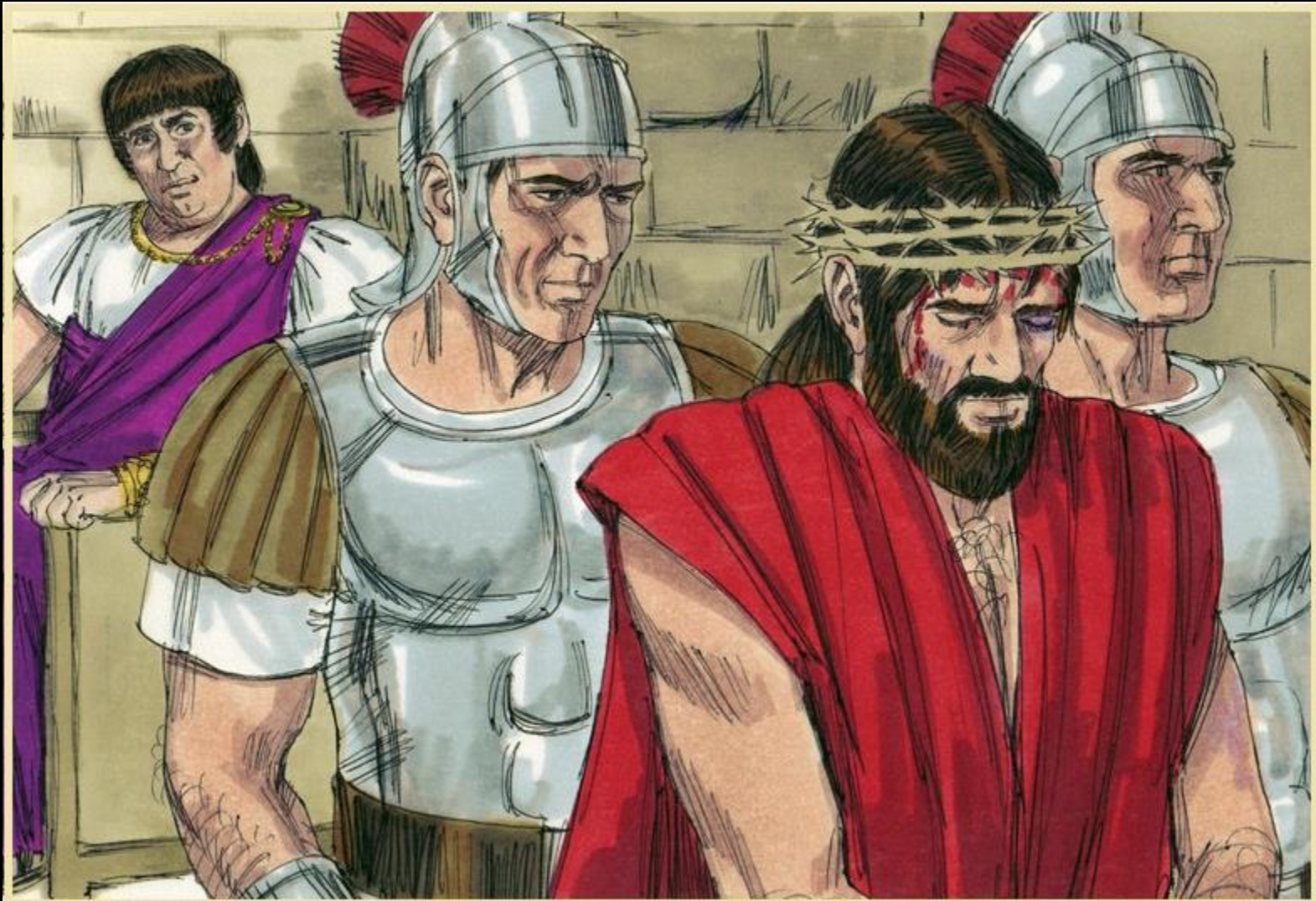
*If the person in the wrong is sentenced to be flogged, the judge must command him to lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of lashes appropriate to the crime.*

