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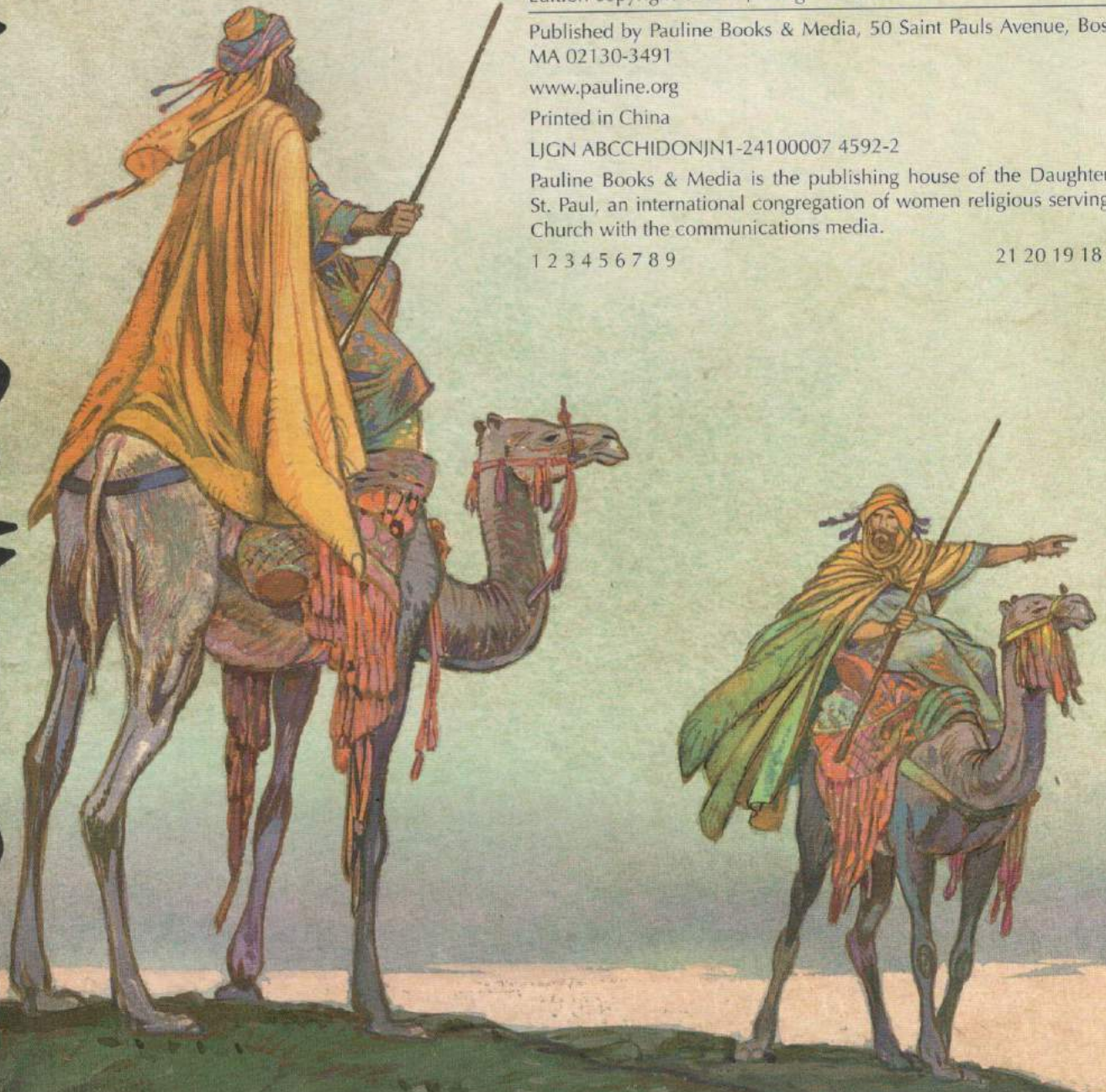
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