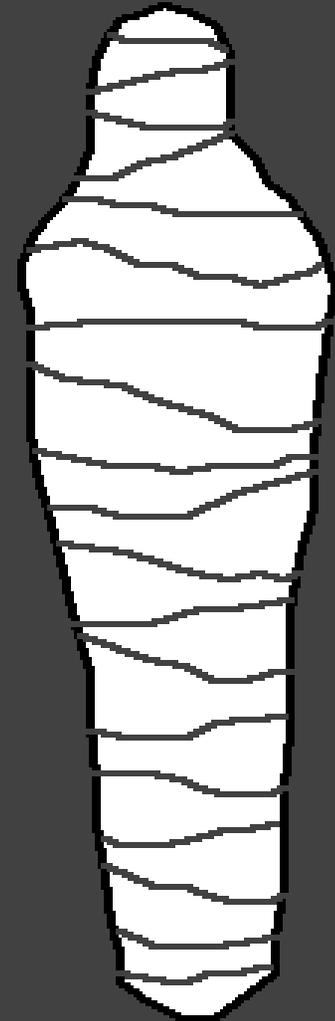


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JESUS  
AND  
LAZARUS



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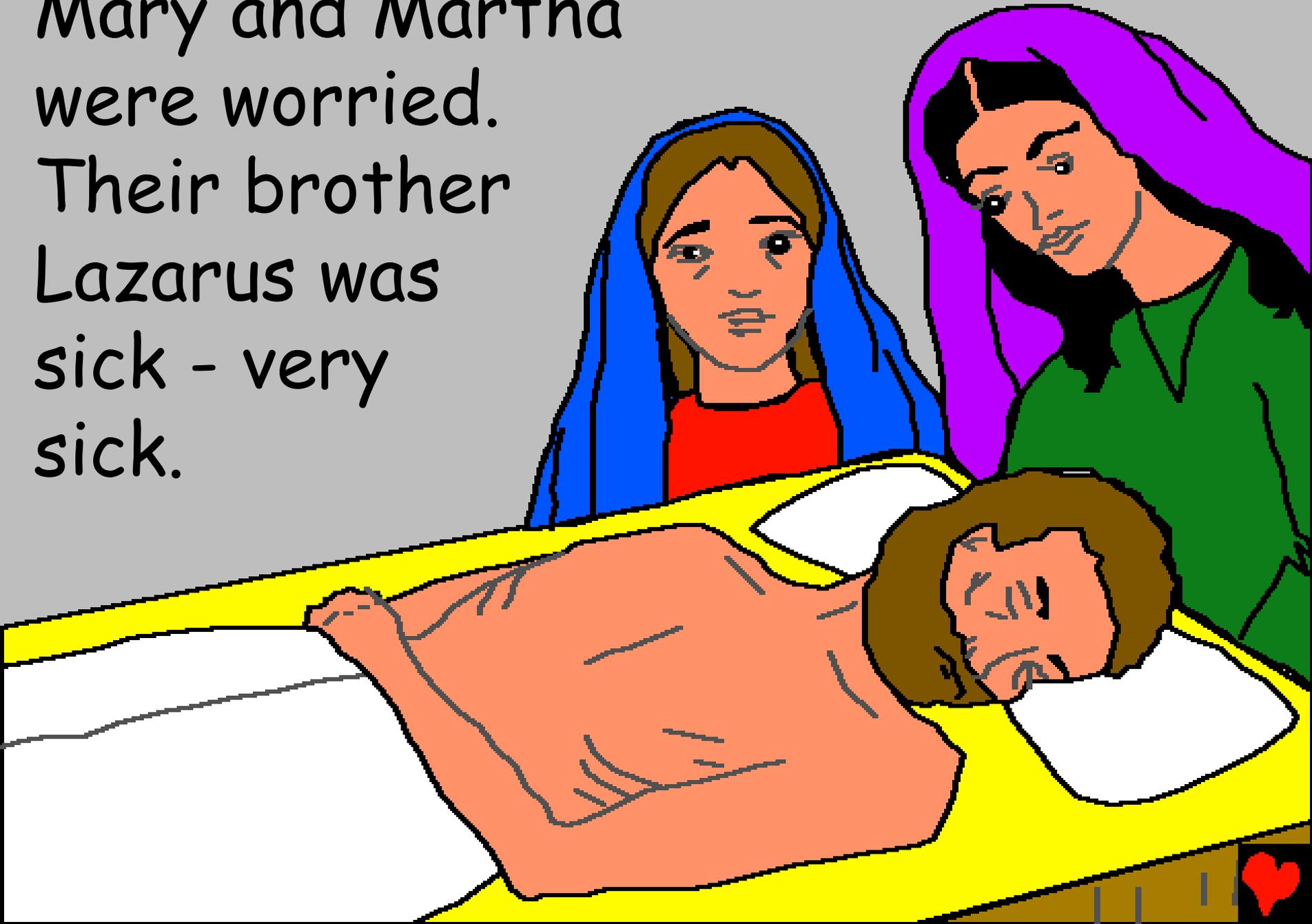
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Mary and Martha  
were worried.  
Their brother  
Lazarus was  
sick - very  
sick.



