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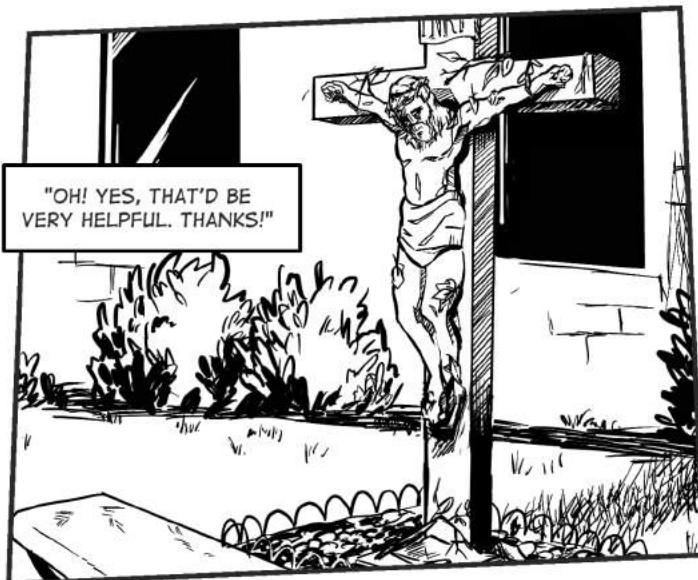
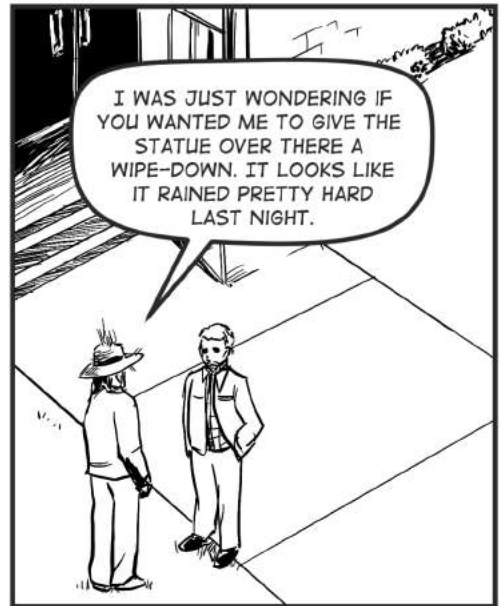
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OH, UH, I ADMIT I DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THE GROUNDSKEEPING COMPANY..



WE COVER A BUNCHA PROPERTIES IN THE AREA -

THE CHURCH, THE PARK AROUND THE CORNER, OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY, THE SYNAGOGUE A FEW BLOCKS FROM HERE...




I SEE! WELL IF YOU'RE NOT A CHURCHGOER, JUST KNOW THAT OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN.

AND I'M ALWAYS OPEN TOO - FOR CONVERSATION, OR JUST A FRIENDLY EAR, IF YOU NEED ONE...



I GOTTA SAY, I'M A BIT SURPRISED TO SEE A CRUCIFIX HERE AT ALL. I DIDN'T THINK YOUR SECT OF CHRISTIANITY DISPLAYED CRUCIFIXES.



THAT'S USUALLY TRUE! THE BUILDING USED TO BELONG TO A CATHOLIC ORDER, BEFORE THEY MOVED TO A DIFFERENT PROPERTY.

