

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

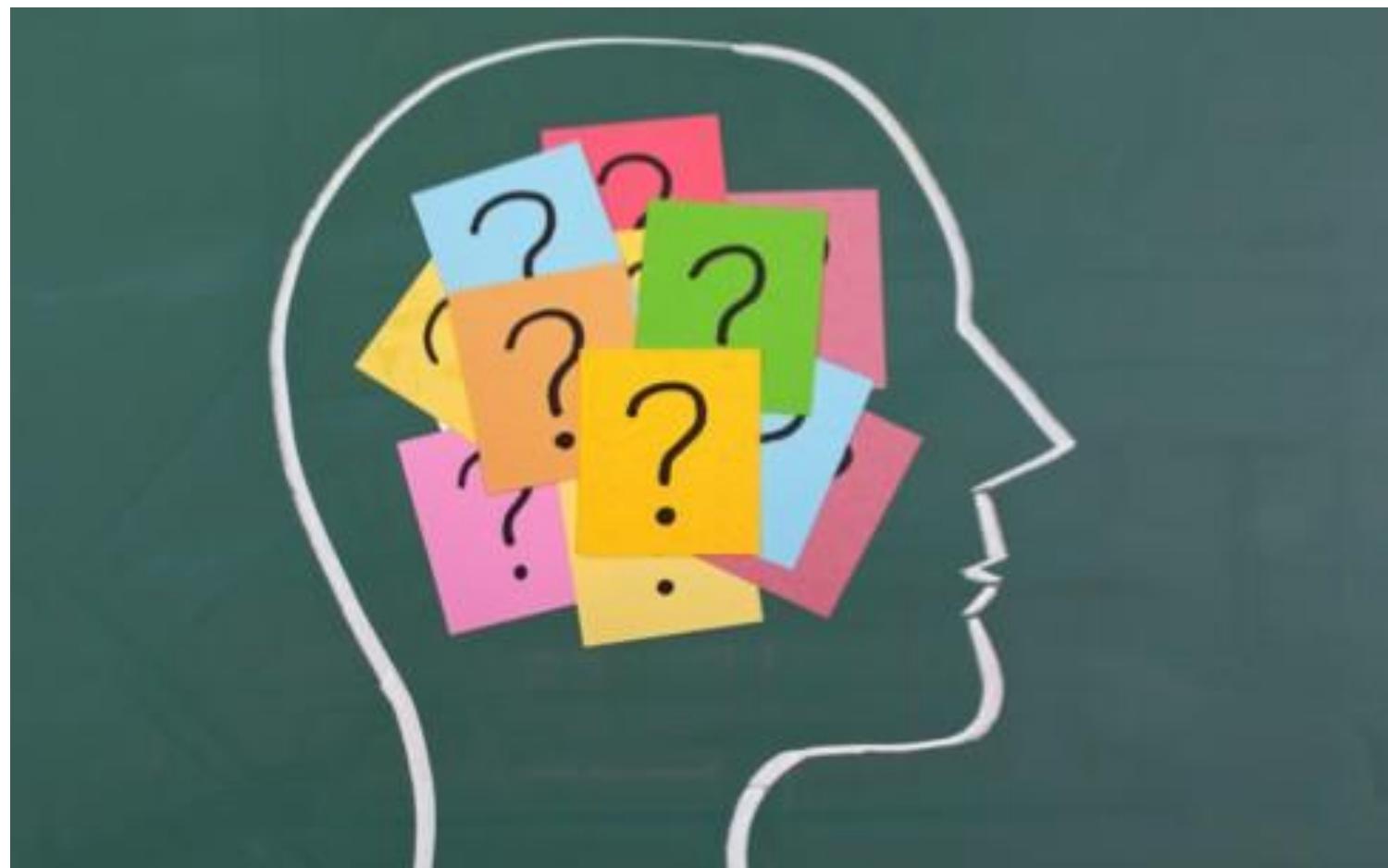
Matthew 3:1-4:11; John 1:29-34



PRAYER



Your Questions...?





CONTEXT

WHO?



John the Baptist



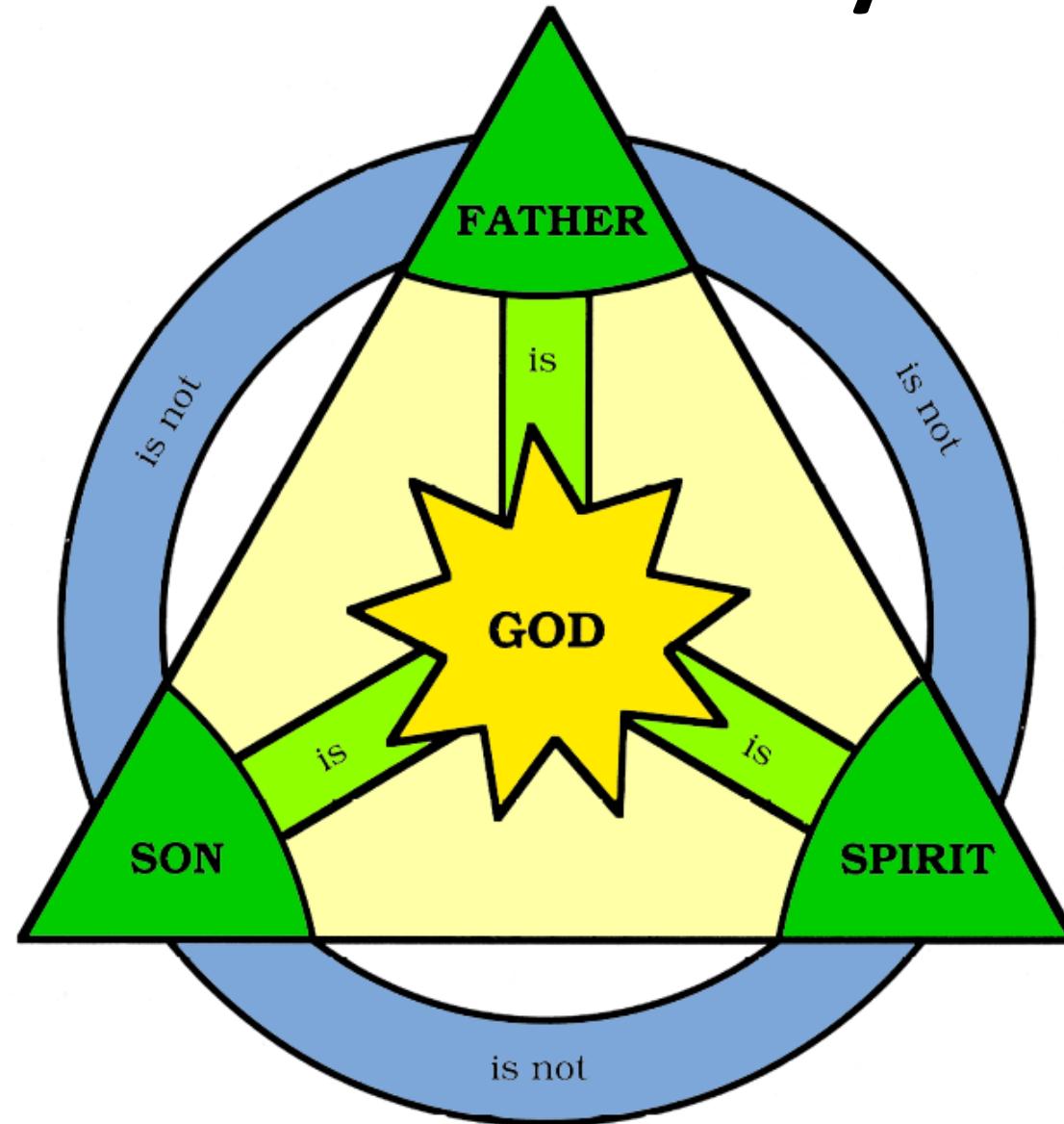
Jesus



Pharisees and Sadducees



The Trinity



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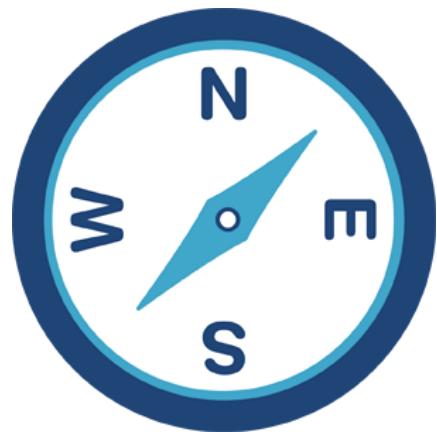
- The one God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and three persons are one God.

Satan

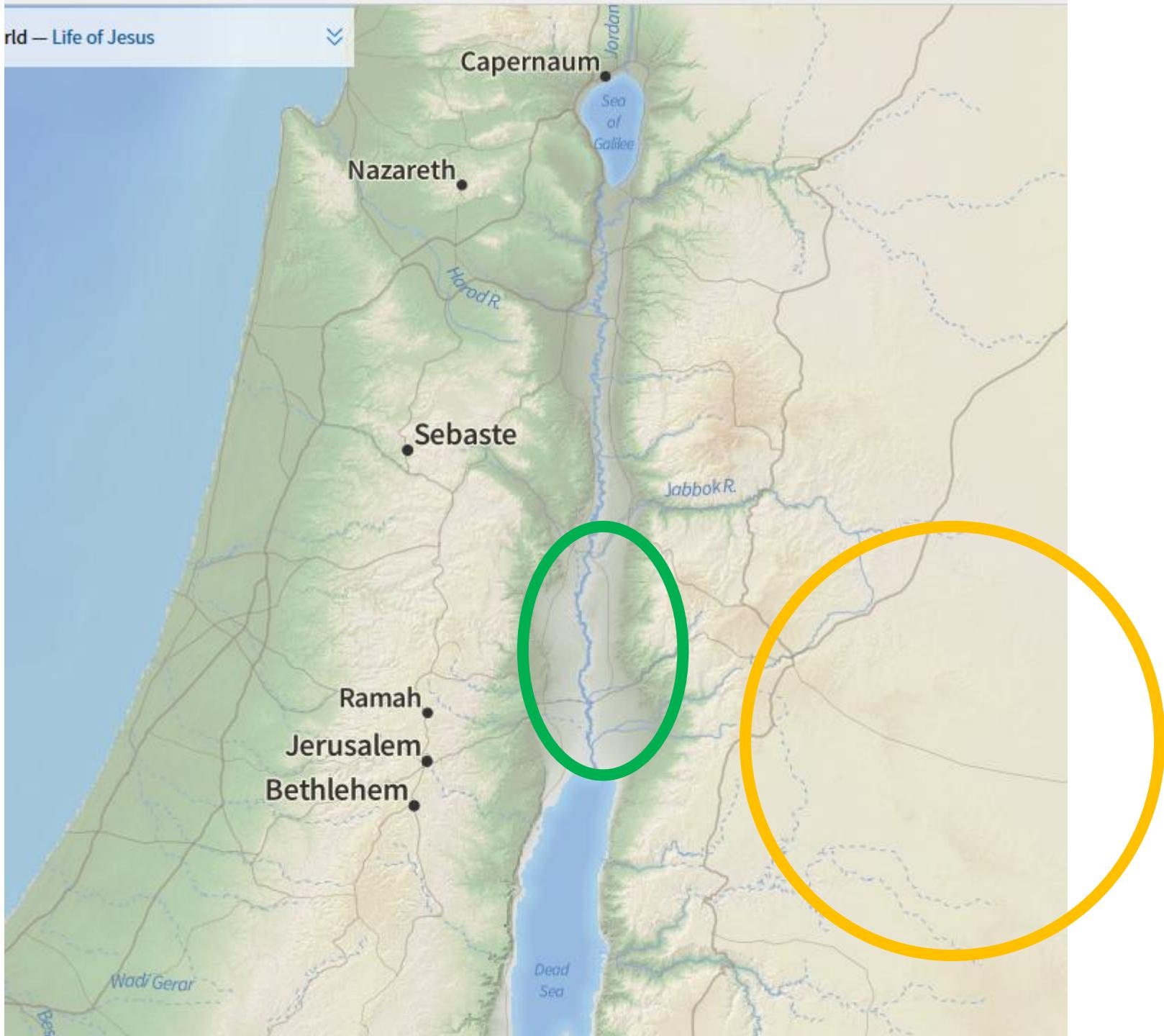


WHEN?

- Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his ministry (~27-28 A.D.).



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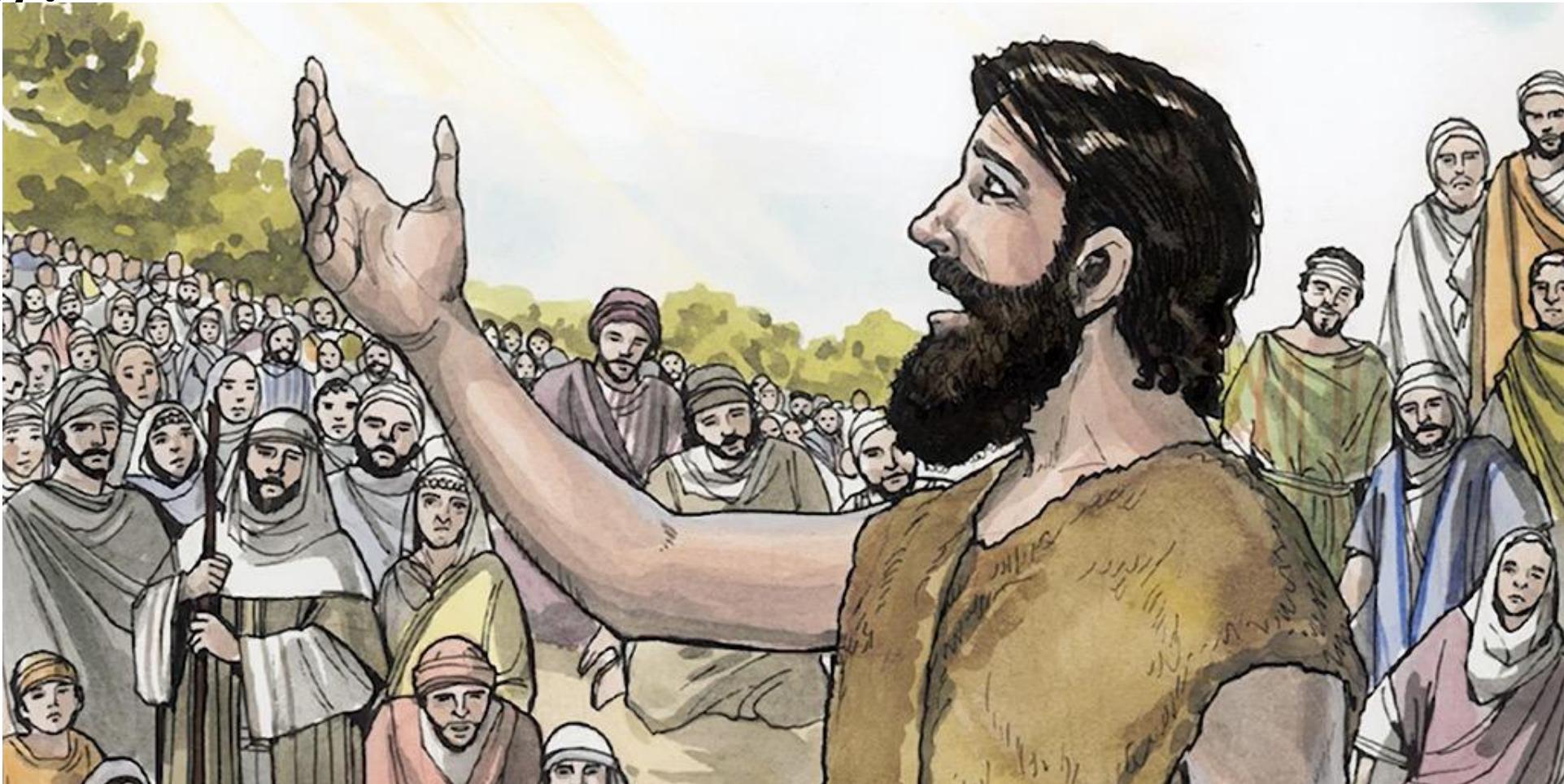


The Story



Read: Matthew 3:1-6

1.) John's message had two parts. What were they (v. 2)?