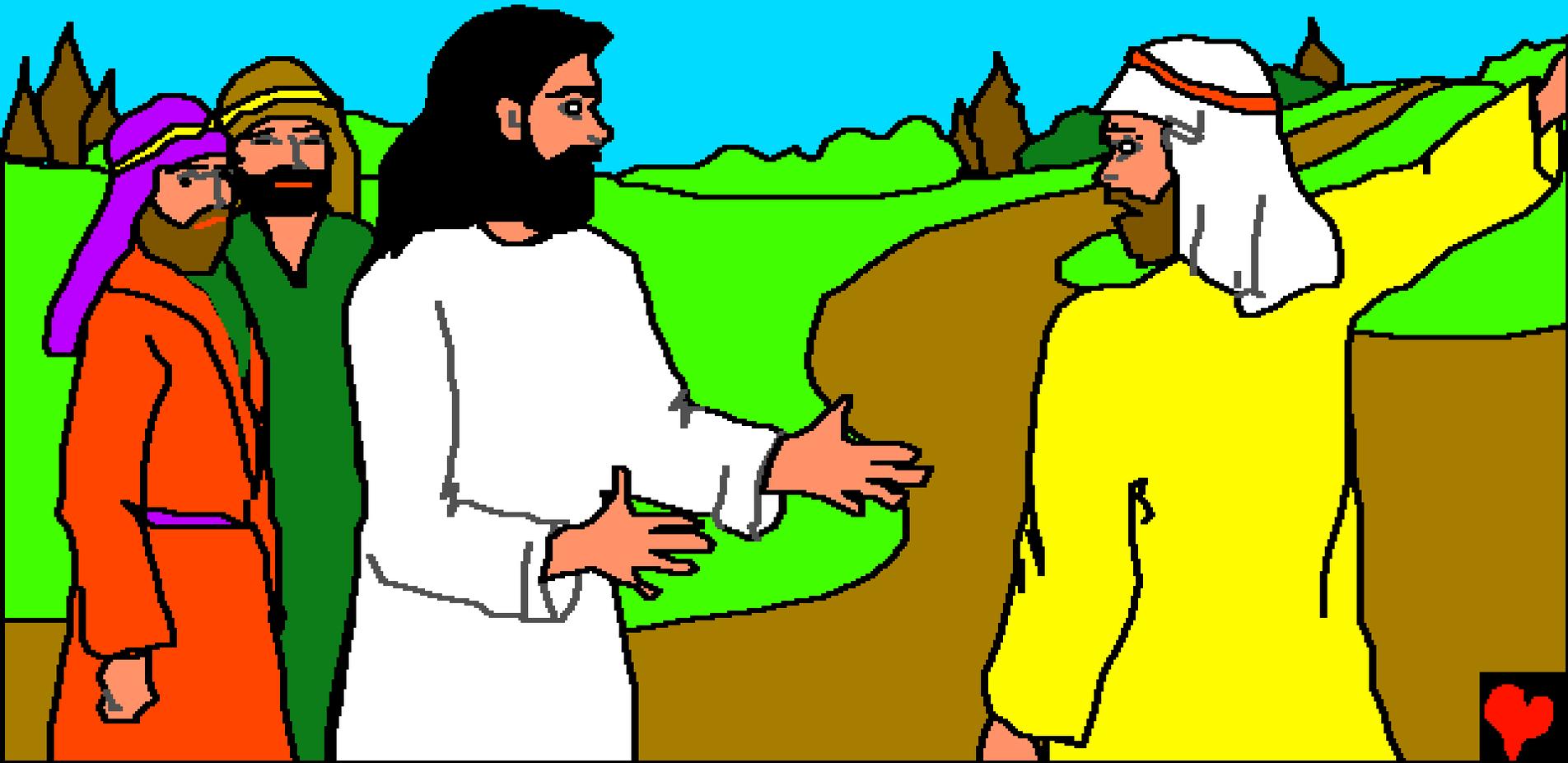
The sisters knew  
Lazarus might  
die soon.



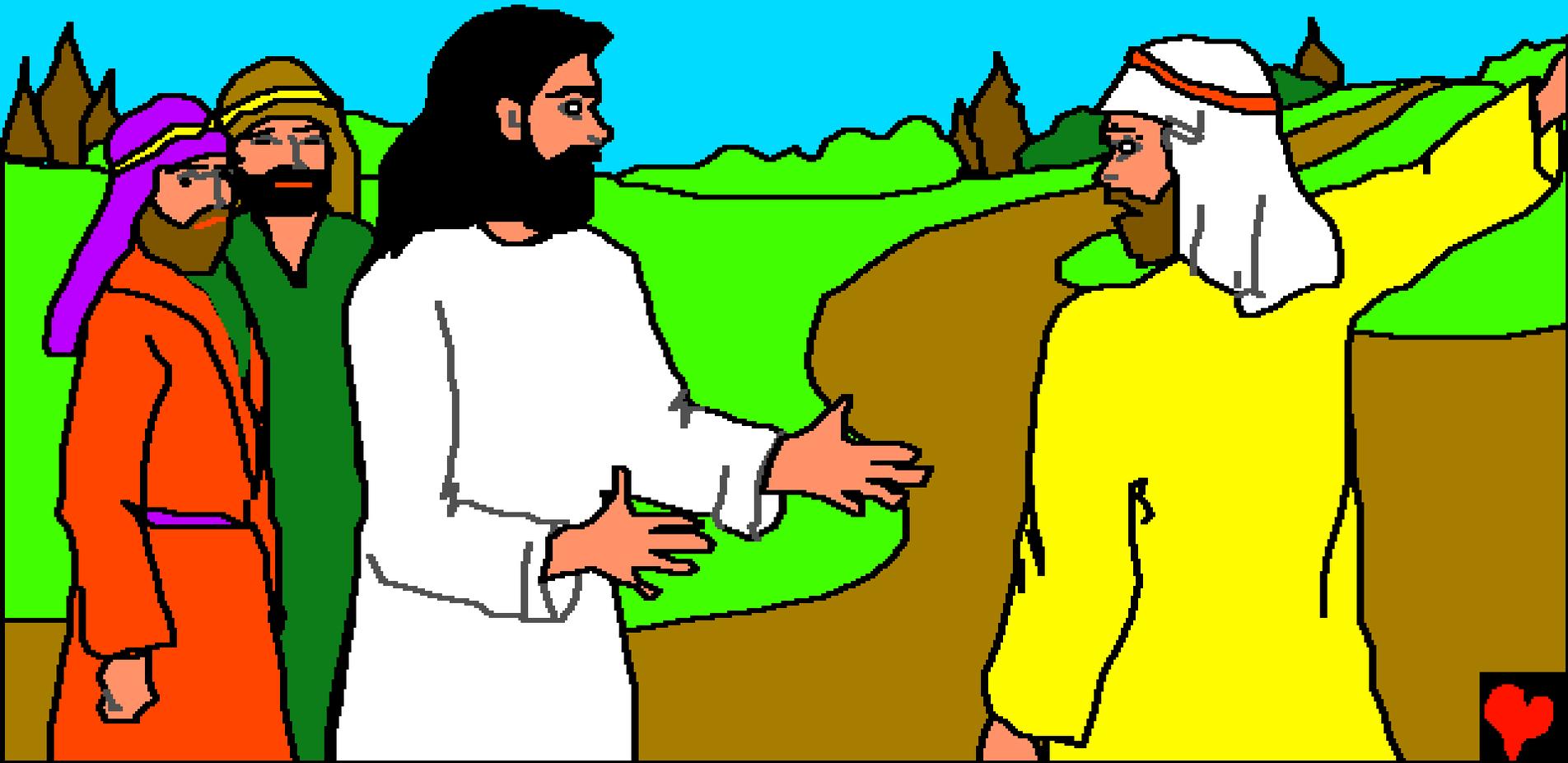
They sent for Jesus.  
He loved this  
little family  
from  
Bethany.