*(Deut 25:2)*

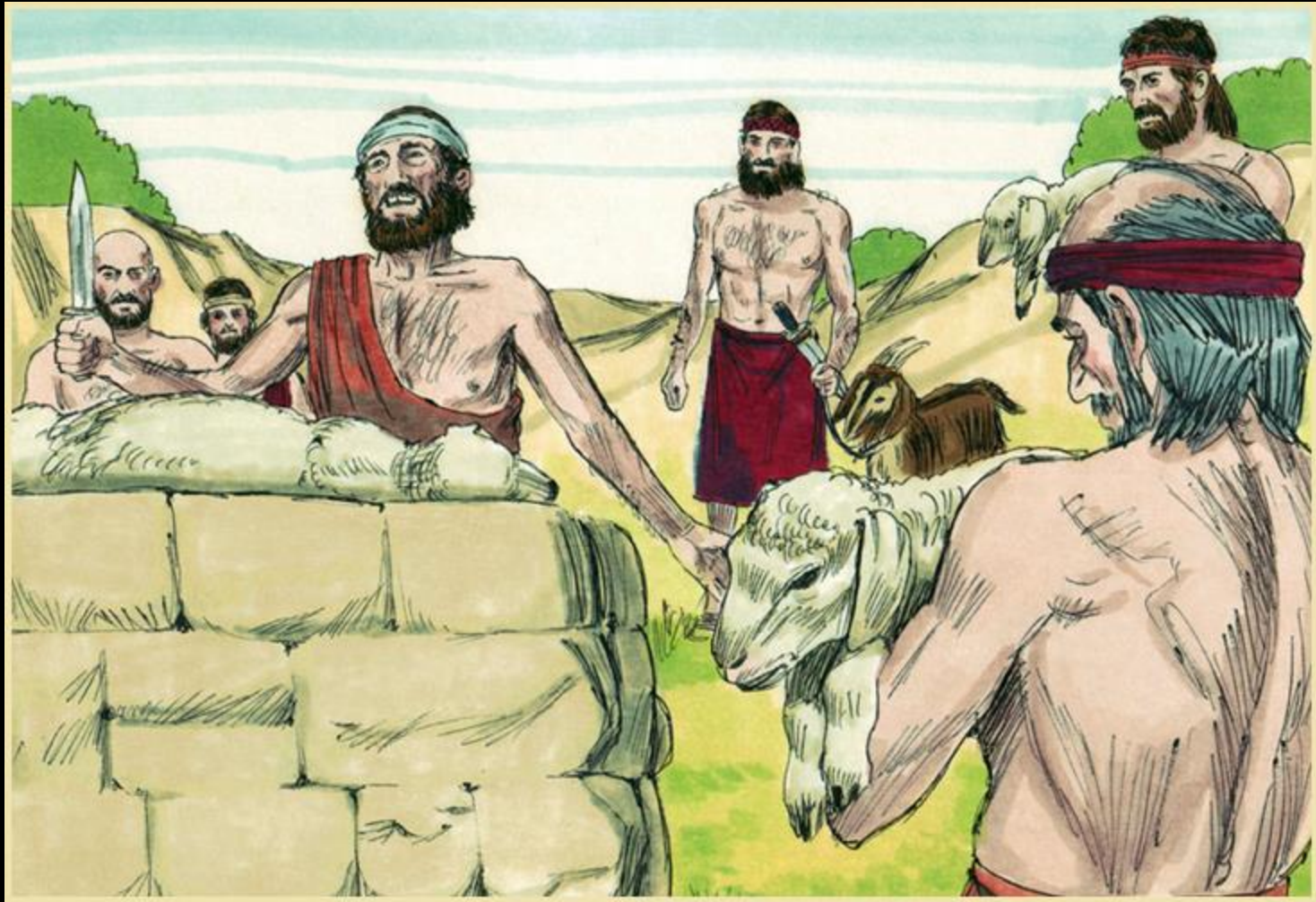
He was **pierced for our rebellion,**  
**crushed for our sins.** He was **beaten so**  
**we could be whole.** He was **whipped so**  
**we could be healed.** All of us, like  
sheep, have strayed away. We have left  
God's paths to follow our own. Yet the  
LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

*(Isaiah 53:5-6)*

So to pacify the crowd, **Pilate released Barabbas** to them. He ordered **Jesus flogged** with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be **crucified**.



