

“HE IS RISEN!”



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Introduction to a New Life

Dear Boys and Girls:

This book is for you. It will help you find the answers to life that you have been seeking. You should learn the verses of Scripture so that you can share them with other boys and girls. This will help you, too.

Did you know that in all the history of mankind there is only ONE PERSON who has ever had the power to raise Himself from the dead? That Man is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the LIVING GOD. “No one takes it [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again” (John 10:18a). So you see even His death was no accident. Long before He was put to death on the cross, Jesus told about His plan to save us from our sins. “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:14, 15). This book will tell you more about Him and how you can have eternal life and live forever in the place the Lord has gone to prepare. “I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2b).

People who do not believe in Christ as their Savior will be punished forever and go to that place of everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). This book tells about that place, too.

Life is like a journey. We must prepare for it. If we want to make heaven our home, we must prepare to go there. When you were born into your family you became a child of that family. Everyone who wants to get to heaven must be born into God’s family. This is why Jesus said in John 3:3, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Life here on earth is short. Our body will die someday. Life is shorter for some than for others. We see little babies die, boys die, girls die, teenagers die, and people of all ages die. It may be from an accident or from sickness. “...It is appointed for men to die once...” (Hebrews 9:27).

Someday you and I must leave this body in which we live. Our body will return to dust, but our soul will go upward to God to give an account to

God how we lived down here. “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7). “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12).

Because God made us a living soul, we are different from the animals. “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living [soul]” (Genesis 2:7). “All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of [animals], another of fish, and another of birds” (1 Corinthians 15:39).

Because the first man and woman (Adam and Eve) sinned against God by disobeying Him, sin came upon the human race. From then on every child was born in sin. This is why we need a Savior—so we can be “born again” and have our sins removed from us. And this being “born again” makes us prepared for heaven.

LIFE IS SO EXCITING with CHRIST in our hearts! He rose from the dead with a glorified body—a body that will never die again. Because of this He can and will raise from the dead all those who have the Spirit of Christ in their hearts and will give them a glorified body—a body that will never die again (Romans 8:11). We will never see the second death, which is the lake of fire. “[Then] death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death” (Revelation 20:14, KJV). The second death has no power over the person who has Christ in his heart. Revelation 20:6 says: “... Over such the second death has no power...”

If we are still alive when Jesus comes back to earth, we shall not die even the first time. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 says: “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

I close with this lovely verse from Romans 10:9: “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

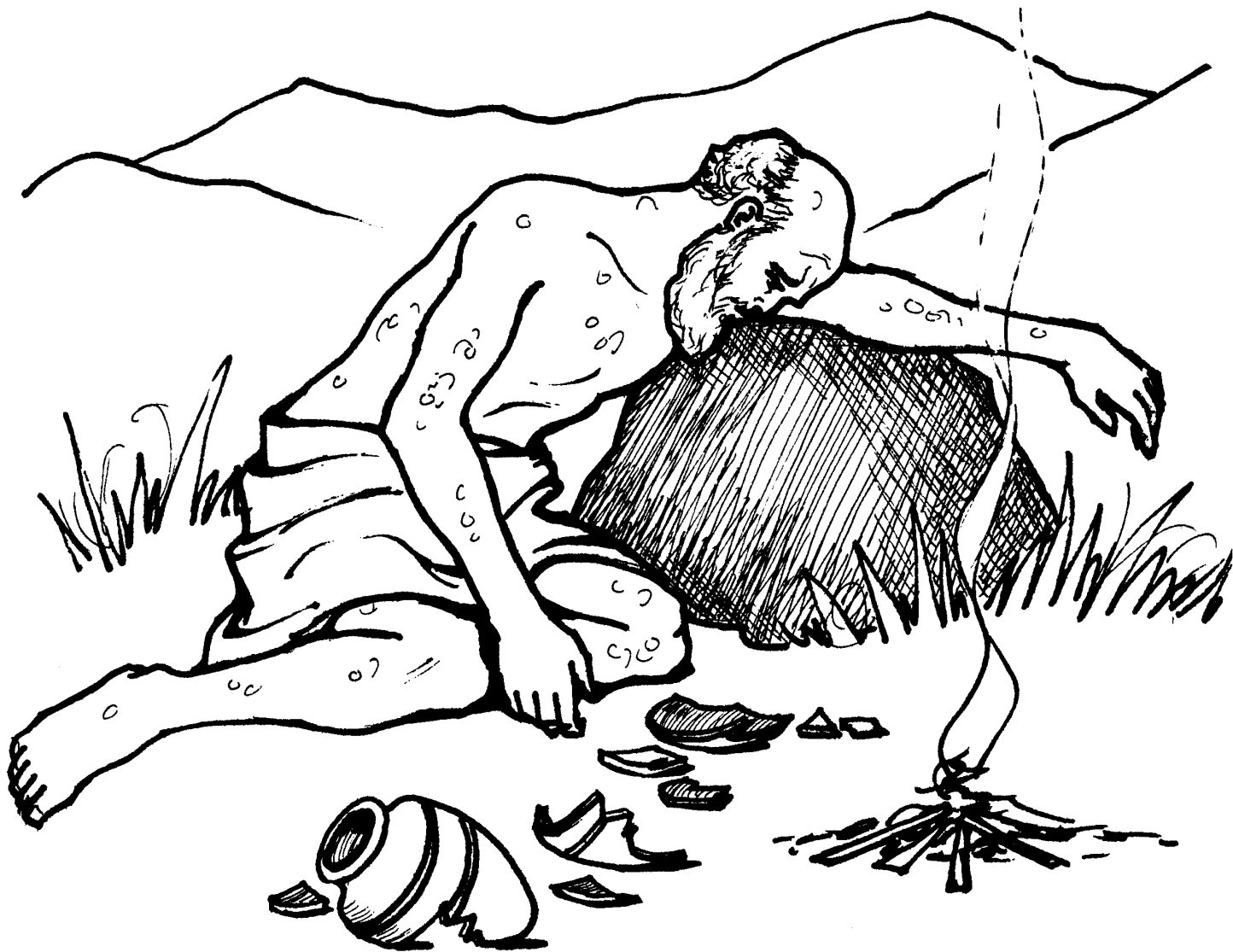
Your friend who cares what happens to you,
Rose A. Goodman, Author

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—Rose Goodman

**Job was a man who loved God.
One day his great riches and his family
were taken away.**



**Job broke out with boils all over his
body. Job asked a question many ask:
“If a man dies, shall he live again?”**

—Job 14:14a

Read this book and you will find the answer.

(Read Job chapter 1 and chapter 2, verses 1-10.)

(Color the picture as you want it.)

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

“Lazarus, come forth!”



Jesus went to the grave of Lazarus and “cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth!’ And he who had died came out” (John 11:43b, 44a).

Jesus Raises the Daughter of Jairus

“Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

—Mark 5:41b



Jairus had a twelve-year-old daughter who died. Jesus took her by the hand and said, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” Right away she arose and walked. “And they were overcome with great amazement.” Read Mark 5:22-43.

A Widow Had Lost Her Only Son



A widow had lost her only son.
“When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise’” (Luke 7:13, 14).

The Widow's Son Is Raised From the Dead

“And he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And [Jesus] presented him to his mother.” —Luke 7:15

(This story is found in Luke 7:11-17.)