When Jesus heard about Lazarus He told His disciples, "This sickness will not end in death."



Although Jesus was many miles away, He knew exactly what was going to happen to Lazarus.



Jesus waited two days before leaving for Bethany. Then He said something which puzzled His disciples.

"Lazarus is dead."



I'm glad I was not there so you may believe." What did these strange words mean? What was Jesus planning to do?

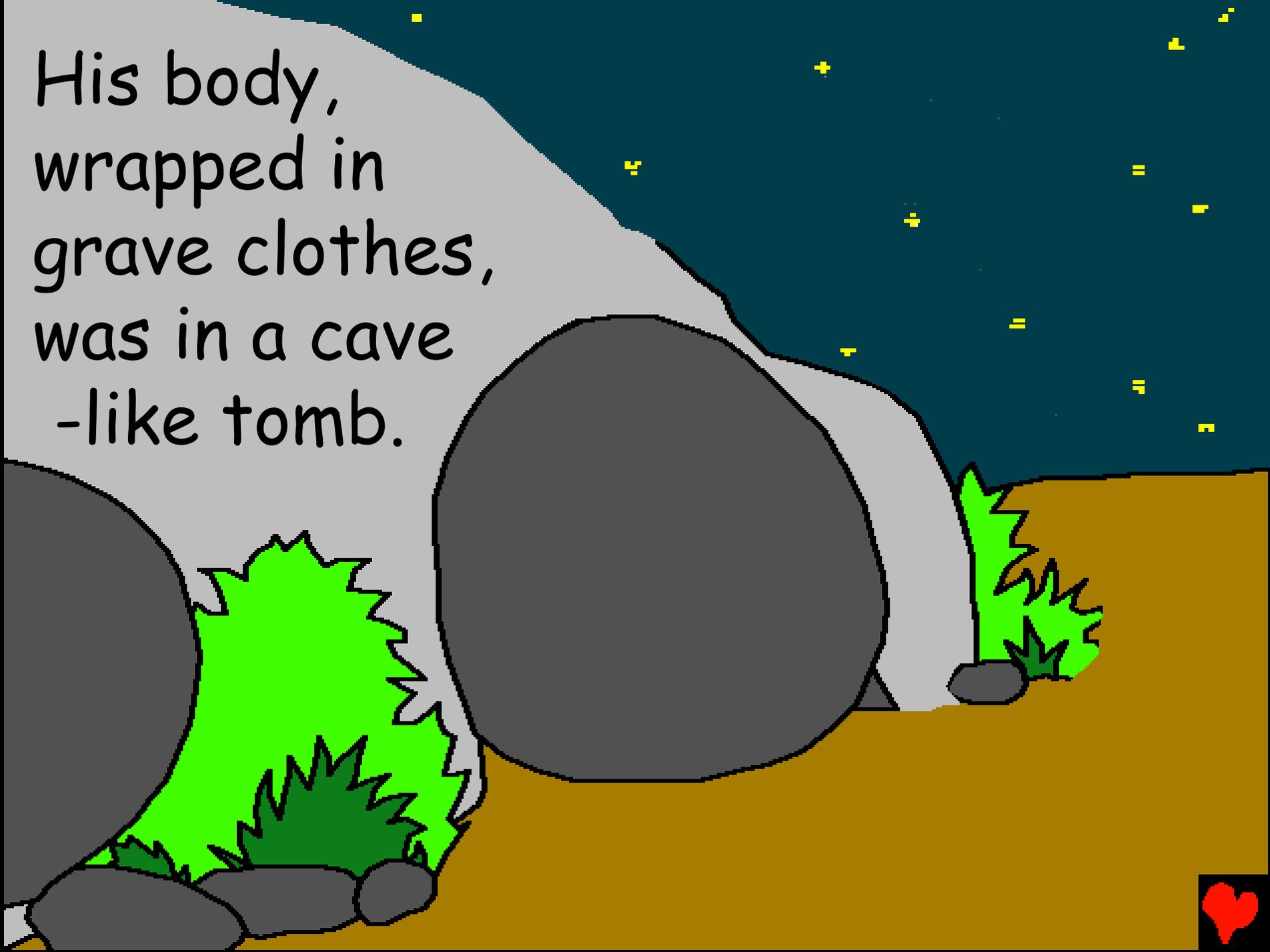


When  
Jesus arrived  
at Bethany,  
Lazarus had  
been dead

for four  
days.



His body,  
wrapped in  
grave clothes,  
was in a cave  
-like tomb.



Martha went to meet Jesus. "Your brother will rise again," Jesus said. "I know - in the resurrection at ...

