

# focus

A 21 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN  
PREPARING HEARTS FOR EASTER

DAY 8:

## Jesus' Claims About Himself

John 8:48-59



Jesus was explaining to the people that he was the Messiah, the one that God had sent to be the Savior of the world. But many people who listened to Jesus would not believe him.

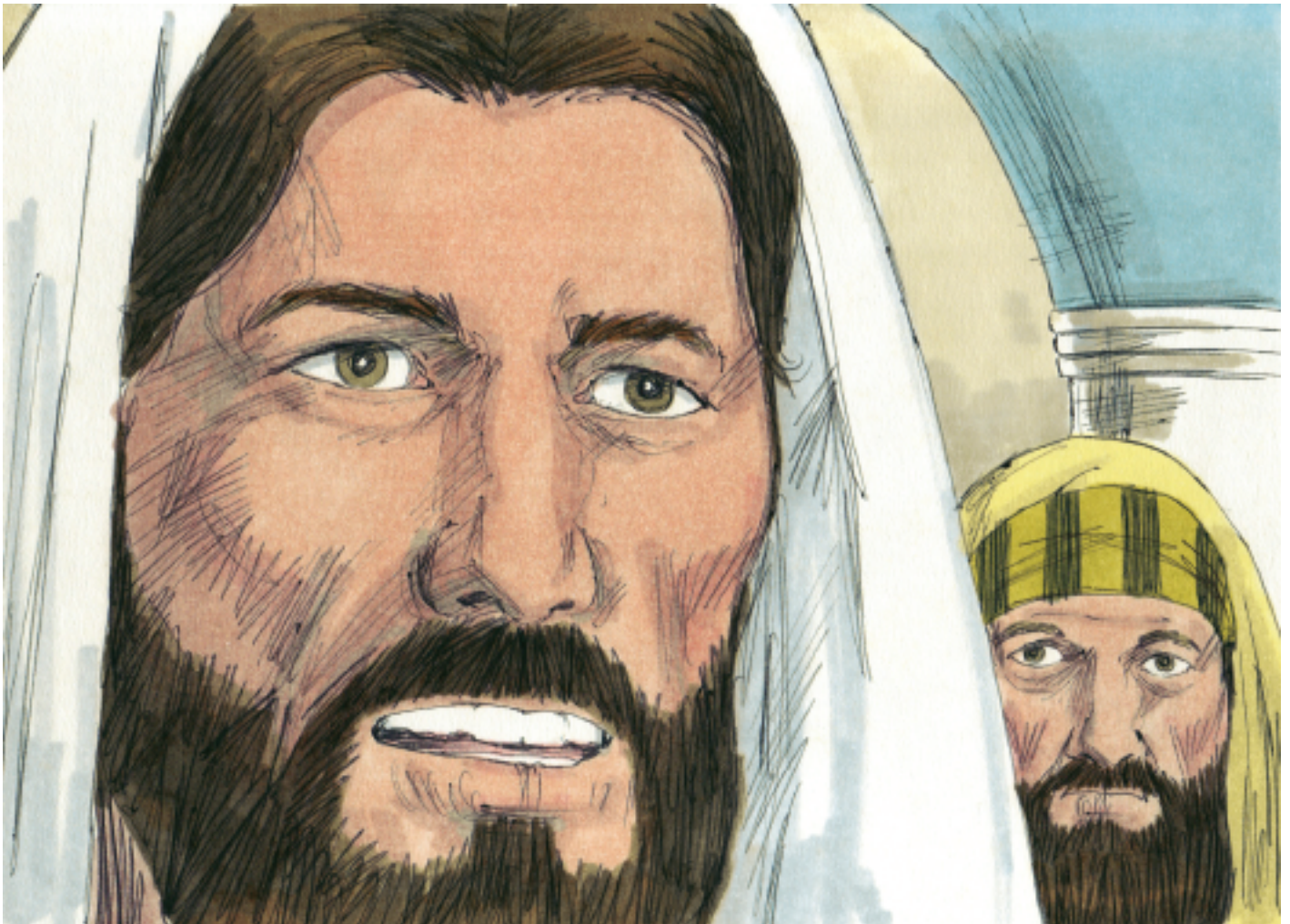
“How can we know you are the Messiah? Why should we believe you?” they asked Jesus.

