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PAUL IS ARRESTED AND PAUL TELLS HIS STORY

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ACTS 21:26 – 22:29

Acts 19:21; 21:17–26

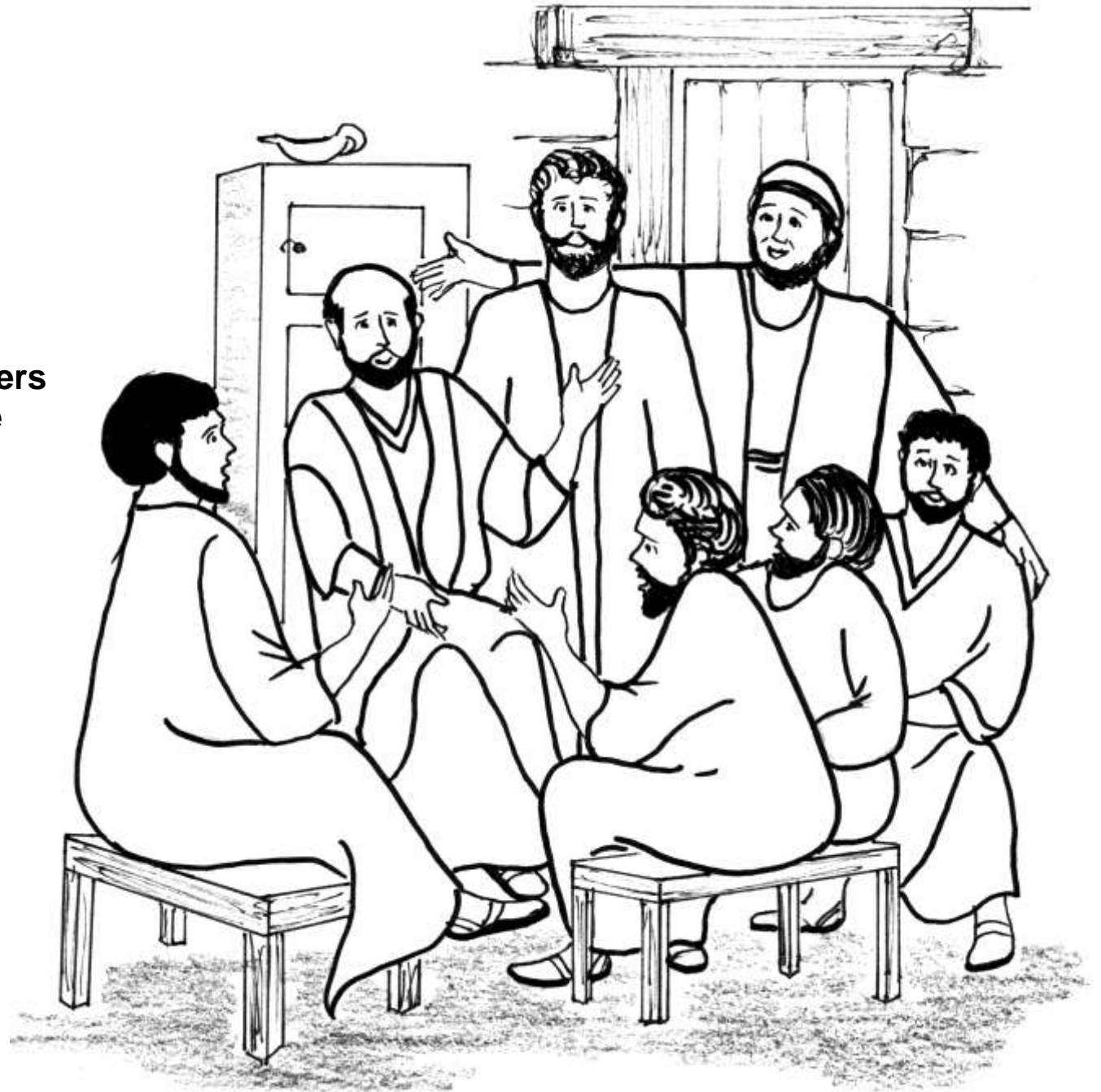
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Paul was now in Jerusalem.