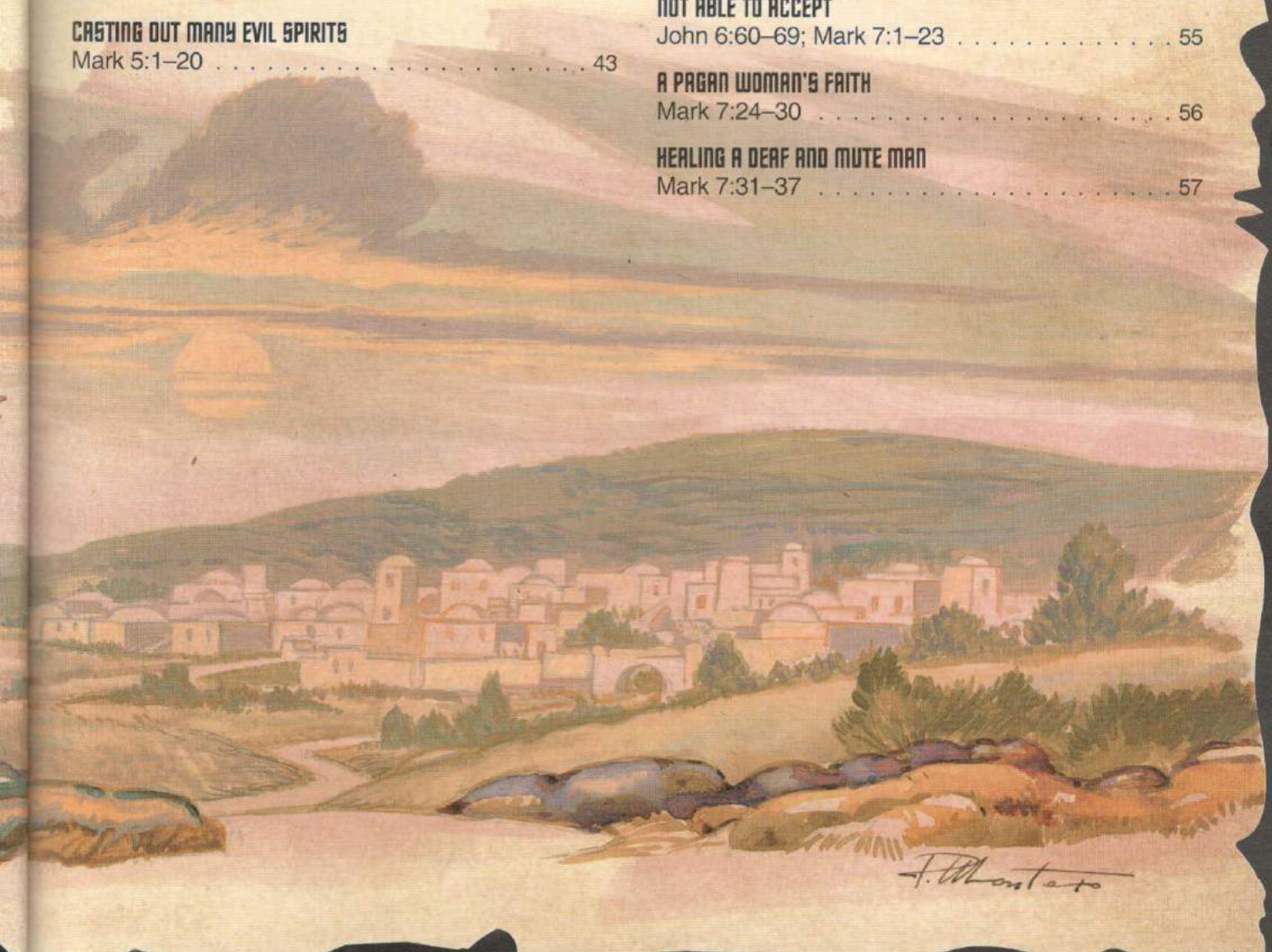
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