

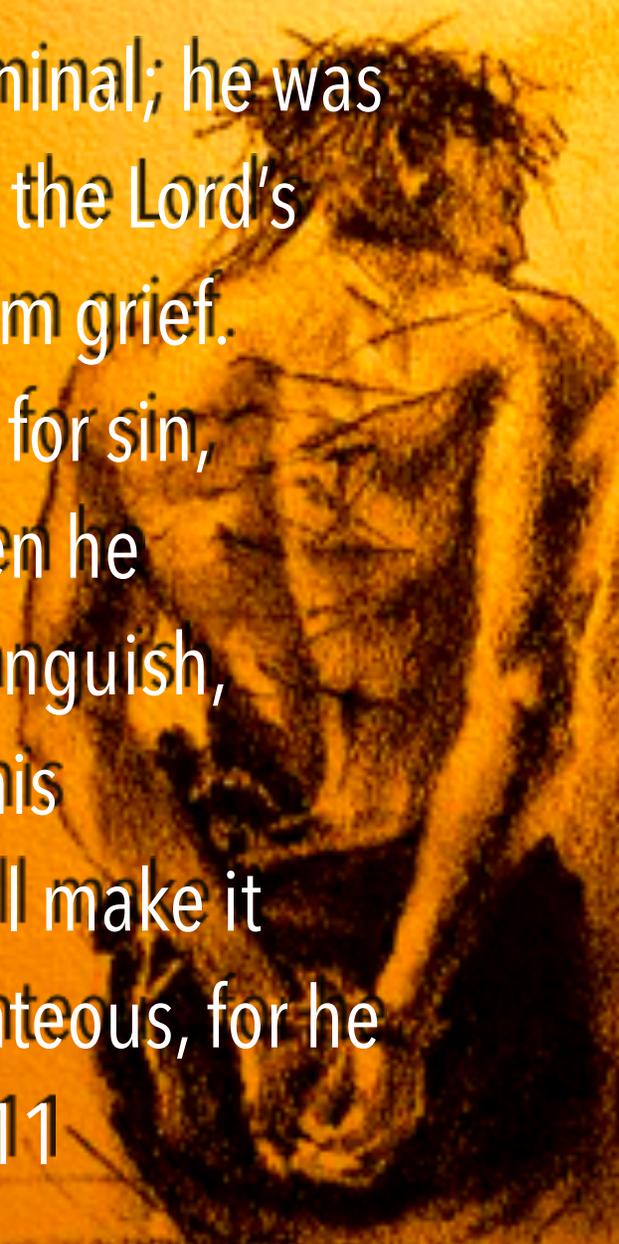
# ATTRIBUTES

*A series exploring the attributes of God and  
discovering what they tell us about knowing Him*

He was pierced for our rebellion,  
crushed for our sins. He was  
beaten so we could be whole. He  
was whipped so we could be  
healed. <sup>6</sup>All of us, like sheep, have  
strayed away. We have left God's  
paths to follow our own. Yet  
the Lord laid on him the sins of us  
all.            Isaiah 53:5,6



He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins. Isaiah 53:9-11



...but God raised him from the dead on the third day  
and caused him to be seen. Acts 10:40