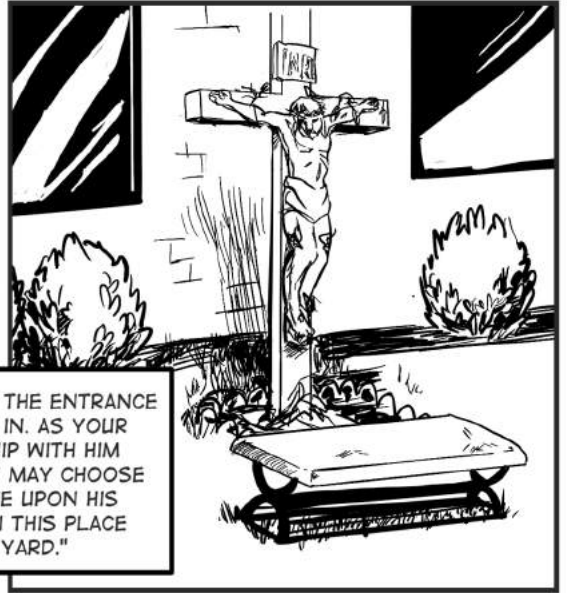
YOU'RE NOT CATHOLICS - WHY DON'T YOU JUST REMOVE IT?

WE COULDN'T BEAR TO TAKE DOWN A STATUE OF THE LORD. WE TOOK A VOTE FROM THE CONGREGATION AND AGREED TO LEAVE IT IN PLACE.

"THERE'S A SCULPTURE NEAR THE ENTRANCE HONORING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION. THAT WAY IT, YOU KNOW, FEELS COMPLETE."



"THE CHRIST AT THE ENTRANCE INVITES YOU IN. AS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM DEEPENS, YOU MAY CHOOSE TO MEDITATE UPON HIS SACRIFICE, IN THIS PLACE IN THE YARD."



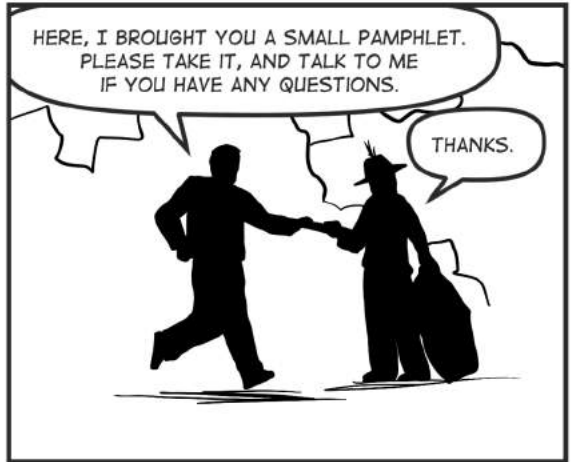
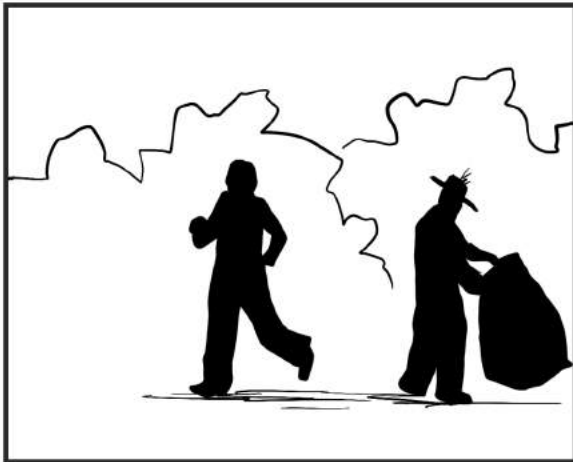
...YOU SEE, WE PLACE LESS EMPHASIS ON THE *DEATH* OF CHRIST AND MORE UPON HIS *SAVING GRACE*. OUR CROSSES ARE *PLAIN* -

