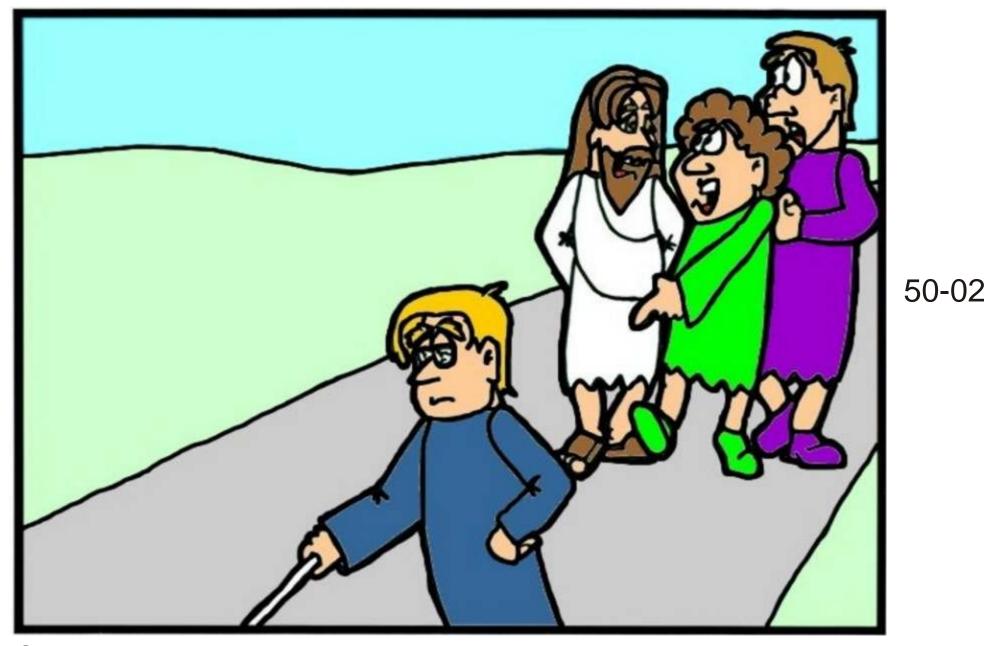
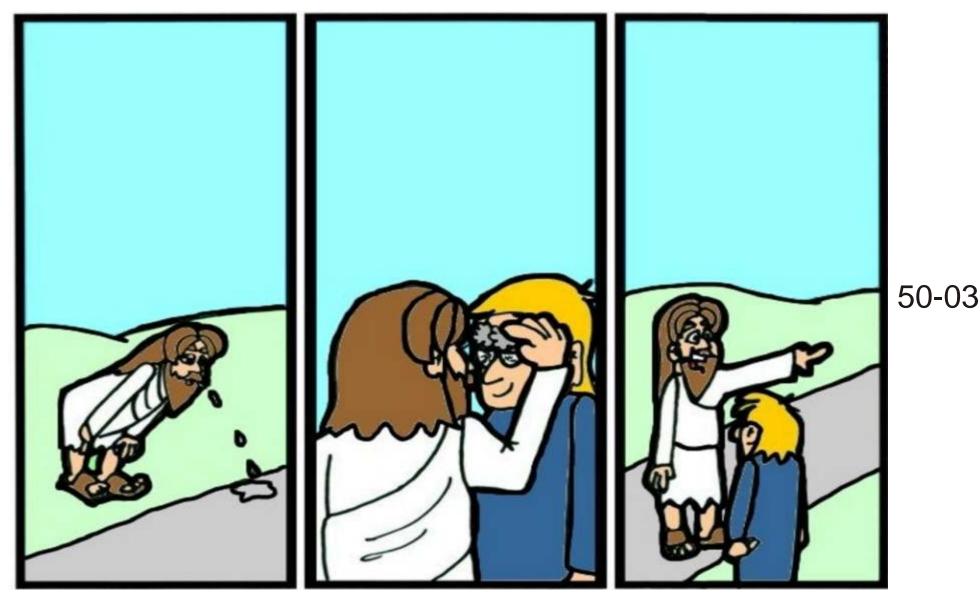
Jesus Heals Blind Man

(Based on John 9:1-41)