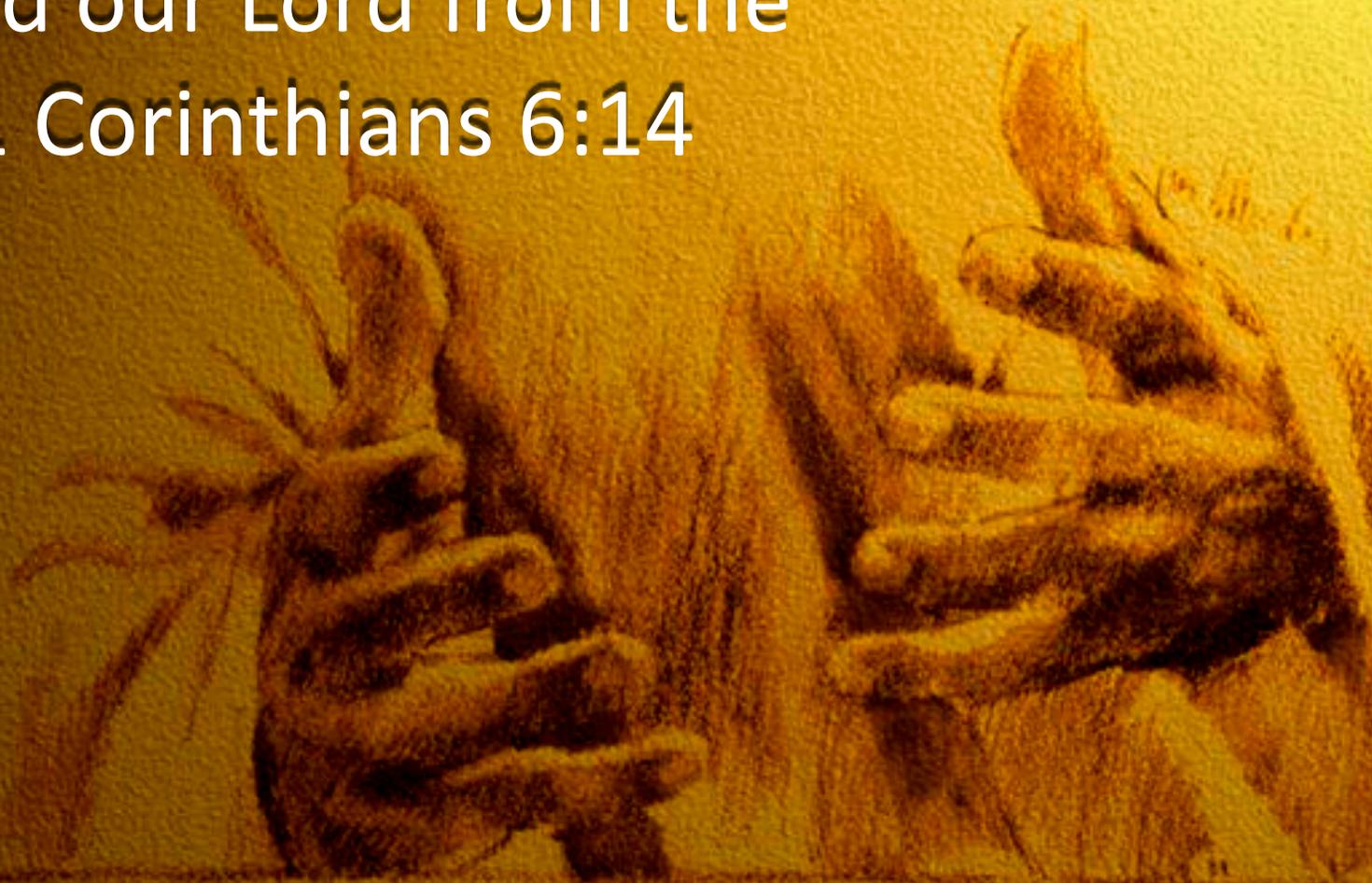


He was handed over to die  
because of our sins, and he  
was raised to life to make us  
right with God.

Romans 4:25



And God will raise us from the  
dead by his power, just as  
he raised our Lord from the  
dead. 1 Corinthians 6:14



If you openly declare that Jesus  
is Lord and believe in your heart  
that God raised him from the  
dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9



Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

Colossians 3:1







5 YEARS AFTER EXILE...

THE APPEARANCE OF THE LIKENESS OF THE ~~GLORY~~ OF THE LORD  
 HEBREW: **KAVOD** - PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S SIGNIFICANCE (SEE EXODUS 19, 24, 25)

# EZEKIEL



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SON OF MAN! ACCUSE ISRAEL OF BREAKING THE COVENANT AND WARN THEM OF IMMINENT DESTRUCTION.