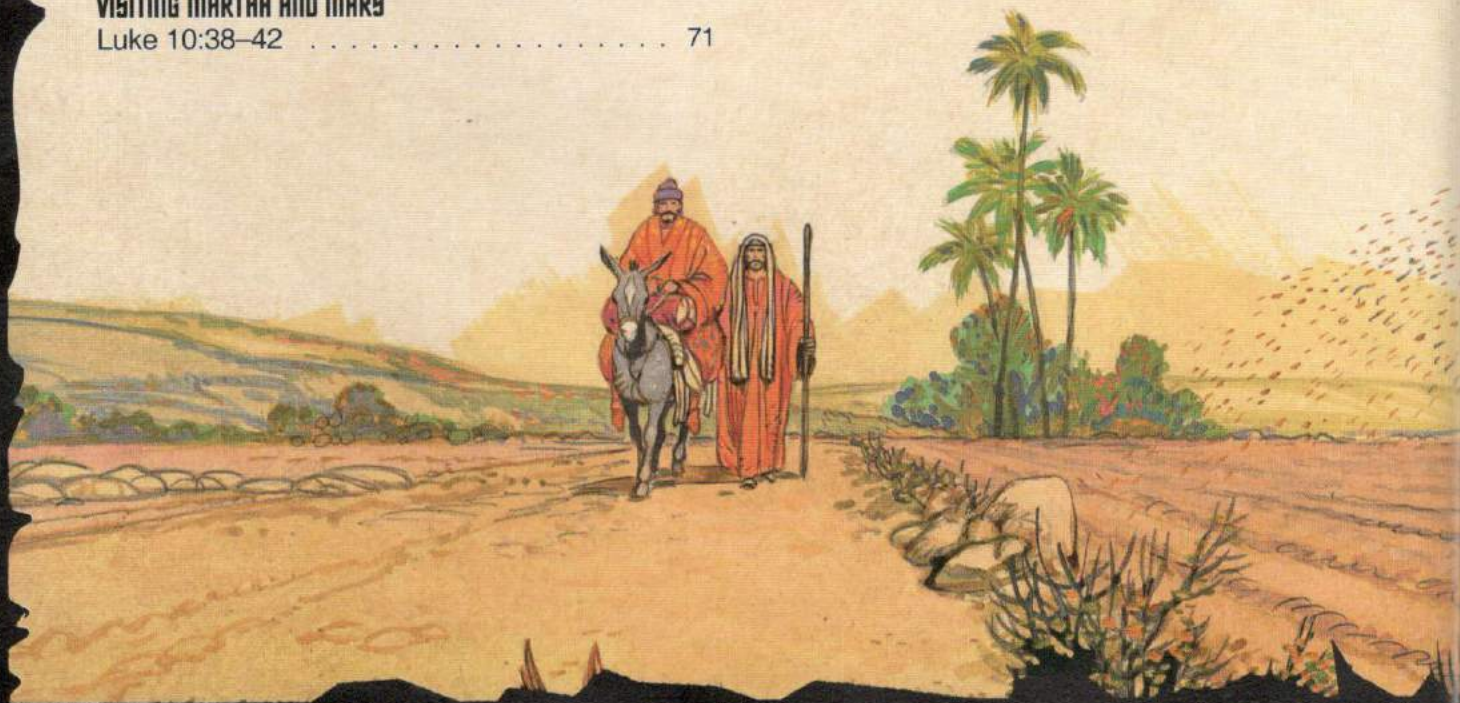
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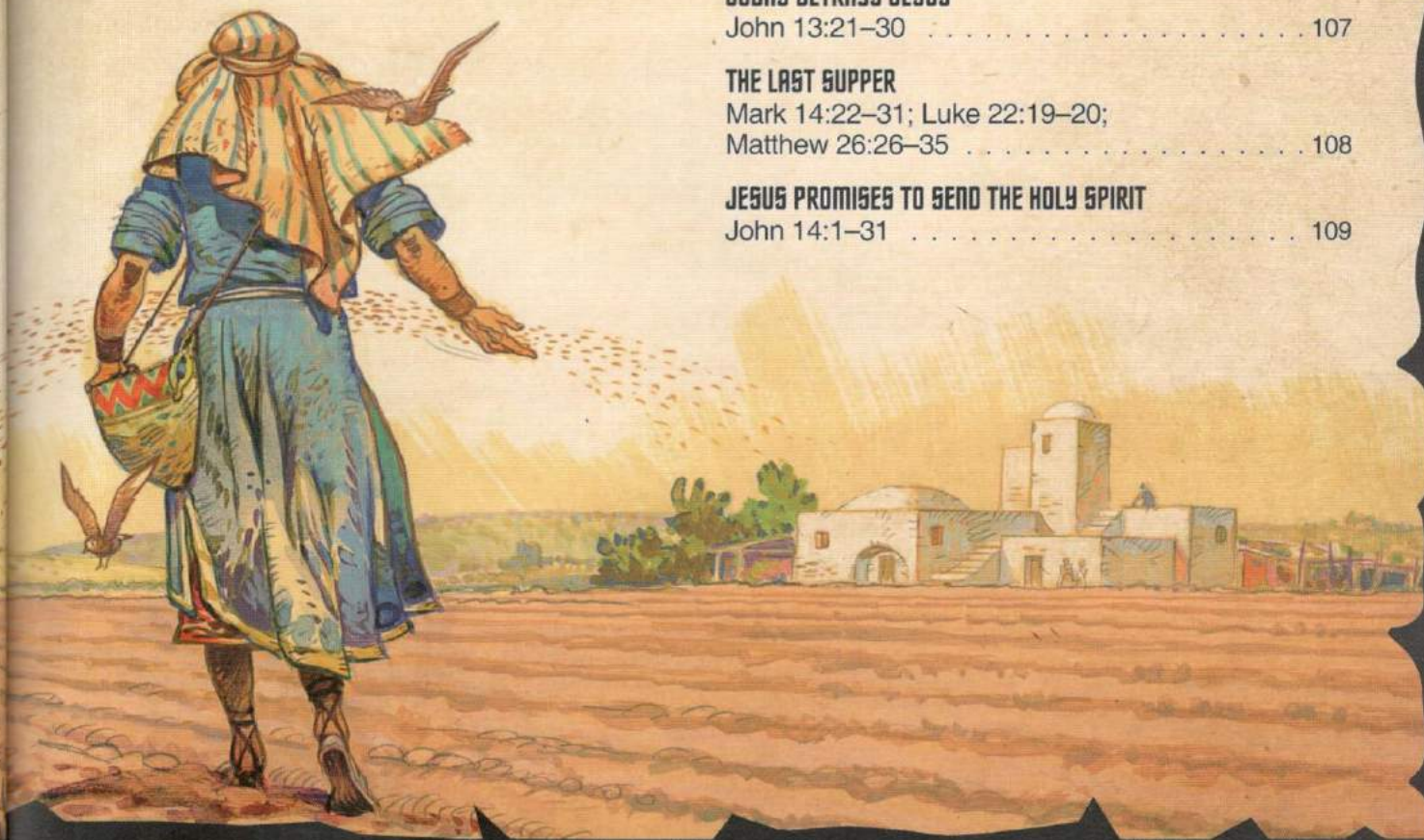