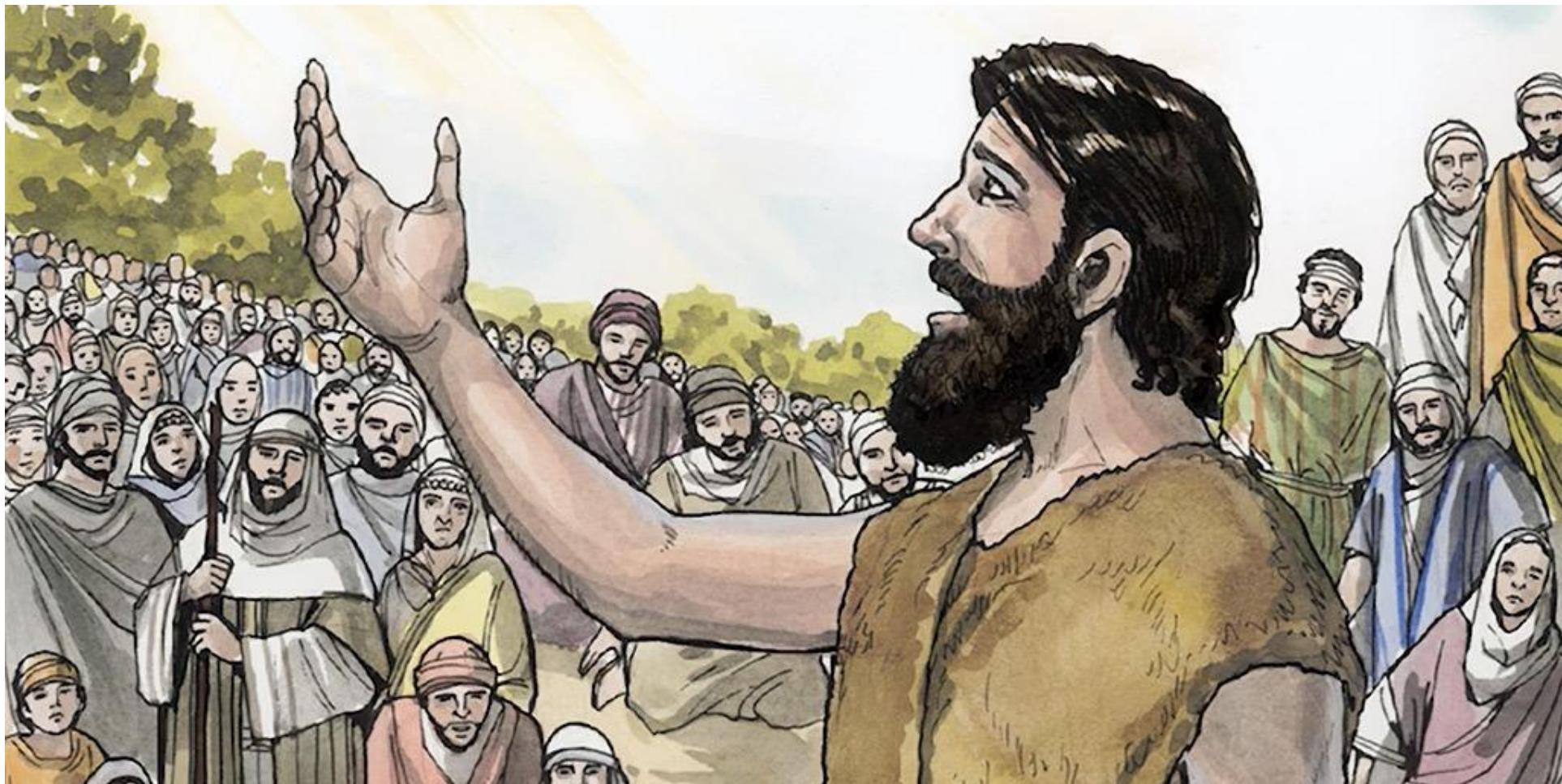
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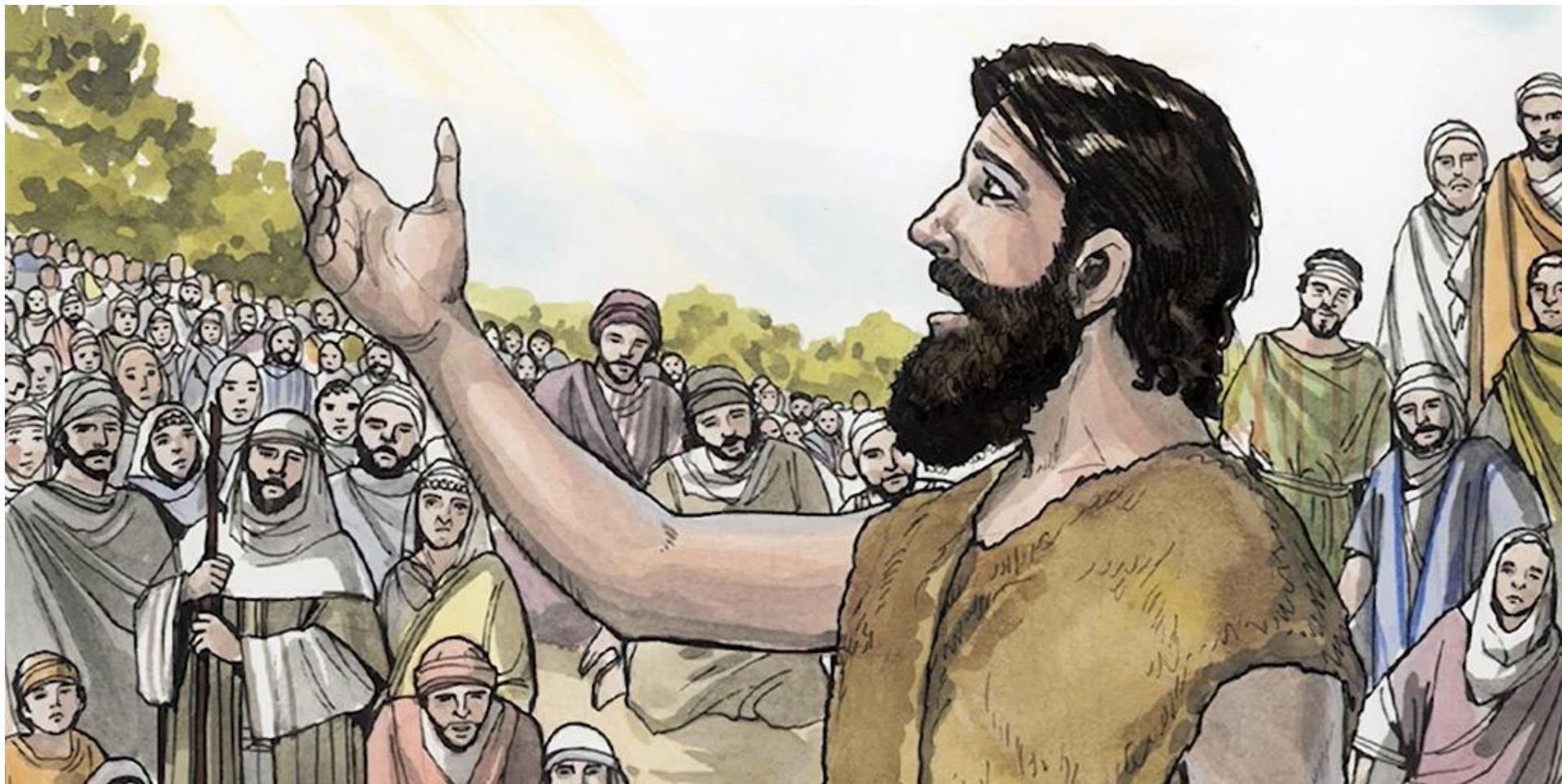
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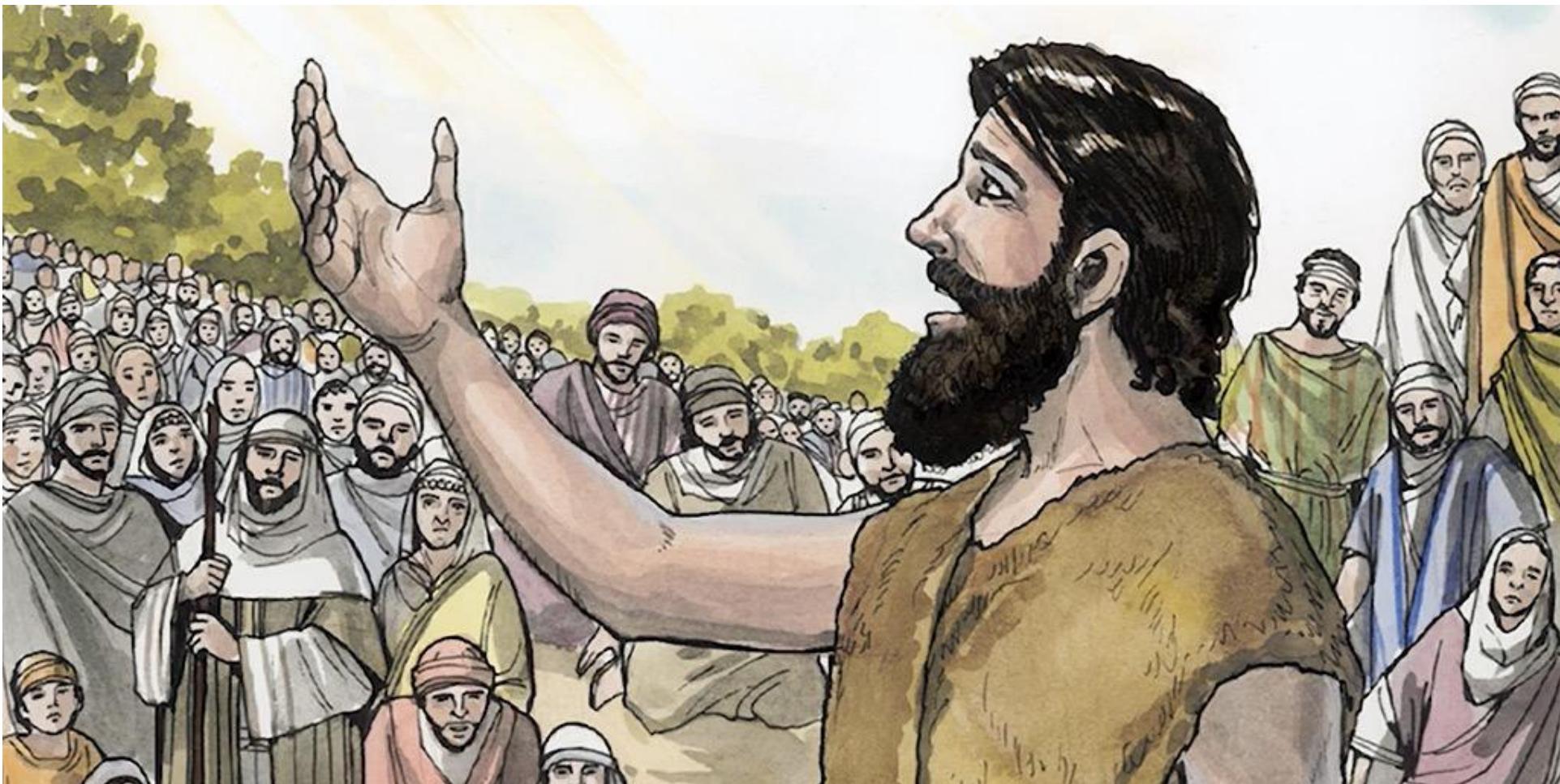
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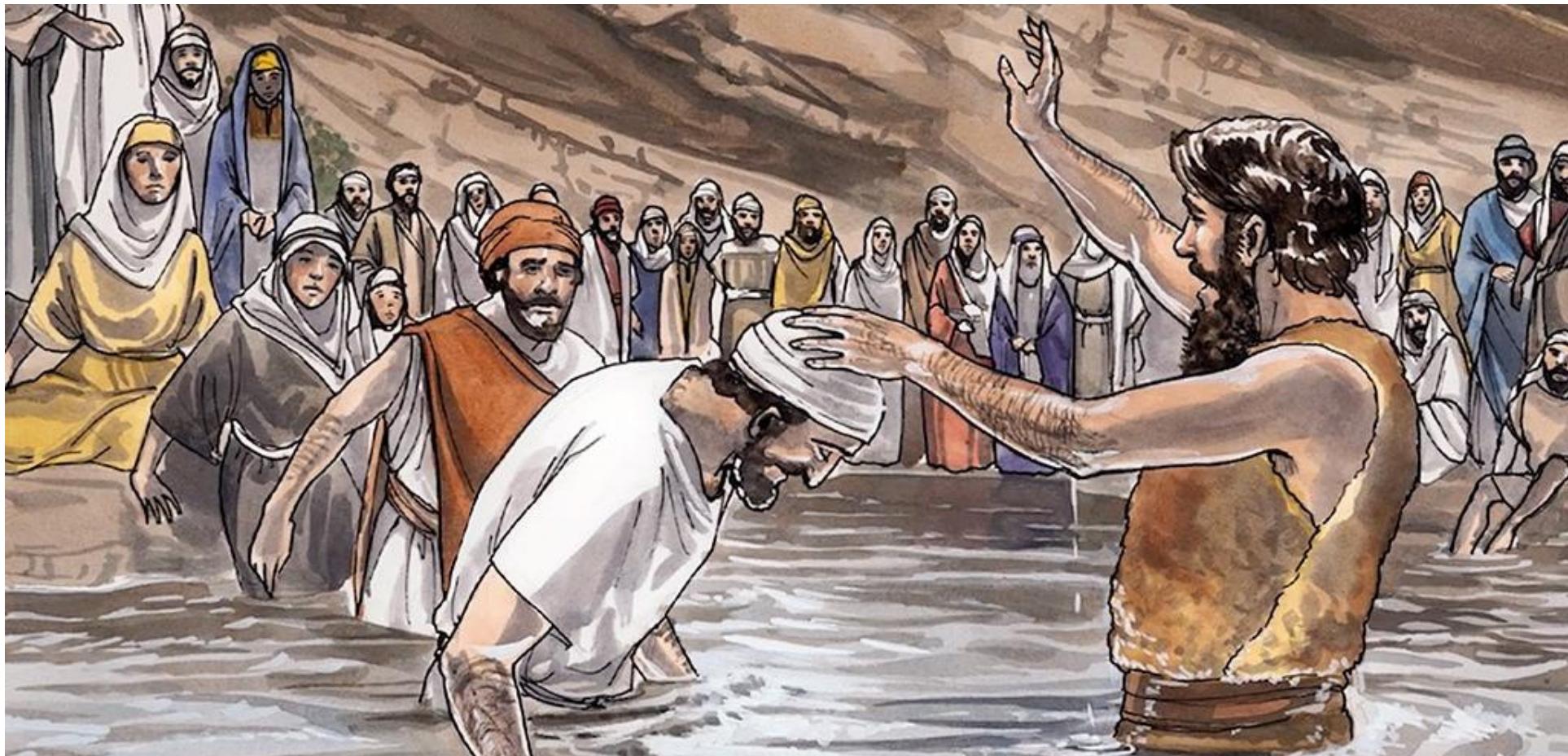


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- People came from everywhere to confess their sins and be baptized.