EZEKIEL COMMISSIONED

WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS  
SOCIAL INJUSTICE

EZEKIEL'S SIGN ACTS

EZEKIEL THE SCARECROW, BEARING ISRAEL'S SINS

STAINING THE JERUSALEM SIEGE

CHOPPING HIS HAIR

BAD NEWS: NO ONE'S GOING TO LISTEN.

(RECALL DEUTERONOMY ch.30)

ISRAEL'S HARD HEART



ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY HAS DRIVEN GOD AWAY...

...BUT HE HASN'T ABANDONED HIS PEOPLE. A REMNANT WILL RETURN WITH NEW, TRANSFORMED HEARTS.

ISRAEL'S NEW HEART

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GOD HAVE MERCY!

GOD TOO LATE!

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GOG

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2) SYMBOLIC DEPICTION OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

DEAD SEA VALLEY

NEW GARDEN OF EDEN: THE LORD IS THERE

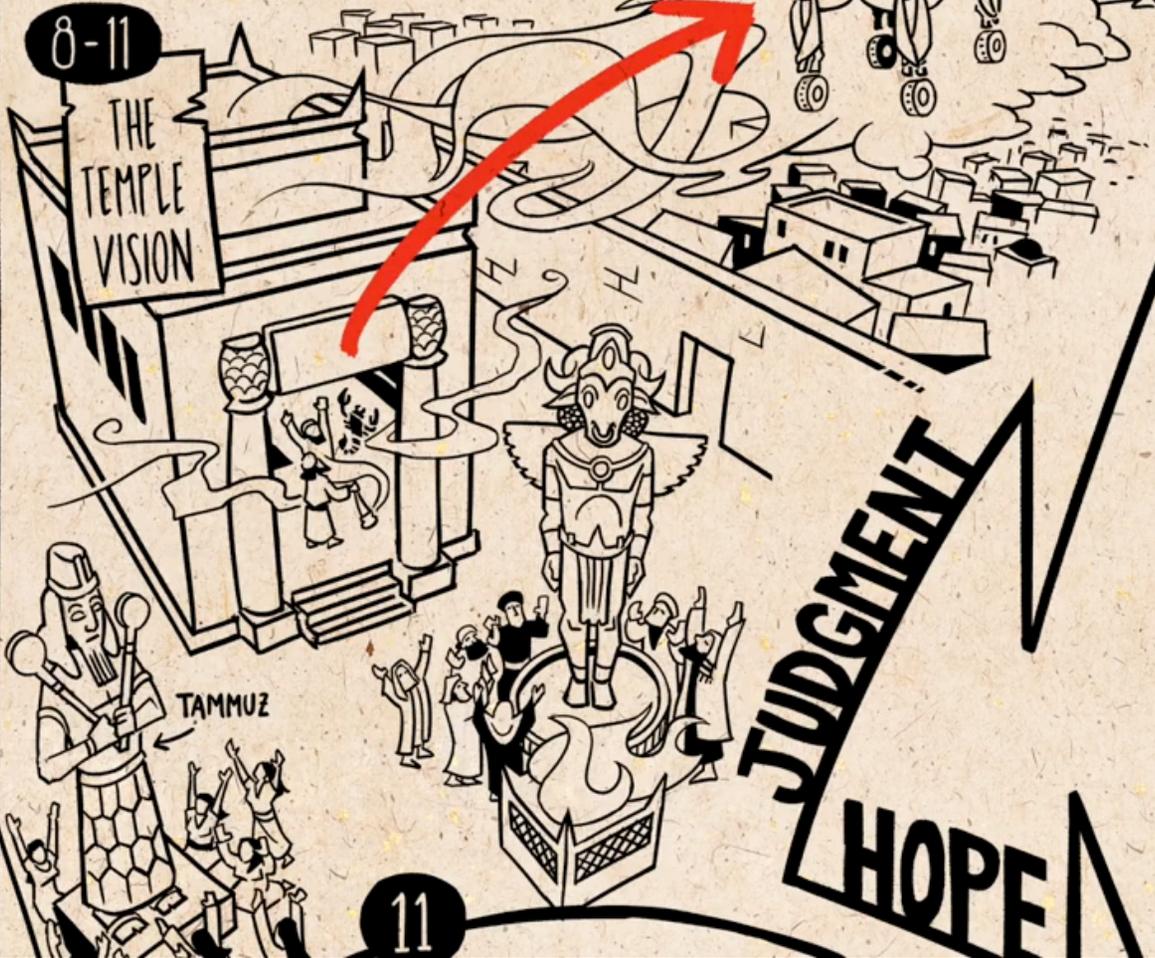
(SEE EXODUS 17, 24, 25)

# ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

EZEKIEL COMMISSIONED 1-3



8-11 THE TEMPLE VISION



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EZEKIEL THE SCAPEGOAT, BEARING ISRAEL'S SINS





The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know."



Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' " <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.



I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.  
9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.



Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.



Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord,  
when I open your graves and bring you up from them.  
<sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will  
settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I  
the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the  
Lord.' "



**Verse 11 says,** "... *these bones are the whole house of Israel. They [the nation of Israel] say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'* "



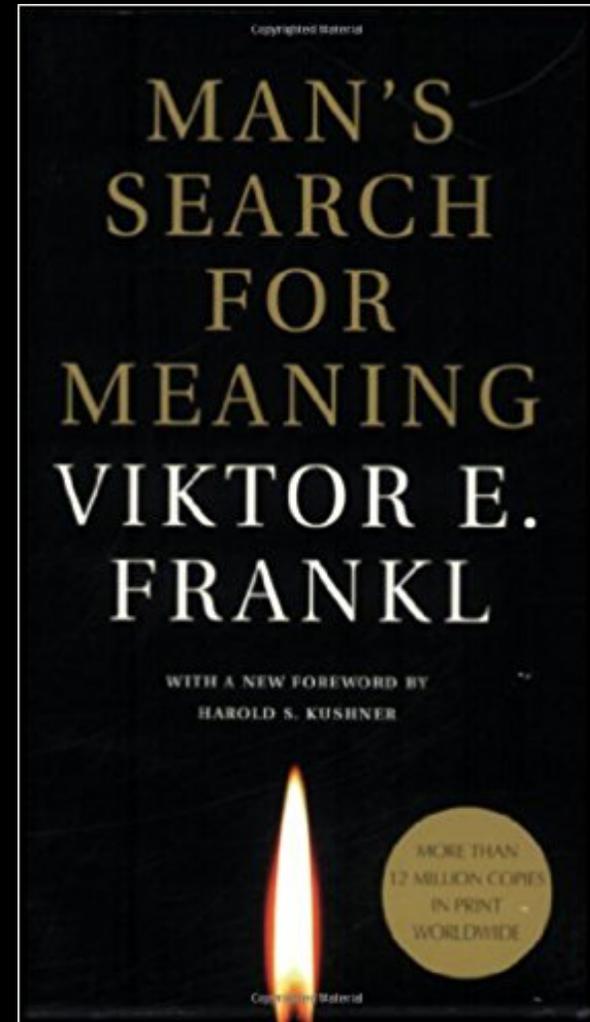
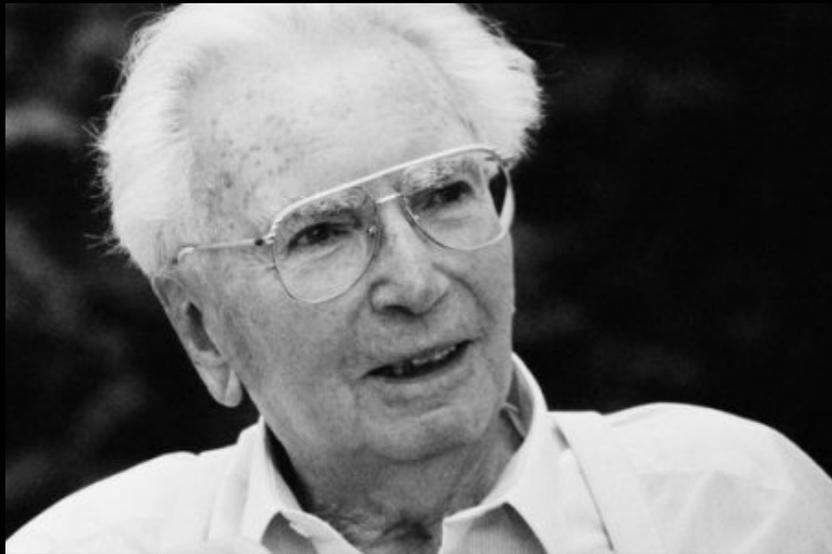
# I. How This Story is a Hope for You.