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Birth and Baptism



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THIS IS THE STORY OF JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH. JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. HE IS THE GREATEST PERSON WHO EVER LIVED. HE WAS BORN IN ISRAEL, THE LAND OF THE JEWS, WHICH WAS ONLY A MINOR PROVINCE IN THE MIGHTY ROMAN EMPIRE RULED BY CAESAR AUGUSTUS. HEROD THE GREAT WAS KING OF ISRAEL, BUT MOST JEWS DIDN'T LIKE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS CRUELTY AND COLLABORATION WITH THE ROMANS. THEY WERE WAITING FOR A RIGHTEOUS KING, A MESSIAH, WHO WOULD FREE THEM FROM THE ROMANS...

IN ISRAEL LIVED A CERTAIN PRIEST, ZECHARIAH, WHO WAS MARRIED TO A WOMAN NAMED ELIZABETH. THEY HAD NO CHILDREN, AND THIS WAS A GREAT SORROW TO THEM IN THEIR OLD AGE.

ONE DAY SOMETHING UNUSUAL HAPPENED. ZECHARIAH WAS ON TEMPLE DUTY WHEN SUDDENLY AN ANGEL APPEARED.

ZECHARIAH, DO NOT BE AFRAID! GOD HAS HEARD YOUR PRAYERS. ELIZABETH WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON.

ELIZABETH IS TOO OLD FOR THAT. HOW CAN THIS BE?

HIS NAME WILL BE JOHN. HE WILL BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BE A BLESSING TO YOU AS WELL AS YOUR PEOPLE.

BECAUSE OF YOUR DOUBT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK UNTIL YOUR SON IS BORN.

LOOK! ZECHARIAH IS MAKING SIGNS. WHAT IS HE SAYING?

LATER ZECHARIAH RETURNED TO HIS HOME...

