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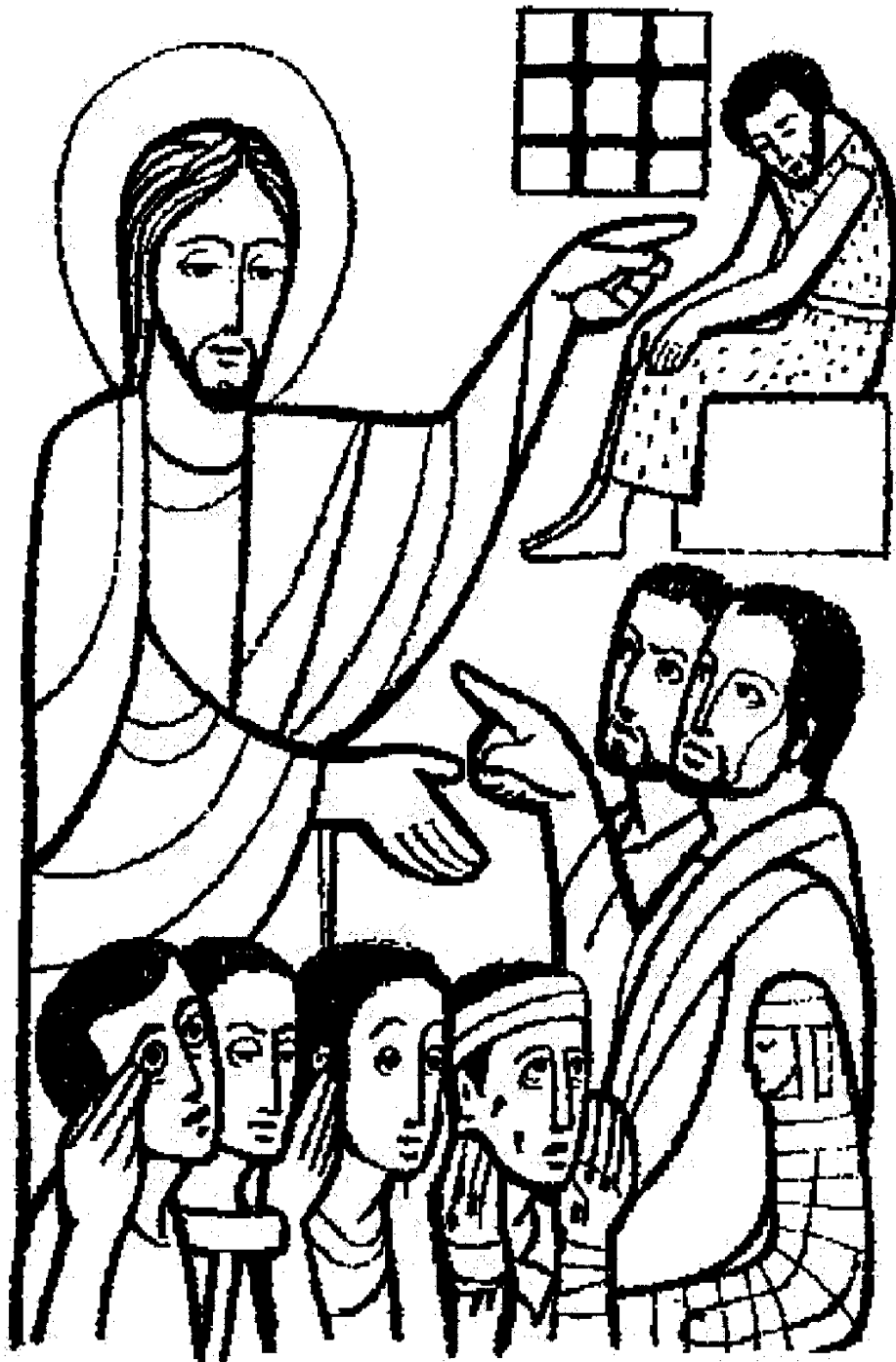
The Third Sunday of Advent 11 December, 2022

Matthew 11:3

"Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

Heavenly Father, as we see the many stars in the decorations of this season may we be reminded that Jesus is the "Bright Morning Star" and that we should put all our hope and trust in him.

Amen.



GOD OF SURPRISES

WHAT DOES 'MESSIAH' MEAN?

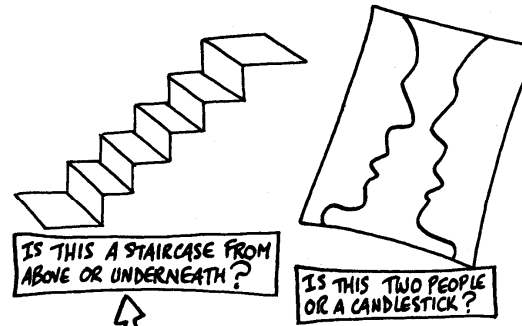
'Messiah' or 'Christ' was the one God would send to save his people. The Jewish people were waiting for him to come.

WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST EXPECTING HIM TOO?

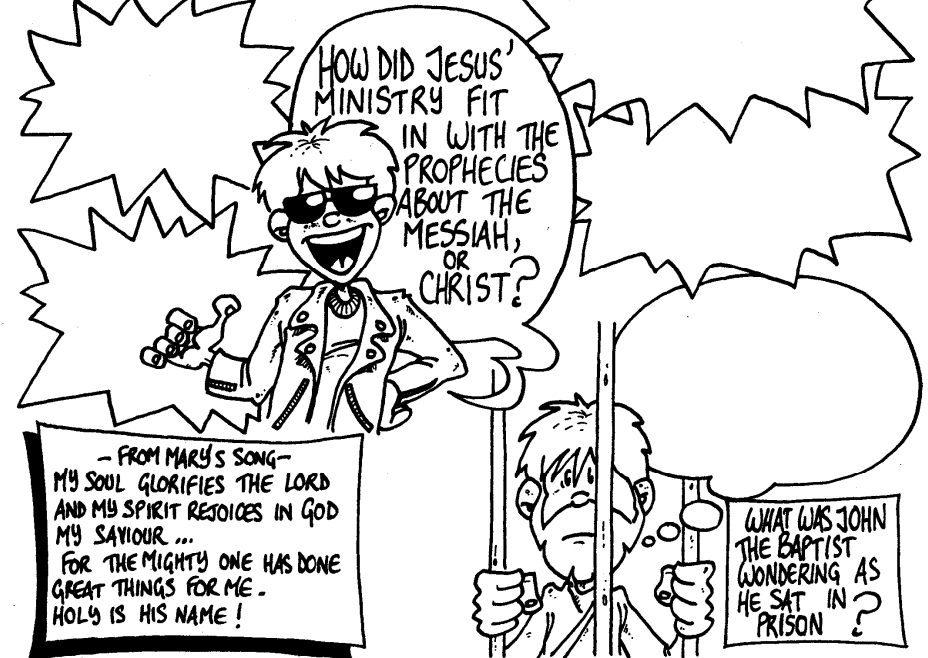
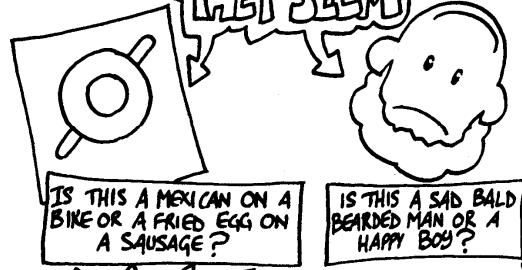
Yes.

SO WHY DIDN'T HE KNOW JESUS WAS THIS CHRIST?

Mostly he did know. But a bit of him wasn't sure because he was behaving more as a friend of sinners than a judge.



THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM



- FROM MARY'S SONG -
 MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD
 AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD
 MY SAVIOUR ...
 FOR THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DONE
 GREAT THINGS FOR ME .
 HOLY IS HIS NAME !



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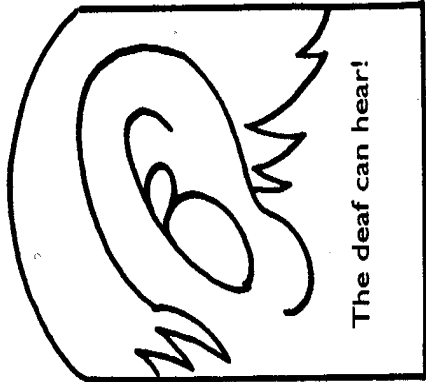
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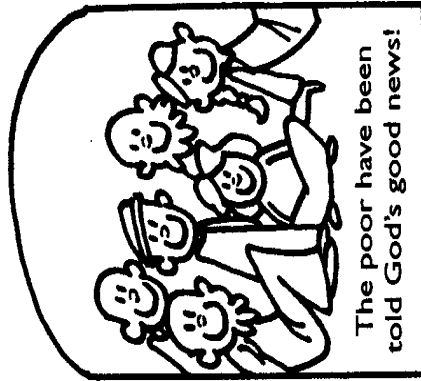
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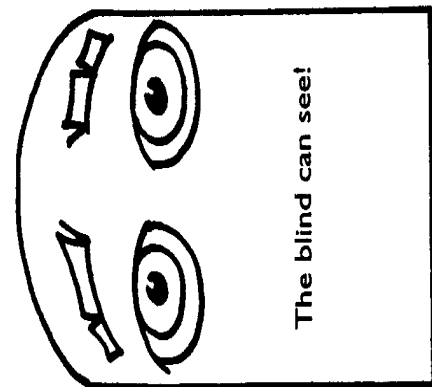
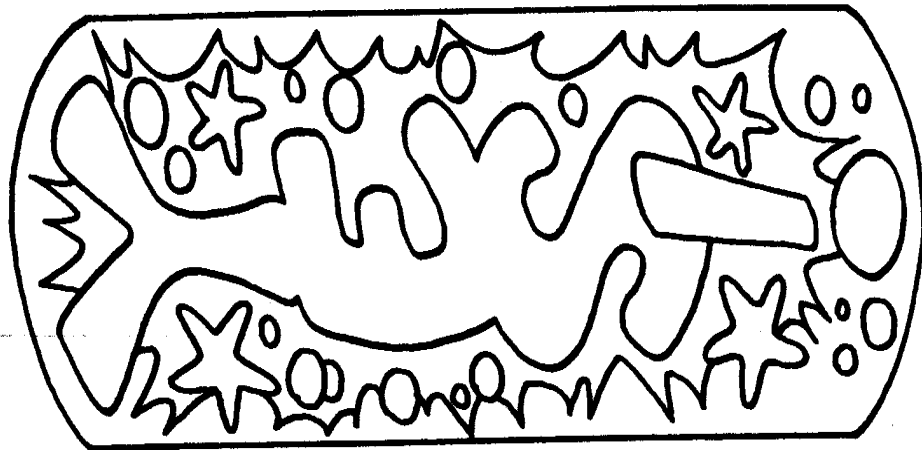
"Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"
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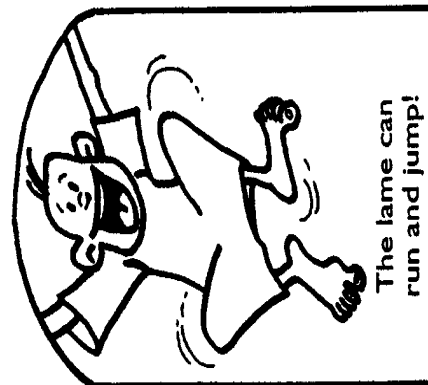
The deaf can hear!



