

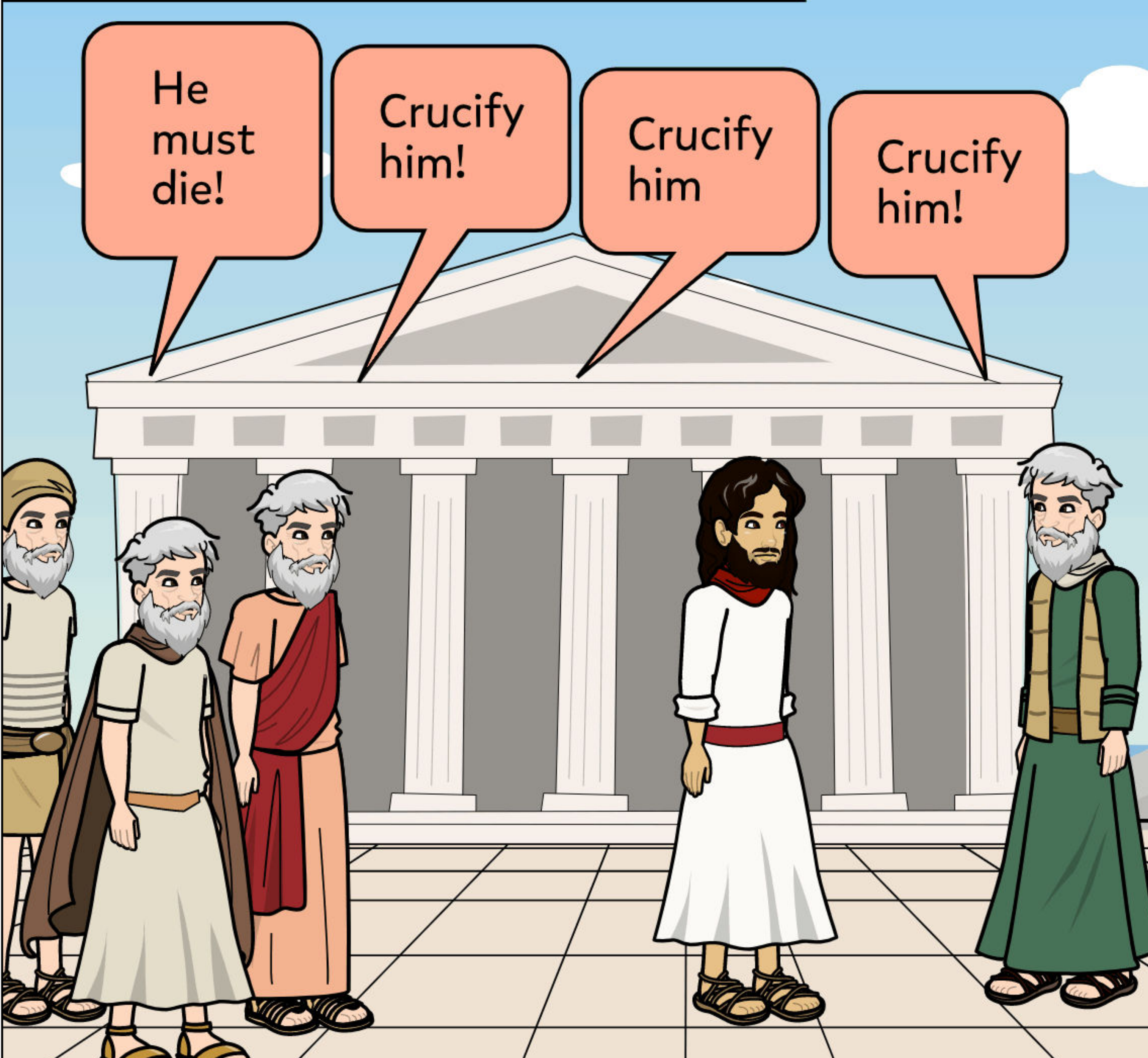
"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 1:9-10)