FREE OF AN IMAGE OF BLOOD AND DEATH --

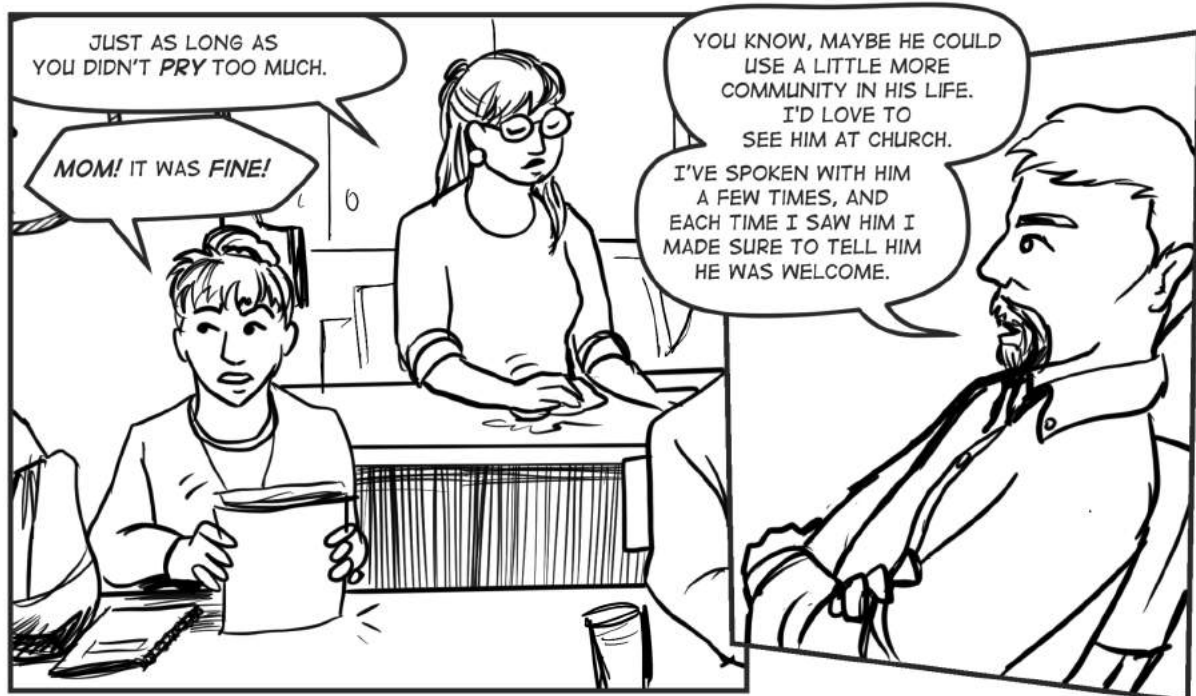
-- BECAUSE THE MARTYR ON THE CROSS ALREADY PAID THE PRICE FOR YOU, AS A SACRIFICE.

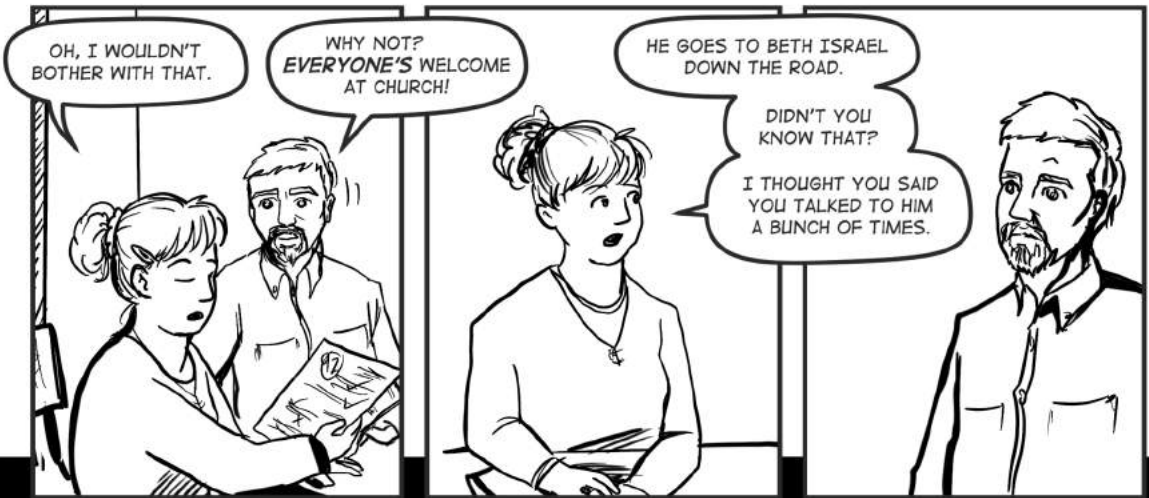
..YES. THAT'S RIGHT.