**He told the elders and believers
about the non-Jewish people
who were believing
in Jesus Christ.**

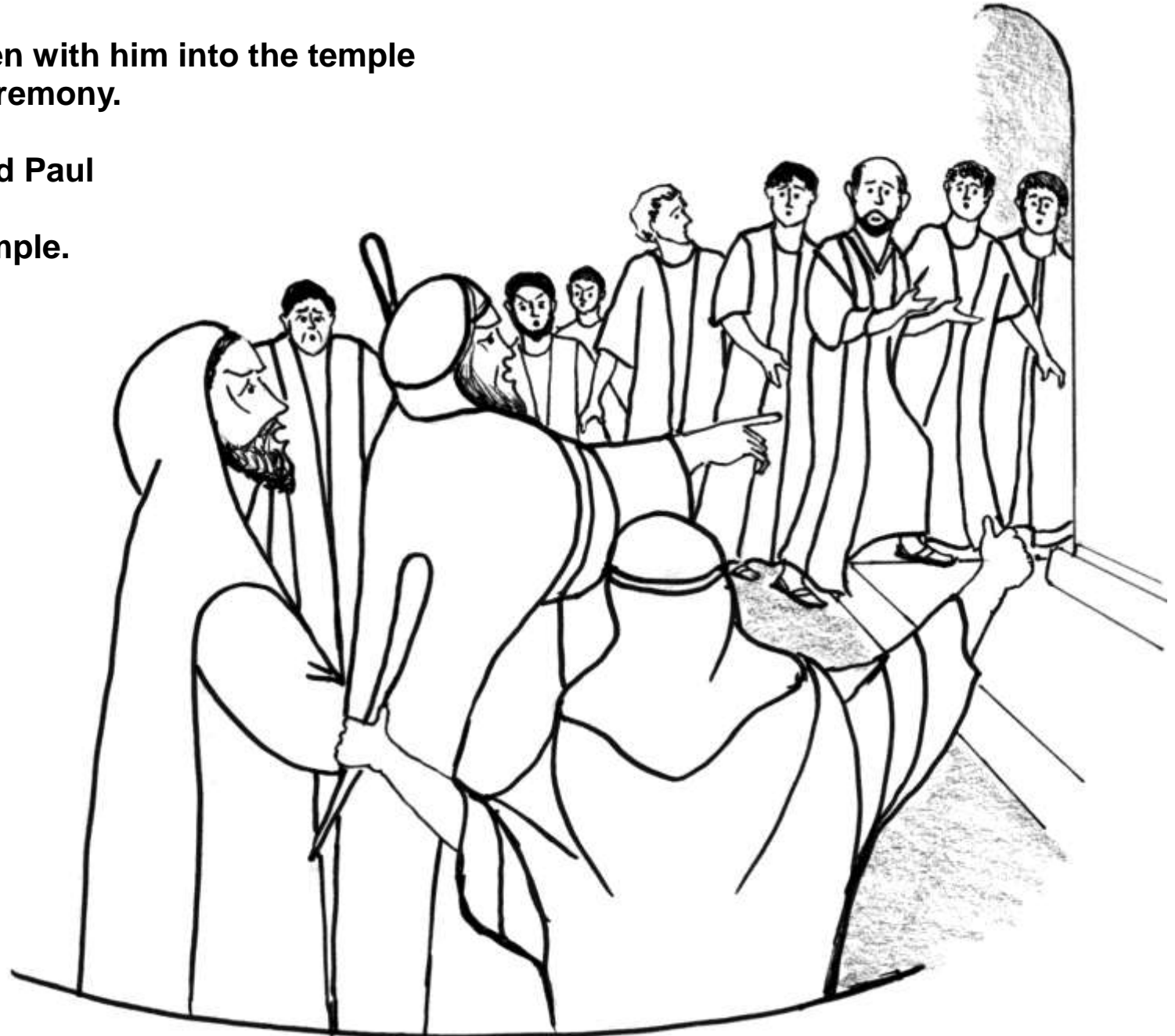
They all thanked the Lord.



Then Paul took four men with him into the temple for a special Jewish ceremony.