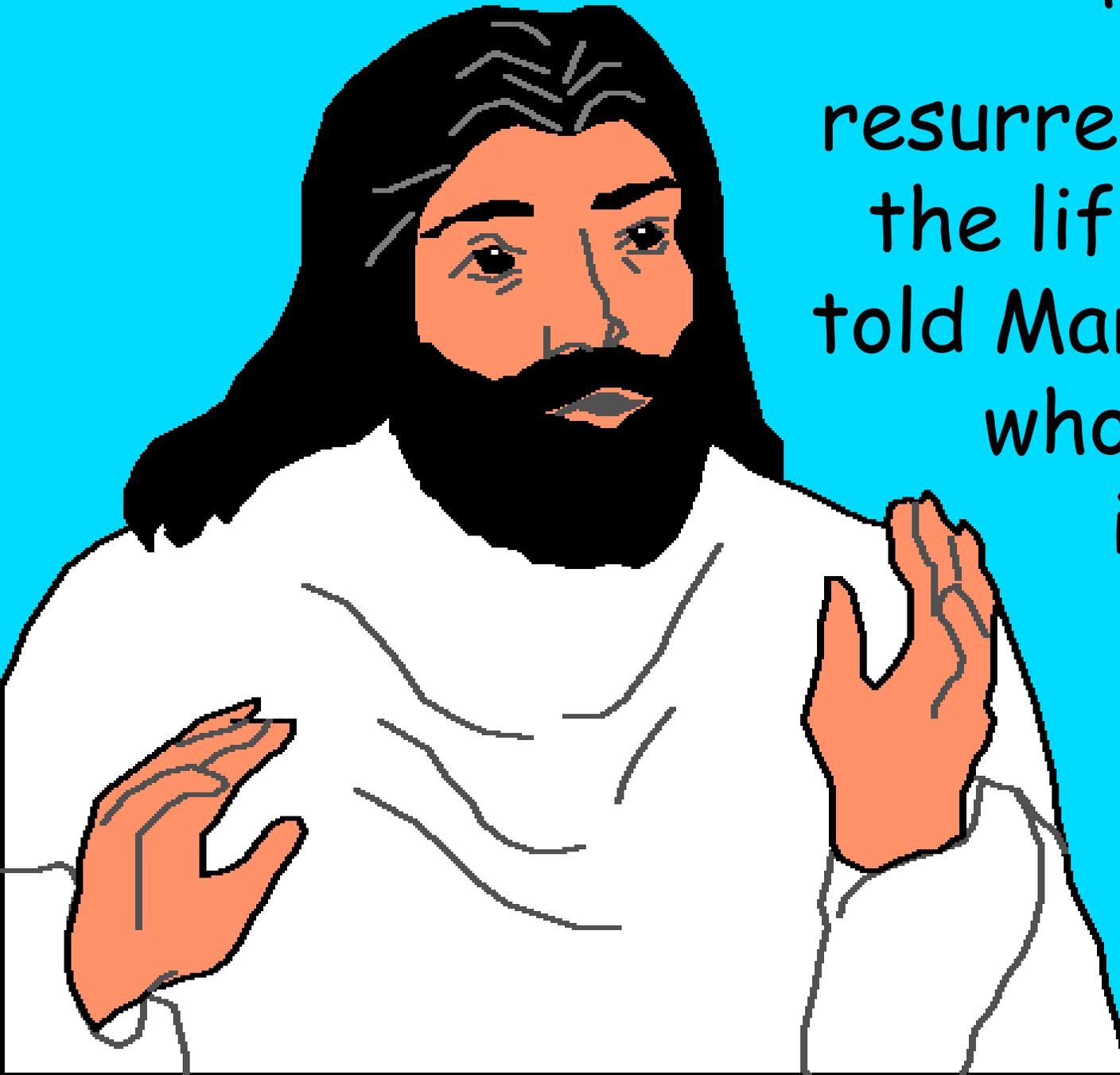


... the last day," Martha replied. She thought she had to wait until the end of time to see Lazarus again.



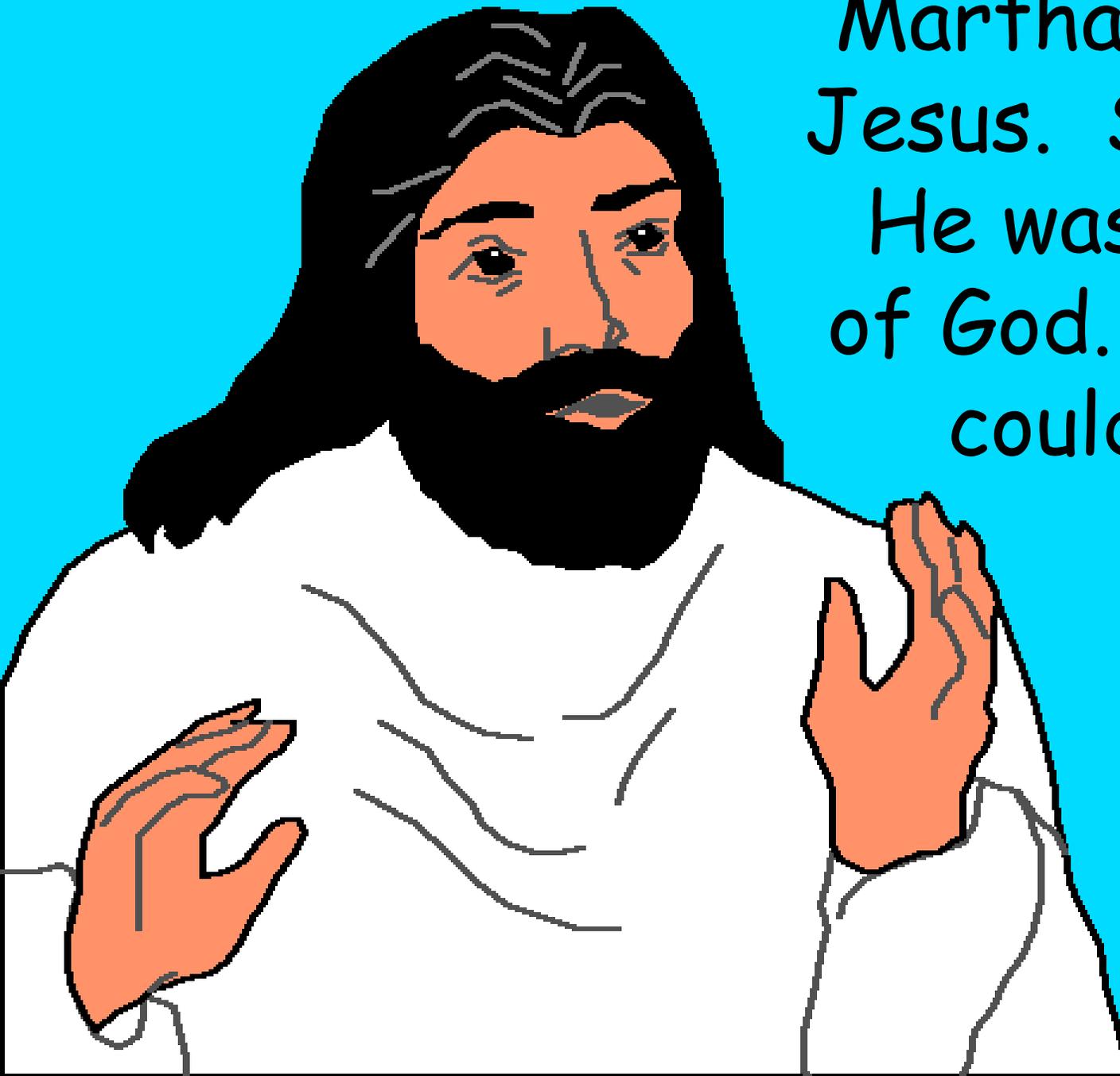
But Jesus meant something different.