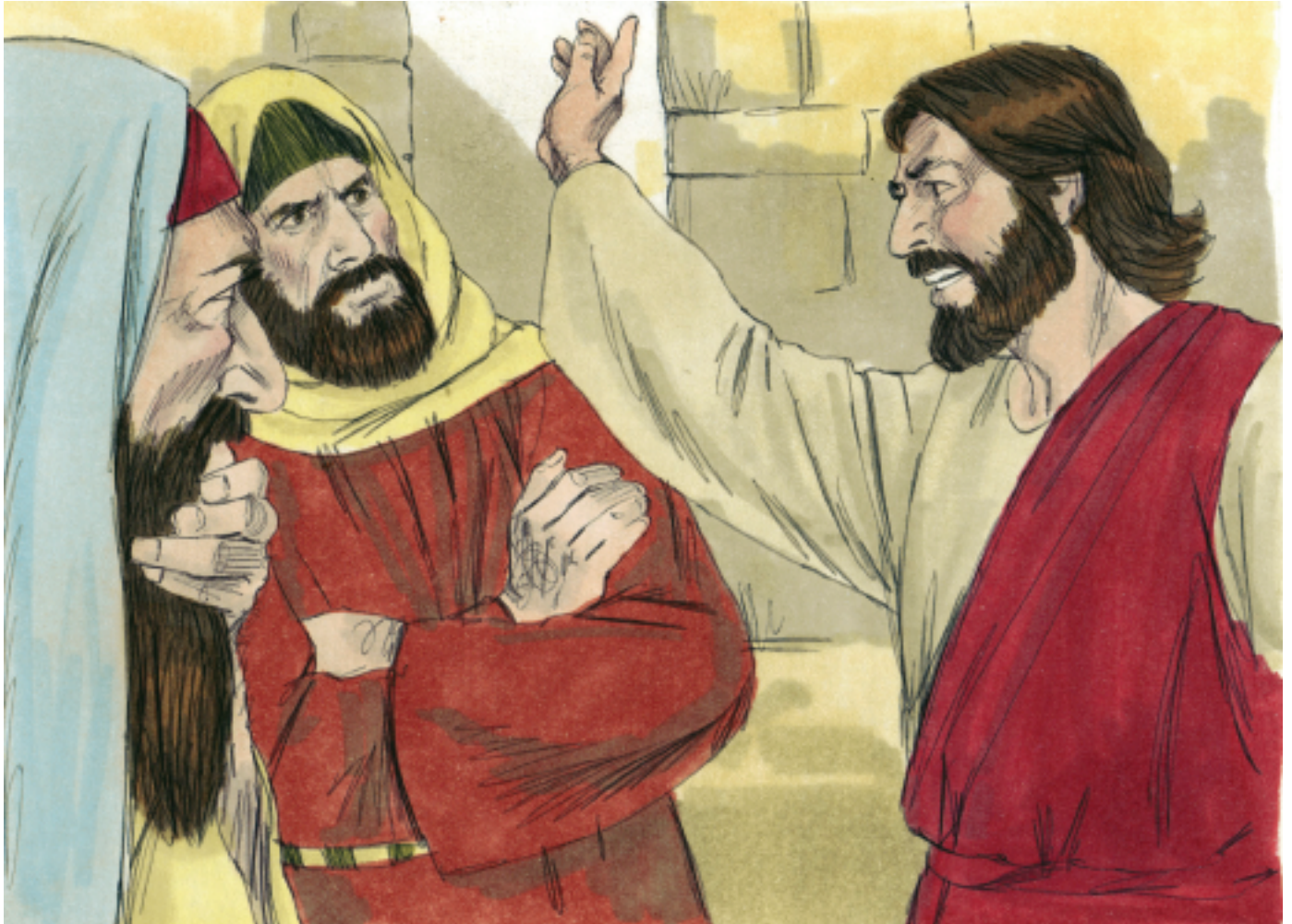
Jesus explained, “Even if you do not believe me, you should believe my Father.”

The people were confused. “Your father! Where is your father?” they asked.

“My father is God. But you do not know God, because you do not know me.” Jesus answered.