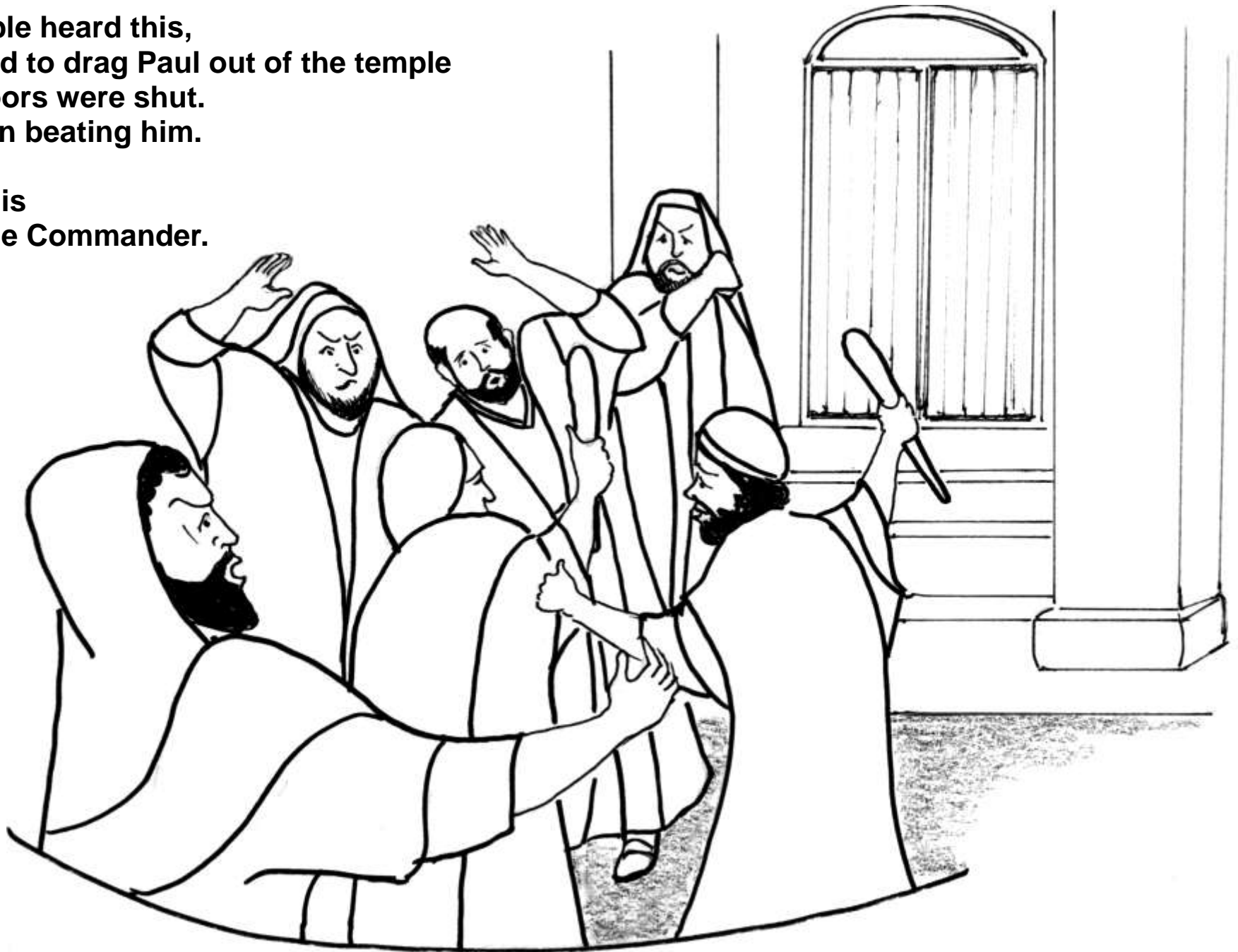
Some people who hated Paul and his teaching, saw him go into the temple.

They grabbed him and shouted, 'This man is teaching against Moses and the temple.'



**Many people heard this,
then helped to drag Paul out of the temple
and the doors were shut.
They began beating him.**

**News of this
reached the Commander.**



When the commander and the soldiers appeared the people stopped beating Paul.

The commander arrested him and put chains on him.