"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus told Martha. "He who believes in Me will live even though he dies."

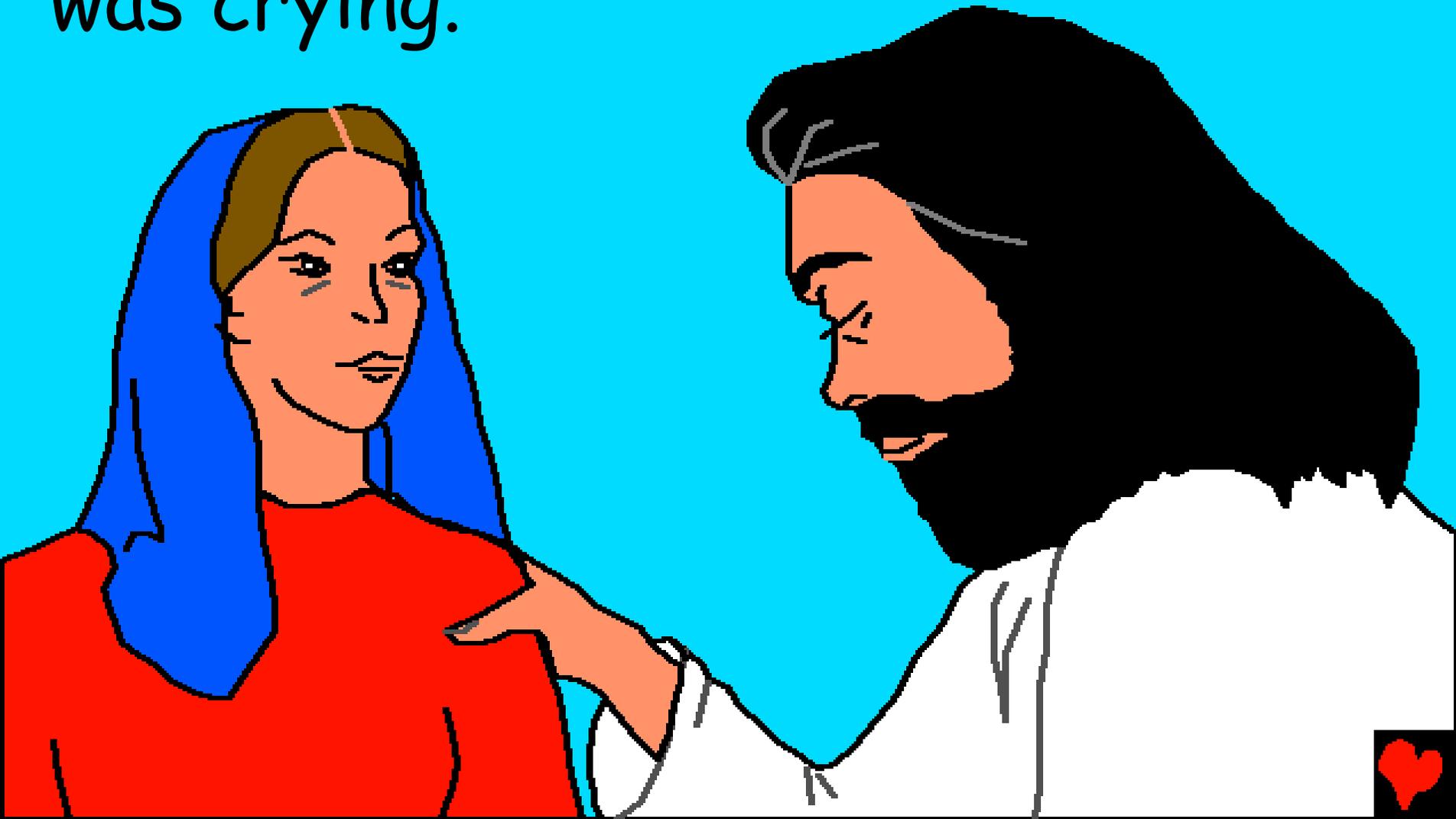




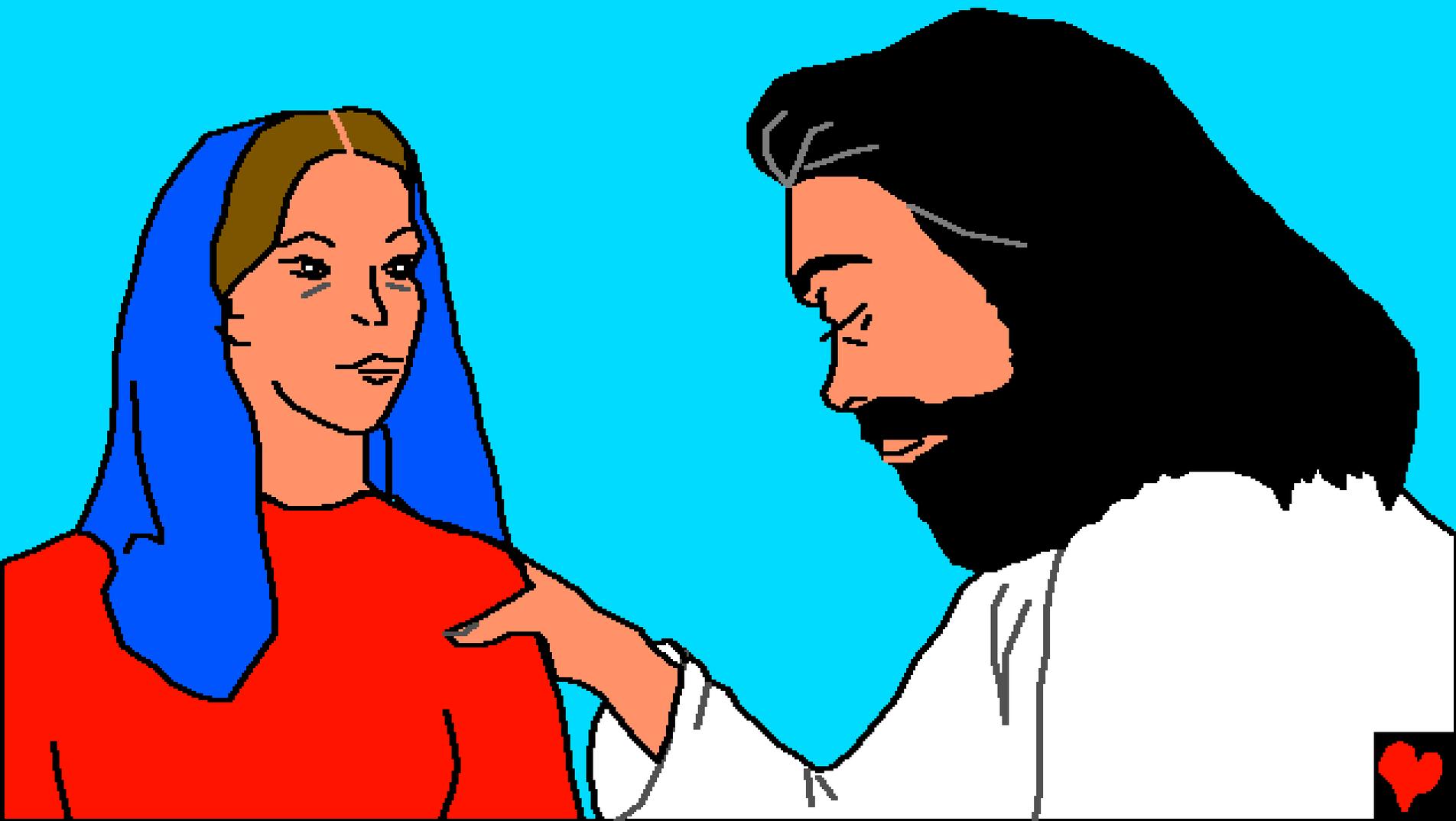
Martha believed  
Jesus. She knew  
He was the Son  
of God. But how  
could He help  
Lazarus?



Everybody was sad because Lazarus had died. His sister Mary was crying.