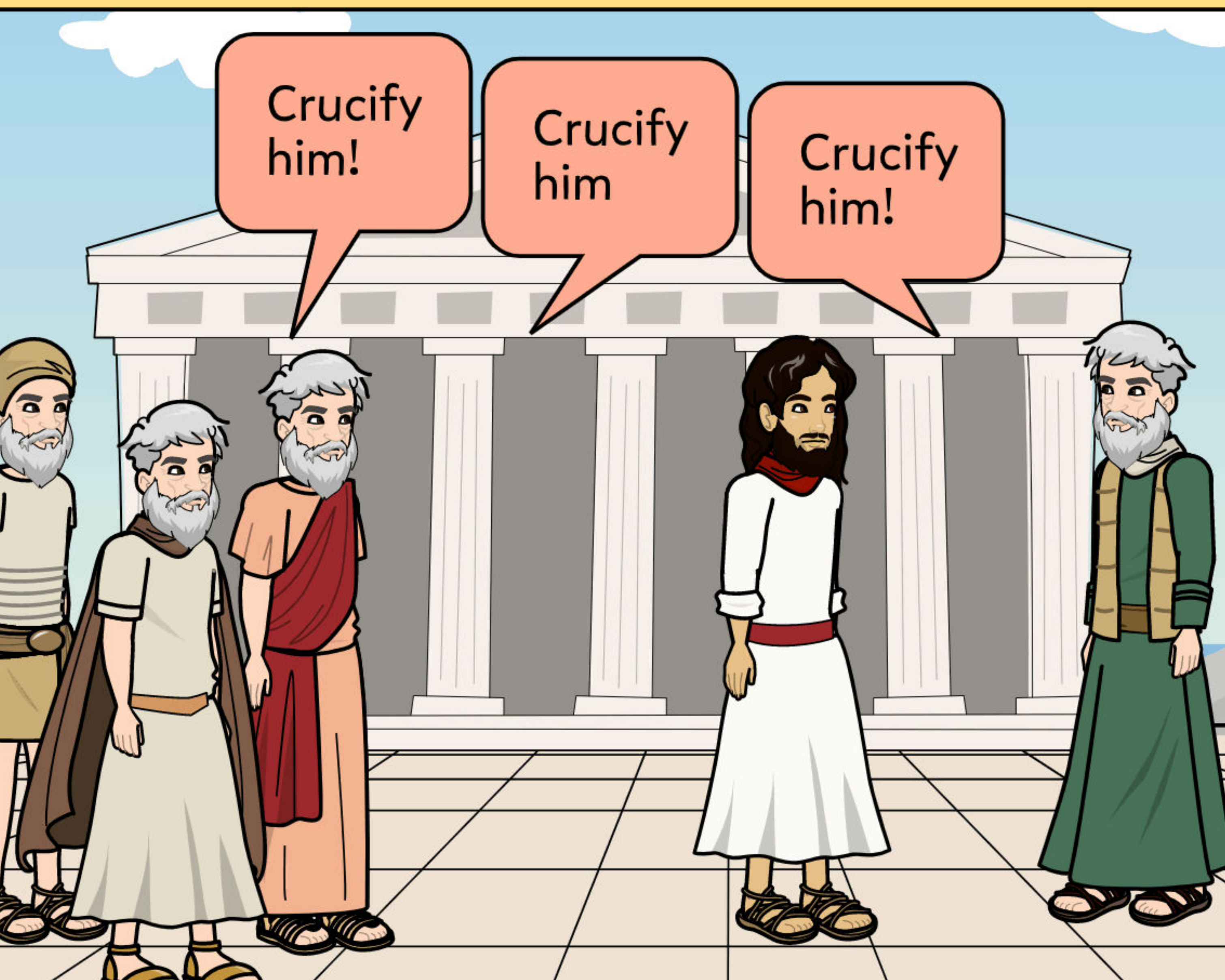
It is Palm Sunday! Praises are being sung of this Messiah - the anointed one of God! Jesus the Christ



