

THE EMPTY TOMB

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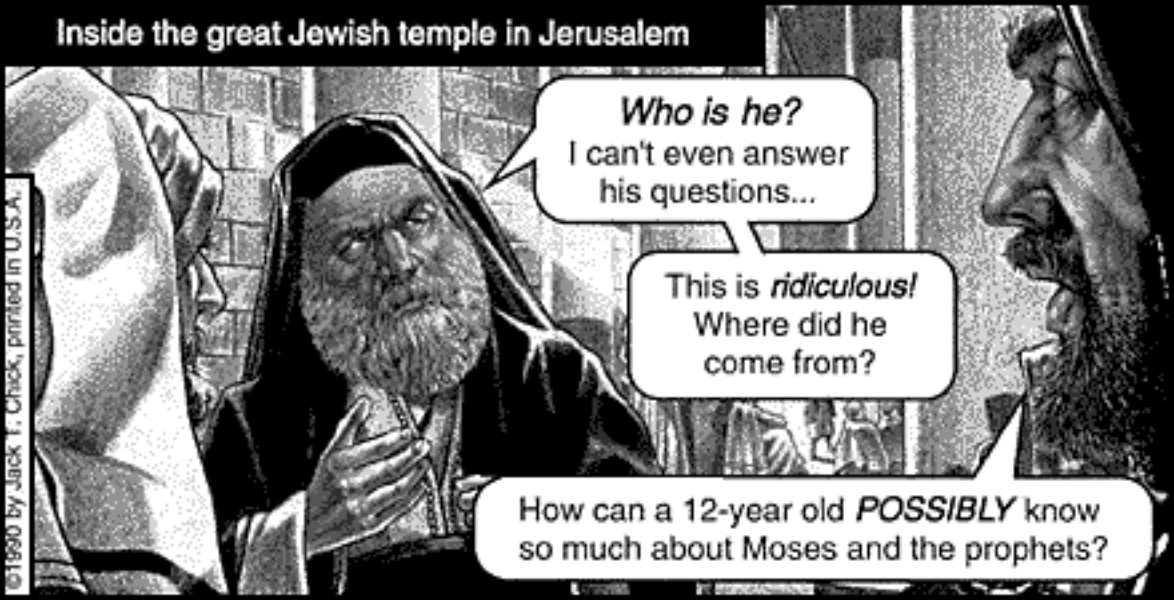
Inside the great Jewish temple in Jerusalem

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Who is he?
I can't even answer
his questions...

This is *ridiculous!*
Where did he
come from?

How can a 12-year old **POSSIBLY** know
so much about Moses and the prophets?



Returning home after celebrating Passover, the boy's mother discovered He was missing.

(See Luke 2:41-50.)



I've looked *everywhere!*
He's *gone!*

He must still be
in Jerusalem.
We must go back.

LOOK!

*There
he is!*



That boy frightens me...
he knows *too much!*

They found him in the temple
questioning the astonished doctors.

When Mary questioned her son,
He said:

How is it that ye sought
me? Wist (knew) ye not
that I must be about my
Father's business?



Mary remembered
Gabriel's words:



...that holy thing
which shall be
born of thee
shall be called
the Son of God.

This fulfilled the prophecy: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (*God with us*)."
(Isaiah 7:14)


Unknown to the religious leaders, that 12-year-old standing before them was God in the flesh — the very One who gave the law to Moses.



Hebrews 1:2 tells us Jesus Christ created the universe.

“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.” (John 1:10) *This is the greatest life that ever lived.*

Jesus' ministry began at age 30. John the Baptist introduced Him...

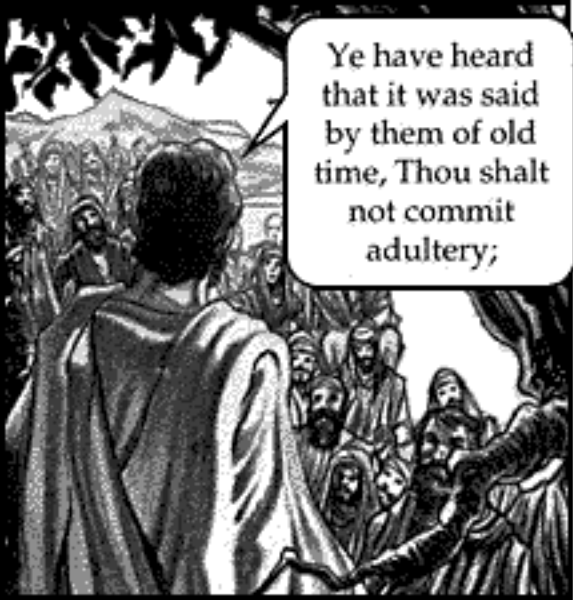


Behold, the
Lamb of God,
which taketh
away the sin
of the world.

See John 1:29-34

John meant that on a future passover the Lord Jesus would be sacrificed to pay the terrible price for the sins of all men.

**This was His purpose
in coming from heaven.**



Ye have heard
that it was said
by them of old
time, Thou shalt
not commit
adultery;



But I say unto you,
That whosoever
LOOKETH on a
woman to lust
after her...

hath committed
adultery with
her already in
his heart.*

The people were
ASTONISHED at his doctrine.