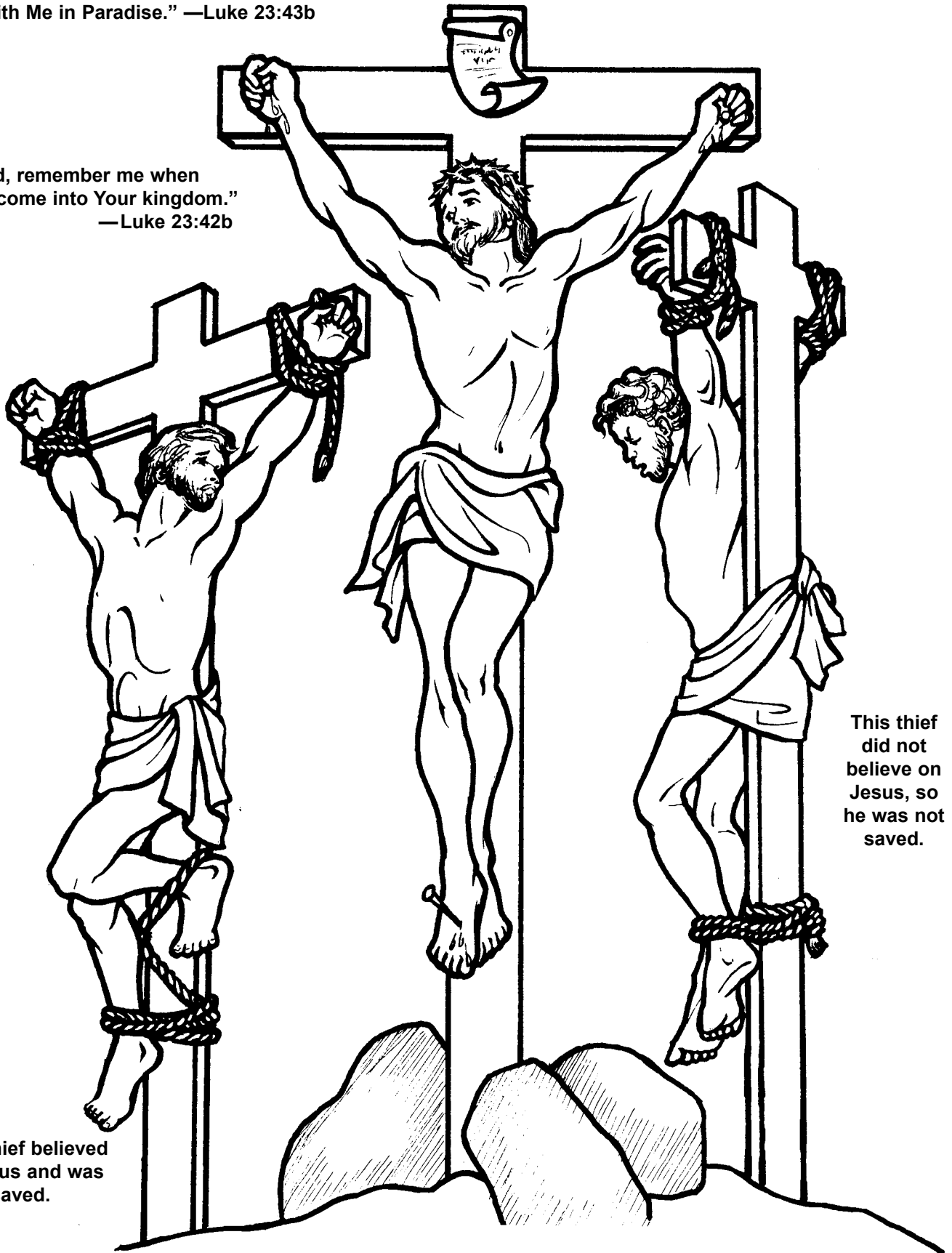
Why can Jesus Christ raise people from the dead?

(Keep reading for the answer.)

Christ Is Crucified Between Two Thieves

“[Truly], I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” —Luke 23:43b

“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” —Luke 23:42b



This thief believed on Jesus and was saved.

This thief did not believe on Jesus, so he was not saved.

“Christ died for us.” —Romans 5:8b

Jesus Is the Son of God

Jesus had no human father. Before Joseph took Mary, the mother of Jesus, to be his wife, “an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.’ Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us’” (Matthew 1:20b-23).

The Bible verses above show us that God is the Father of Jesus because the Holy Spirit and God are ONE. Colossians 2:9 tells us that the Holy Spirit and God

dwell in Jesus: “For in Him [Christ Jesus] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” Another name for Jesus is the WORD. In John 1:14a we read, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” This shows that Jesus is ONE with the FATHER. In fact, Jesus clearly tells us in John 10:30, “I and My FATHER are ONE.” How wonderful that God’s only begotten Son came to be with us and to die for our sins!

God says Jesus is His Son in Luke 9:35 — “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” Since Jesus and the Father are ONE, let us give honor to God’s Son the same as we do to God. John 5:23 says “that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

Jesus Christ Died for Us

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” —John 3:16

WHOEVER means YOU or ANYONE who BELIEVES. If you believe that Jesus died on the cross to save YOU from your sins then you shall have ETERNAL life. YOU will LIVE forever and ever with the Lord Jesus. The following verses taken from Romans 5:6-11 will show us how important it was for Jesus to shed His blood to save us from our sins: “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justi-

fied by His BLOOD, we shall be SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

1 Peter 1:18, 19 says: “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious BLOOD of CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

When we repent of our sins, what does God do with them?

1. Psalm 103:12 — “*As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*”

Transgressions are our sins, or the breaking of God’s laws and commandments.

2. Isaiah 1:18b — “*Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*”

3. Jeremiah 31:34b — “*For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*”

Hebrews 8:12 — “*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*” Iniquities are the same as our sins and transgressions. See No. 1 above.

4. Micah 7:19 — “*He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*”

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” —1 John 4:15

The angel said: "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said" (Matthew 28:6a).

"HE IS RISEN!"



Jesus Christ Rose From the Dead!

"O death, where is [your] sting? O grave, where is [your] victory?" —1 Corinthians 15:55 (KJV)

Jesus Comes Up From the Dead

“Behold, I am alive forevermore.”—Revelation 1:18b

“Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place

where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.’ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, ‘Rejoice!’ And they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me’” (Matthew 28:1-10).

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he [were dead, yet shall he live]. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

—John 11:25, 26

We Must Be Overcomers

“He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” —Revelation 2:11b

Below is a Bible study. Under each secret of being an overcomer are references to verses which you are to look up in the Bible. Take a sheet of paper and write out the verses under each secret. Or you may make little cards 2x3 inches and put the verse on one side

and the secret of overcoming on the other side. Memorize the verses first thing in the morning, at bedtime, when traveling, or any free time. They will help you and those with whom you share them to be OVERCOMERS.

Secrets of Overcoming

1. Resist the devil and draw near to God.

James 4:7 and 8a; Ephesians 6:11; Proverbs 18:10

2. Be on guard and watch your soul. 1 Peter 5:8;

Proverbs 22:1; Psalm 19:14; 1 Corinthians 10:12

3. Pray. Isaiah 40:31; James 5:16; 1 John 5:14;

“Men always ought to pray and not lose heart”

(Luke 18:1b).