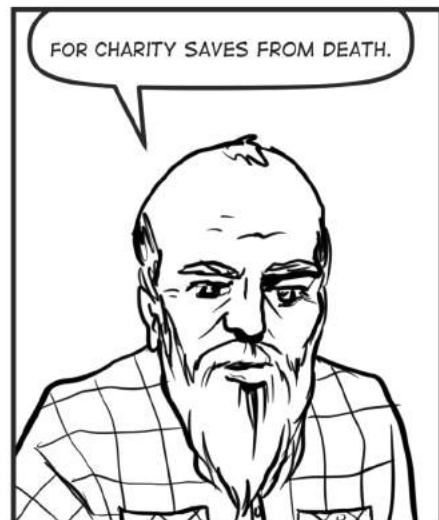
BECAUSE CHRIST PAID THE PRICE FOR ALL OF US.













SO, GIL, I HADN'T NOTICED THIS BEFORE, BUT.. YOU ATTEND BETH ISRAEL DOWN THE ROAD?

SOMETIMES. BUT SOMETIMES I DON'T FEEL TOO WELCOME THERE.

WELL, I WANTED TO SAY THAT IT DOESN'T CHANGE MY INVITATION. THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP.

I APPRECIATE IT. BUT I KNOW A CHURCH ISN'T THE PLACE FOR ME EITHER.

I RESPECT THAT. I KNOW CHURCHES HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE SAFEST PLACES FOR JEWS TO CONGREGATE...

I'D LIKE THAT TO CHANGE, THOUGH.. TOO MANY SO-CALLED "CHRISTIANS" HAVE CHOSEN TO PERSECUTE YOU WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH WE COULD INSTEAD *LEARN* FROM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

YOU KNOW, YOUR DAUGHTER SAID SOMETHING SIMILAR TO ME.

REALLY? WHAT'D SHE SAY?

JUST THAT I HAVE A LOT OF WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE, AND THAT SHE KNOWS THOSE TWO THINGS AREN'T THE SAME BUT THAT SHE'S PRETTY SURE I HAVE A LOT OF BOTH.

SHE ASKED ME IF I'D EVER BEEN TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL. I TOLD HER I HAD BUT NOT FOR A LONG LONG TIME, AND THESE DAYS I DO MORE 'SCHLEPPING' THAN TRAVELING. ...THEN SHE ASKED WHAT 'SCHLEPPING' MEANT.

SOUNDS LIKE GRACIE! I HOPE SHE WASN'T TOO NOSY...

NOT AT ALL.



WHAT WAS THE HOLY LAND LIKE?
I HAVEN'T BEEN YET MYSELF,
BUT I HOPE TO GO WITH OUR
YOUTH GROUP NEXT YEAR.



IT WAS LIKE ANY OTHER PLACE I MADE
MY WAY THROUGH.. SOMETIMES BEAUTIFUL,
SOMETIMES HARSH. DEPENDED ON HOW
THE PEOPLE TREATED YOU.

WHEN YOU'RE A STRANGER
IN A NEW PLACE, AND ALL YOU OWN
IS WHAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR BACK, YOU
SIZE A PLACE UP PRETTY QUICKLY.



I HOPE YOU WERE
MOSTLY TREATED WELL,
IN YOUR OWN HOMELAND!

DEPENDED ON WHO WAS IN POWER
AT THE TIME. I WAS MOSTLY LEFT
ALONE. SOME PEOPLE THERE SAID
I WAS A TROUBLEMAKER.

OH, THAT'S
TOO BAD...



DON'T GET ME WRONG.
I REMEMBER THE KINDNESS
OF OTHERS MOST OF ALL.