So were her friends who tried to comfort her. Jesus cried too.



Jesus went with  
the people to  
the tomb.

A large  
stone lay  
across the  
doorway.



"Take away the stone," Jesus commanded.



"Lord," Martha answered, "by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

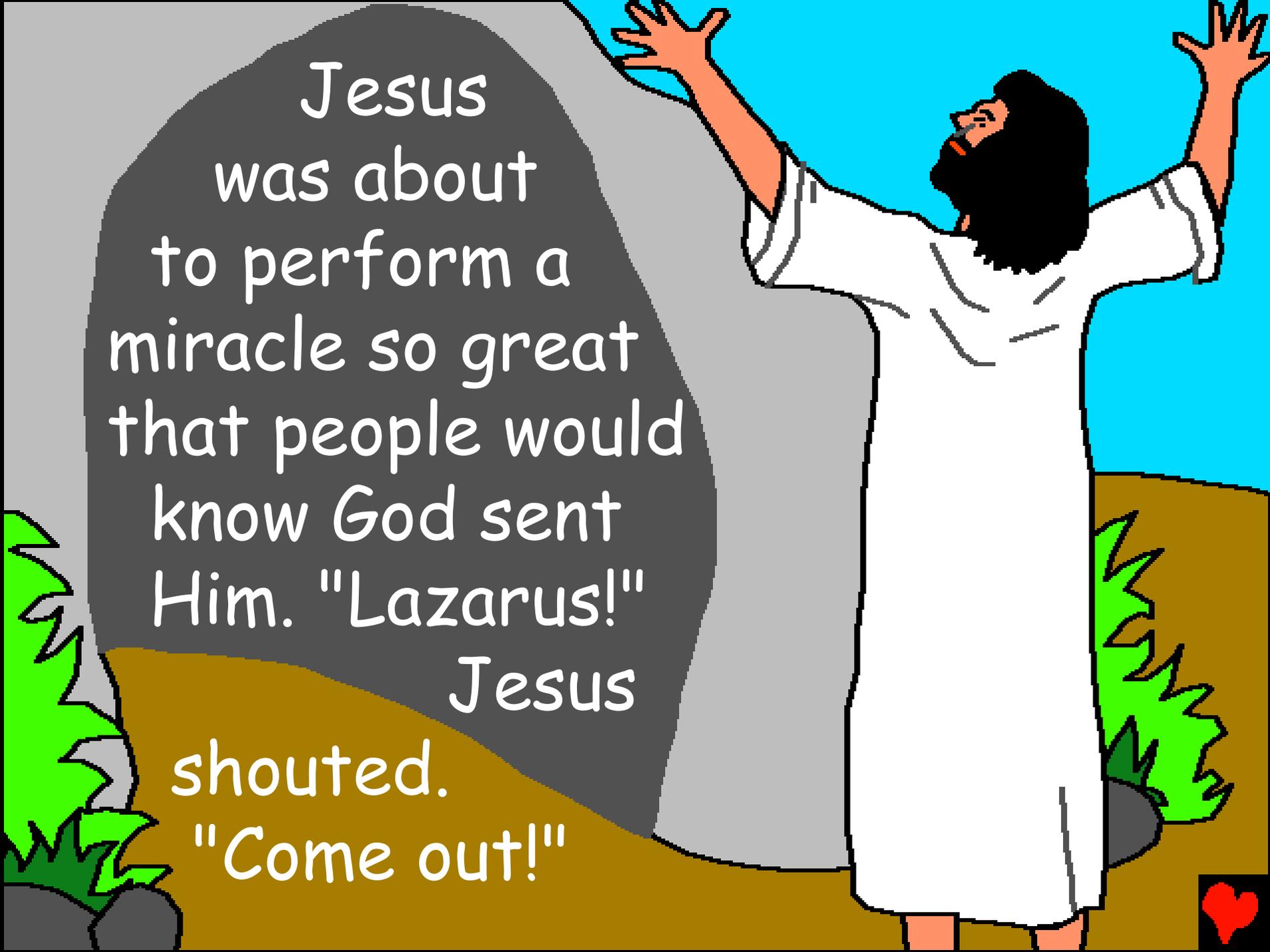




At Jesus'  
command the  
men took away  
the stone.

Then Jesus  
prayed to  
His

heavenly  
Father.

