

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***WHEN JESUS DIED / FRIENDS BURY HIM***

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**MATTHEW 27:31–66**

Mark 15:16–47; Luke 23:26–55; John 19:16–42

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**Jesus was sentenced to death  
and led away to be crucified.**

**His cross was heavy to carry  
and He was weak.  
The soldiers ordered  
Simon of Cyrene  
to carry the cross to Golgotha  
for Jesus.**



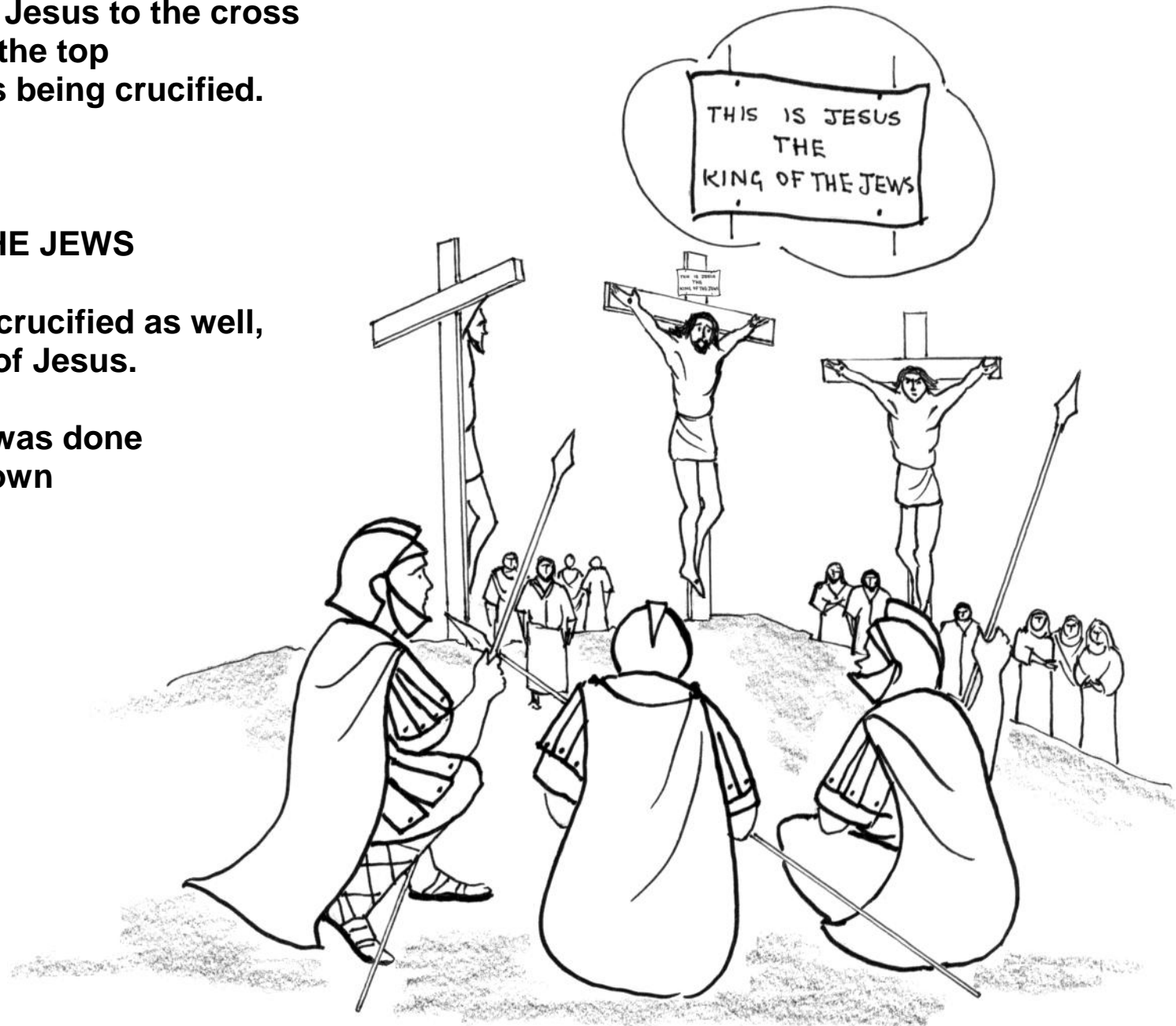
**There, they nailed Jesus to the cross  
and put a sign on the top  
to say why He was being crucified.**