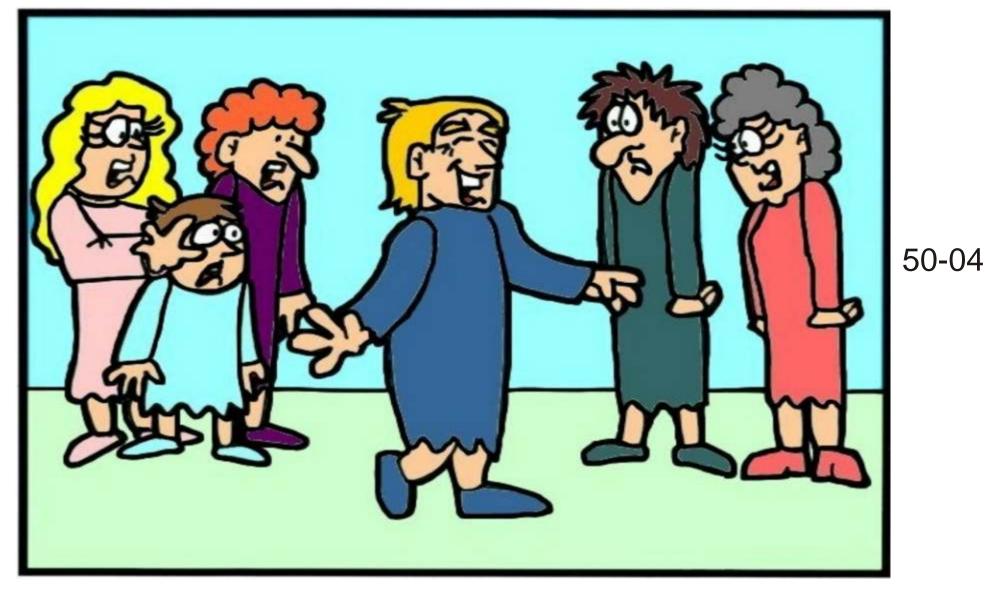
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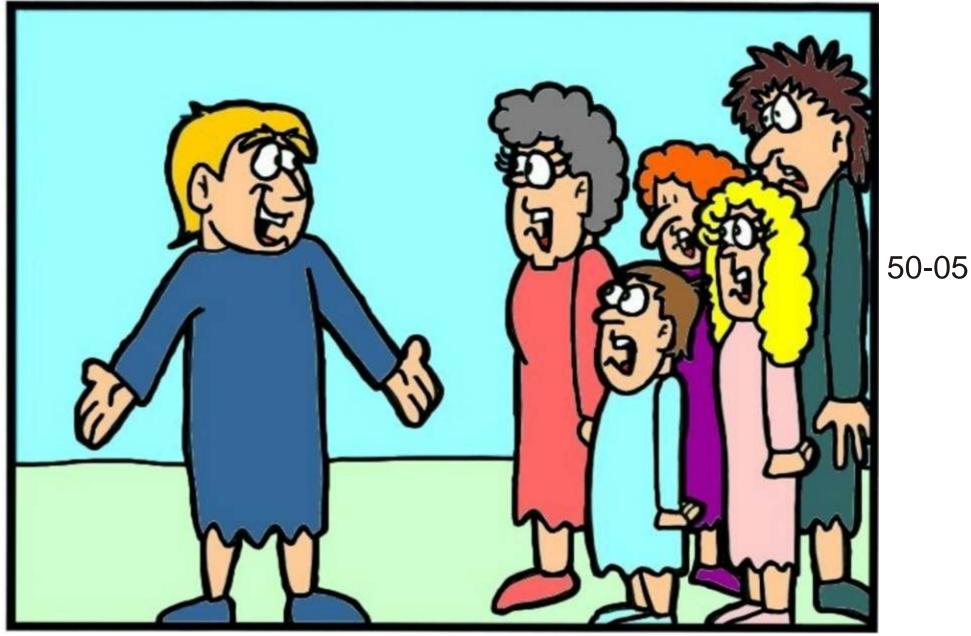
One day they saw a man who was blind since birth. "Teacher," asked the disciples, "Who did the bad thing, this man or his parents that he was born blind?"