**As Paul was being taken away he asked,
'Can I speak to the people?'**

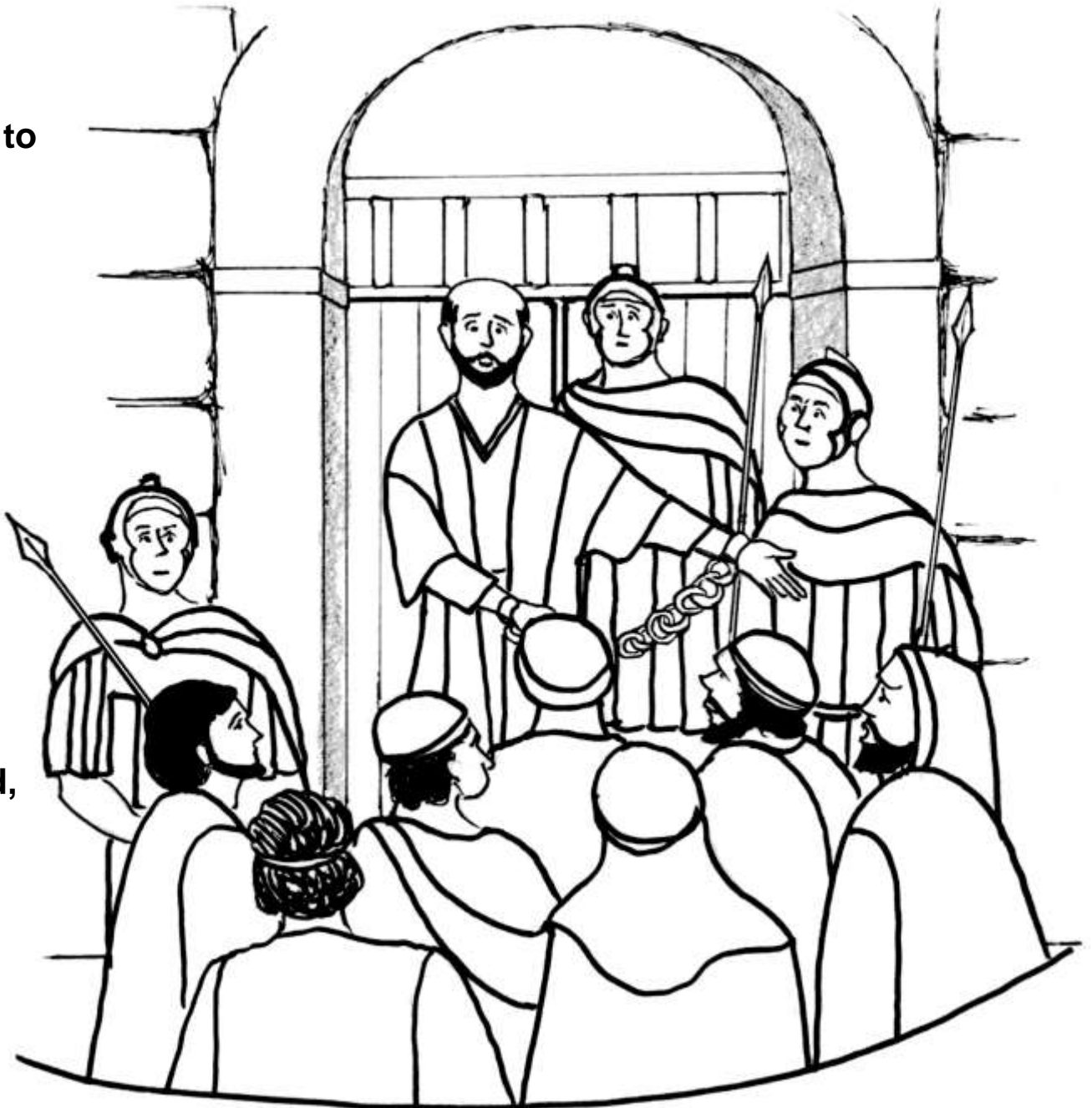
'Yes,' answered the Commander.



**When everyone was quiet
Paul said,
'I am a Jew from Tarsus.
Some time ago, I was going out to
hurt the Christians.
Then on my way to Damascus
God stopped me with a
bright light from heaven
and made me blind.
He told me that I was fighting
against Him.**