He was led **like a lamb** to the slaughter.  
And as a sheep is silent before the shearers  
he did not open his mouth. (Isa 53:7)



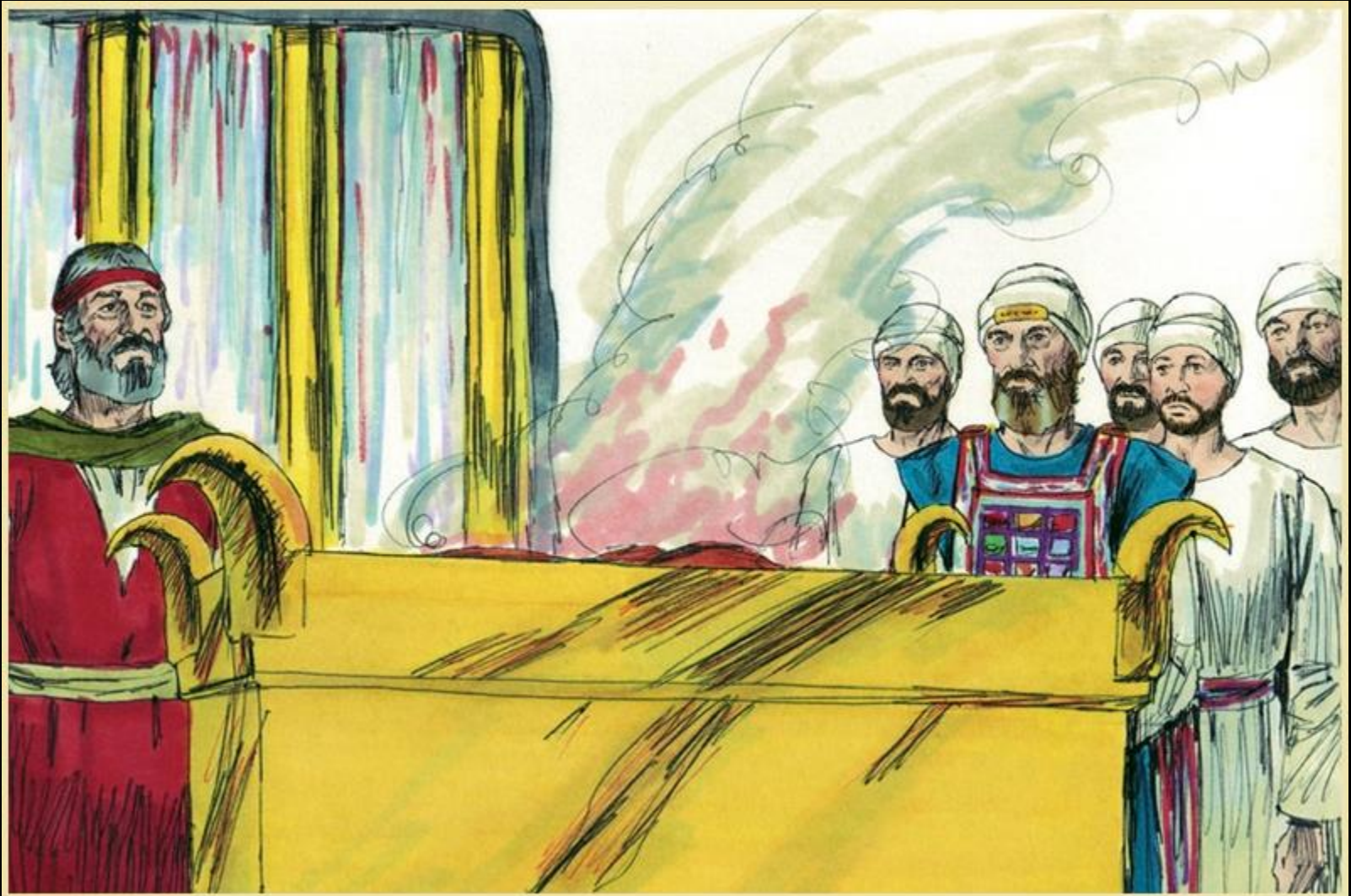
The traditional ceremony at the Temple began at **12 noon** when the lamb of the sacrifice was brought out and tied to the altar for all to **observe** it's perfection.

“By this time it was about **noon**, and darkness fell across the whole land...”