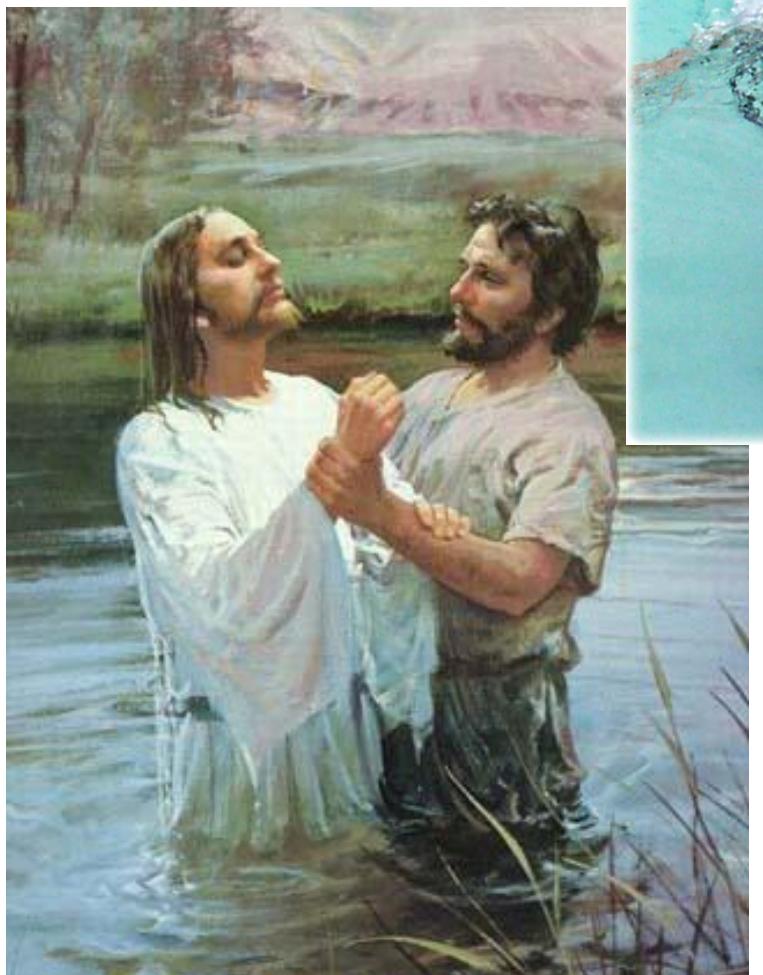


- Baptize =

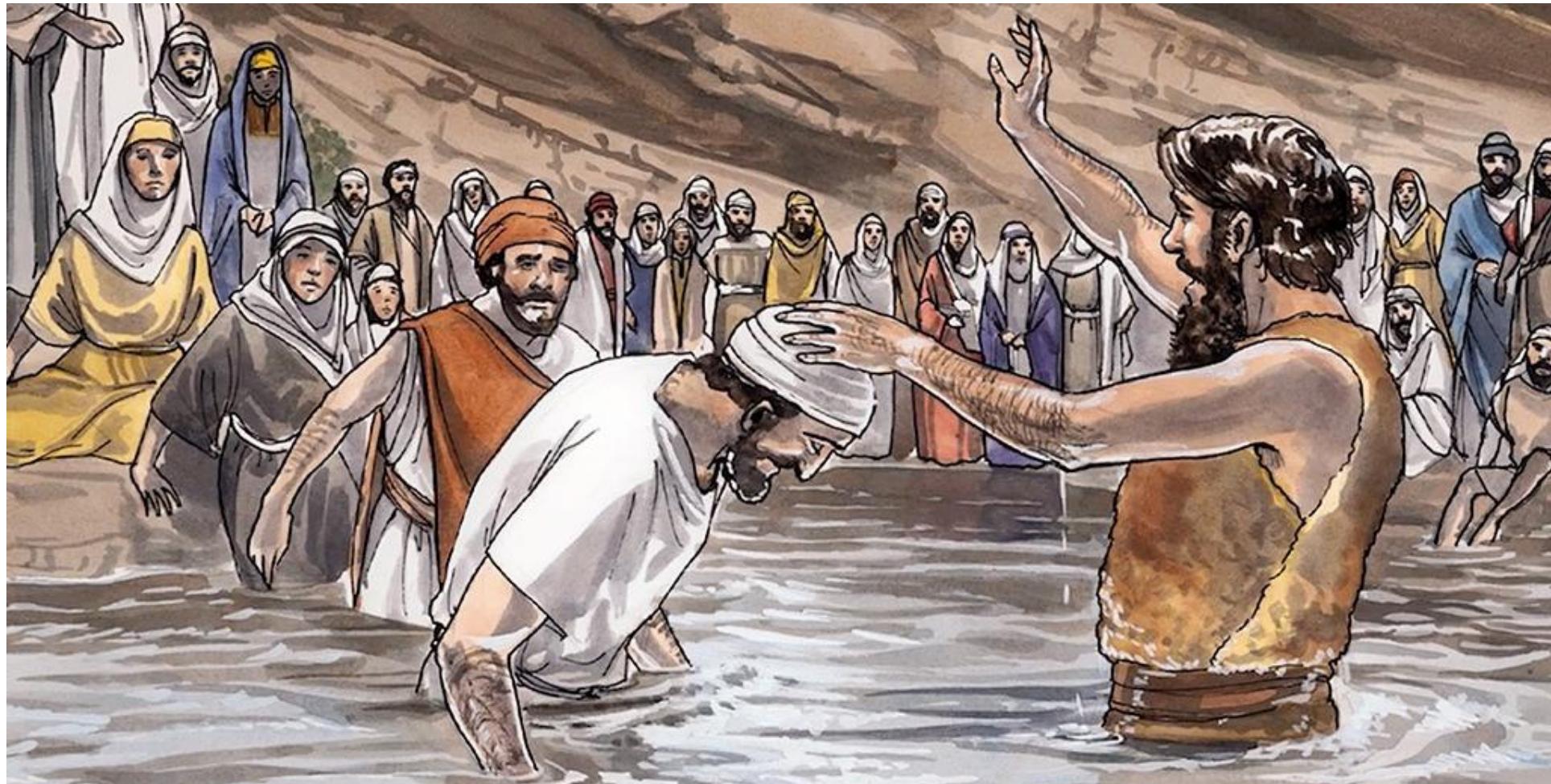


- Baptize = to wash with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit





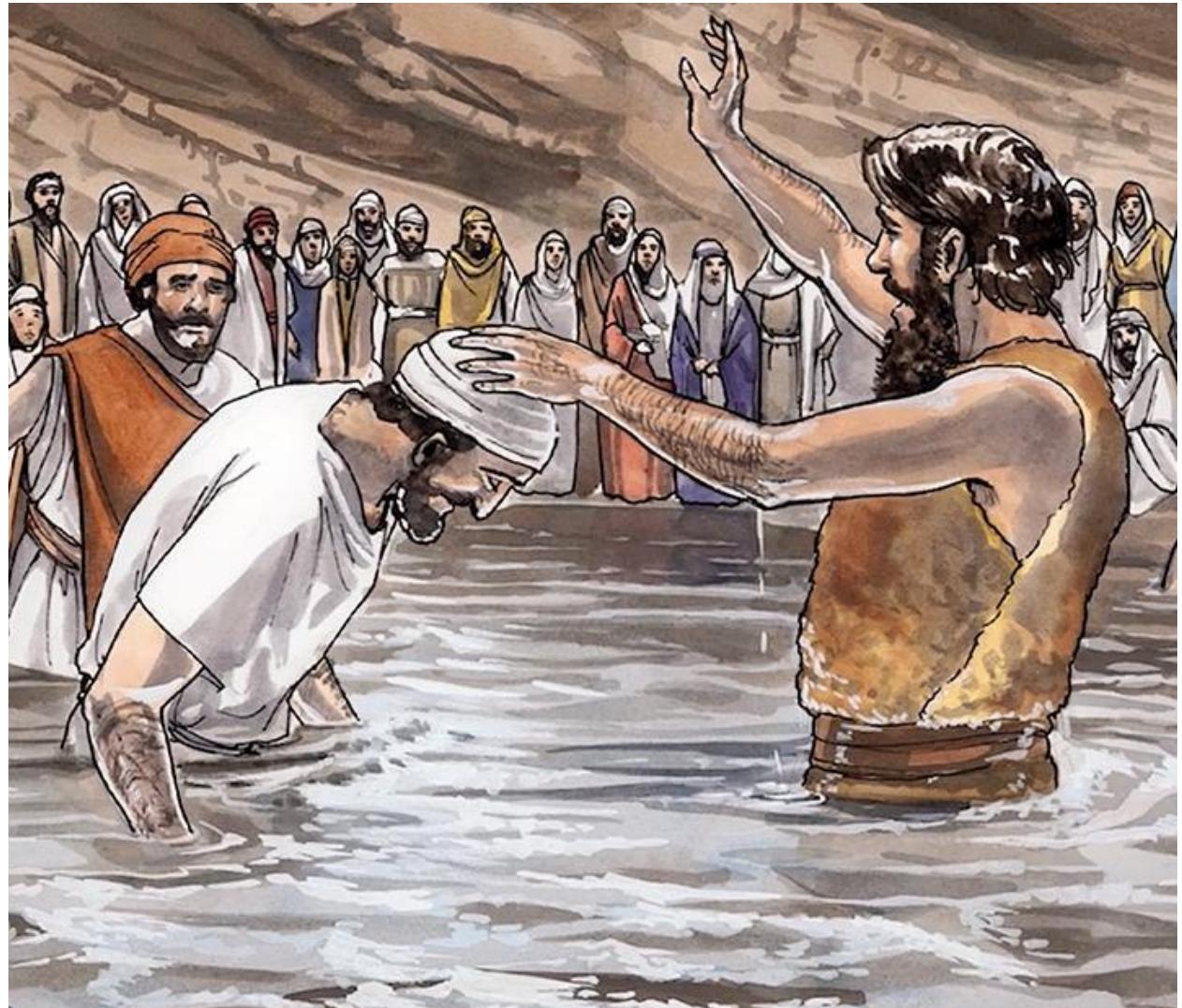
*3.) Read Luke 3:3. What miraculous power does baptism have?



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- It washes away sin; we are forgiven.



Read: Matthew 3:7-10

1.) John had a strong warning for the Pharisees. What did they think would save them instead of repentance and God's forgiveness (v. 9)?



- They thought being descendants of Abraham would save them.



*2.) We are we often like the Pharisees. What good things do we mistakenly look to for God's favor?



Read: Matthew 3:11-12

- 1.) When would Jesus baptize people with the Holy Spirit and fire?
 - On Pentecost



2.) What event is John describing with the picture of wheat in a barn and chaff being burned?

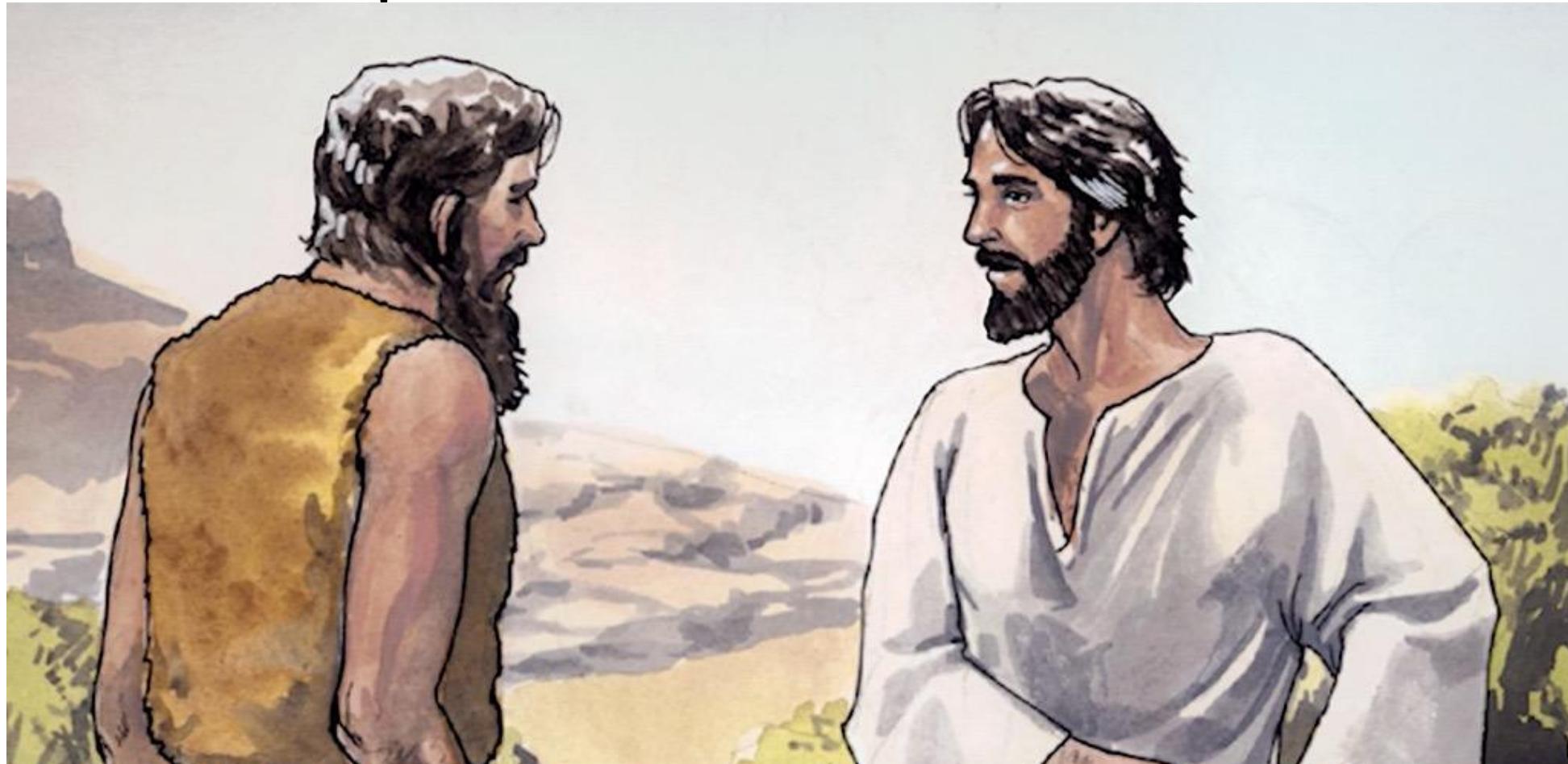


- On Judgment Day believers will be taken to heaven and unbelievers will suffer forever in hell