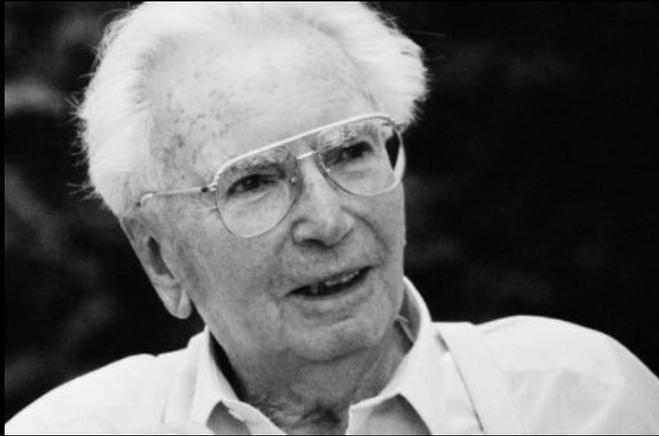
For everything that was written in the **past** was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Romans 15:4



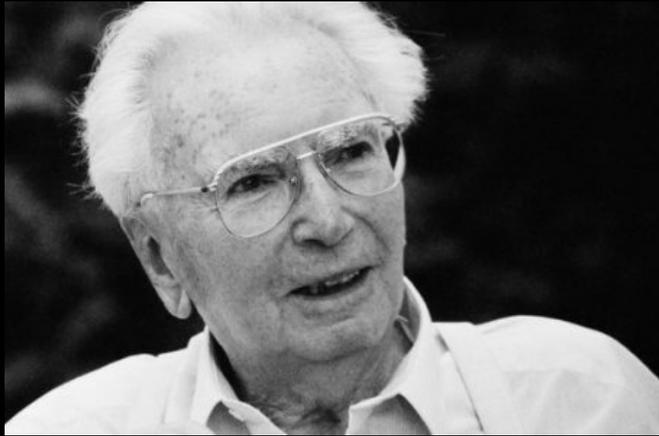
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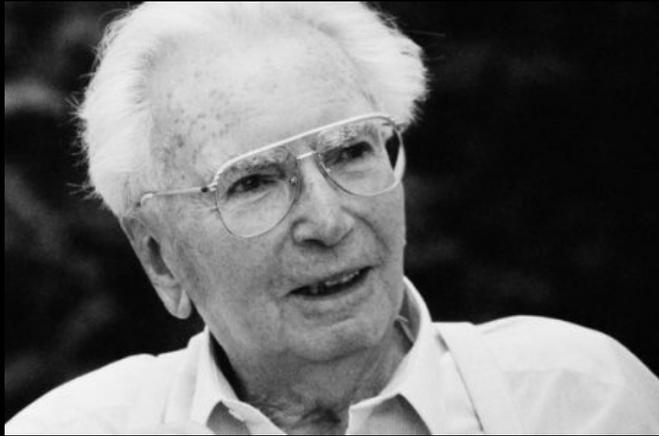
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*In the camps, death was everywhere. Death could take you like that. You were stripped of everything. It was an awful experience, and I noticed people responded to it in one of three ways.*



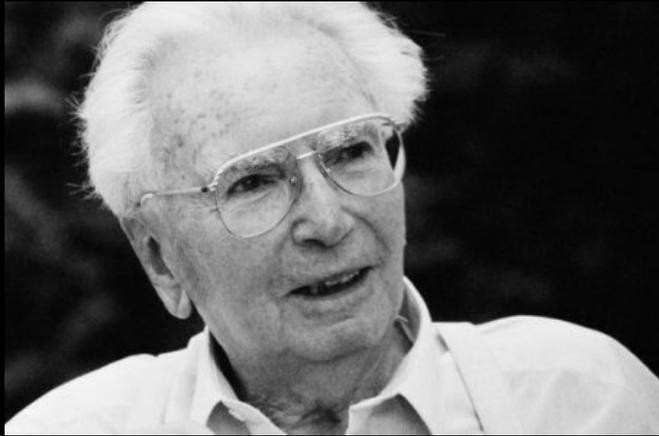
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*Some people got bad. They lost all their principles.  
They did anything to survive. They betrayed one  
another. They exploited people. They were  
informers for the Nazis and so forth.*



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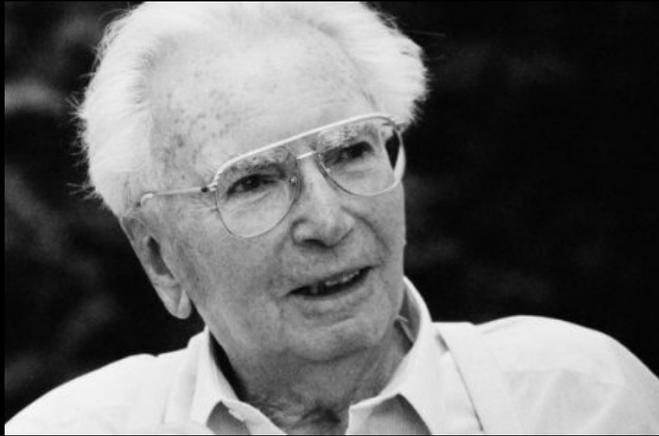
*Some people just gave up. Sometimes they actually  
literally lay down, curled up in a ball, and died.*



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*Some people had courage, made sacrifices,  
were really heroic. What was the difference?  
It depended on what your hope was.*





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*Most people did not have a hope that could stand up to death. They didn't have a hope that could overcome death. They had a hope only for this life.*

# 1 Corinthians 15:9

"If we as Christians have a hope only for this life, we are of all people most miserable."