**It read:**

**THIS IS JESUS  
THE KING OF THE JEWS**

**Two thieves were crucified as well,  
one on each side of Jesus.**

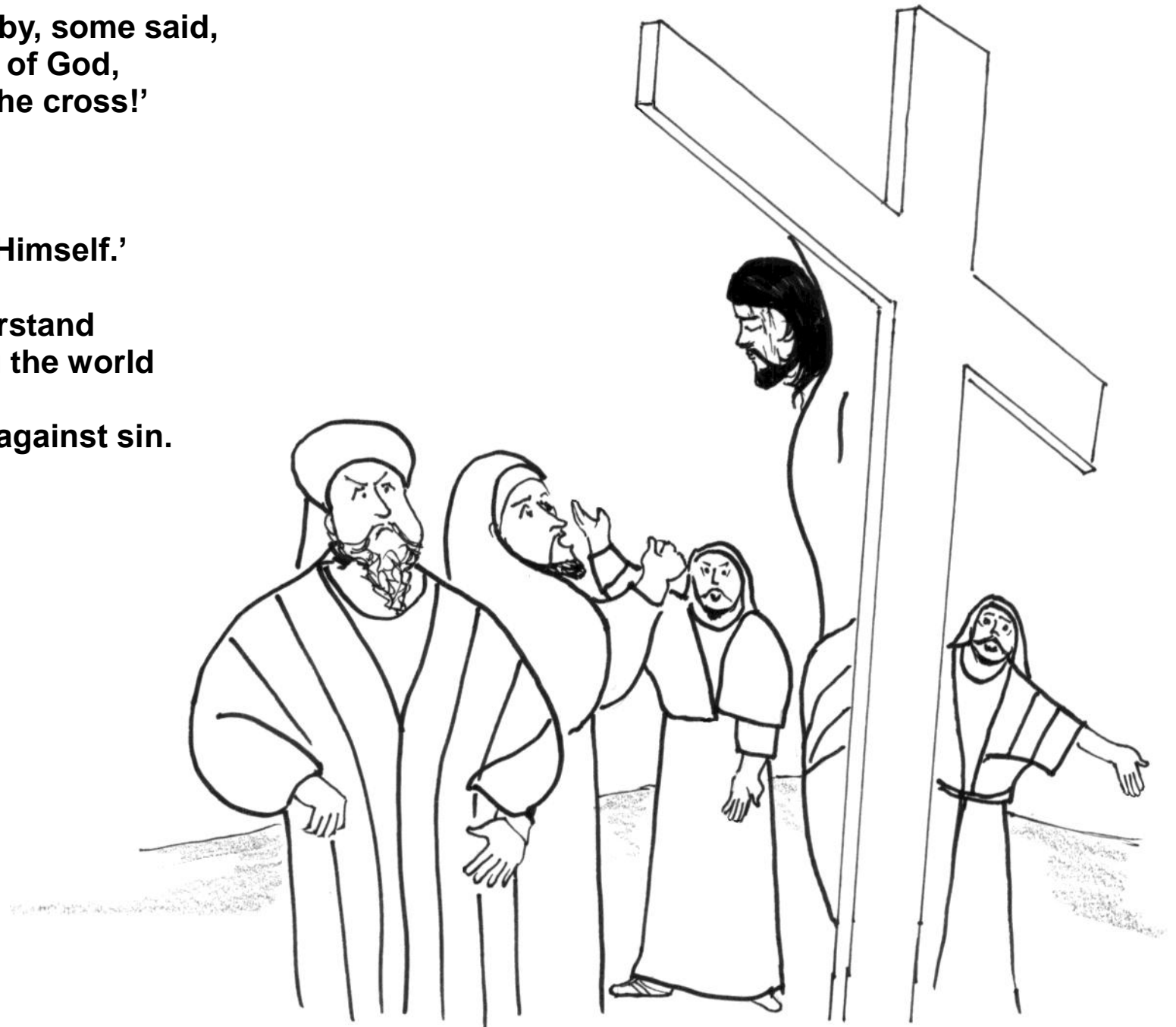
**When everything was done  
the soldiers sat down  
to keep watch.**