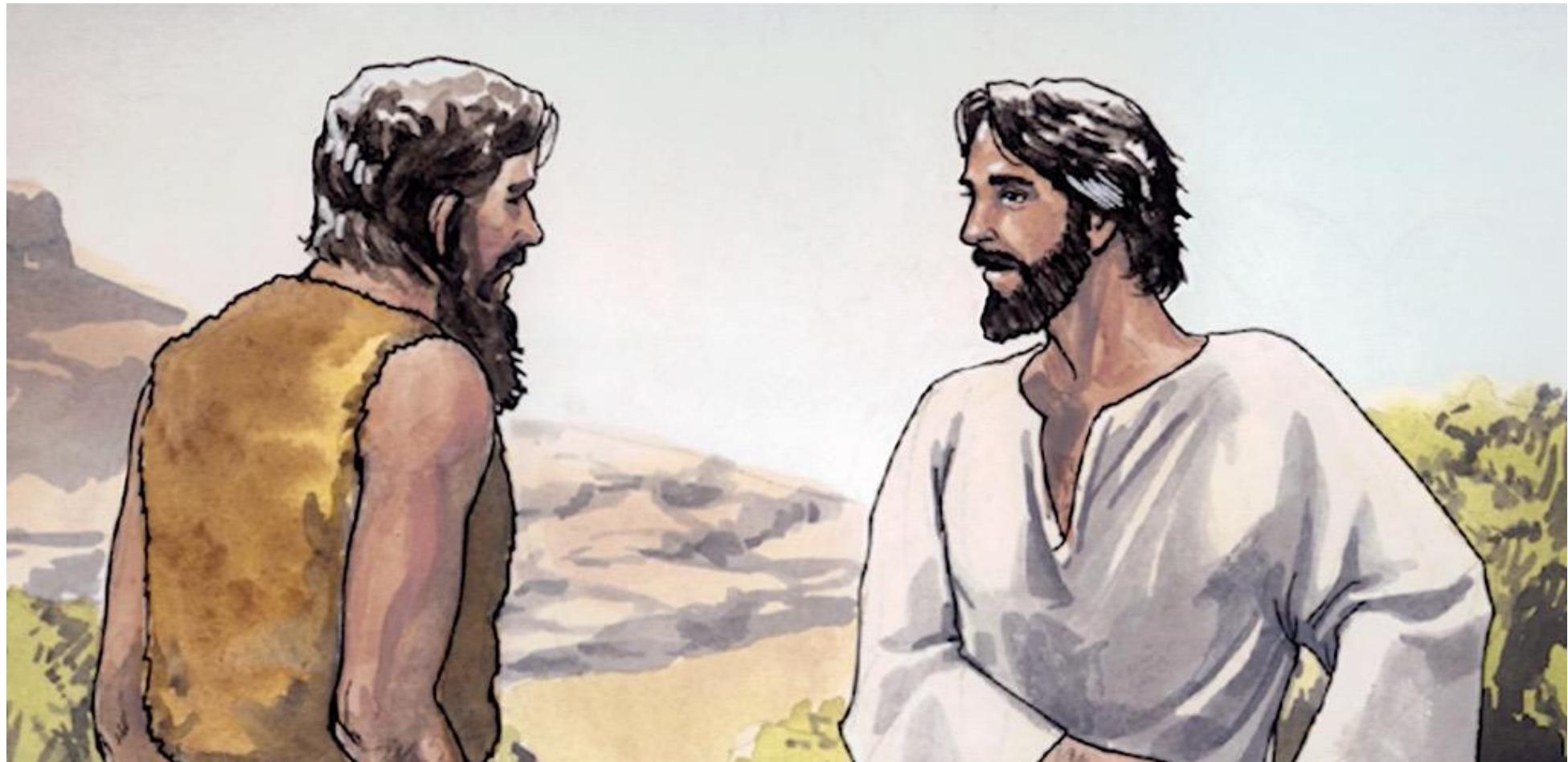


Read: Matthew 3:13-17

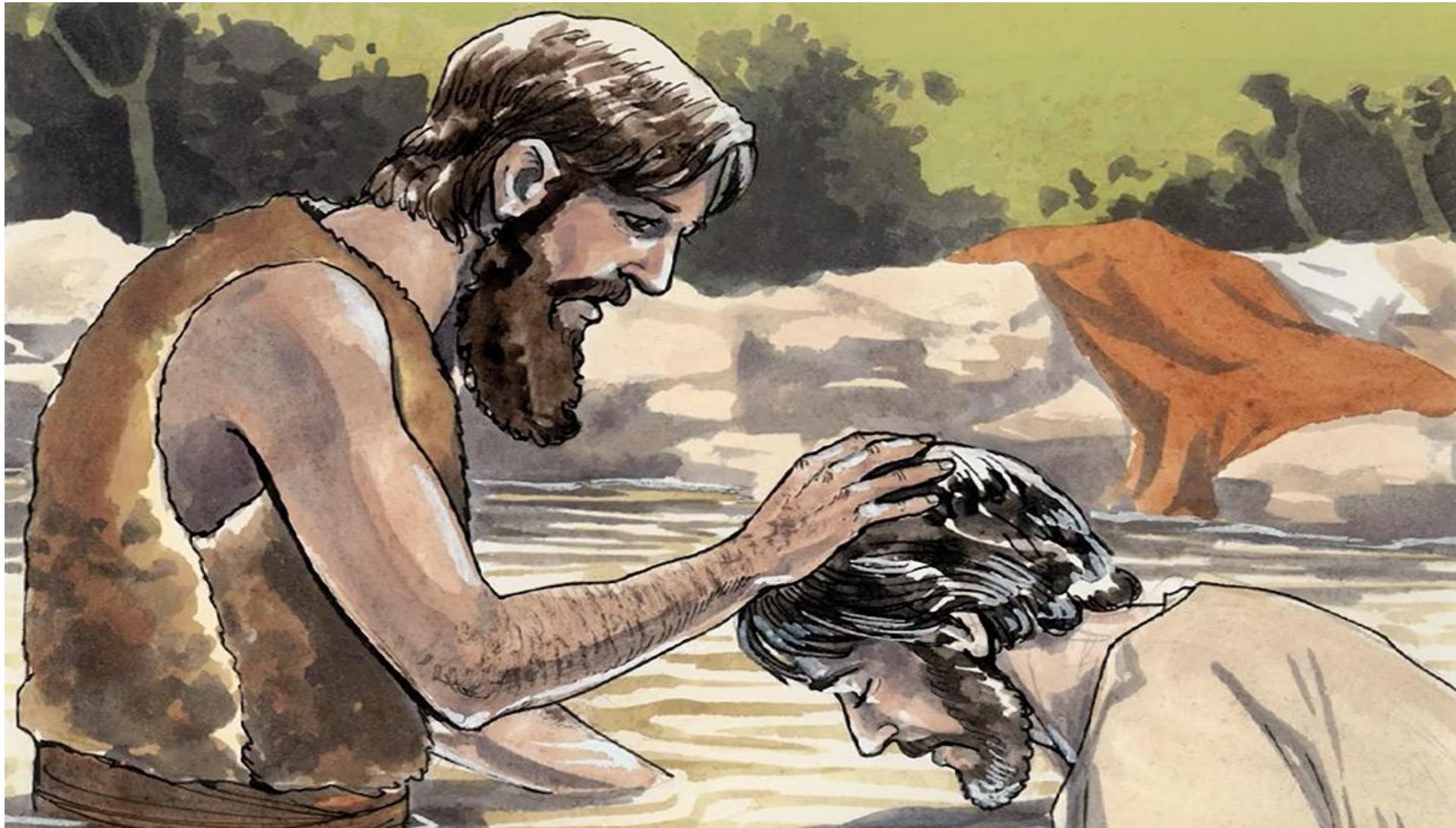
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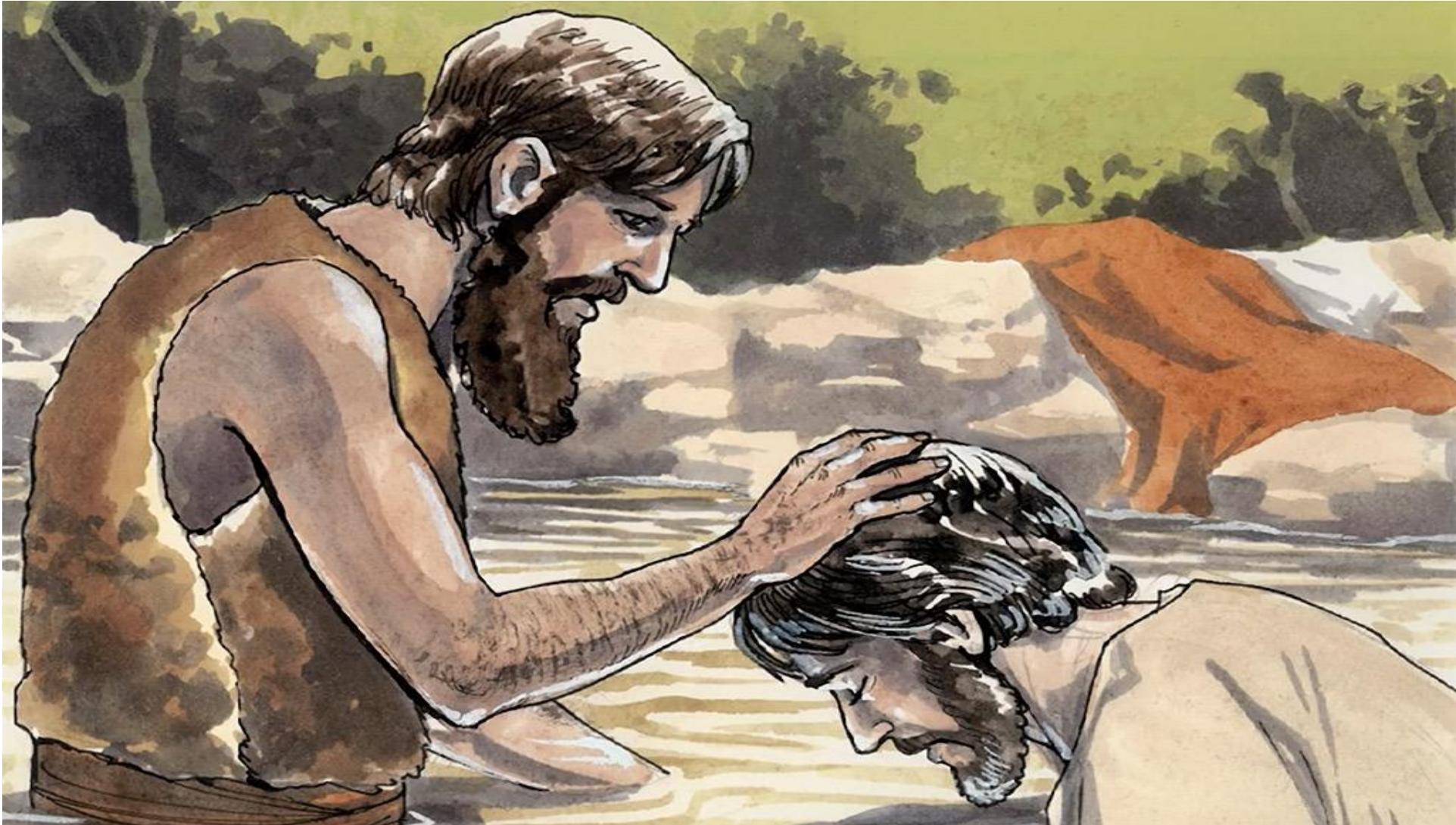
- Jesus didn't have any sins to wash away!
- Jesus was greater! HE should baptize sinful John!