ONE TIME I HADN'T HAD A MEAL IN 2 DAYS,
BECAUSE I'D RUN OUT OF MONEY.
I BEGGED AN OLDER WOMAN
I MET ON THE ROAD FOR SOME BREAD.

SHE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH FOOD TO SPARE A
STRANGER LIKE ME. BUT SHE SHARED
NONETHELESS. IN EXCHANGE FOR ROOM
AND BOARD, I HELPED CARE FOR HER SON.

WHEN SHE BROUGHT ME BACK TO HER HOME
I LEARNED HER HUSBAND HAD RECENTLY DIED,
AND SHE HAD SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS
CARING FOR HER SICK SON, WHO LIVED WITH HER.



WHAT AN AMAZING DISPLAY OF
'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR.'

DID HE GET BETTER?

BY GOD'S GRACE,
HE RECOVERED BY
THE END OF MY STAY!

THANK
GOODNESS.

AMEN...

HAVE YOU BEEN
A LOT OF PLACES, GIL?



BOY, HAVE I!
LONDON, PALERMO, JERUSALEM,
YEREVAN, ATHENS, KIEV,
NEW YORK CITY...

WOW!

NEVER STAYED IN
ANY ONE PLACE
TOO LONG THOUGH.

WHY NOT?





OH, MANY REASONS I GUESS. I HAVE A JOB THERE, BUT THEN THE JOB ENDS. I'M VISITING PEOPLE, BUT DON'T WANT TO OVERSTAY MY WELCOME.

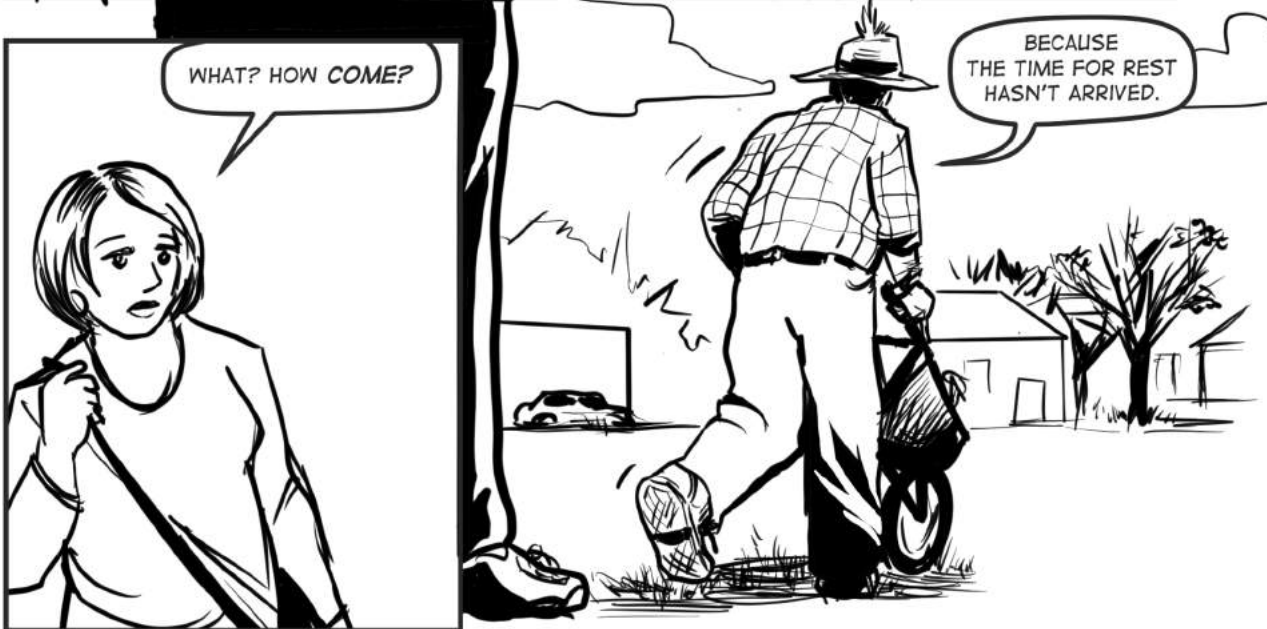
AND SOMETIMES, WHEN I'M IN A QUIET PLACE BY MYSELF, THERE'S.. A STILL SMALL VOICE URGING ME TO 'GO ON.'