4. Plead the blood of Jesus over you and keep the word of your testimony. “And they overcame him

[that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death” (Revelation 12:11).

5. Give Christ your will, your whole self. Romans

12:1; 1 Chronicles 29:5b; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Mark 12:30

6. Do all you know the Lord wants you to do.

1 John 1:7; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:3

7. Overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21;

1 Thessalonians 5:15; Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:31

8. Show love to all. Romans 13:9b and 10;

1 John 3:14 and 15; Romans 13:8; Luke 6:35

9. Forgive wrongs. Mark 11:25 and 26; Luke 23:34;

Matthew 18:21 and 22; Ephesians 4:32. No one

has been treated as badly as Jesus, yet He forgave. He prayed, “Father, forgive them...” (Luke 23:34).

10. Sing, rejoice, count your blessings. Psalm 147:1;

Psalm 107:1, 21; Psalm 50:23; Philippians 4:4

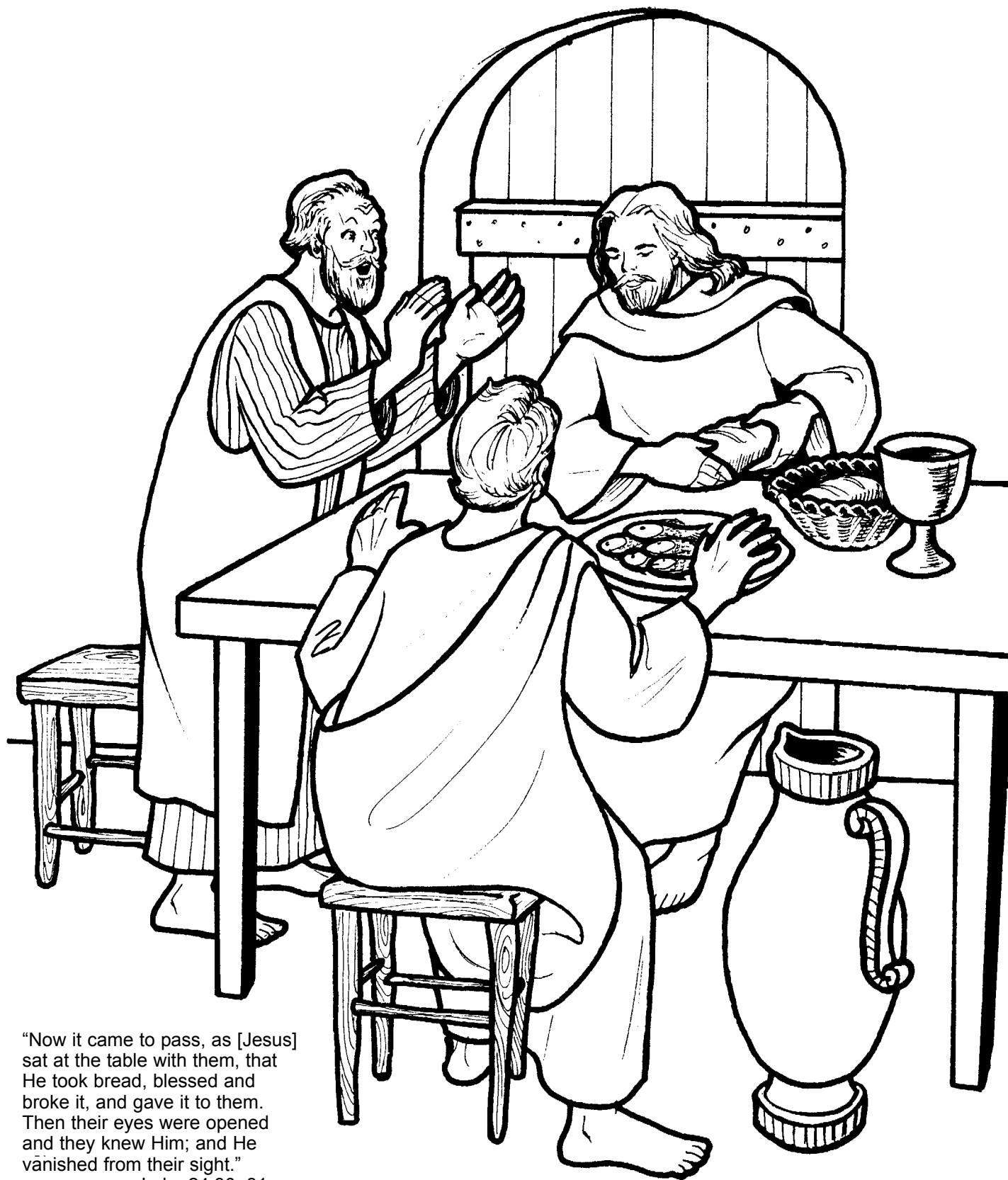
11. Think on good things and keep your mind on Christ. Philippians 4:7 and 8; Isaiah 26:3

12. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Nahum

1:7; Psalm 56:11; Proverbs 3:5; 1 John 5:4

“Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”—1 John 5:5

Christ Reveals Himself in the Breaking of Bread



"Now it came to pass, as [Jesus] sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight."

—Luke 24:30, 31

Christ reveals Himself to the Emmaus disciples as He breaks bread (Luke 24:13-35).