ZECHARIAH, I THINK I'M PREGNANT! MAYBE GOD HAS FINALLY HEARD OUR PRAYERS!

SIX MONTHS LATER THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL APPEARED TO A RELATIVE OF ELIZABETH, A YOUNG WOMAN NAMED MARY. MARY WAS ENGAGED TO JOSEPH, A MAN IN THE TOWN OF NAZARETH IN GALILEE.

REJOICE MARY, THE LORD IS WITH YOU.

WHAT?

GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BE THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD.

JESUS WILL BE THE KING EVERYONE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. YOU WILL GIVE BIRTH TO HIM.

HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN, SINCE I AM A VIRGIN?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU.

MARY KNEW THAT ANY WOMAN WHO WAS PREGNANT OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE WOULD BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. WHAT WOULD HER FIANCE, JOSEPH, SAY WHEN SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS WITH CHILD? STILL, SHE CHOSE TO TRUST GOD.

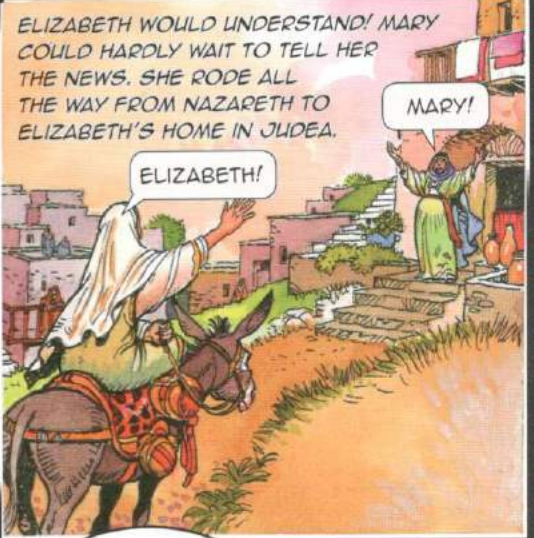


ONE MORE THING. YOUR RELATIVE ELIZABETH IS ALSO HAVING A SON. SHE IS ALREADY SIX MONTHS PREGNANT.



MAY IT HAPPEN ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

THEN THE ANGEL DISAPPEARED.



ELIZABETH!

MARY!



DANCE, MARY, DANCE! THE LORD HAS BEEN GOOD TO BOTH OF US.

MARY STAYED WITH ELIZABETH FOR THREE MONTHS.



THE BABY IN MY WOMB LEAPED FOR JOY AT THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE!



MARY THEN PRAISED GOD FOR ALL HE HAD DONE.

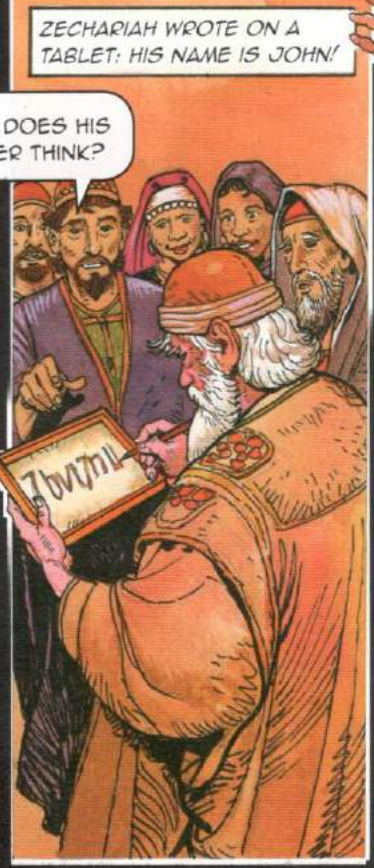
MY SOUL PRAISES THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD! MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN MY SAVING GOD!

ELIZABETH GAVE BIRTH TO A HEALTHY BOY. ALL HER NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES REJOICED WITH HER. WHEN THE BOY WAS 8 DAYS OLD, HE WAS TO BE CIRCUMCISED AND NAMED.