THAT MIGHT MAKE ME SEEM KINDA CRAZY. BUT, I DON'T MIND!



DON'T YOU EVER STOP TO REST?

NO, I CAN'T STOP TO REST YET.



WHAT? HOW COME?

BECAUSE THE TIME FOR REST HASN'T ARRIVED.



I WAS TALKING TO THAT
GROUNDKEEPER -
MR. SCHUHMAKER, I THINK?



GIL! YES!

WHAT A FASCINATING MAN.
I WISH HE'D COME TO CHURCH.
HE SEEMS SO.. *SPIRITUAL*.



AH.. I DON'T THINK
THAT WOULD WORK.

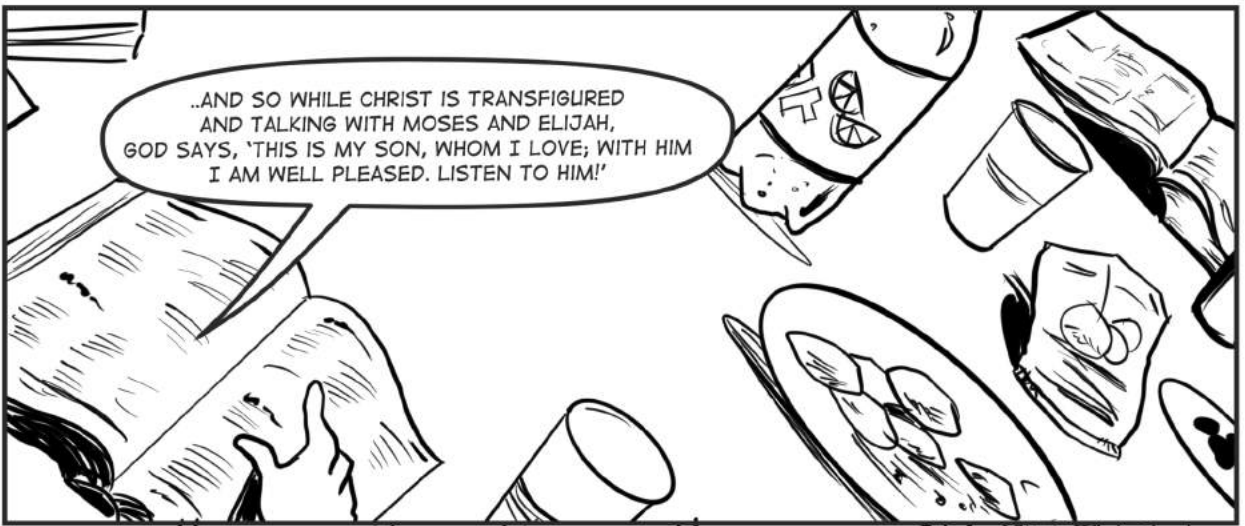


MARK! *EVERYONE'S*
WELCOME AT CHURCH!

HAHA, NO, I MEAN HE
GOES TO *BETH ISRAEL*..

...OH. HE DIDN'T MENTION
HE WAS JEWISH. WELL,
HE'S *STILL* WELCOME
AT CHURCH.

OF COURSE.



OH, I'VE HAD 'EM
FOR YEARS.

MAYBE DECADES.

MAYBE EVEN..

CENTURIES!



"SOMETIMES MIRACLES AND SIGNS ARE
NEEDED TO PAINT A FULL PICTURE."

...to what he has done. ... person acco
truth, some who are standing here will
not taste death before they see the Son of
Man coming in his kingdom."