Christ Appears to His Disciples in Jerusalem

Luke 24:36-49

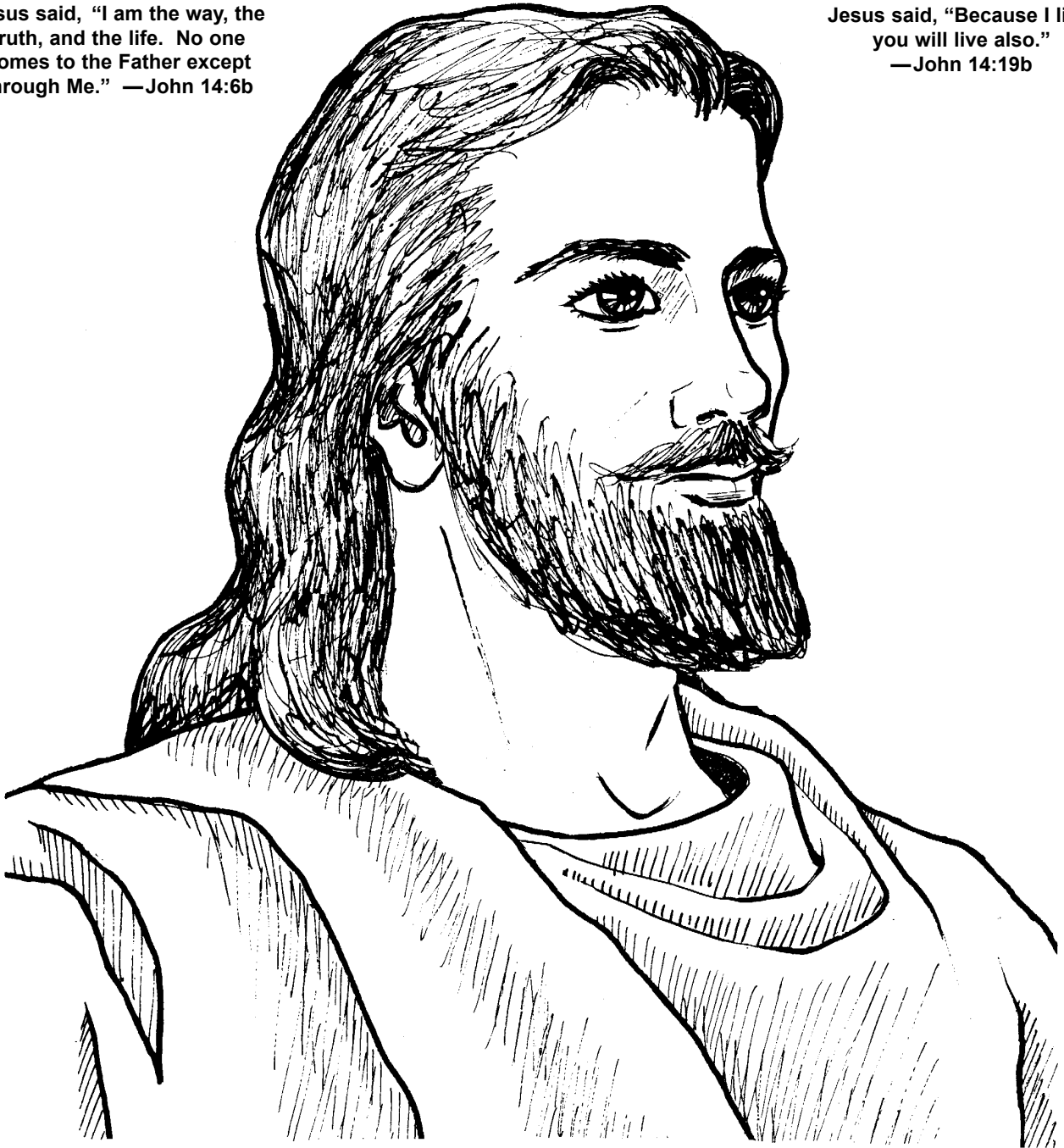


“Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.’ ... He showed them His hands and His feet.” —Luke 24:36-40

In Christ Is Our Only Hope of Eternal Life

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." —John 14:6b

Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also."
—John 14:19b



Jesus Has All Power

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18b).

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;
and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44).

"With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26b).

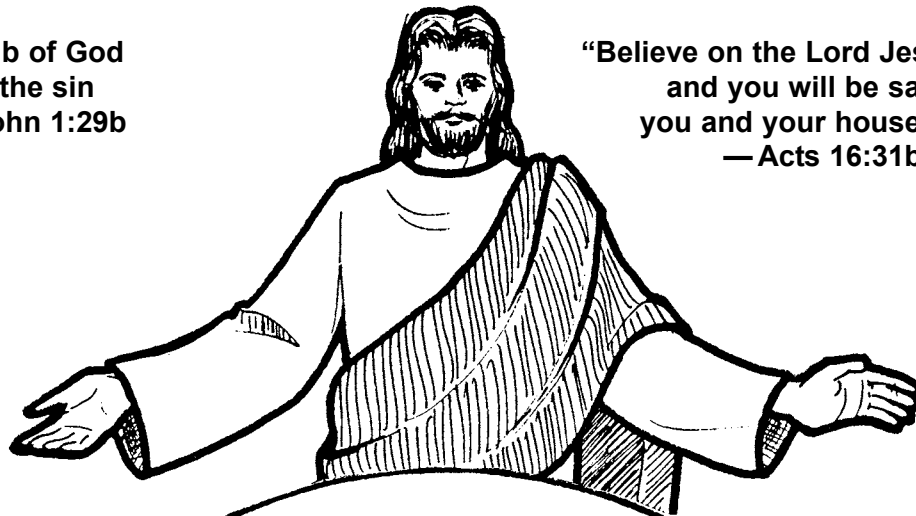
"Besides Me there is no savior." —Isaiah 43:11b

Christ Lives to Give You Life!

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." — John 10:10b

**"Behold! The Lamb of God
who takes away the sin
of the world!"** — John 1:29b

**"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and you will be saved,
you and your household."**
— Acts 16:31b



**GOD KNOWS
WHERE YOU ARE**

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."

—2 Chronicles 16:9b (KJV)

BE NOT AFRAID
"Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in You."
—Psalm 56:3

"And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." —2 Corinthians 5:15

“... Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.” —Joshua 24:15a

“Therefore choose LIFE, that both you and your descendants may LIVE.” —Deuteronomy 30:19b



Which road are YOU taking?

Jesus Christ is the **WAY** to eternal **LIFE**.
Satan, the devil, is the way to eternal **DEATH**.

Jesus Christ wants us to follow **HIM**.
The devil wants us to follow **him**.

Jesus Christ wants to save us and give us a home in heaven to be with Him.
Satan, the devil, wants to destroy us and cause us to go to hell to be with him.

**This boy makes the right choice.
He wants ETERNAL LIFE!**

Why We Must Choose Jesus Christ If We Want Eternal Life

1. **“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given among men by which we MUST BE SAVED”** (Acts 4:12). “I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior” (Isaiah 43:11).
2. **It is Christ who came.** “I have come that they may have life . . .” (John 10:10b).
3. **It is Christ who loved us and died for us.**
“... The Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20b). “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Hebrews 2:14 and 15).
4. **Only Divine Blood is the remedy for our sin.** “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:14). “Without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22b). “So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:28). “...and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).
5. **It is Christ who rose from the dead.** “... He ever lives to make intercession...” (Hebrews 7:25). “Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him” (Romans 6:9). “Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification” (Romans 4:25).
6. **It is Christ who went to prepare a place.**
“I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2b).
7. **We must have the Spirit of Christ in us to be raised to life eternal.** “But if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:44). “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (Romans 8:9b).
8. **Christ has power to forgive sins.** “And He said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven’” (Luke 7:48). “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, ‘Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house’” (Matthew 9:5, 6).
9. **It is Christ who has the keys of death and hell.**
“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of [Hell] and of Death” (Revelation 1:18).
10. **It is Christ who will judge us.** “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:22, 23).
11. **We must BELIEVE in Christ to be saved.** “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36).
12. **Salvation is only through Christ and not by our works.** “For by grace you have been saved through FAITH, and that not of yourselves; it is the GIFT of GOD, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9). Read also Titus 3:4-8.