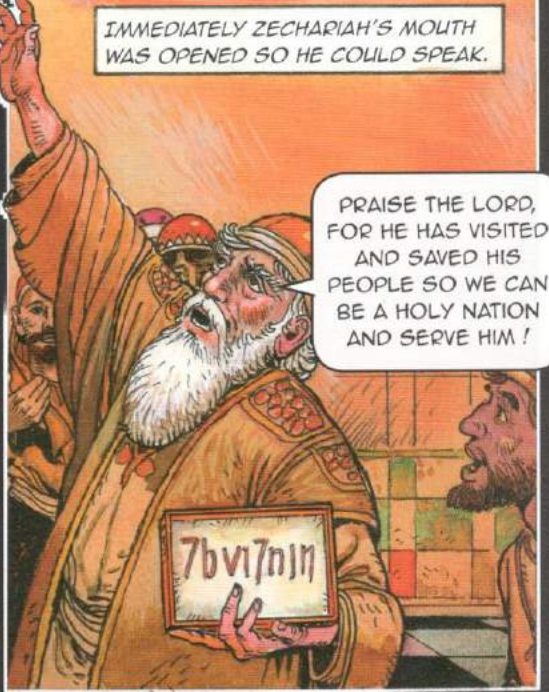
HE SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER HIS FATHER, ZECHARIAH!

I THINK HE SHOULD BE CALLED JOHN.



ZECHARIAH WROTE ON A TABLET: HIS NAME IS JOHN!

WHAT DOES HIS FATHER THINK?



IMMEDIATELY ZECHARIAH'S MOUTH WAS OPENED SO HE COULD SPEAK.

PRAISE THE LORD, FOR HE HAS VISITED AND SAVED HIS PEOPLE SO WE CAN BE A HOLY NATION AND SERVE HIM!

JOHN GREW UP TO BECOME A MAN OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH. HE LIVED IN THE DESERT UNTIL THE DAY HE APPEARED PUBLICLY TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.



HELLO JOSEPH!

HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THIS TO HIM?

MARY LEFT ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH AND WENT HOME TO NAZARETH.

WELCOME HOME! HOW'S ELIZABETH?



FINE! SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BEAUTIFUL BOY.



WONDERFUL, BUT ISN'T SHE TOO OLD TO HAVE A BABY?



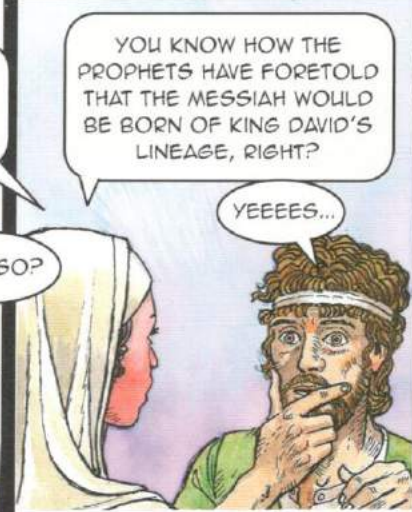
JOSEPH, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU...

WHAT?



JOSEPH, YOUR FAMILY DESCENDS FROM THE HOUSE OF KING DAVID, RIGHT?

YES, SO?

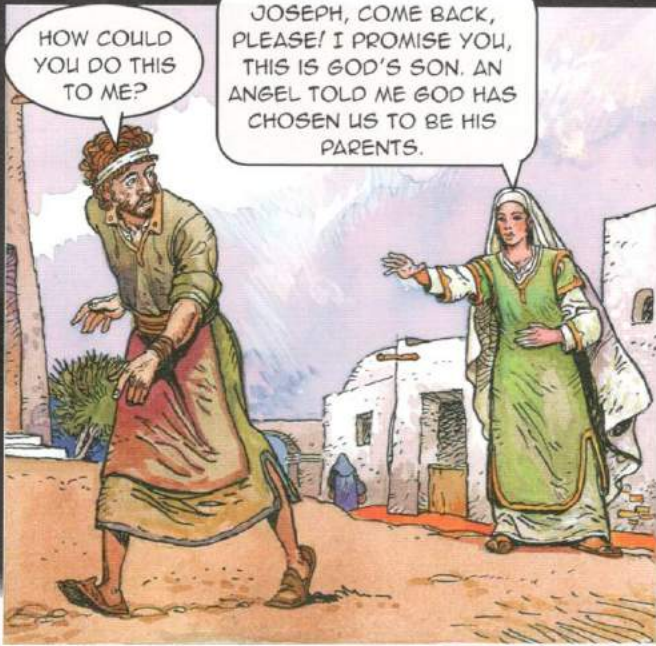


YOU KNOW HOW THE PROPHETS HAVE FORETOLD THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD BE BORN OF KING DAVID'S LINEAGE, RIGHT?