*2.) Why then was the sinless Jesus baptized?



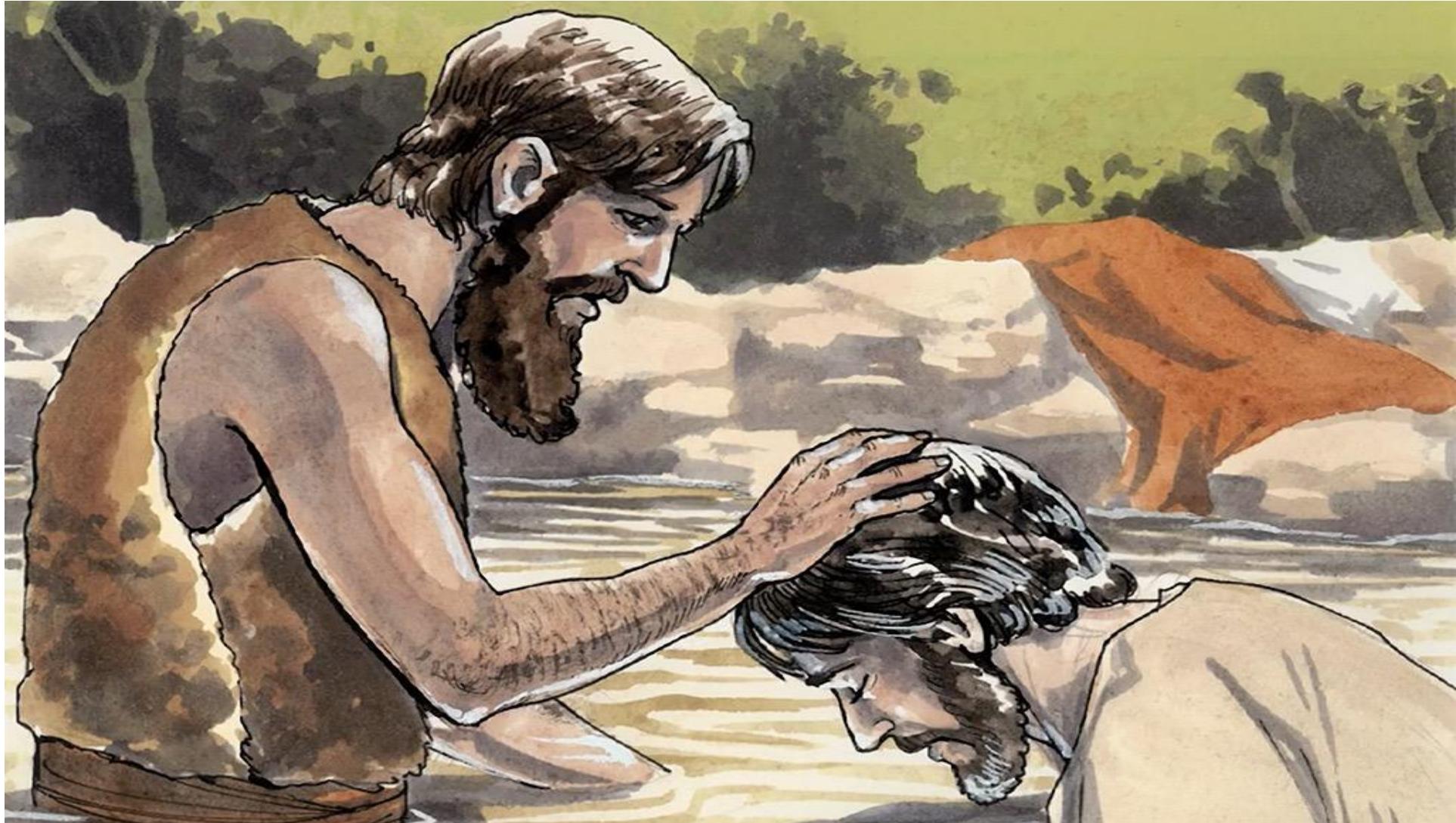
a.) As the substitute of sinners he needed to be baptized like us!



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b.) Jesus' suffering and death for us would be what gives baptism its power to save.



3.) We said before, the word “Trinity” is not in the Bible. Where do you see evidence of the Trinity in this section?



- Jesus was coming up out of the water; the Holy Spirit took the form of a dove; and the Father spoke from heaven.



Read: Matthew 4:1-11



*1.) How would our salvation be lost if the devil had deceived Jesus into sinning?

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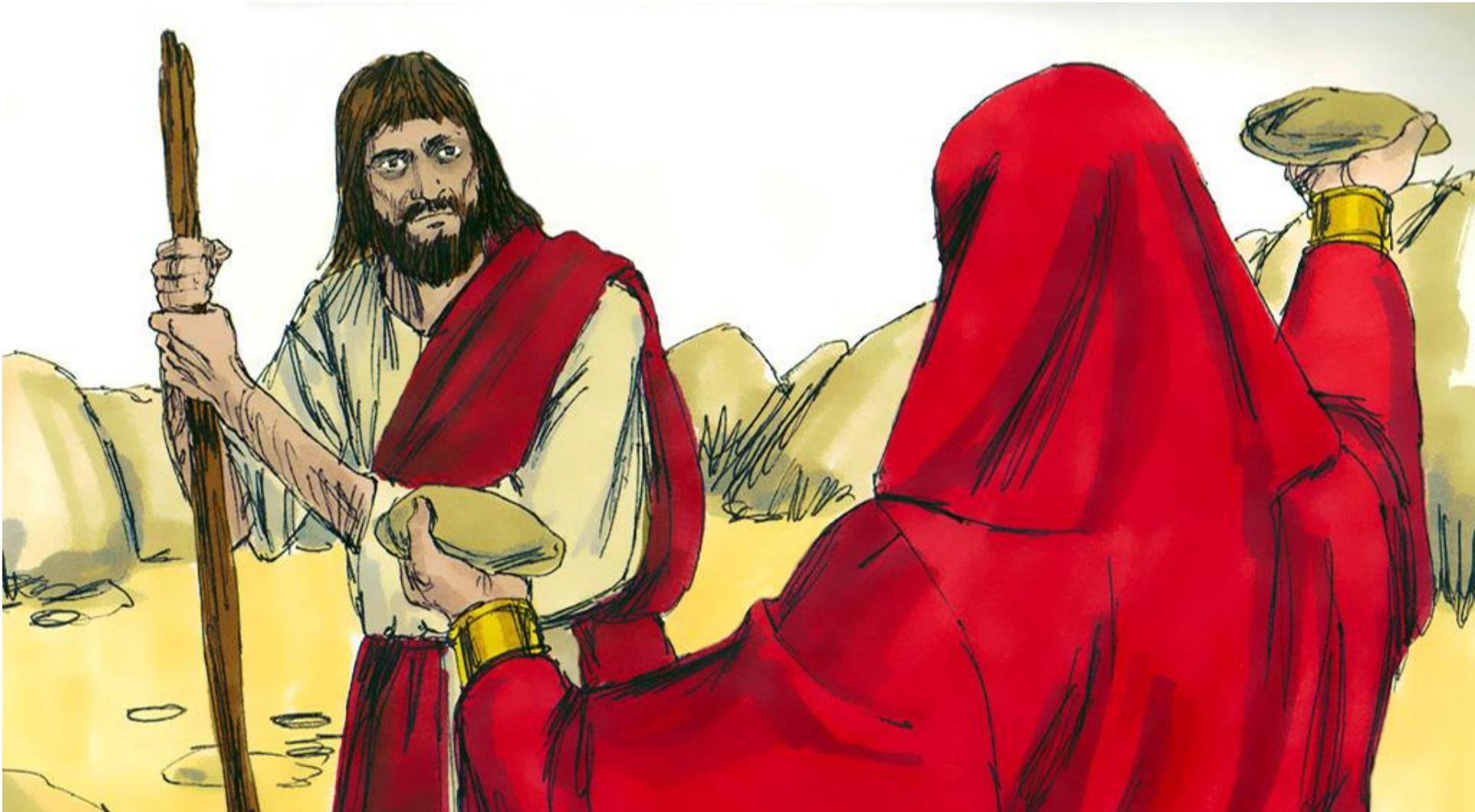
- Then we would no longer have a perfect Savior who gives us his holiness

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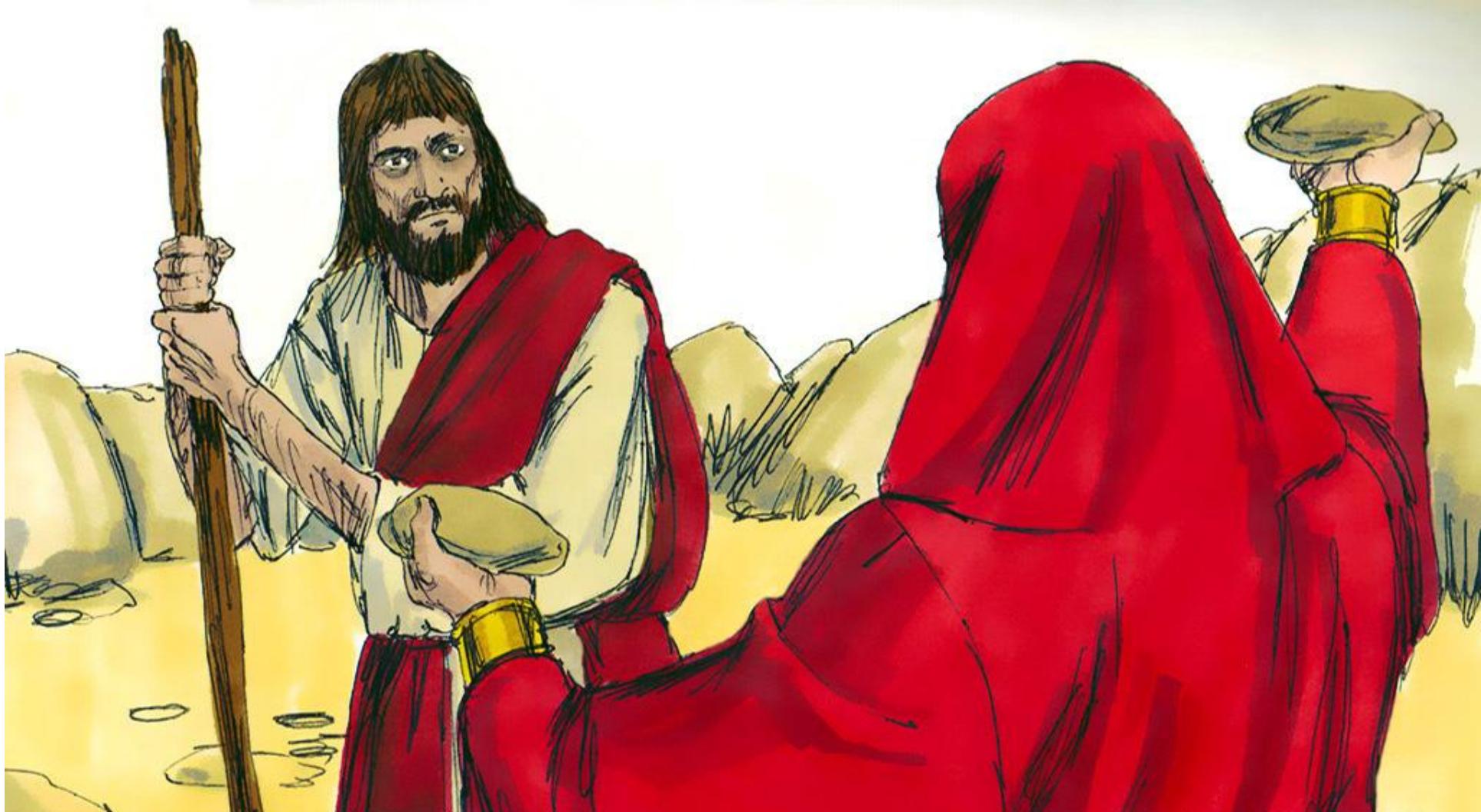
2.) Let's do some detective work and find the sinful lie in Satan's three temptations.