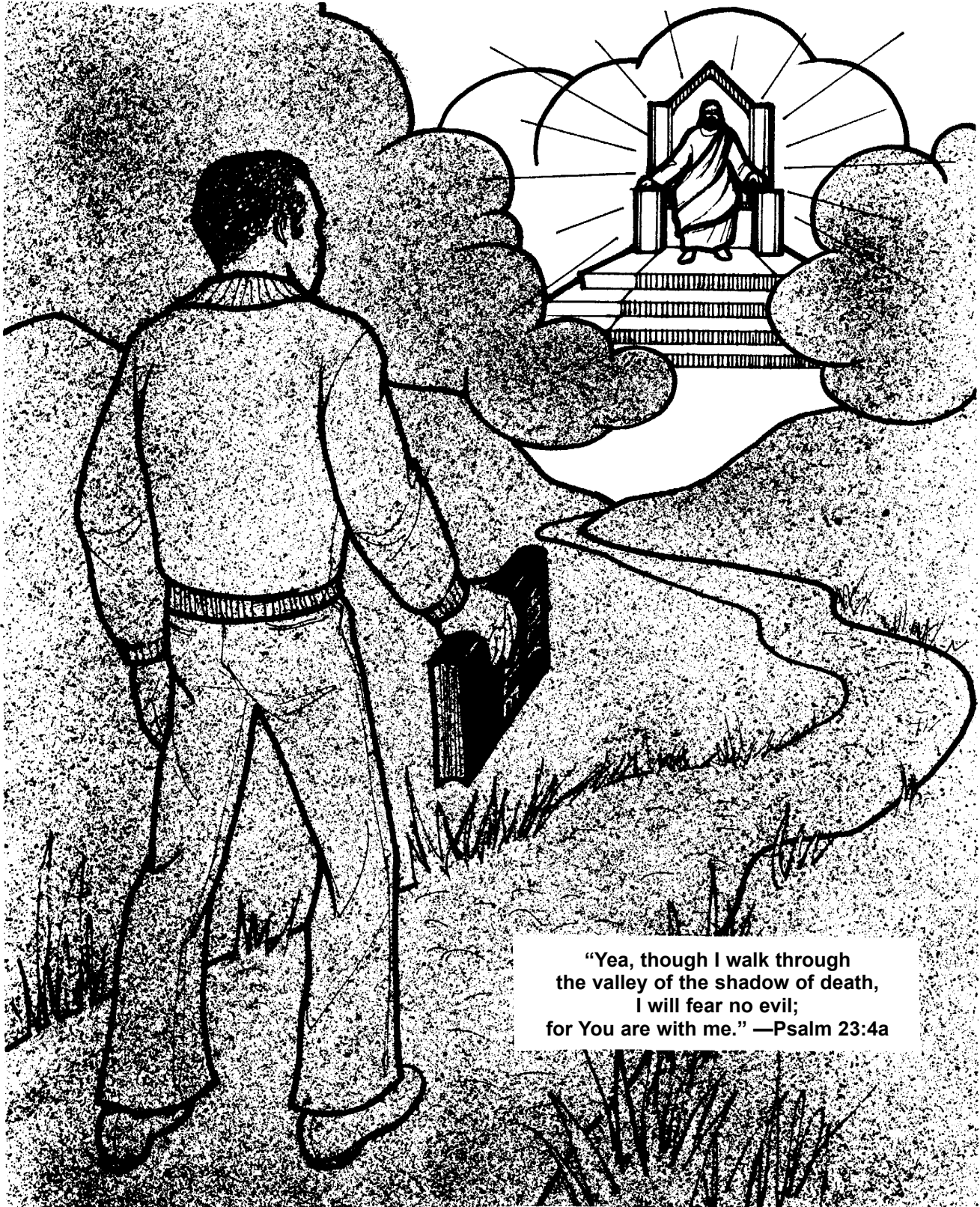
What must Christians do if they fail the Lord in some way?

Go to the Lord in prayer right away and tell Him you are sorry! Ask Him to put your failure under His blood and to help you never to do that thing again. If you did wrong to someone, ask the Lord to help you to go to that person and ask forgiveness. Make sure everything is confessed to the Lord and to anyone you wronged or hurt in any way. Jesus will cleanse away this failure. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). “If any one sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1b). So remember, it is Jesus who will intercede to the Father for you. “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5). Keep walking in the light (1 John 1:7). (See complete verse on page 19.)

I Will Fear No Evil, for Jesus Is With Me.

Jesus said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5b).



"Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for You are with me." —Psalm 23:4a

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b).

“The LORD Is My Shepherd”

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

—A psalm of David

“The Valley of the Shadow”

A little boy named John had learned Psalm 23 by heart. He could say every word without looking even once. He liked those words, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me.” It made him feel good. No matter what happened to him, God would be with him.

One day John and his Daddy took a long walk. The sun in the sky began to go down and the trees began to cast shadows across their path.

Daddy said, “John, look at that great big tree ahead. See that big shadow it is making? Soon we will walk right through that shadow. The shadow cannot hurt us. But if the tree fell on us we would be killed. Would you rather have the tree fall on you or the shadow of the tree fall on you?”

“Oh, the shadow, Daddy, of course!” answered John. “The shadow cannot hurt me. If the tree fell on me, I would be killed!”

John thought of his favorite Bible verse in Psalm 23: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me.” He felt good all over. Jesus Christ had conquered death, hell, and the grave for him. When it came time to die, he would walk only through the SHADOW of death. The shadow could not hurt him. Death and hell could not reach him. God, our Heavenly Father, would be with him!

If you are trusting Christ as your Savior, then YOU, too, can know He will be with you when it comes your turn to walk through the VALLEY of the SHADOW of death.

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“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” —1 John 3:2

What Jesus Christ did yesterday, He can do today; and what He does today, He can do FOREVER!

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” —Hebrews 13:8

Not All People Are God's Children

"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother." —1 John 3:10



When Jesus Comes Back, He Will Separate the Sheep From the Goats

SHEEP

Jesus said: “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).

Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘[Truly], I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”

DID YOU KNOW?

1. There will be sheep from all nations.

“And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:16). “And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation’” (Revelation 5:9). (Also read Revelation 7:9-17.)

2. The sheep are those who repented, trusted in Christ, were washed in His blood, and walked in the light of God.

“To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5b). (Also read 1 Corinthians 6:9-20.) “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

GOATS

Matthew 25:41-46

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘[Truly], I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

James 4:17—“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” “Do not withhold good . . . when it is in the power of your hand to do so” (Proverbs 3:27). “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

Galatians 5:19-21—“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” “Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:15).

Revelation 9:20, 21—“But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

Revelation 21:8—“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the SECOND DEATH.”

“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” —1 John 1:6

“His servants ye are to whom you obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.” —Romans 6:16b, KJV (Also read Deuteronomy 18:10-12b.)

“Therefore by their fruits you will know them.” —Matthew 7:20

When Lazarus Died, He Was Carried by the Angels

(Luke 16:20, 22)



God Has Many Wonderful Surprises for Us

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who LOVE Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9b). “He who has My commandments and KEEPS them, it is he who LOVES ME. And he who LOVES ME will be loved by My Father, and I will LOVE him and manifest Myself to him” (John 14:21). “In My Father’s house are many mansions I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).

The Rich Man Died and in Hell He Lifted Up His Eyes

(Luke 16:23)



“Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” —Luke 13:3b

Hell Is a Place of Torment

(Read Luke 16:19-26 below.)

Jesus told us the story of a certain rich man and Lazarus.

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in [hell], he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his

bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’” (Luke 16:19-26).

“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” — James 4:17

Hell Is Cast Into the Lake of Fire

“And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead

were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and [Hell] delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and [Hell] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:10-15).

What the Eternal Place of the Wicked Is Like

1. A place of outer darkness and the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 24:48-51). Matthew 13:41 and 42 says: “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Also, Matthew 25:30 tells us: “And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer dark-

ness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

2. A place where the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever.

“And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name” (Revelation 14:11).

“And these will go away into everlasting punishment” (Matthew 25:46a).

3. The second death is the lake of fire.

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15).

“Where their ‘worm does not die and the fire is not quenched’ ” (Mark 9:48).

“Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.” —John 8:34b

“For not the *hearers* of the law are just in the sight of God, but the *doers* of the law will be justified.” —Romans 2:13

“How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” —Hebrews 2:3a

This Man Thought Only of This Life and Forgot His Soul

“It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” —Hebrews 9:27b



“But God said . . . , ‘This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:20). Read Luke 12:16-21.