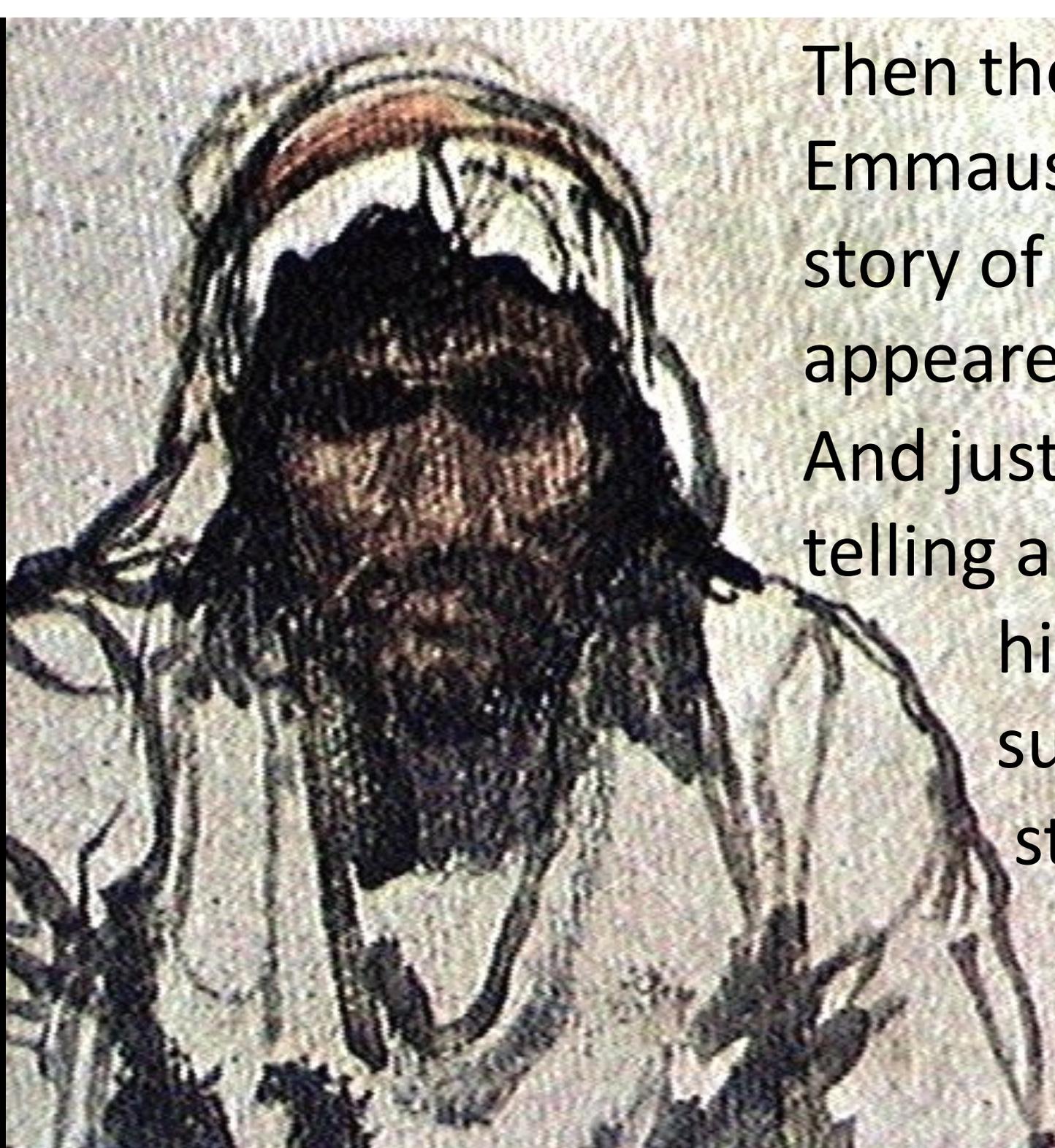


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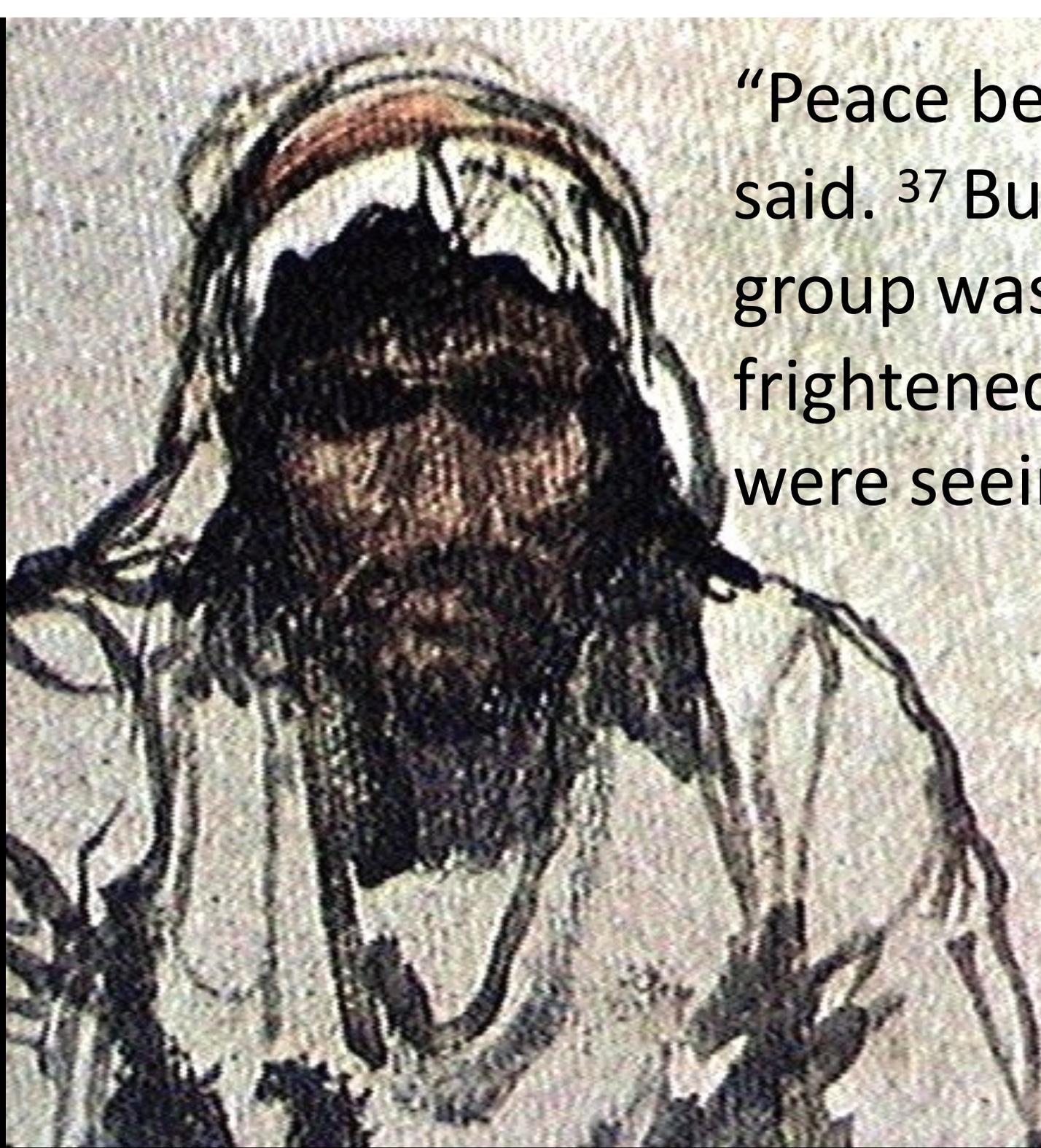
Ezekiel 37:9