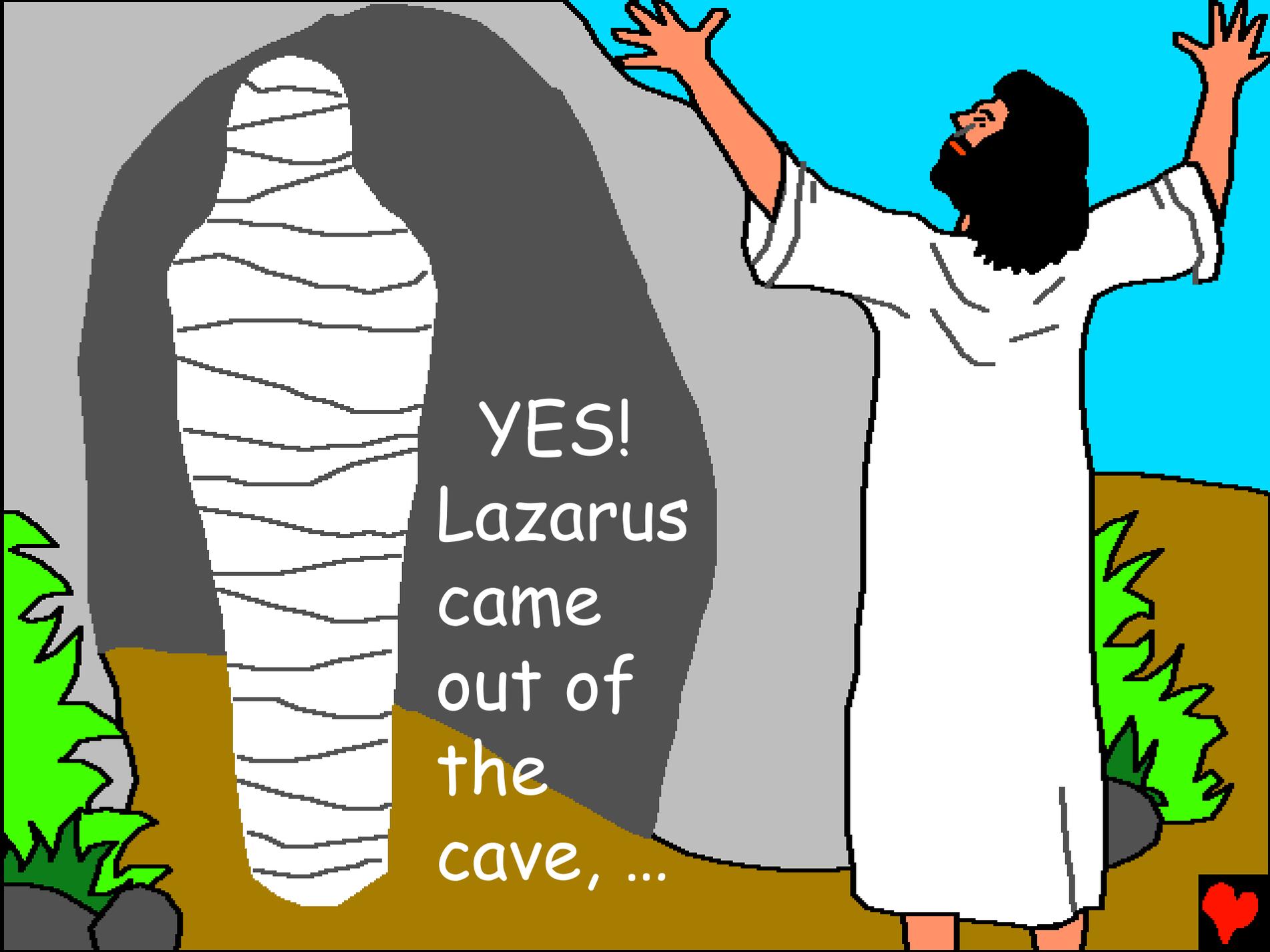


Jesus  
was about  
to perform a  
miracle so great  
that people would  
know God sent  
Him. "Lazarus!"

Jesus  
shouted.  
"Come out!"

The  
people must  
have stared  
at the cave  
in amazement.  
Could Jesus make  
a dead man  
live?





YES!  
Lazarus  
came  
out of  
the  
cave, ...





... all  
wrapped  
up in  
grave  
clothes

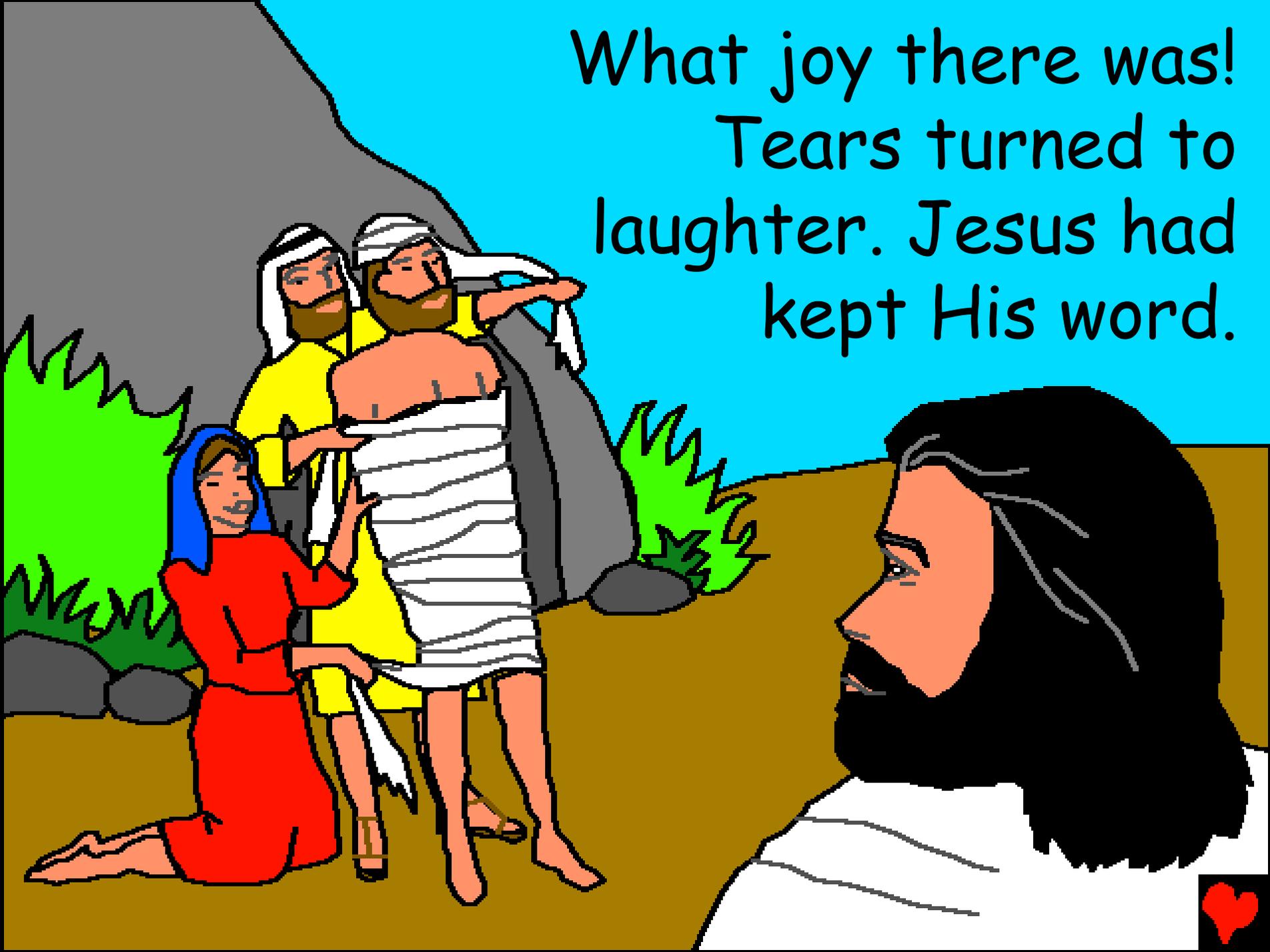
- ALIVE!