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” —Matthew 6:20

Life Is Short—We Must Seek God Early

Our days are like grass
and flowers that are soon gone.
(Read Psalm 103:15, 16 below.)

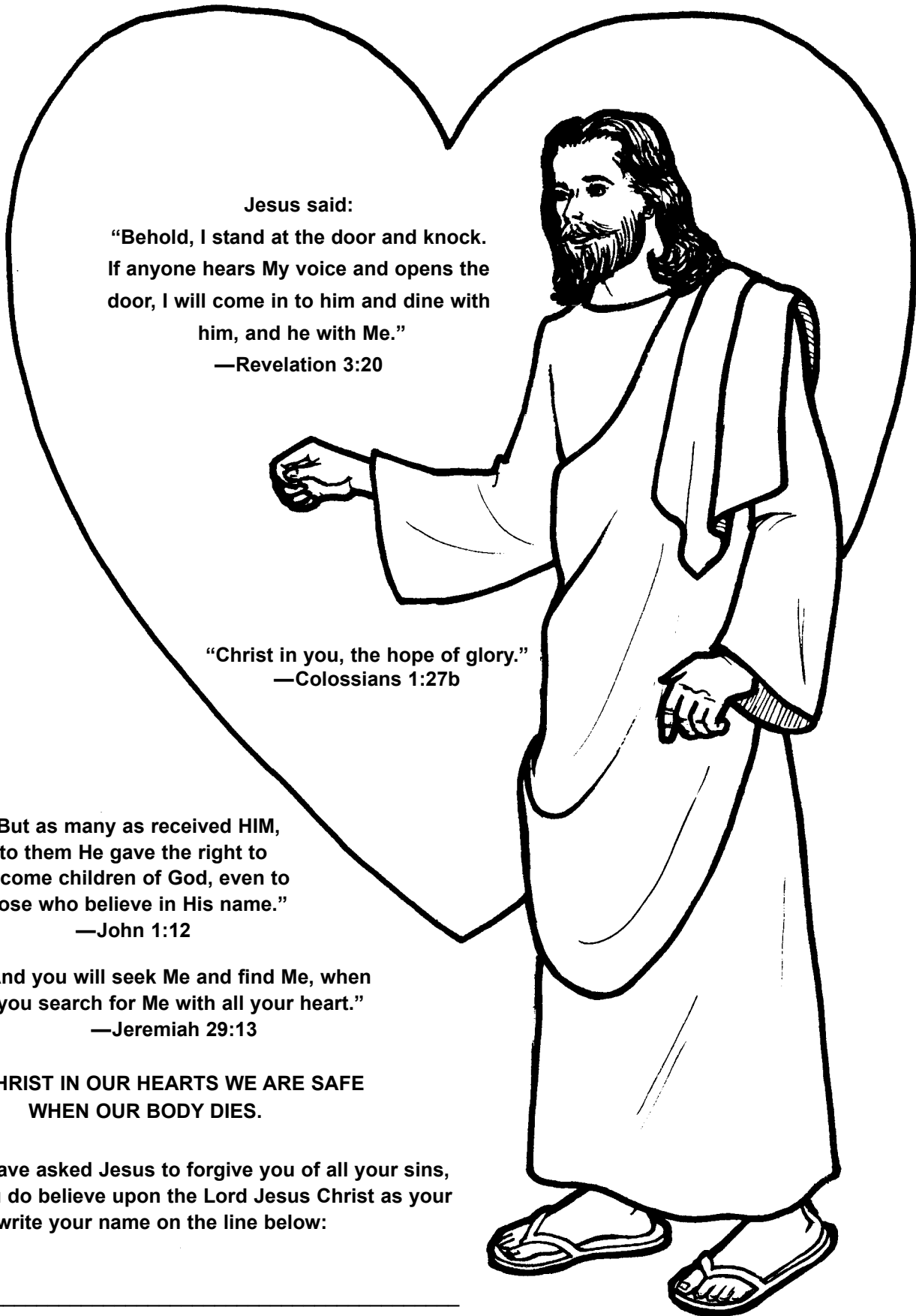


“Remember now your Creator
in the days of your youth.”
—Ecclesiastes 12:1a

“Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.” —Isaiah 55:6

“As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.” —Psalm 103:15, 16

Christ Knocks at the Door of Your Heart



Jesus said:

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the
door, I will come in to him and dine with
him, and he with Me.”

—Revelation 3:20

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
—Colossians 1:27b

“But as many as received HIM,
to them He gave the right to
become children of God, even to
those who believe in His name.”

—John 1:12

“And you will seek Me and find Me, when
you search for Me with all your heart.”

—Jeremiah 29:13

**WITH CHRIST IN OUR HEARTS WE ARE SAFE
WHEN OUR BODY DIES.**

If you have asked Jesus to forgive you of all your sins,
and you do believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ as your
Savior, write your name on the line below:

Come to Jesus—He Will Forgive Your Sins

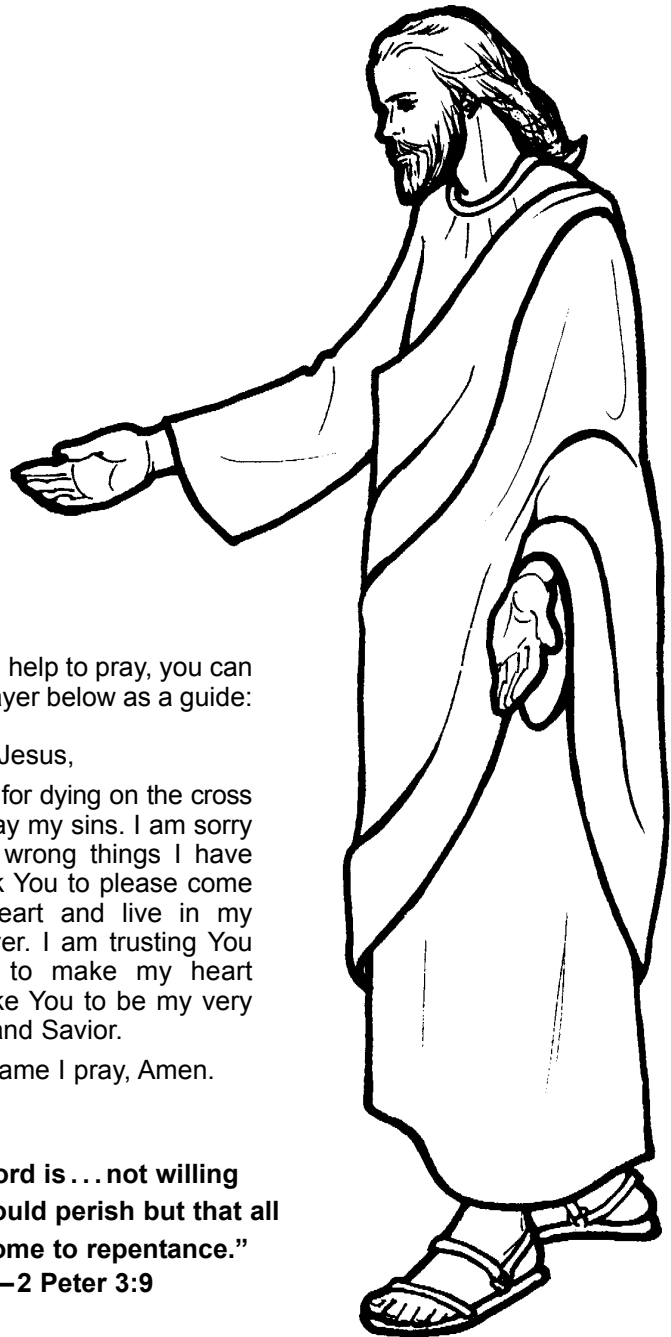
“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him.” —Hebrews 7:25a