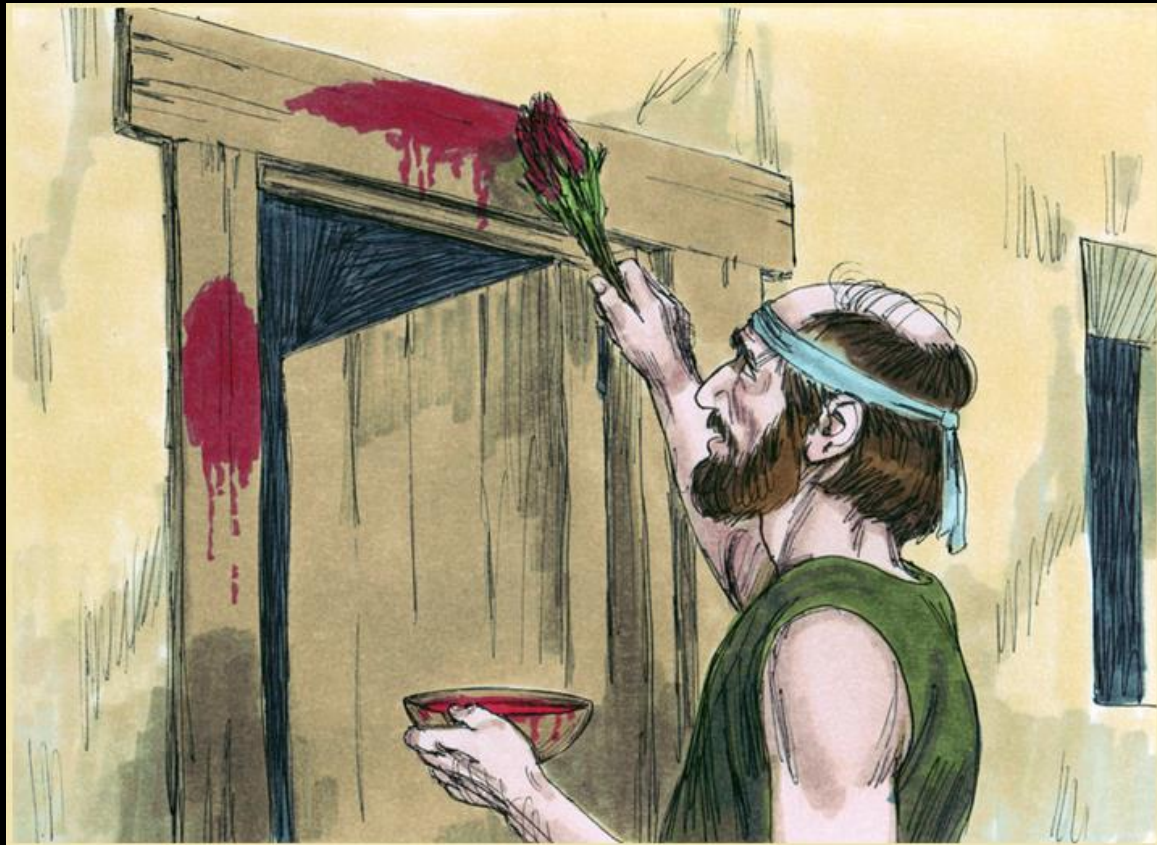
*(Luke 23:44)*