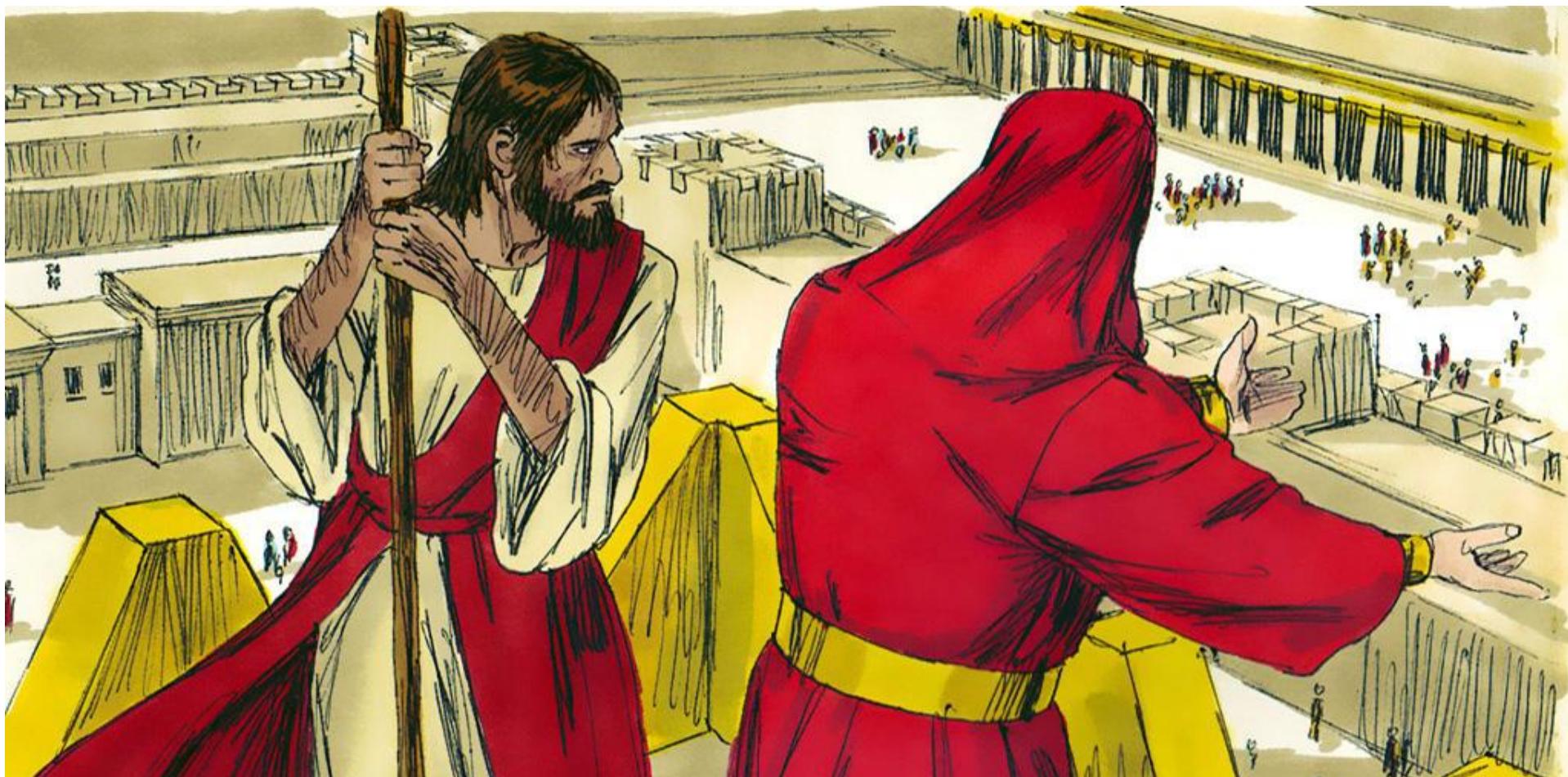
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b.) v. 5-7:

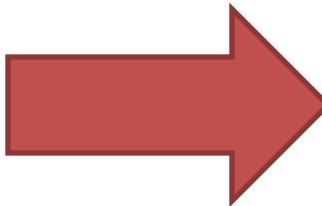


b.) v. 5-7: put God's love and protection to the test



Psalm 91:11-12

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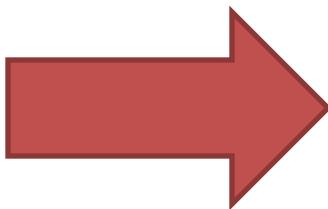


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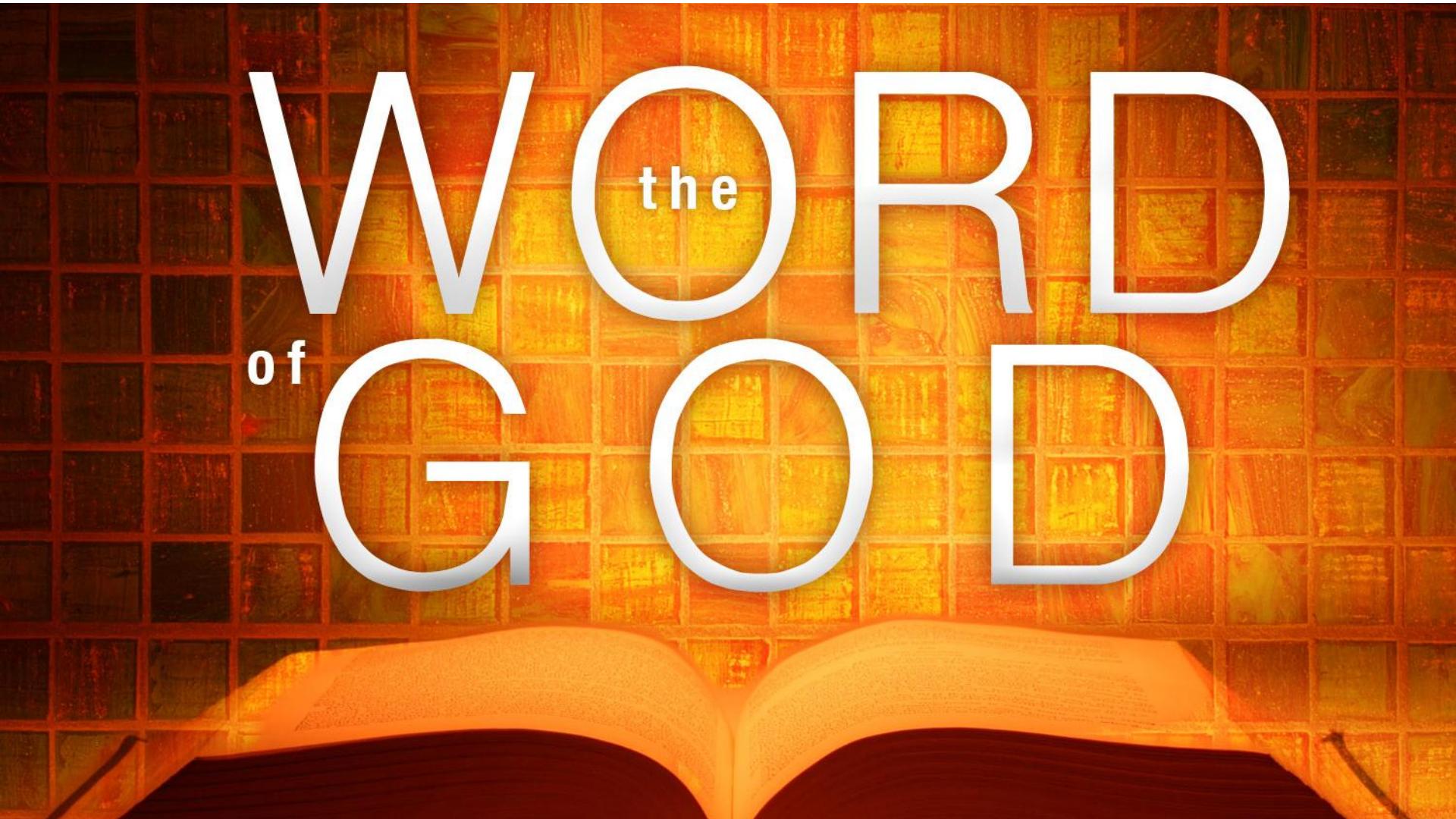
c.) v. 8-10: worship the devil and avoid suffering



*3.) Jesus shows us how to overcome all temptations.
What weapon does he use?