“And the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” —John 6:37b

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” —1 John 1:9

STEPS TO FIND JESUS

1. **REPENT.** Be sorry for your sins. To repent means “to be sorry enough to quit.”
2. **CONFESS** your sins to Jesus. To confess means “tell or admit.”
3. **FORSAKE** your sins. To forsake means “give up, leave alone.”
4. **BELIEVE** upon Christ as your Savior. (See John 3:16 on page 7.)
5. **RECEIVE** Him into your heart. (See John 1:12 on page 25.)



If you need help to pray, you can use the prayer below as a guide:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You for dying on the cross to take away my sins. I am sorry for all the wrong things I have done. I ask You to please come into my heart and live in my heart forever. I am trusting You right now to make my heart clean. I take You to be my very own Lord and Savior.

In Your name I pray, Amen.

“The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

—2 Peter 3:9

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” —Proverbs 28:13

Those Who Belong to Jesus Have Everlasting Life

“... The Lord knows those who are His.” —2 Timothy 2:19a



When our body dies, our spirit goes back to God.

“Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.” —Ecclesiastes 12:7

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

(Read 2 Corinthians 5:8.)

Isn't it wonderful that we will go to be with the Lord forever!

(Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 below.)

We shall be like the Lord.

David, the psalmist, says in Psalm 17:15b,

“I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.”

“Beloved, NOW we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be LIKE HIM, for we shall see Him as He is.” —1 John 3:2

COMFORT

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

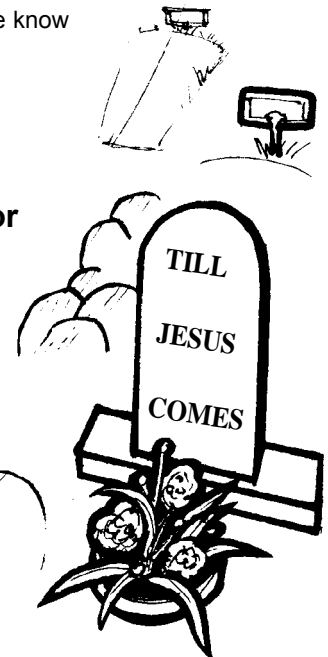
17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

God has many surprises for those who love Him.

“Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who LOVE HIM.”

—1 Corinthians 2:9b



When our body dies, it is laid away—waiting for the Resurrection Day when Jesus shall come back to earth and the dead in Christ will rise first. (Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16.)

“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection.”

— Revelation 20:6



Someday we, too, shall have a new body (1 Corinthians 15:51-53).

“Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body.” —Philippians 3:21a
“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED.” —1 Corinthians 15:51, 52

The Two Resurrections

Everybody shall be raised from the dead.

1. Some to the resurrection of LIFE
2. Some to the resurrection of DAMNATION

John 5:28, 29 (KJV)—“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

Acts 24:15b—“There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

Those dead in Christ shall rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:16—“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Revelation 20:4-6a—“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power.”

What will happen to those still living when Jesus comes?

1 Thessalonians 4:17—“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

To have part in the first resurrection we must be overcomers.

Revelation 2:7b—“To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

Revelation 2:11b—“He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”

Revelation 2:17b—“To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

Revelation 2:26—“And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations.”

Revelation 3:5—“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Revelation 3:21—“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

Jesus will take care of His children no matter what happens.

Romans 14:8, 9—“For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.”

Whose servant are you?

Romans 6:16—“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves [servants] to obey, you are that one’s [servant] whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?”

Hebrews 5:9—“And having been perfected, He [Christ] became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

Luke 16:13—“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [wealth].”

Romans 2:6—“Who will render to each one according to his deeds.”

Romans 2:11—“For there is no partiality with God.”

Romans 2:13—“For not the *hearers* of the law are just in the sight of God, but the *doers* of the law will be justified.”

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” —Revelation 20:15
(Secrets of overcoming our enemy, “that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan,” are found on page 9.)



John Sees the Holy City

(See next page.)

Heaven Is a Real Place

A New Heaven and a New Earth (John's vision in Revelation 21)

Verses 1-5—“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’”

Verses 10-14—“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. And her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. Now the wall of the city had twelve

foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Verses 16, 18-19a—“And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. And the construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones.”

Verses 21-27—“And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.”

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

John 14:1-3—“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

A Great Multitude in White Robes Will Stand Before the Throne

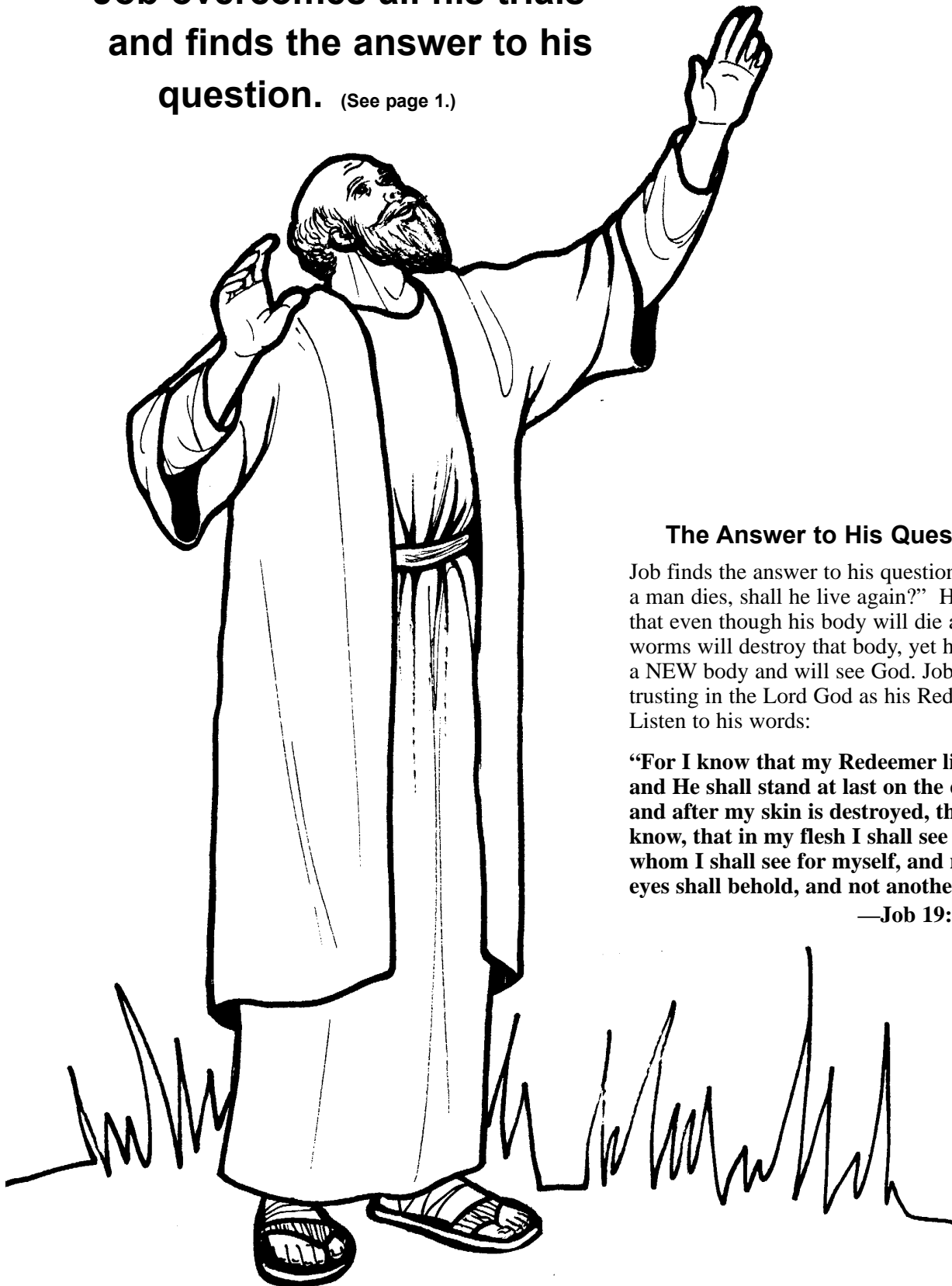
Revelation 7:9, 13 and 14—“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where