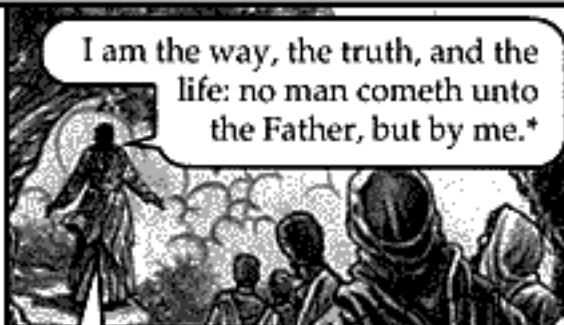
*Matt. 5:27-28

He shocked the religious community by opening blind eyes, deaf ears... and healing lepers. *He even raised the dead!* (See Matt. 8 & 9.)



Lazarus... COME FORTH!

Jesus taught that
He was the **ONLY** way to heaven.



I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

...he that believeth
in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. (John 11:25) *John 14:6

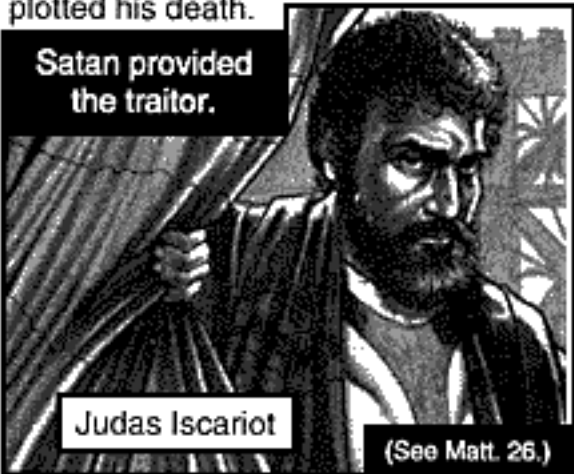
He publicly attacked the religious system, knowing it would bring about His death.



Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers (snakes), how can ye escape the damnation of hell? (See Matt. 23.)

In the high priest's palace, His enemies plotted his death.

Satan provided the traitor.



Judas Iscariot

(See Matt. 26.)

Judas agreed to betray the Creator of the universe for only 30 pieces of silver.

At the last supper, Jesus explained how His crucifixion would be the last blood sacrifice for sins, eliminating the priesthood. Jesus Himself would become God's permanent High Priest.

This do in remembrance of me.*



Man could now come straight to God because of His final sacrifice on the cross for our sins. *But his disciples didn't understand.*

*Luke 22:19

Later in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed in great sorrow. His sweat was like great drops of blood.



Not my will, but thine, be done.

He, who knew no sin, dreaded taking upon Himself the sins of the world.* But if He refused, mankind was doomed.

*II Corinthians 5:21

Judas came with an armed mob. He told them to capture the man that he kissed. (See Luke 22.)



Hail, Master!

Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

18 Jewish laws were broken. (See *The Illegal Trial*, by Wingo.)

Art thou the
Son of God?

Hereafter shall ye
see the Son of man
sitting on the right
hand of power, and coming
in the clouds of heaven.*

**DEATH to the
blasphemer!**

*Matt 26:64

When sentenced to death, the
angels of God watched in horror.



Never before had anyone dared to
strike their Creator. But they were
not permitted to defend Him. He
must complete His mission.

Then Jesus was taken to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.

Art *THOU* the king of the Jews?

Thou sayest it.

Pilate found no fault in Him.

Pilate tried to reason with the blood-thirsty mob.

Will ye that I release unto you the king of the Jews?*

NO!

We have no king but Caesar!

*See Mark 15:9

What shall I do then
with Jesus which is
called Christ?



CRUCIFY HIM!
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See Matt. 27

Why, what evil
hath he done?



Israel rejected their
Messiah, and Pilate
ordered his death.

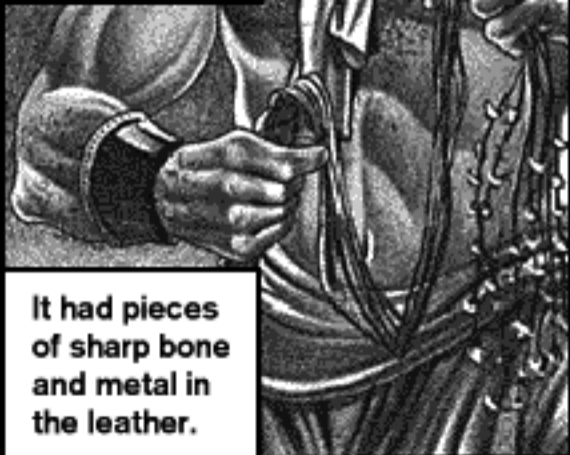
I am innocent
of the blood of
this just
person.

His blood be on us,
and on our children!