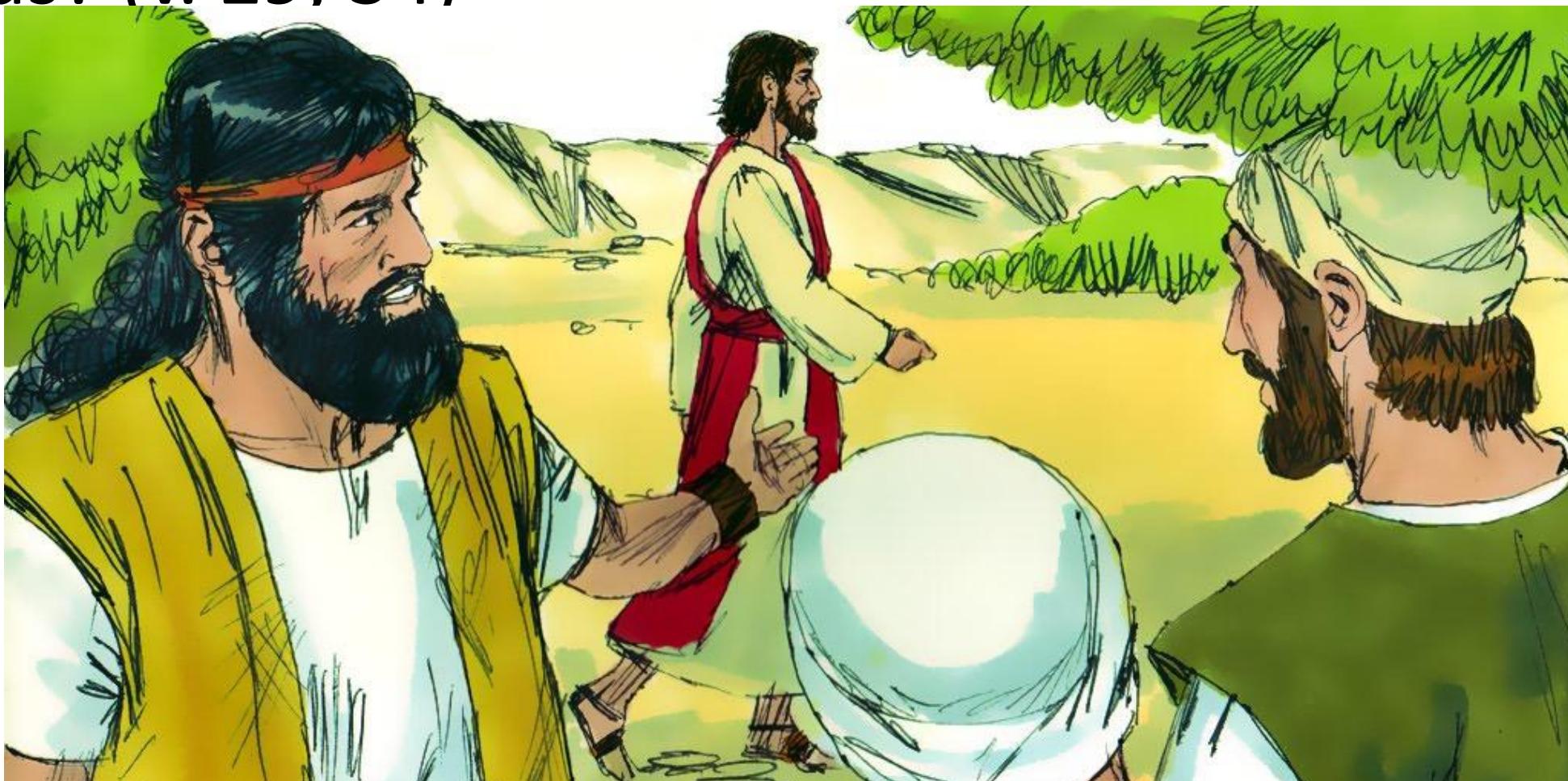


- Satan and his lies are no match for the truth of God's Word!

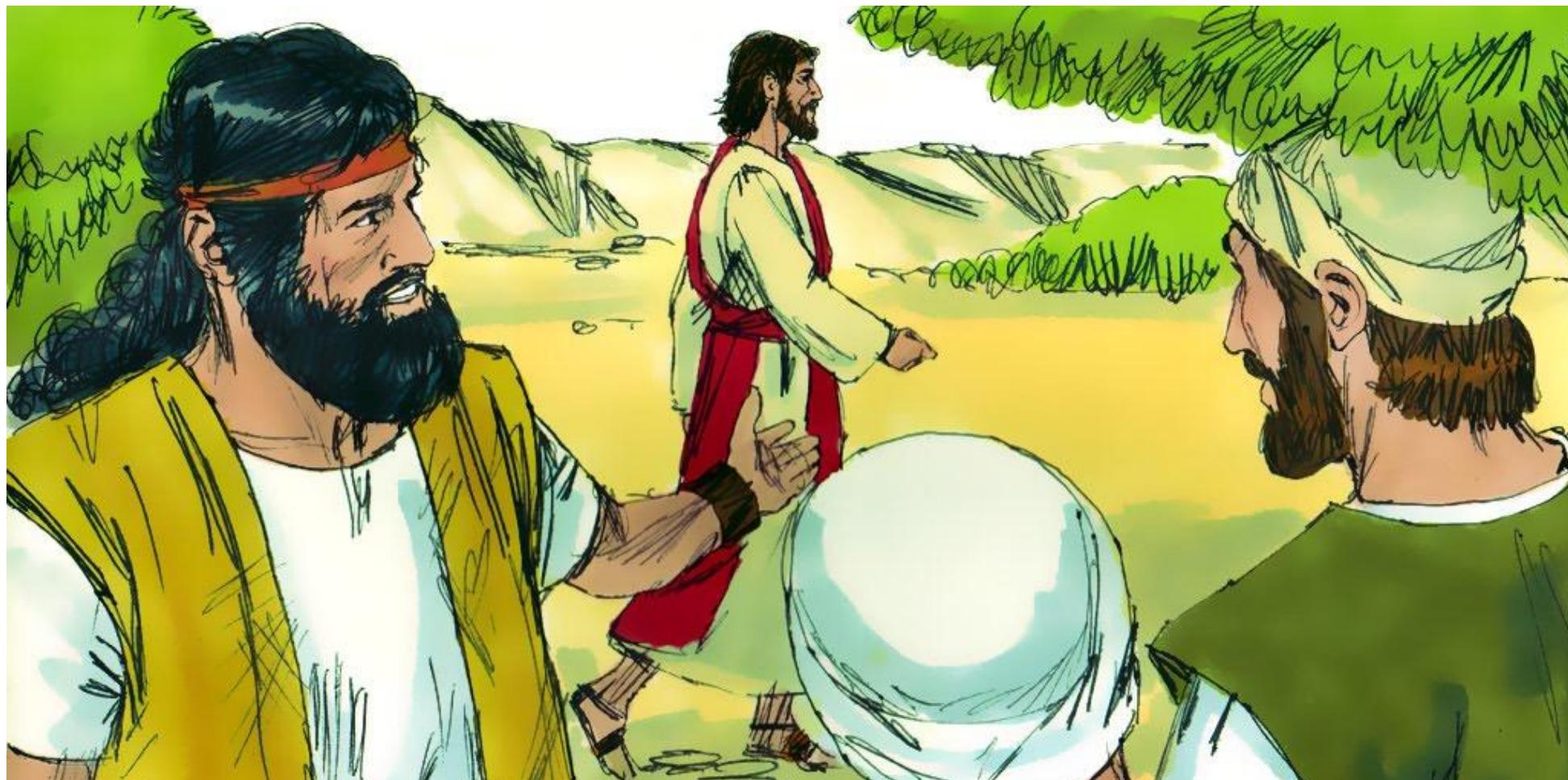


Overview: John 1:29-34

1.) What was John the Baptist's confession about Jesus? (v. 29, 34)



- That he was the Son of God who had come to be sacrificed for the sins of the world.



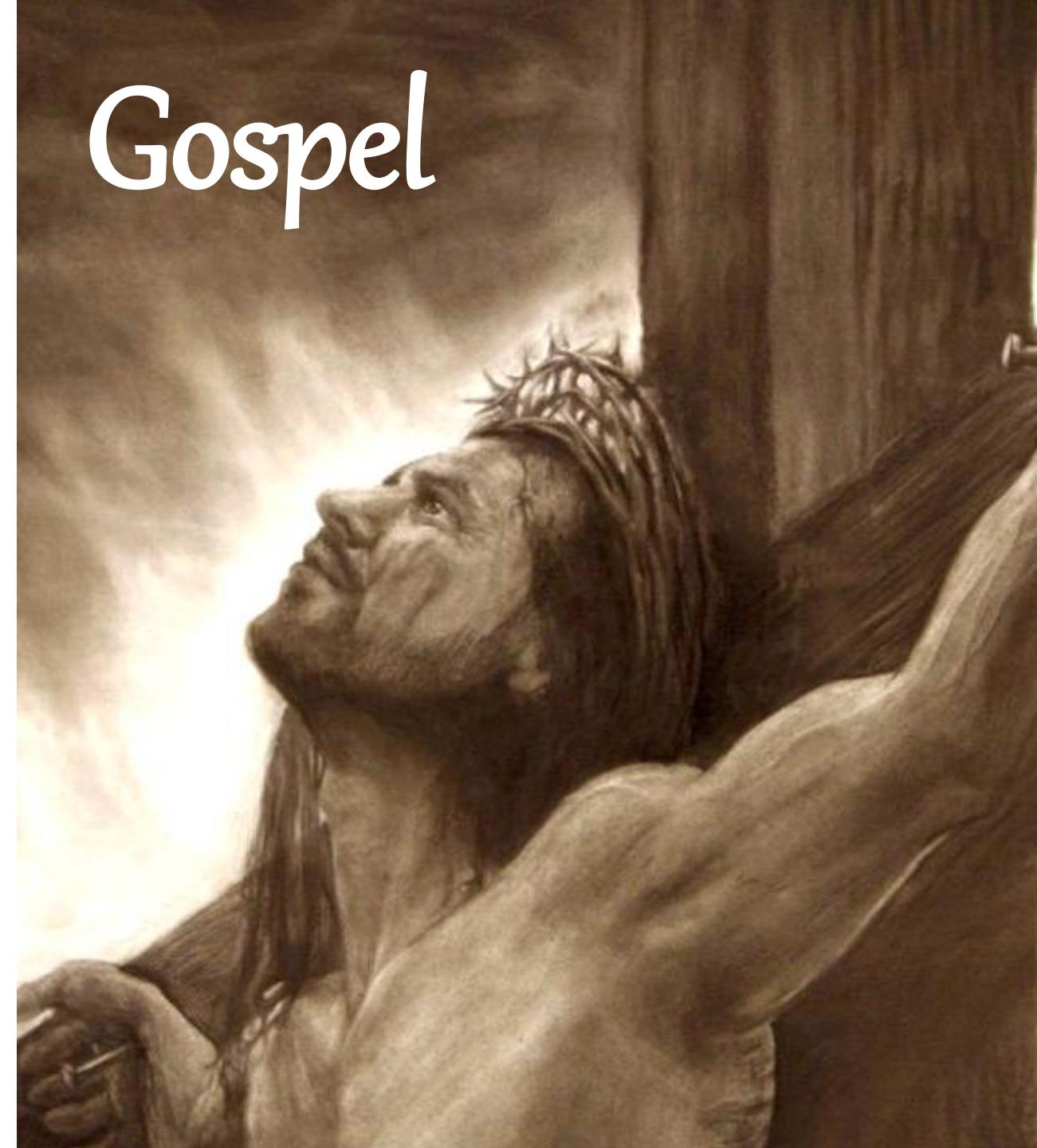


John 1:29 The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

LAW



Gospel



LAW

- God's commands, threats, punishments...
 - All people must acknowledge and repent of their sins
 - We are not to rely on our own merits for salvation
 - God wants sinners baptized
 - The eternal fires of hell await all who refuse to repent and trust in Jesus

Gospel

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
 - In baptism God forgives our sins
 - God's Word is our sure weapon against Satan's temptations
 - Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to take away our sins

Assignment for Next Time...

Read

- John 1:35-2:11, 3:1-21; Luke 4:14-44 (The Early Ministry of Jesus)
- Complete Reading Reflection Guide

Memory Work:

- Romans 10:17
- John 3:16
- New Testament Books (all)

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