The Transfiguration

1-8pp — Lk 9:28-36
1-3pp — Mk 9:2-13

After six days Jes
Peter, James and
es, and led them
themselves.



I MEAN, YOU CAN'T FORCE PEOPLE TO COME
TO CHRIST, TOO MANY CHRISTIANS IN HISTORY
TRIED THIS. THAT'S WHY WE REACH OUT TO
EVERYONE TODAY, RIGHT?

IF WE ONLY HAD
A CHANCE TO COME
TO CHRIST BEFORE
HE WAS RESURRECTED,
IT WOULD DEFEAT
THE WHOLE PURPOSE
OF HIS
RESURRECTION!

YOU GOT IT, KATIE.



MARK, YOU SURE ARE QUIET TONIGHT.
USUALLY YOU'RE SO LIVELY I HAVE
A HARD TIME GETTING A WORD IN
EDGE-WISE!

AH, YEAH, I GUESS I HAVE A LOT ON MY MIND.
BUT YES, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH THE
IMPORTANCE OF SIGNS, ESPECIALLY
SIGNS OF PROPHECY.





OK, MARK, OUT WITH IT. YOU'VE BEEN DISTRACTED BY SOMETHING THIS WHOLE AFTERNOON. TELL ME WHAT'S BEEN ON YOUR MIND.



OK, OK. GUILTY. IT'S JUST... I'VE BEEN HESITATING TO SAY IT OUT LOUD. IT COULD BE SEEN AS.. CONTROVERSIAL.
...BUT... I KEEP COMING BACK TO IT.



YOU CAN SAY IT, NO ONE HERE WILL PASS JUDGMENT ON YOU.



WELL.. I'VE HEARD OF A LEGEND OF A MAN - A **JEWISH** MAN - WALKING ETERNALLY. HOMELESS. WITHOUT A DESTINATION.
..UH HUH...?
HE'S A **CURSED** MAN. A MAN FORCED TO WALK FOREVER--

BECAUSE HE MOCKED CHRIST ON THE WAY TO HIS CRUCIFIXION.

...REALLY?
IT'S ONLY A LEGEND, BUT IT'S BEEN AROUND FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. MAYBE THOUSANDS.

HE'S CALLED... THE **WANDERING JEW**.

..THE.. 'WANDERING JEW?'



YOU THINK I'M NUTS.

NO ONE SAID THAT.
IT'S JUST.. AN UNUSUAL CONSIDERATION.



IF I HAD SAID I'D SEEN A **RED HEIFER**, OR ANY **OTHER** SIGN OF THE SECOND COMING, WOULD YOU BE QUESTIONING IT?
WE'VE BEEN BARRELING TOWARDS THE END TIMES FOR A WHILE NOW. ISRAEL IS RESTORED, HER PEOPLE NO LONGER EXILED.

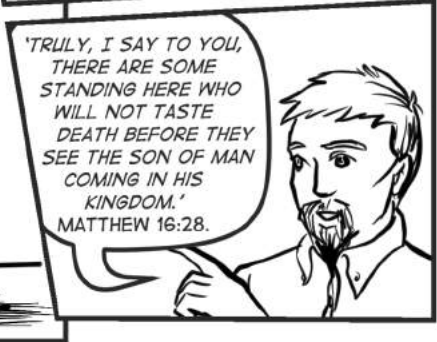


AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE **BEAR WITNESS** TO EVENTS THAT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN **GOD-ORDAINED**.

TRUE, BUT.. EVENTS WHICH ARE FORETOLD BY THE **PROPHETS**.



THE '**WANDERING JEW**' ISN'T IN THE **BIBLE**.