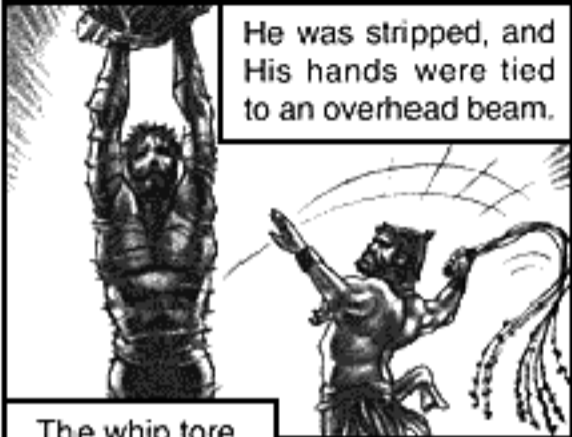
See Mark 15

Jesus was
scourged with
a special whip.



It had pieces
of sharp bone
and metal in
the leather.

He was stripped, and
His hands were tied
to an overhead beam.



The whip tore
away flesh, spurting blood.
Muscles were sliced wide open.

Most victims died from the beating.

They mocked Him with a purple robe and a crown of thorns.



HAIL, king
of the Jews!

He was beaten
and led away to be crucified.

With His flesh in ribbons, He
carried a 100 pound cross 650
yards to the place of execution.



I got part of
His beard.

KILL HIM!

The rough wood
gouged His torn, dehydrated body.
Only a miracle kept Him alive!

"I gave my back to the smiters,
and my cheeks to them that
plucked off the hair." (Isaiah 50:6a)



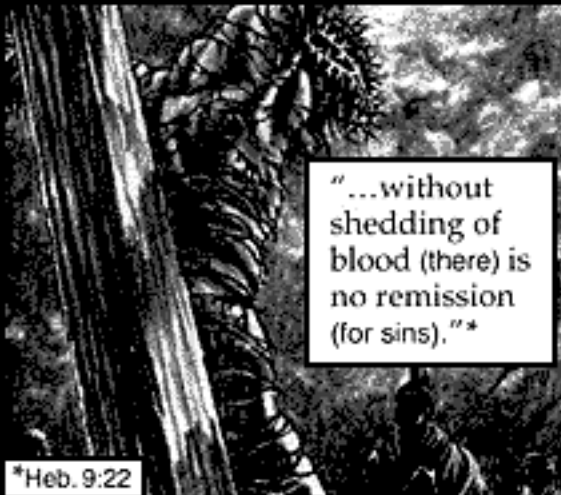
Isaiah said: "His visage was so marred
more than any man." (Isaiah 52:14a)

They nailed Him to the cross, and
drove rusty spikes into His wrists.



In Rome, the wrist
was considered part of the hand.

Jesus shed His blood so every sin ever committed could be forgiven.



"...without shedding of blood (there) is no remission (for sins)."*

*Heb. 9:22

Medical view of His suffering by G. Bradley, M.D.

This was the most agonizing death man could face... He had to support Himself in order to breathe... The flaming pain of the spikes hitting the median nerve in the wrists explodes up His arms, into His brain and down His spine.

The spike burning through the nerves of the feet jerks His body erect, then the leg muscles convulse and drive His body downward... beating Him against the cross. Exhaustion, shock, dehydration and paralysis destroy the victim.



"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."*

*Luke 23:34

Just before He died,
Jesus shouted...

"IT IS FINISHED!"

The penalty for the sins of all mankind had been paid in full.

Now *anyone* could be saved by putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

Three days after the Lord was buried, He arose from the dead.

HE IS RISEN!

Jesus DEFEATED Satan, and conquered death and hell.

Jesus said to His disciples:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Mt 28:18)

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

All who accept Christ will live with God forever in heaven.

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sins and I accept you...



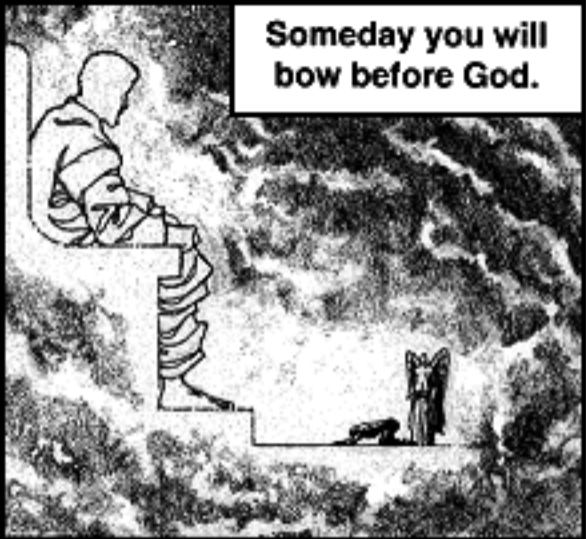
"...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)

Those who reject Jesus will burn forever in a lake of fire.



"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:15)

**Someday you will
bow before God.**



**"...it is appointed unto men once to die,
but after this the judgment: (Heb. 9:27)**

Who will YOU serve?

Jesus Christ



Satan



**"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved..."**

(Acts 16:31)

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read **The Next Step**, available at Christian bookstores or from Chick Publications.