**'He sent Ananias
to make me see again.
He told me that God had
chosen me to tell
non-Jewish people about Him.**

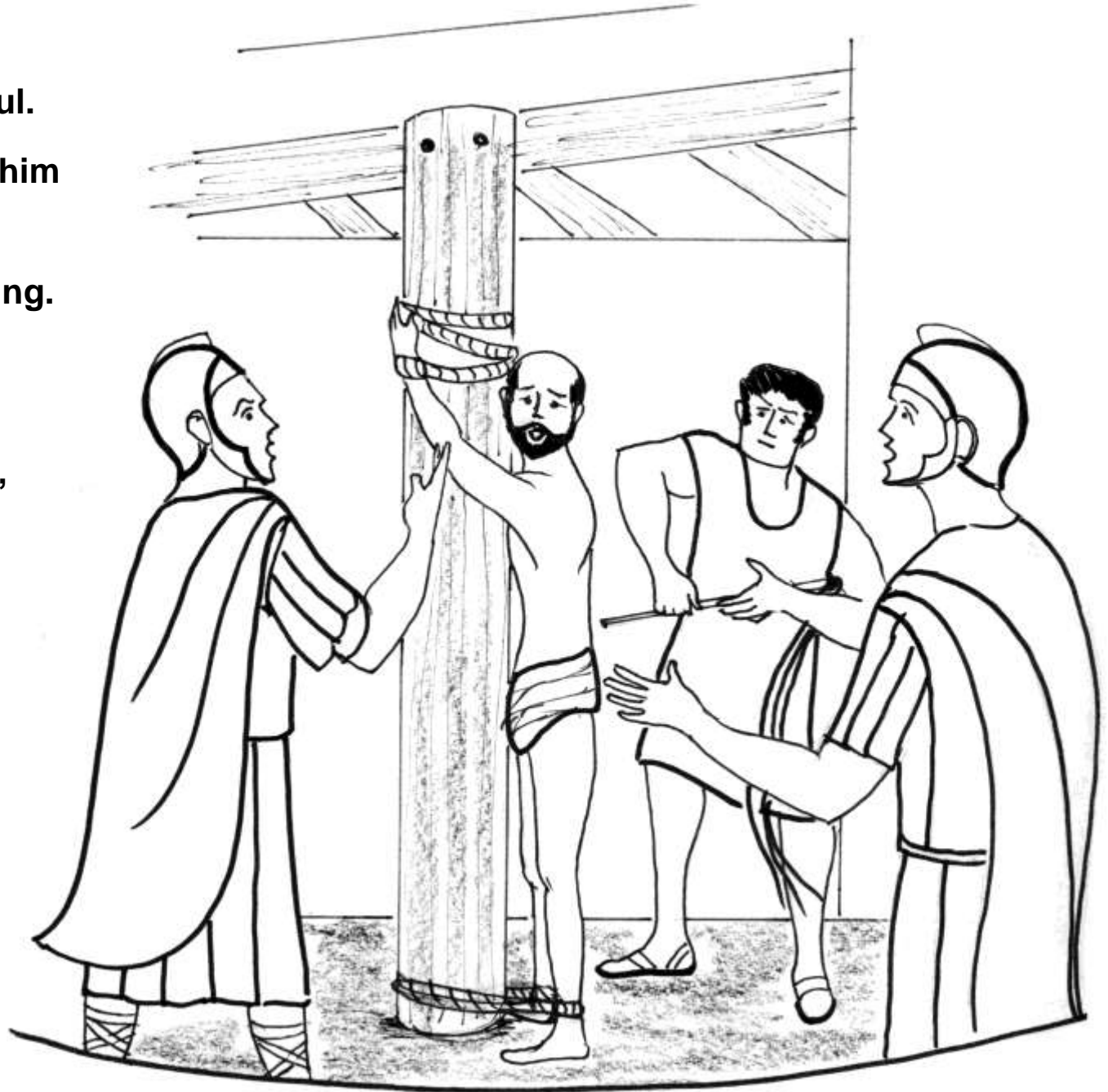
**'Then, when I was in Jerusalem,
God spoke to me again and said,
"Hurry, leave Jerusalem now.
They will not listen to you.
I will send you far away
to the non-Jewish people.
You will tell them about Me."**



**When the crowd heard this
they became so angry
they were ready to attack Paul.**

**So the soldiers quickly took him
into the barracks,
tied him up
and got him ready for a beating.**

**Paul asked the soldiers,
'Are you allowed to do this
to a Roman citizen
before hearing him in court?'**



The soldiers quickly went to the commander and said, 'Be careful. This man is a Roman citizen.'

They untied Paul, but kept him in their care.

Paul knew that God was with him and would give him the opportunity to speak His word.