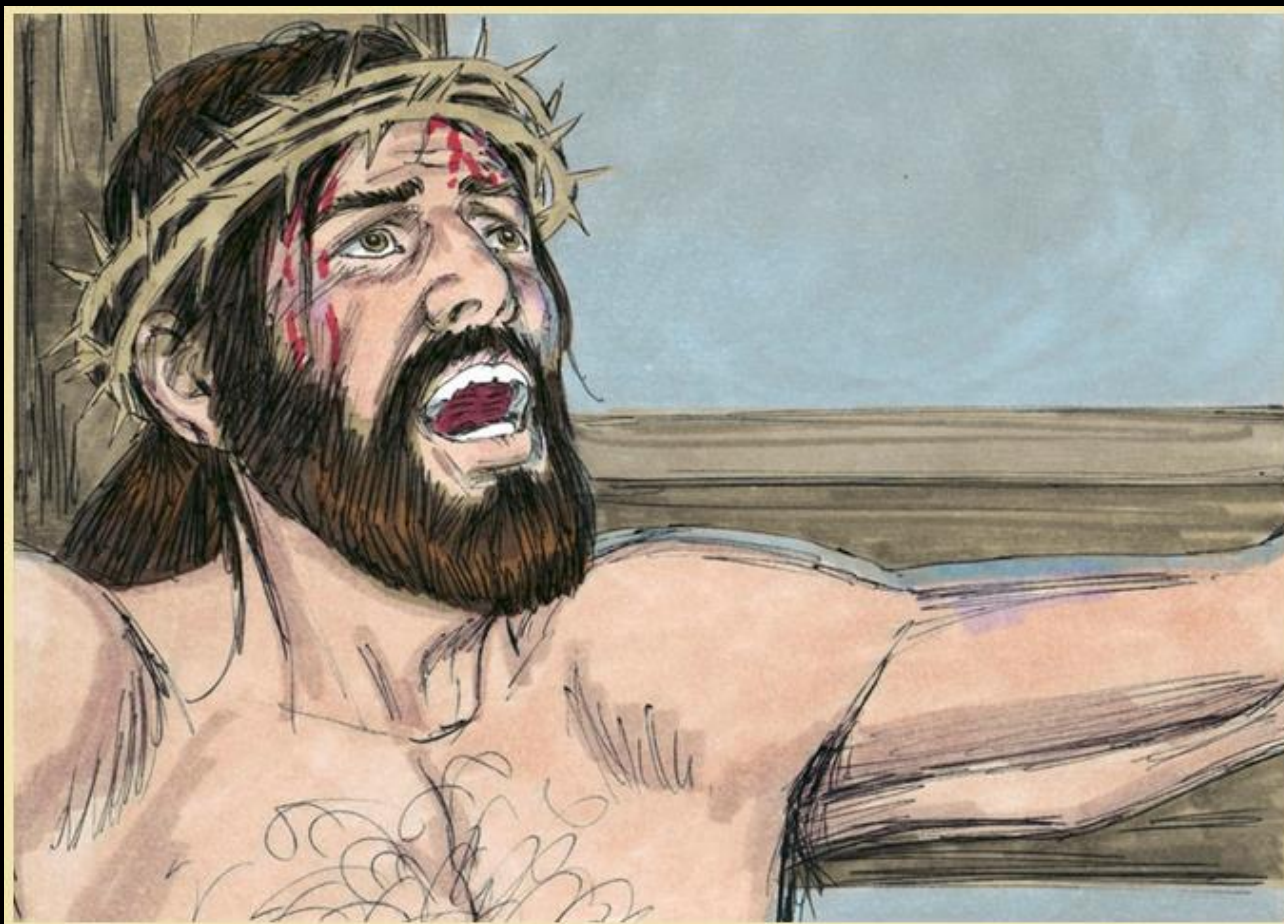
The lambs were then sacrificed  
at the hour of 3:00.