YEEES...



JOSEPH, I AM GOING TO BE HIS MOTHER. I AM 3 MONTHS PREGNANT!



HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME?

JOSEPH, COME BACK, PLEASE! I PROMISE YOU, THIS IS GOD'S SON. AN ANGEL TOLD ME GOD HAS CHOSEN US TO BE HIS PARENTS.



I CAN'T MARRY HER NOW. BUT I LOVE HER, AND I DON'T WANT TO EXPOSE HER TO PUBLIC DISGRACE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?



THEN ONE NIGHT...

I MUST BREAK THE ENGAGEMENT.

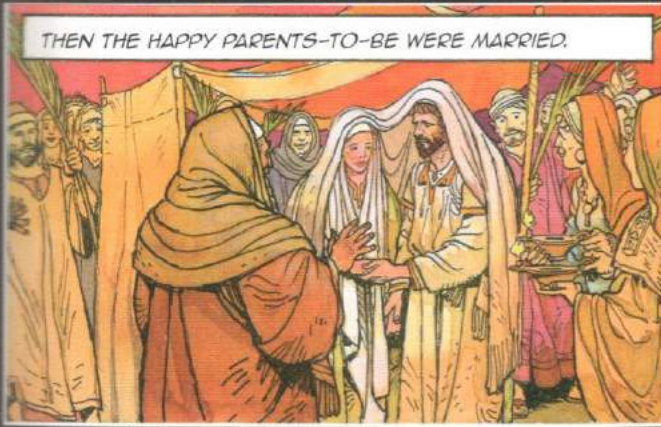
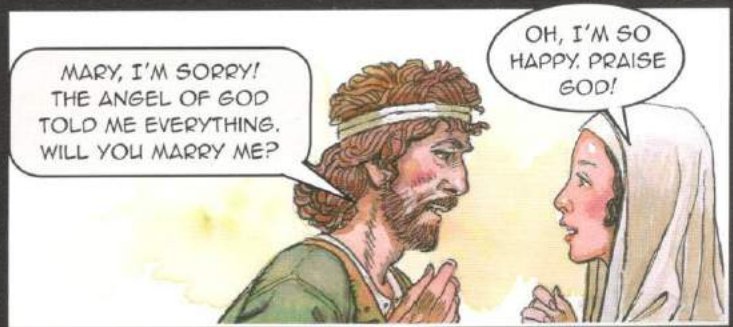


JOSEPH WAS CONFUSED. THEN...

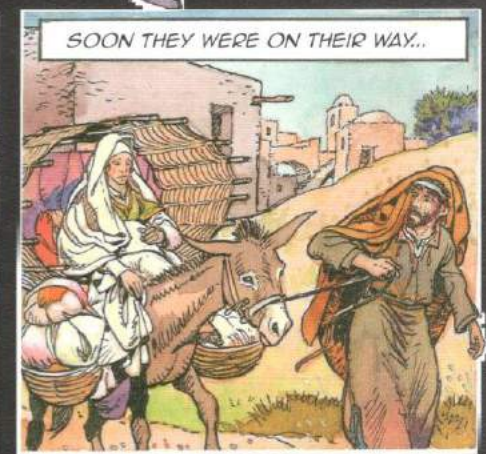
JOSEPH, JOSEPH! DON'T WORRY, MARY IS RIGHT. YOU CAN MARRY HER FOR THE BABY IS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.



AN ANGEL FROM GOD!



MONTHS WENT BY. LIFE IN THE SMALL TOWN OF NAZARETH WENT ON AS USUAL. JOSEPH WAS BUSY IN HIS WORKSHOP, AND MARY WAS COUNTING THE DAYS UNTIL SHE WOULD GIVE BIRTH. THEN ONE DAY A ROMAN OFFICIAL ARRIVED IN TOWN...



AT LAST THEY ARRIVED IN BETHLEHEM. BUT THE NIGHT WAS COLD, AND THEY NEEDED A PLACE TO SLEEP.