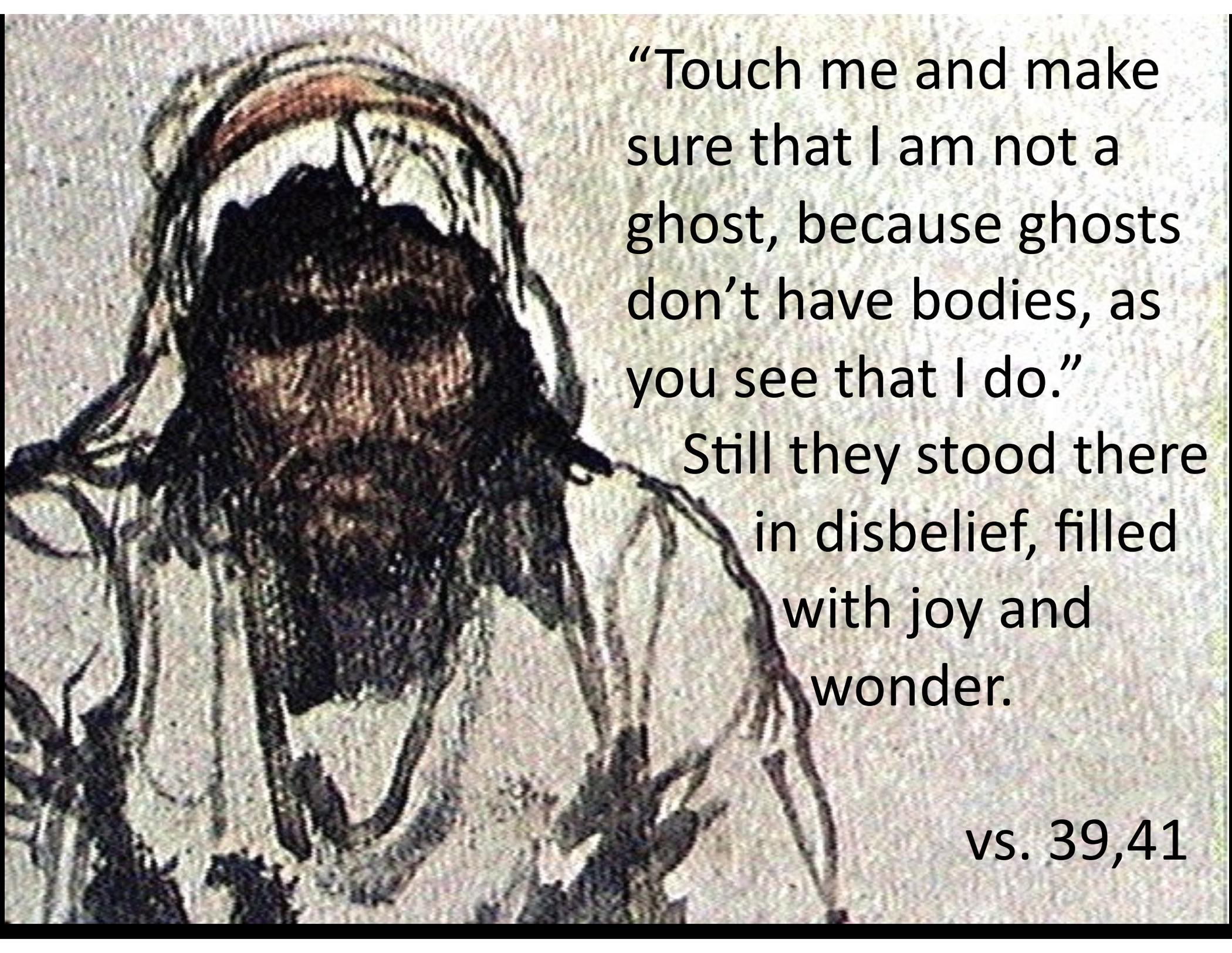


Then the two from  
Emmaus told their  
story of how Jesus had  
appeared to them...  
And just as they were  
telling about it, Jesus  
himself was  
suddenly  
standing there  
among them.  
vs. 35,36



“Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>37</sup> But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

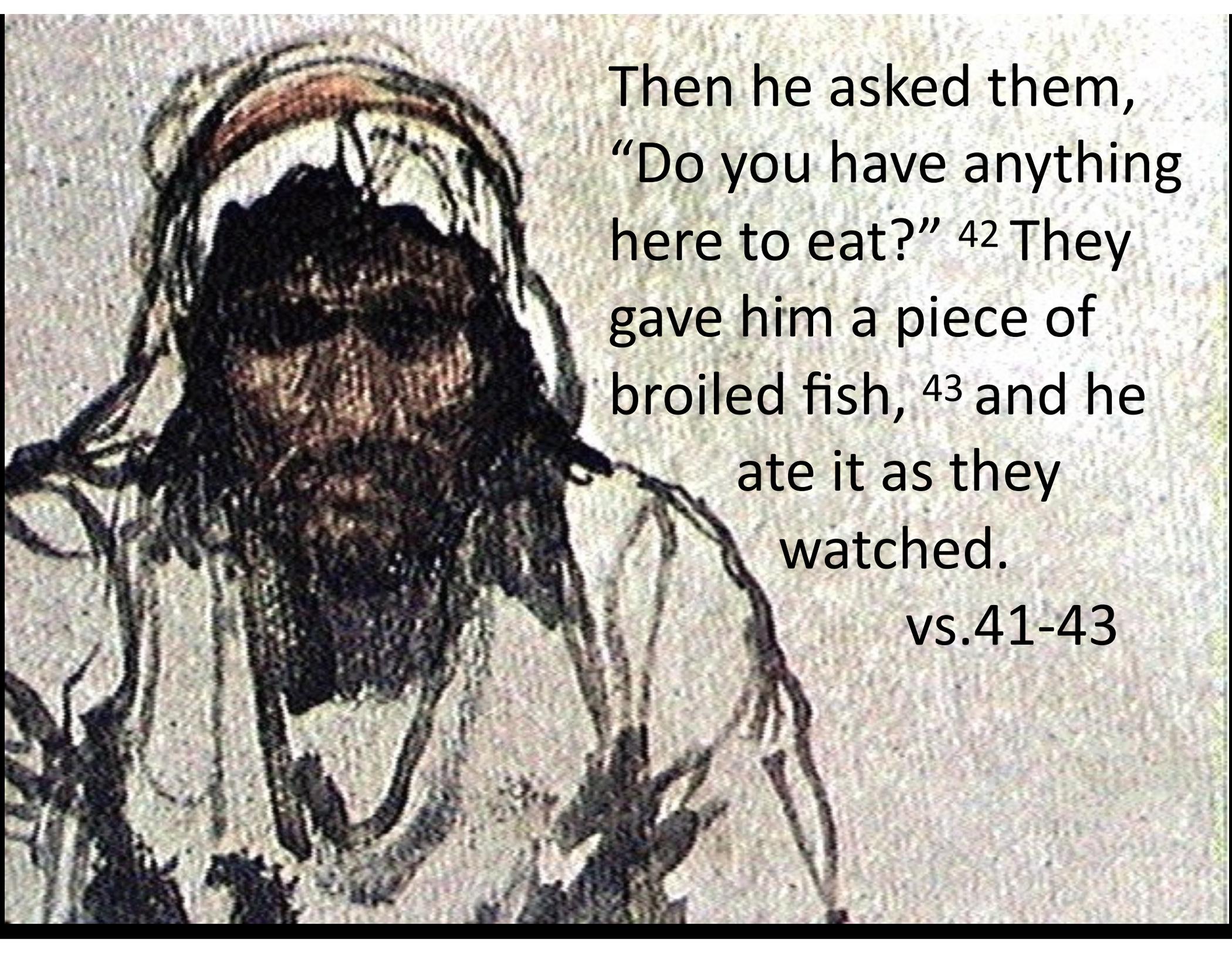
vs. 36,37



“Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.”

Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder.

vs. 39,41

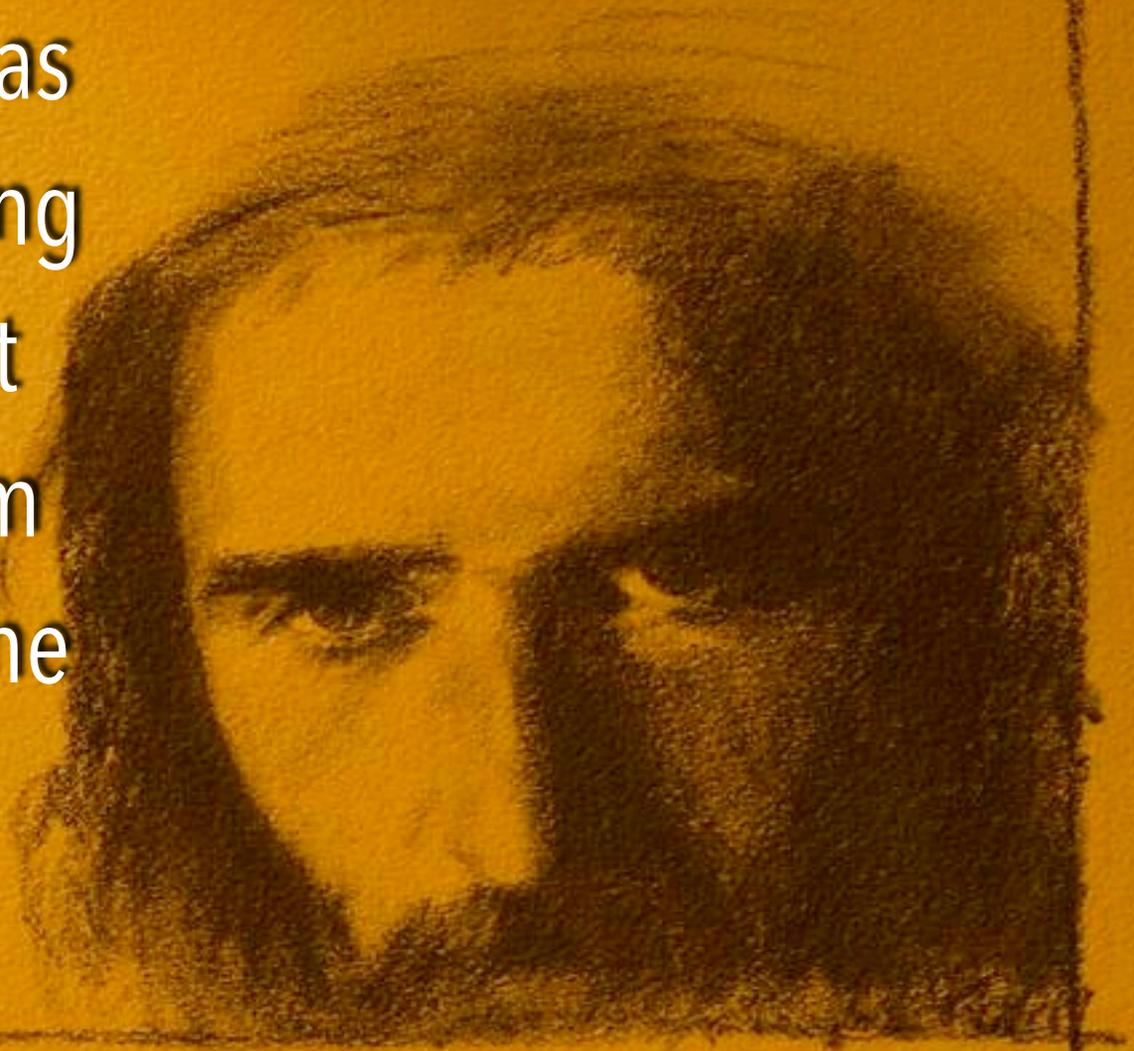


Then he asked them,  
“Do you have anything  
here to eat?”<sup>42</sup> They  
gave him a piece of  
broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he  
ate it as they  
watched.

vs.41-43

Again Jesus  
said, "Peace be with  
you! As the Father has  
sent me, I am sending  
you."<sup>22</sup> And with that  
he breathed on them  
and said, "Receive the  
Holy Spirit.

John 20:21,22



**Simba-**“I don’t understand, Father. How are we part of the great circle of life?”



**Mufasa-**“Well, Son, we eat the antelope, but then we die and we become fertilizer for the grass the antelope eats. So we’re all part of the great circle of life.”



## **II. How This Story is a Strength to You.**

### **1. You have to hear the truth.**

"Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! Ezekiel 37:4



But how can they call on God to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:14





"I love the idea of the Sacrificial Lamb...The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world, so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled. It's not our own good works that get us through the gates of heaven."



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# **2.You have to believe the Gospel**

**Part A-?**



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## **Part A-**

You're a lost sinner  
in need of God's help.



They say, 'Our bones are  
dried up and our hope is  
gone; we are cut off.'

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say to them: 'This is what  
the Sovereign Lord says:  
O my people, I am going  
to open your graves and  
bring you up from them;  
I will bring you back to  
the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:11,12



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But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Ephesians 2:4,5



# 2.You have to believe the Gospel

## Part B-?

"Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Ezekiel 37:11



"He was cut off from the  
land of the living ..."  
Isaiah 53:8



# **2.You have to believe the Gospel**

## **Part B-**

Jesus was cut off in our place  
so we can be accepted.





# 3. You have to see it as personal.

Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and **bring you up** from them. vs. 13

Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and **I have done it**, declares the Lord.' " vs. 14





Luke 24:39

It is I myself!  
Touch me and see.



Valerie Smith

Went to Heaven  
March 21st, 2017

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, ...?"

John 11:25,26