The poor have been told God's good news!



The blind can see!



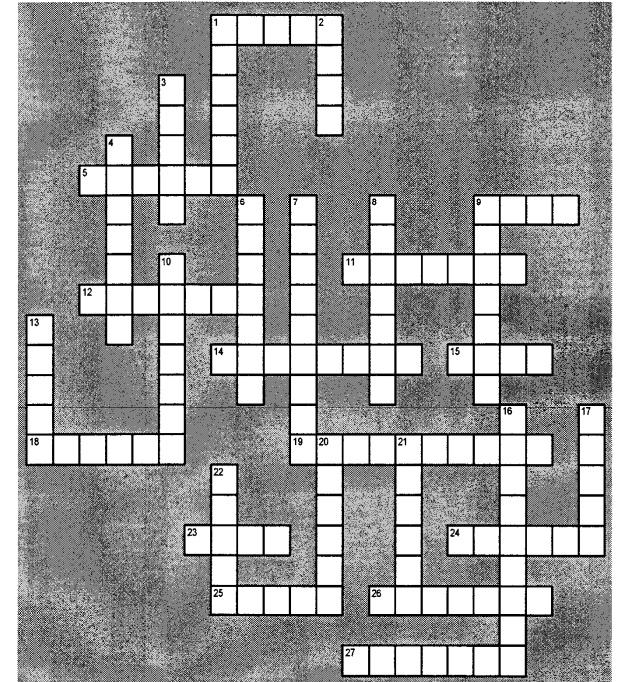
The lame can run and jump!

Crosswords

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

Matthew 11:2-11 (CEV)

- 5 across) John was in _____ when he heard what Christ was doing.
- 7 down) So John sent some of his _____ to ask Jesus,
- 11 across) Are you the one we should be _____ for?
- 6 down) Or must we wait for _____ else?"
- 14 across) Jesus _____, "Go and tell John
- 1 across) what you have _____ and seen.
- 13 down) The _____ are now able to see, and the lame can walk.
- 27 across) People with _____ are being healed,
- 2 down) and the _____ can hear.
- 23 across) The dead are raised to _____,
- 26 across) and the poor are _____ the good news.
- 3 down) God will _____ everyone who doesn't
- 12 across) reject me _____ of what I do."
- 22 down) As John's followers were _____ away,
- 20 down) Jesus spoke to the _____ about John:
- 18 across) What sort of person did you go out into the _____ to see?
- 25 across) Was he like tall _____ blown about by the wind?
- 9 across) What _____ of man did you go out to see?
- 4 down) Was he someone _____ in fine clothes?
- 21 down) _____ who dress like that live in the king's palace.



- 24 across) What did you _____ go out to see?
- 16 down) Was he a prophet? He _____ was.
- 8 down) I tell you that he was more than a _____.
- 19 across) In the _____ God says about him, I am sending
- 17 down) my messenger to get things _____ for you."
- 15 across) I tell you that no one ever _____
- 10 down) on this earth is greater than John the _____.
- 9 down) But whoever is least in the _____
- 1 down) of _____ is greater than John.