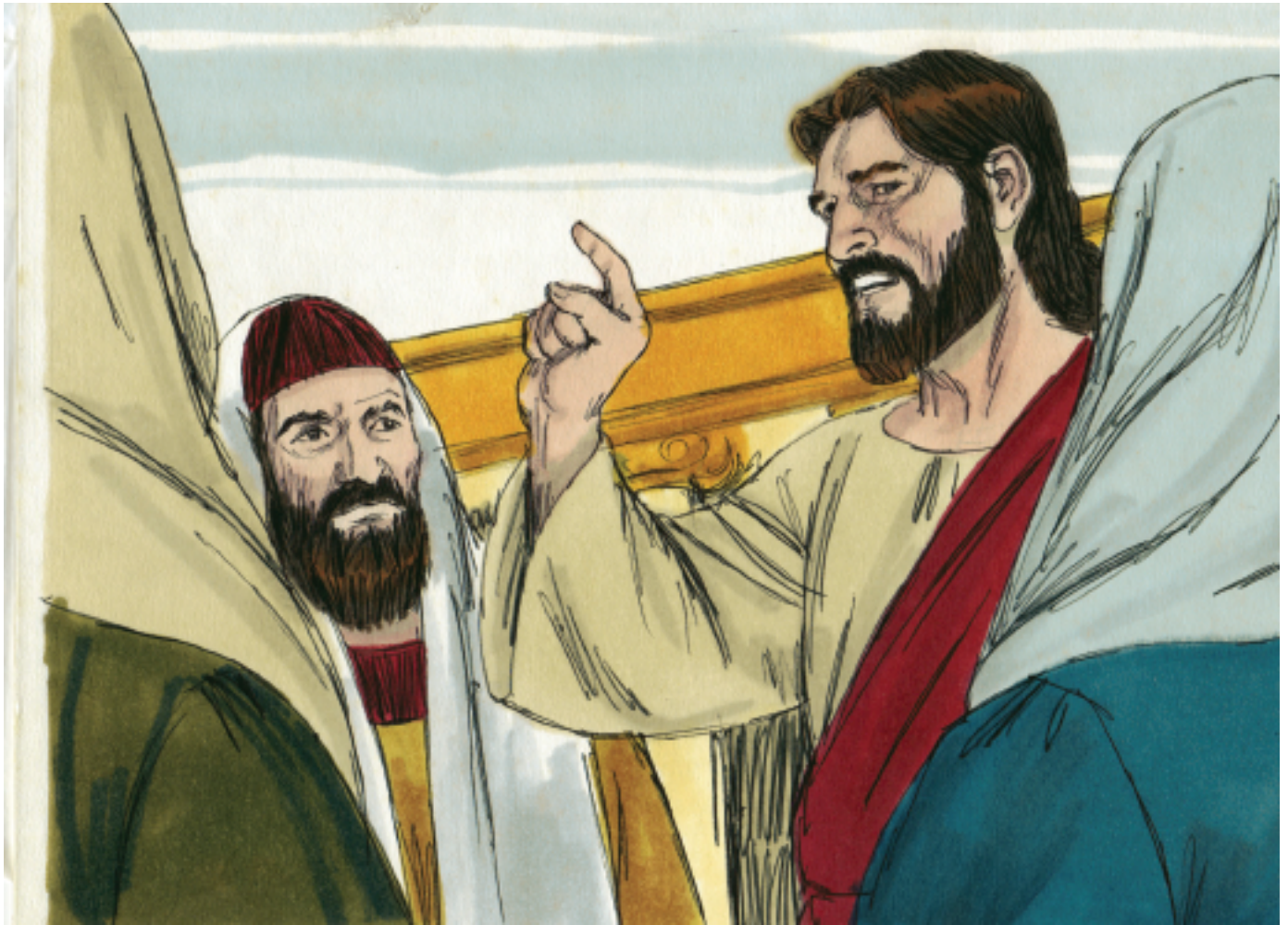
This made the people angry, so they wanted to arrest him. But Jesus escaped, because it wasn't time for him to be arrested.





Later, some of them asked Jesus, “You must be evil to say these things! You are giving glory to yourself!”

“I am not evil,” said Jesus “I honor God, my Father, and you dishonor me. I am not trying to give glory for myself. I am giving glory to God, and he is your judge. But if you obey me, you will never die.”