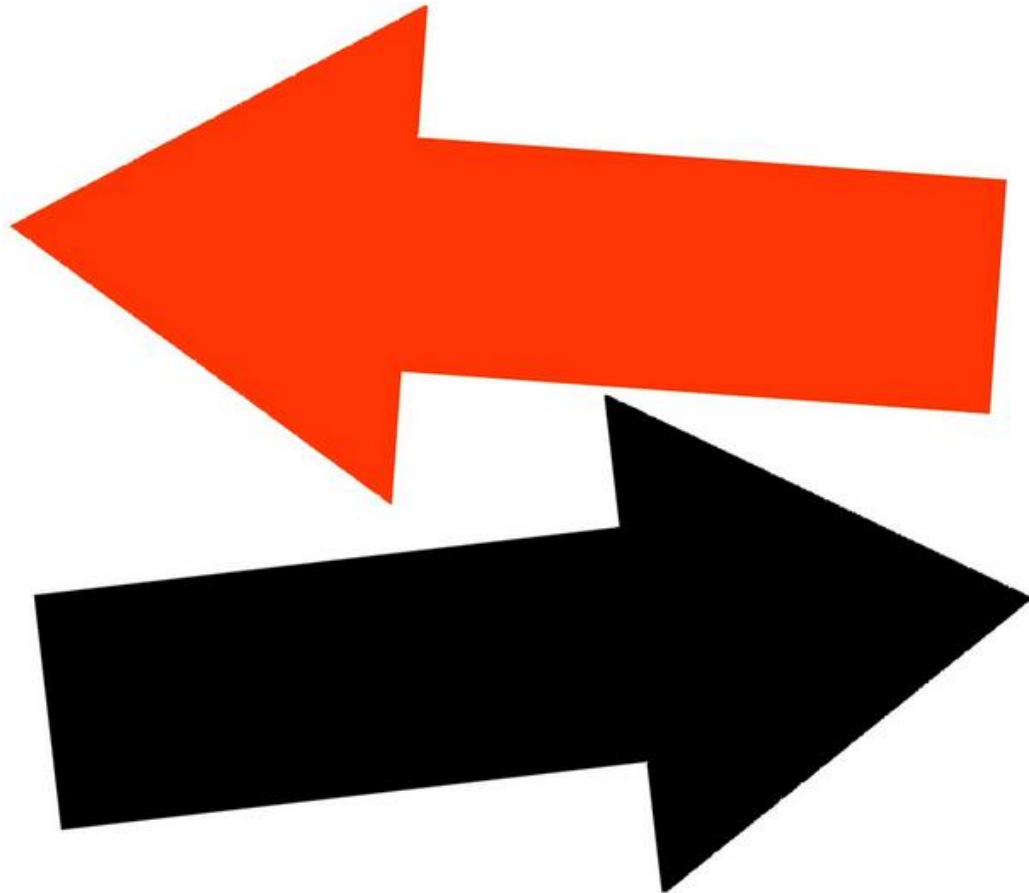
Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat **at twilight (3:00)**. They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal.



...darkness fell across the whole land **until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone (twilight)**. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last. (Luke 23:45-46)



Just **before**, and just **after** Jesus  
died, two incredibly important  
things happened!



**IT IS  
FINISHED.**

He said, “**It is finished!**” Then he bowed his head and released his spirit.

τετέλεσται ‘to complete’, ‘been accomplished’, ‘to fulfill’, ‘*finish* the necessary process’

***What was finished?***

***What was accomplished?***

***What was fulfilled?***

God's promise to  
Adam and Eve in Gen 3:15  
was completed.

*The promise to send  
an acceptable, male deliver  
from the line of the woman,  
who would bring their offspring  
back into a relationship with God  
had been fulfilled.*

**The mission to  
SAVE MANKIND**  
by defeating Satan and  
making a way back to  
God had been finished!



**The Temple Curtain**  
**tore from top to bottom**

(Matthew 27:51)

**Remember:** that when God told Israel to build the Tabernacle, he told them to **put up a curtain...** and **only the High Priest could enter once a year**, to make a sacrifice on behalf of the people?



Now that curtain has  
been torn.

Jesus' sacrifice allows  
us to enter into the  
presence of God.

God tore the temple curtain, and symbolized that it was because of something he himself did by tearing it from **TOP to bottom**. Rather than because of something man did, bottom to top.

‘Christ has now become the High Priest over all ...He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.’

**Hebrews 9:11-12**

‘And so...we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean...’

**Hebrews 10:19-22**

**what?**



**WE**

**LEARN**

*From*

**THIS**

Just as the Israelites needed a spotless lamb  
to be saved from the plague of death...  
**we need a spotless lamb to be saved from the  
consequence of our sin, which is death.**



Just as the Israelites believed what God said was going to happen during the 10<sup>th</sup> plague to those who didn't listen;

**we need to believe what God says about what is going to happen to humanity, earth, in the end...to those who don't listen.**



Just as the Israelites believed what God said would happen if they applied the blood of the lamb;  
**we need to believe what God has said about what will happen if we believe in the blood of the lamb and believe what he says about what Christ accomplished on the cross.**



We need to decisively ‘apply the blood of the lamb to the doorpost of our dwelling places’; our lives. **We need to make a decision**, in faith, in full confidence in what God says.



**We need to acknowledge that it is finished**  
**and cease from all of our efforts,** and cling to  
the one thing that God did. **We need to thank**  
**God for finishing his mission,** and being  
committed to restoring our broken friendship.



**We need to enter daily into God's  
friendship/presence via faith in Christ**  
and remain in fellowship with him by listening  
to the Holy Spirit's guidance, prayer,  
confession of sin, repentance etc...