**As people walked by, some said,  
'If you are the Son of God,  
come down from the cross!'**

**Others said,  
'He saved others,  
but He can't save Himself.'**

**They did not understand  
that He was giving the world  
a way to be saved  
from God's anger against sin.**



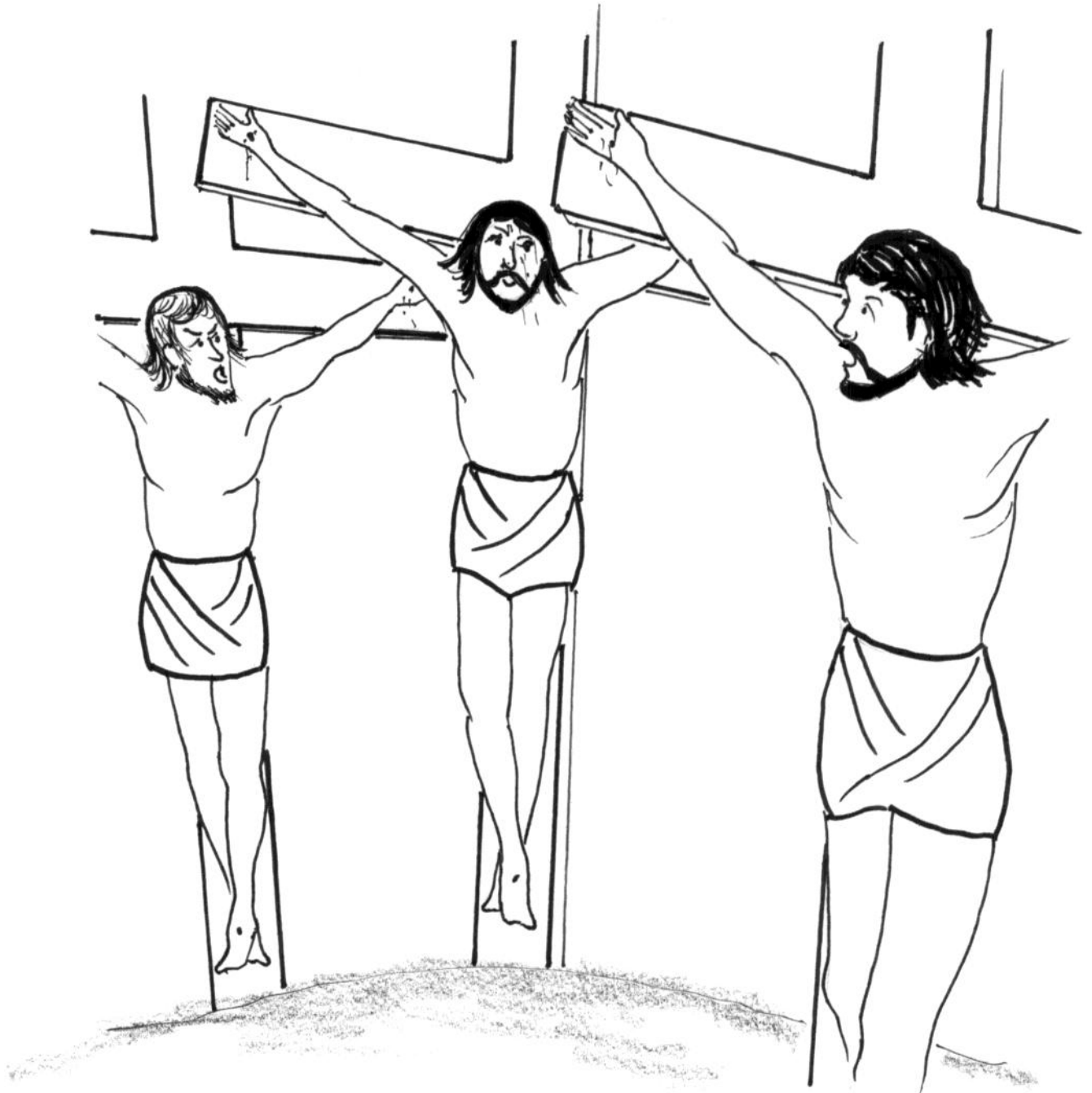
**Before Jesus died He said,  
'Father, forgive them,  
for they do not know  
what they are doing.'**