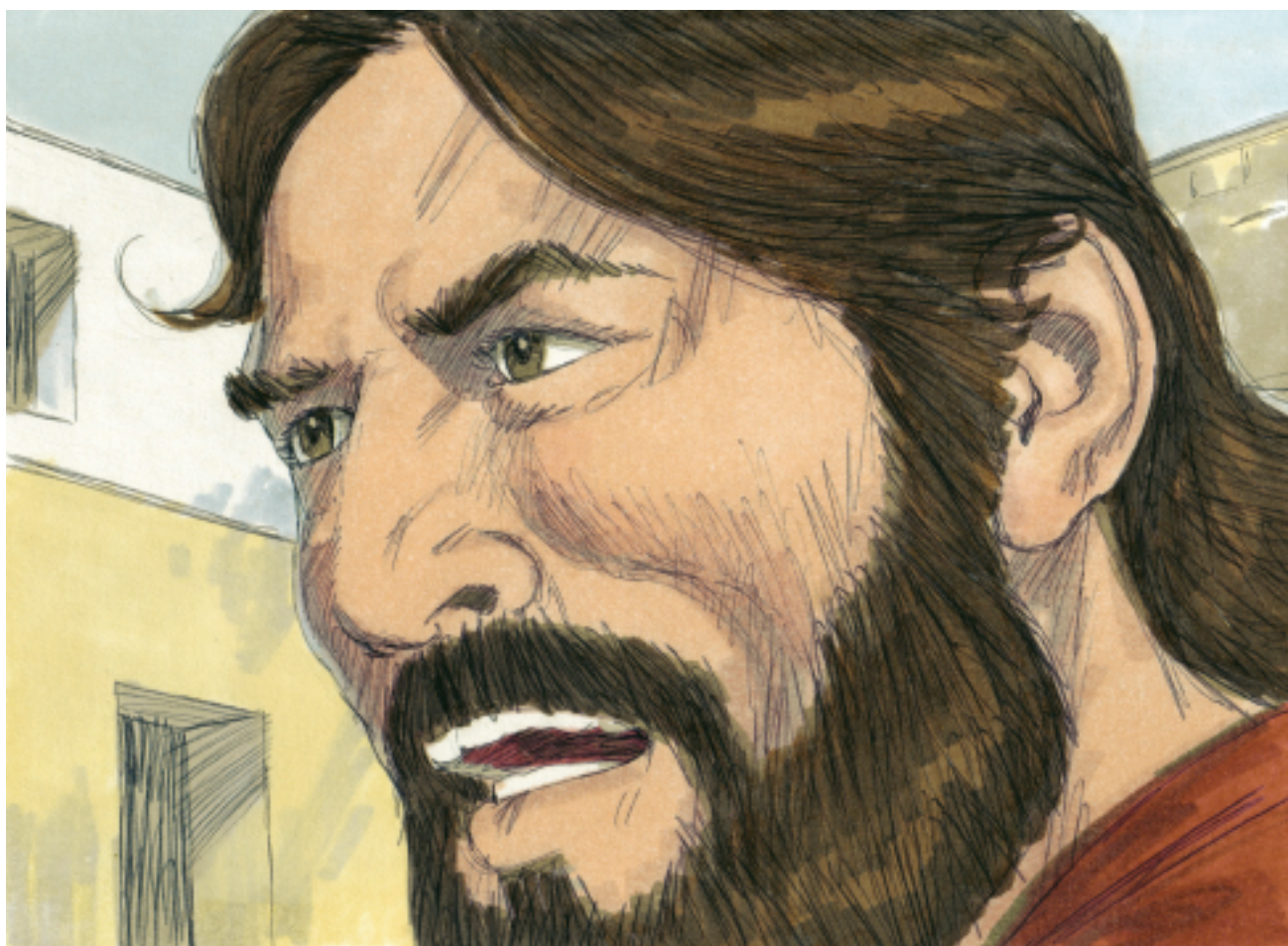


At this, they yelled, “Now we KNOW you are evil! Abraham died! And the Prophets died! You say that whoever obeys you will never die. Are you greater than our father Abraham? Who do you think you are?”

Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. God, my Father, is the one who glorifies me. Though do not know God, I know him. Your father Abraham rejoiced when he thought about me.”

“You are not even fifty years old!” they said to him. “How could Abraham know about you?!”

“I am going to tell you something true.” Jesus answered. “Before Abraham was born, I AM!”





This made the people listening want to kill Jesus, so they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds, because it was not time for him to be killed.