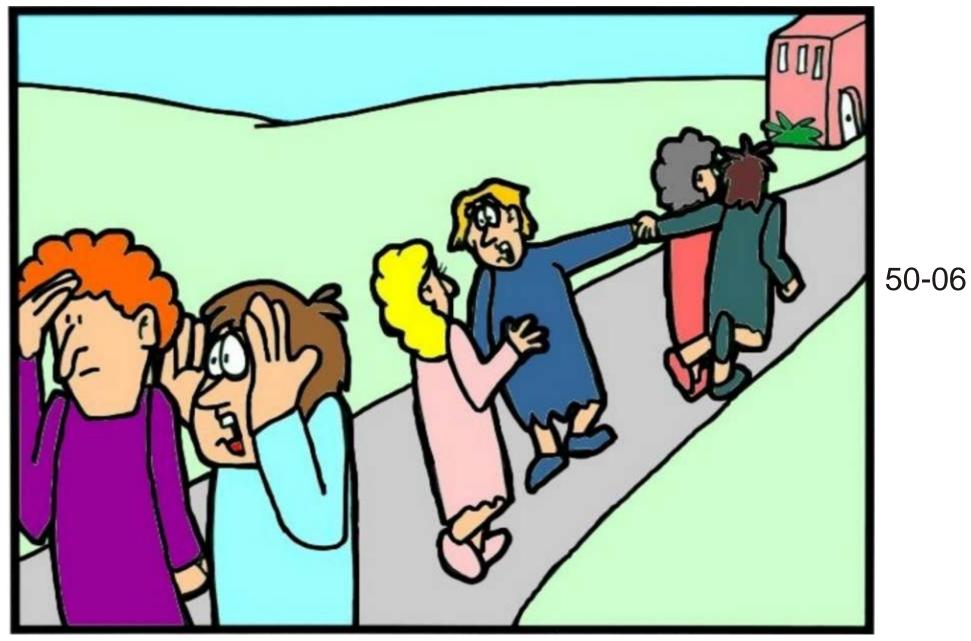
As soon as Jesus had finished speaking, he spit on the ground and made mud. He took the mud and smeared it on the eyes of the blind man. "Now go and wash in the pool of Siloam," commanded Jesus.



The man obeyed. When he returned, he was a seeing man. "Isn't this the beggar man?" asked people. "Yes it's him," said some. "No," said others, "This is a guy who looks like the beggar man."



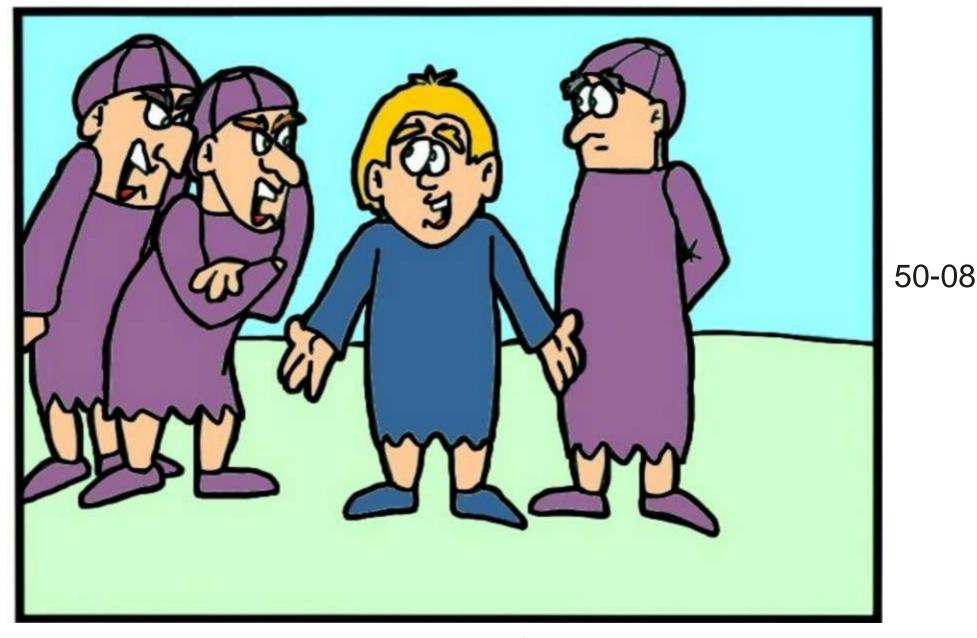
"I am him," answered the man who used to be blind. "How did your eyes become healed?" they asked. The man told them how it happened.