**One of the thieves  
cursed Jesus.**

**The other one saw  
that Jesus was different  
and had done nothing wrong.**

**He said,  
'Lord remember me  
when You come into  
Your kingdom.'**

**Jesus answered,  
'Today you will be with Me  
in heaven.'**

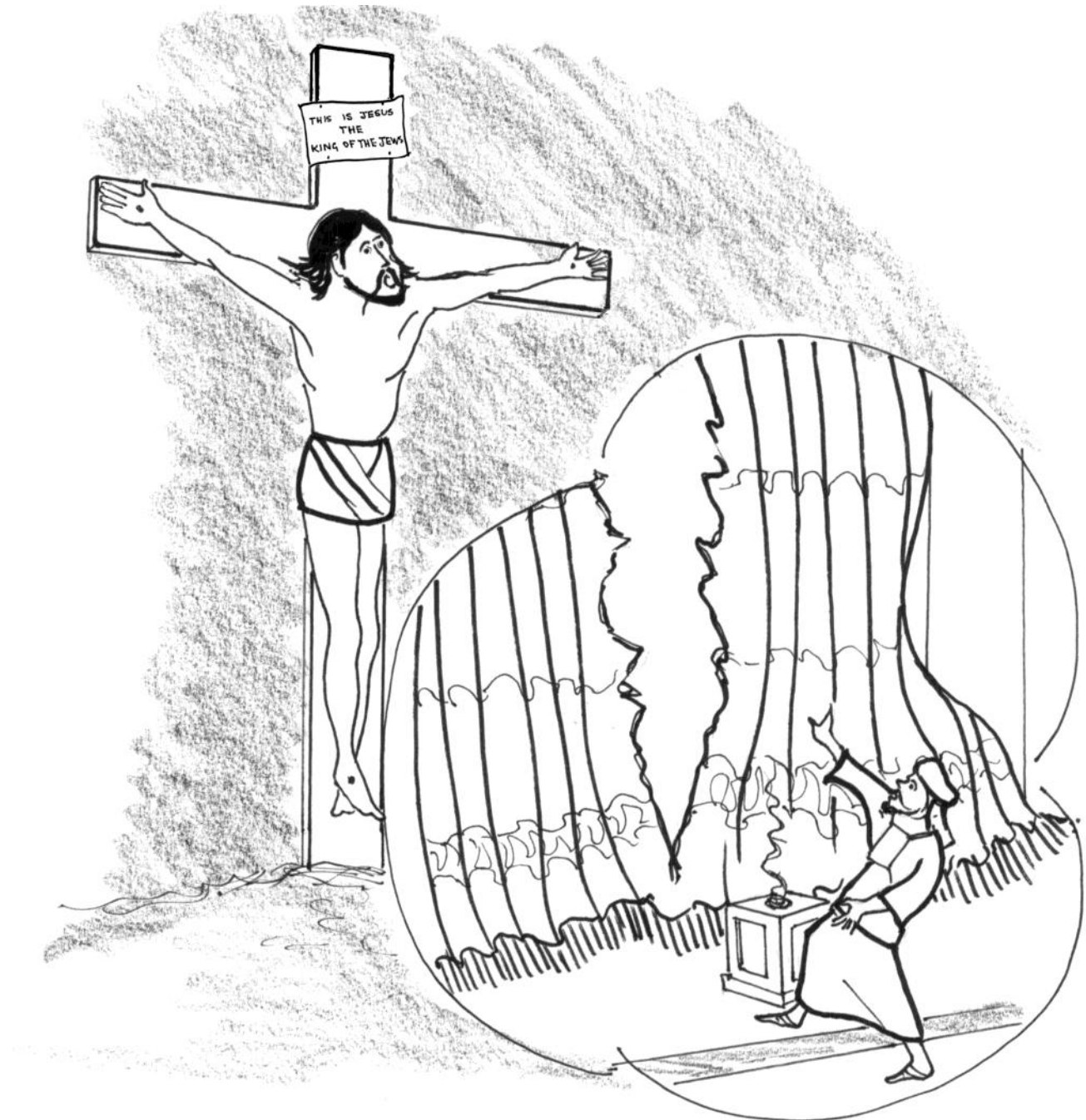


**In the middle of the day  
everything became dark.**

**Later, Jesus cried out,  
'It is finished!  
Father, I give My spirit  
into Your hands.'**

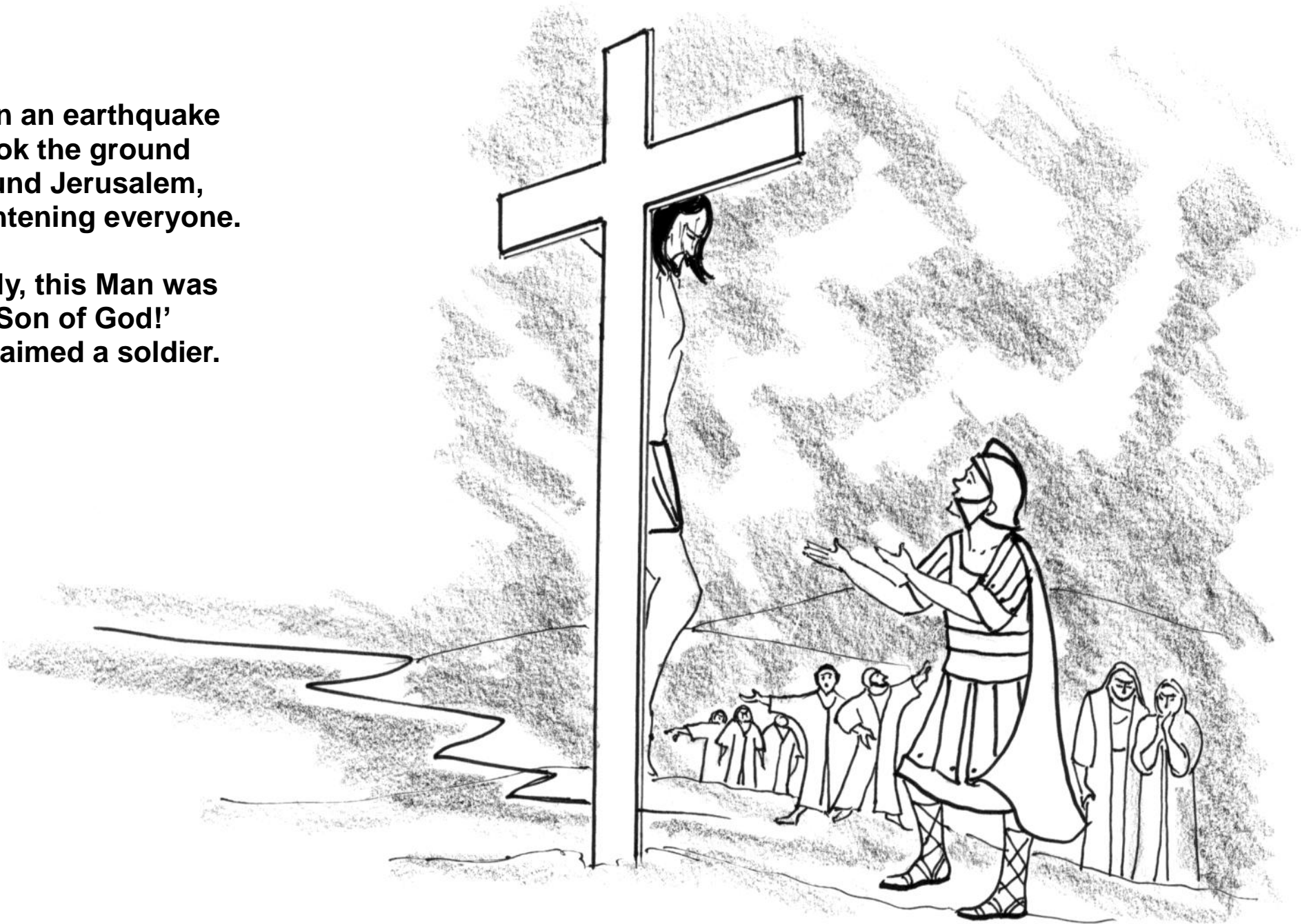
**Jesus died  
and at the same time  
the big thick curtain  
in the temple,  
the one in front of the  
Most Holy Place,  
tore from top to bottom.**

**This showed that  
Jesus' death on the cross  
gave us the way  
to come straight into  
God's presence to pray.**



**Then an earthquake  
shook the ground  
around Jerusalem,  
frightening everyone.**

**‘Truly, this Man was  
the Son of God!’  
exclaimed a soldier.**



**Sometime later a man called Joseph buried Jesus' body. He wrapped it in new cloths, laid it in the tomb and closed the opening with a big stone.**

**Soldiers stood around guarding the tomb because Jesus had said, 'After three days I will rise again.'**