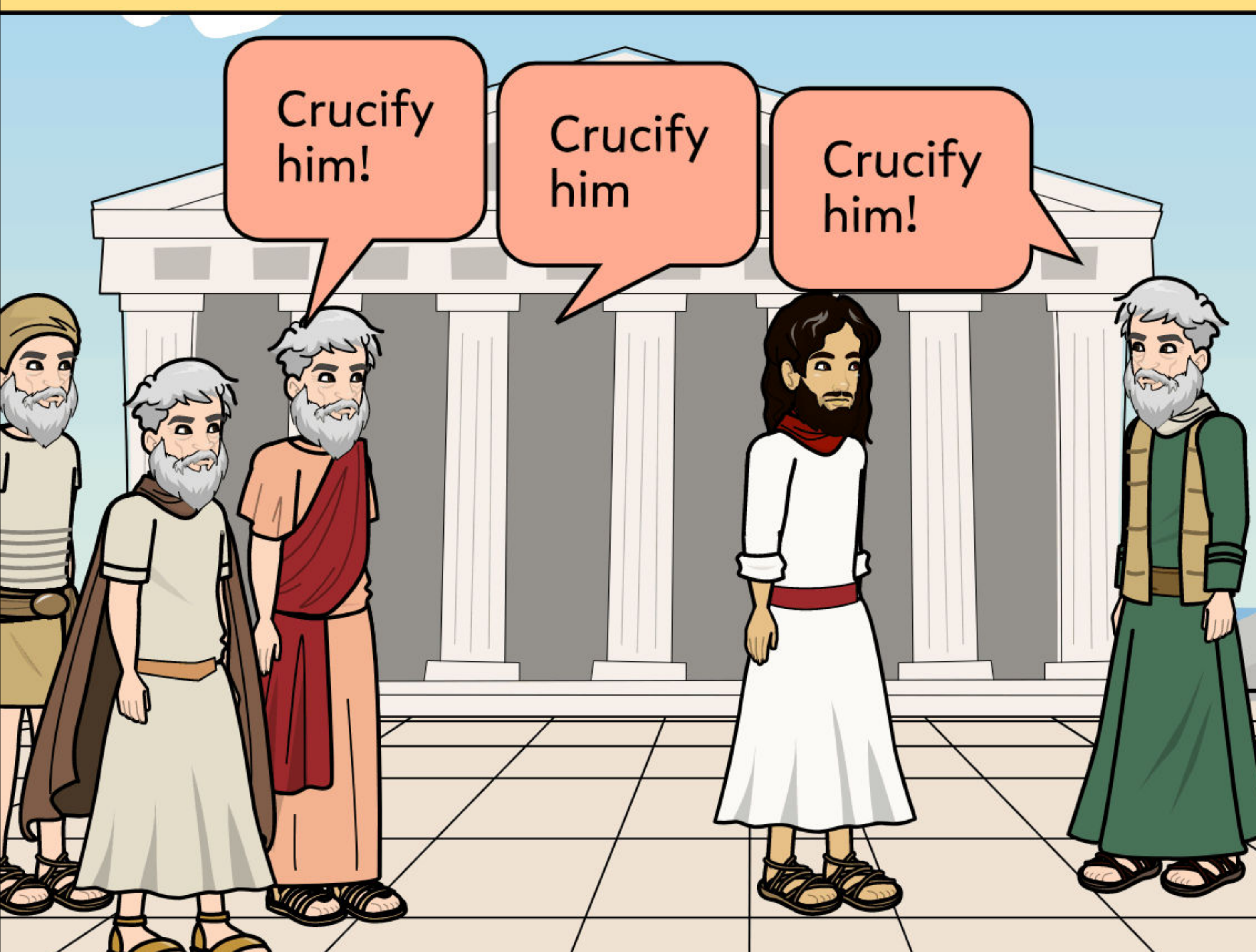
But suddenly the "song" will change:



This is exactly what we relive in the liturgy of today. We sing Hosannah at the entrance, to the son of David, the king! And at the passion during the readings, we say crucify him!



Oftentimes this is the story of our lives. We acknowledge Jesus as king but sometimes fail him in our actions. We join with the crowd in condemning him again and again: when we condemn our neighbor or fail to live up to the values of our Christian dignity



Let us pray specially today for the grace to follow Jesus truly and fully. To see him more clearly, love him more dearly, follow him more nearly, day by day. As these 40 days of liturgical comics end today and we enter the Holy week, may we die with Jesus so as to rise with him. Amen