did they come from?’ And I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ So he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’”

Revelation 22:14—“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN? A person in whom Christ dwells (Romans 8:11).

**Job overcomes all his trials
and finds the answer to his
question. (See page 1.)**



The Answer to His Question

Job finds the answer to his question, “If a man dies, shall he live again?” He knows that even though his body will die and worms will destroy that body, yet he shall have a NEW body and will see God. Job was trusting in the Lord God as his Redeemer. Listen to his words:

**“For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and He shall stand at last on the earth;
and after my skin is destroyed, this I
know, that in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself, and my
eyes shall behold, and not another.”**

—Job 19:25-27a

In heaven we will know one another.

**“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part,
but then I shall know just as I also am known.”—1 Corinthians 13:12**

Christ Will Return to Earth

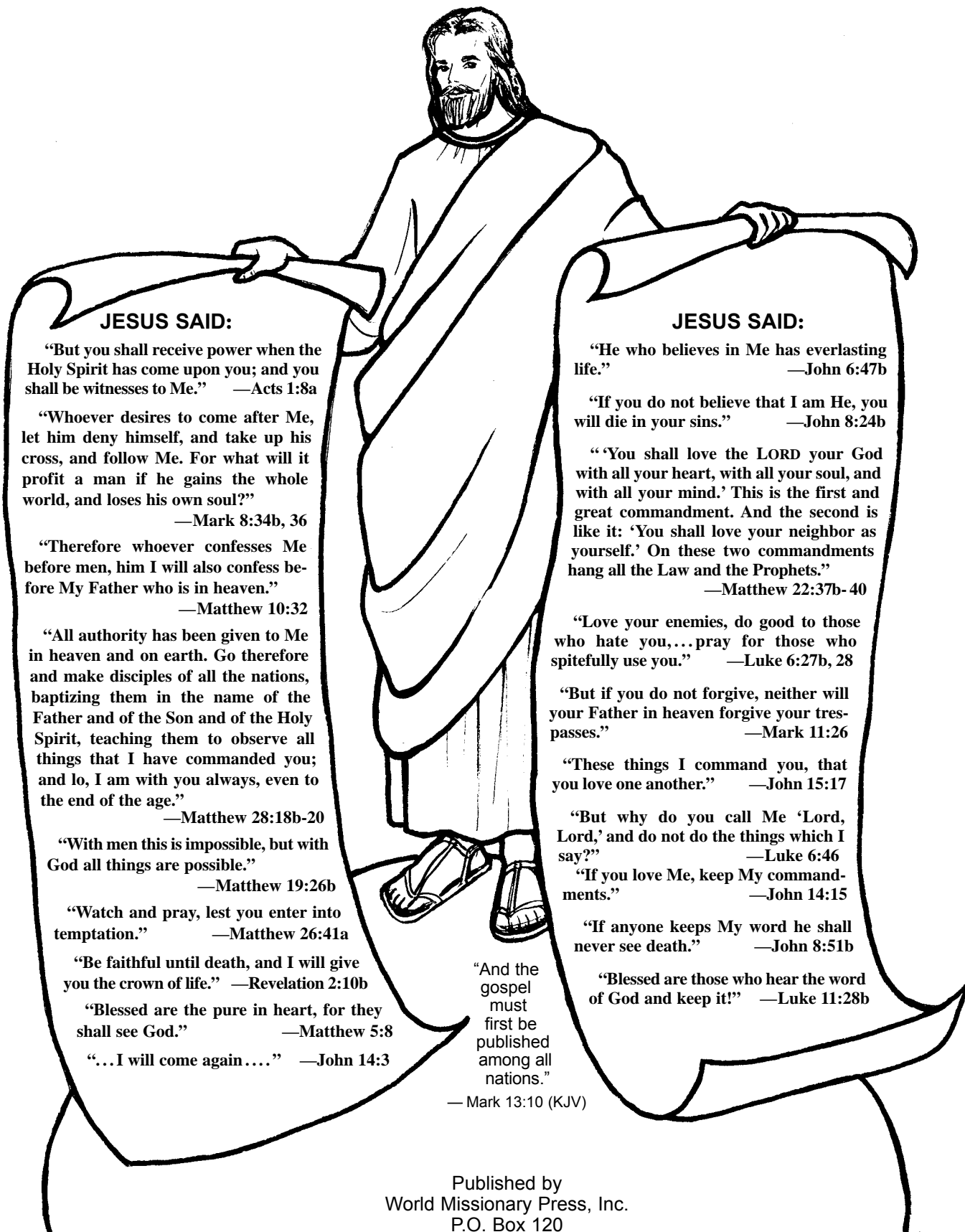
“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him,
and they also who pierced Him.” —Revelation 1:7a



“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like
manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” —Acts 1:11b

[Jesus said] “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour
when you do not expect Him.” —Matthew 24:44

“Behold, I am alive forevermore....” —Revelation 1:18b



JESUS SAID:

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me.” —Acts 1:8a

“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”

—Mark 8:34b, 36

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.”

—Matthew 10:32

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:18b-20

“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

—Matthew 19:26b

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

—Matthew 26:41a

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” —Revelation 2:10b

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” —Matthew 5:8

“...I will come again....” —John 14:3

“And the gospel must first be published among all nations.”

— Mark 13:10 (KJV)

JESUS SAID:

“He who believes in Me has everlasting life.” —John 6:47b

“If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” —John 8:24b

“‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

—Matthew 22:37b-40

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,...pray for those who spitefully use you.” —Luke 6:27b, 28

“But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

—Mark 11:26

“These things I command you, that you love one another.” —John 15:17

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” —Luke 6:46

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” —John 14:15

“If anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” —John 8:51b

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” —Luke 11:28b

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