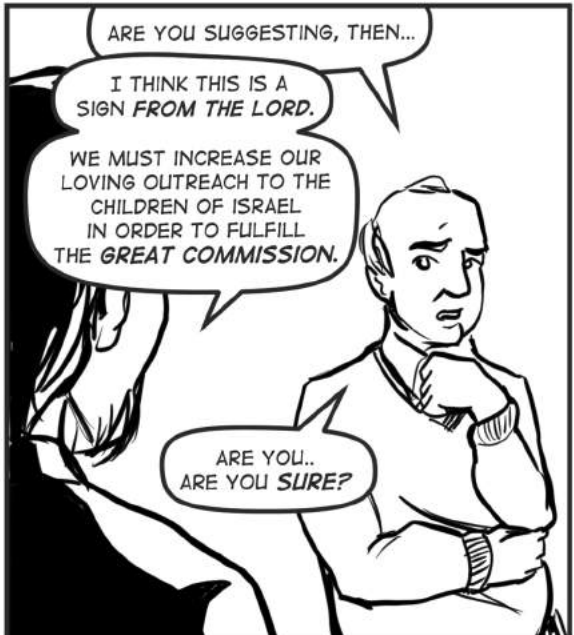


'TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, THERE ARE SOME STANDING HERE WHO WILL NOT TASTE DEATH BEFORE THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM.'
MATTHEW 16:28.



THIS IS THE **FINAL VERSE** OF THE CHAPTER **RIGHT BEFORE** THE ONE WE'RE STUDYING--

WHERE CHRIST STANDS WITH **MOSES** HIMSELF, WHO BROUGHT GOD'S WORD TO **THE JEWS**. AND WE'RE SHOWN THAT AFTER THE RESURRECTION, WE ARE TO BRING THE MESSAGE OF THE **LORD** TO ALL **PEOPLES**.

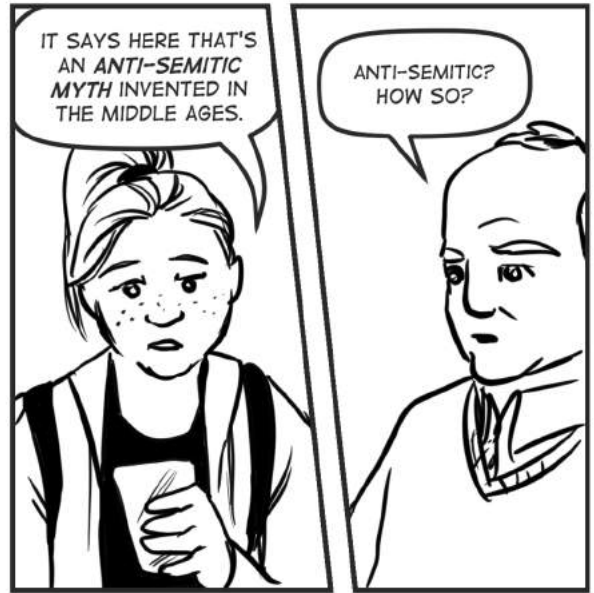


ARE YOU SUGGESTING, THEN...

I THINK THIS IS A **SIGN FROM THE LORD**.

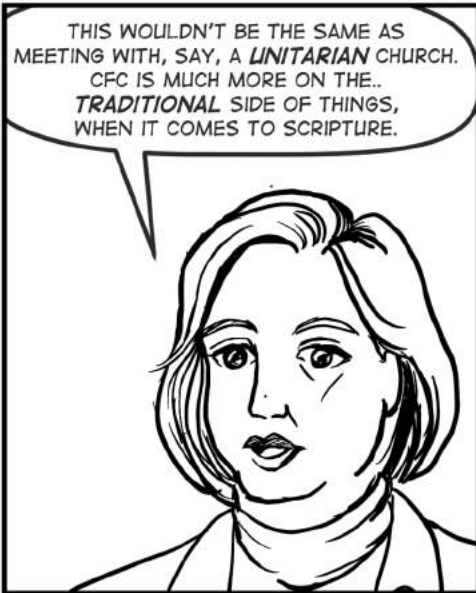
WE MUST INCREASE OUR **LOVING OUTREACH** TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE **GREAT COMMISSION**.

ARE YOU.. ARE YOU **SURE**?









TO BE CONTINUED...