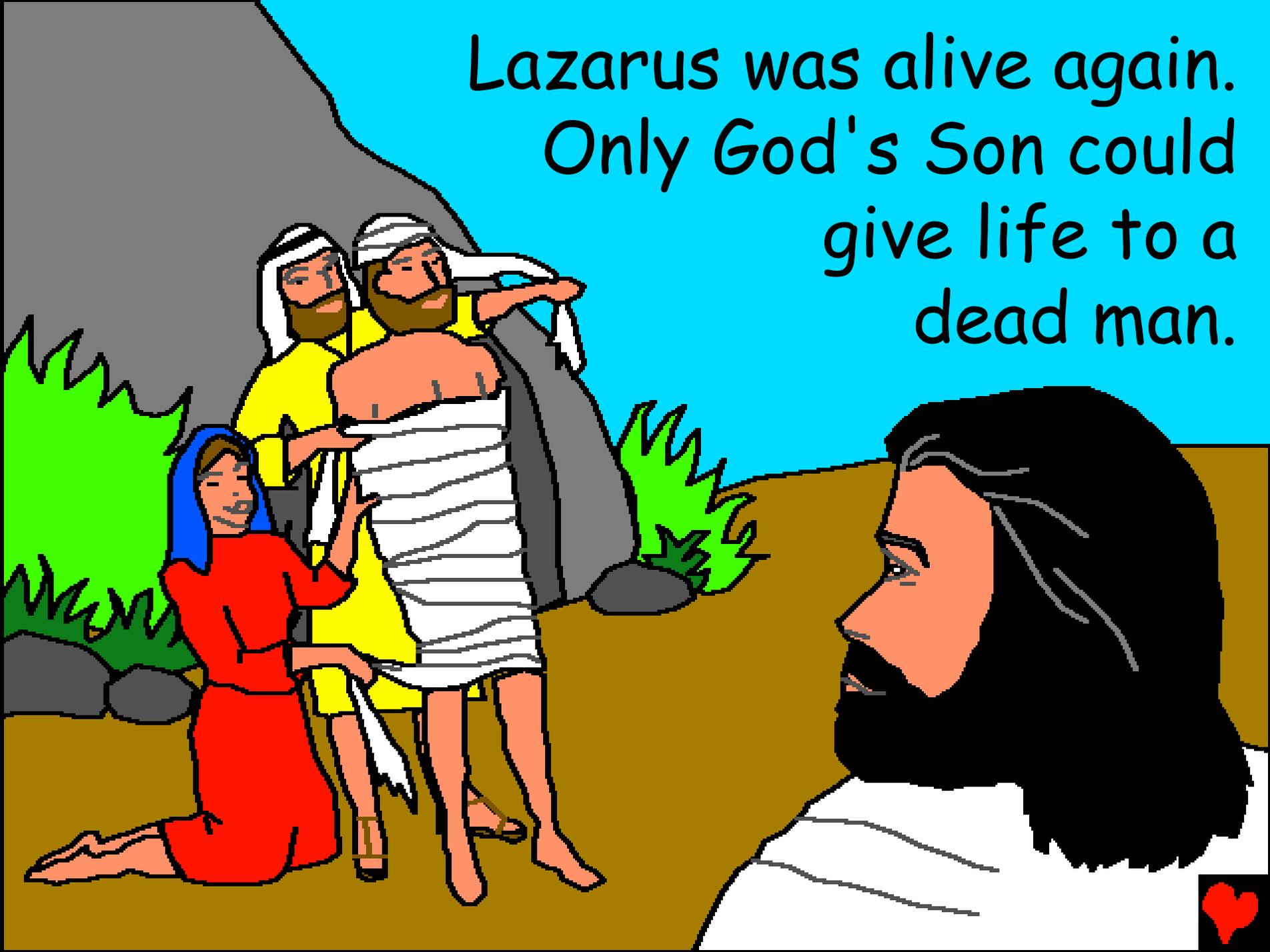
"Loose him," Jesus said. "Let him go."



What joy there was!  
Tears turned to  
laughter. Jesus had  
kept His word.



Lazarus was alive again.  
Only God's Son could  
give life to a  
dead man.



Many people who saw this miracle believed in Jesus. But some others reported Him to His enemies - the temple leaders.



Jealously they plotted to kill Jesus.  
When Jesus knew this He went  
away for awhile.



# Jesus and Lazarus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

John 11

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