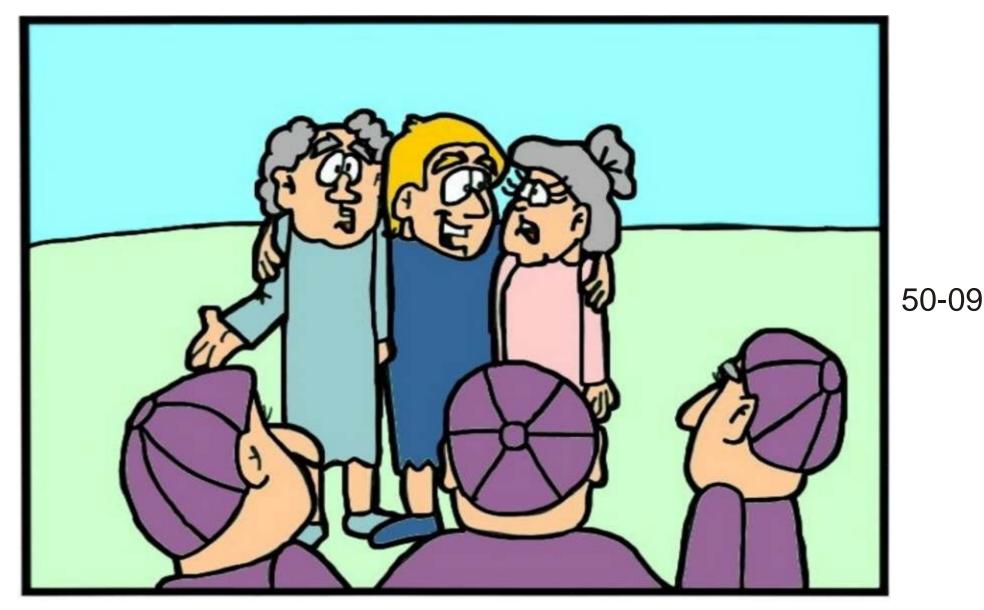
"Where did he go?" asked the crowd. "I don't know," answered the man. The people brought him to the Pharisees.



"Jesus is not from God!" said some of the Pharisees. "He healed on the day of rest!" Other Pharisees said, "How could a bad man do miracles like this?" Then they started to argue with each other.



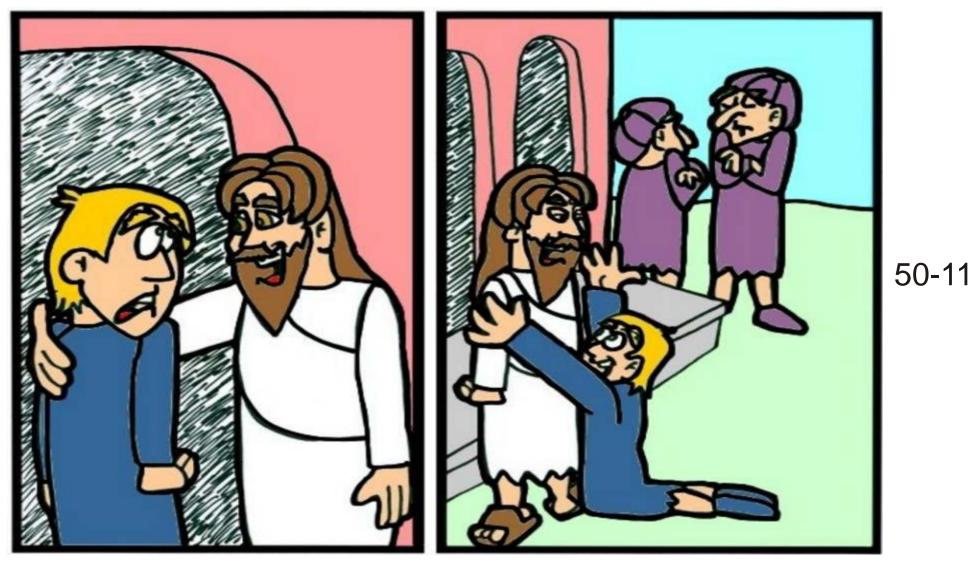
"What do you say about Jesus?" they asked. "He is a prophet," answered the man. "We don't even think you were blind in the first place!"



They asked his parents and they said their son was born blind but they did not want to talk about Jesus. The Pharisees had made a rule that if anyone said that Jesus was the Saviour, he would be kicked out of the synagogue.



"If Jesus wasn't from God then he wouldn't be able to do anything!" said the healed man. "You were born doing bad things! Are you trying to teach us?" said the Pharisees very angrily. And they pushed him out.



Jesus found the man after the Pharisees pushed him out. The man worshipped Jesus.

"This is why I came into the world, so that blind people could see and to show how some people who say they can see, are really becoming blind."



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Lord, when people let me down I thank you that you will come and comfort me.