

THE SUNDAY PAPER

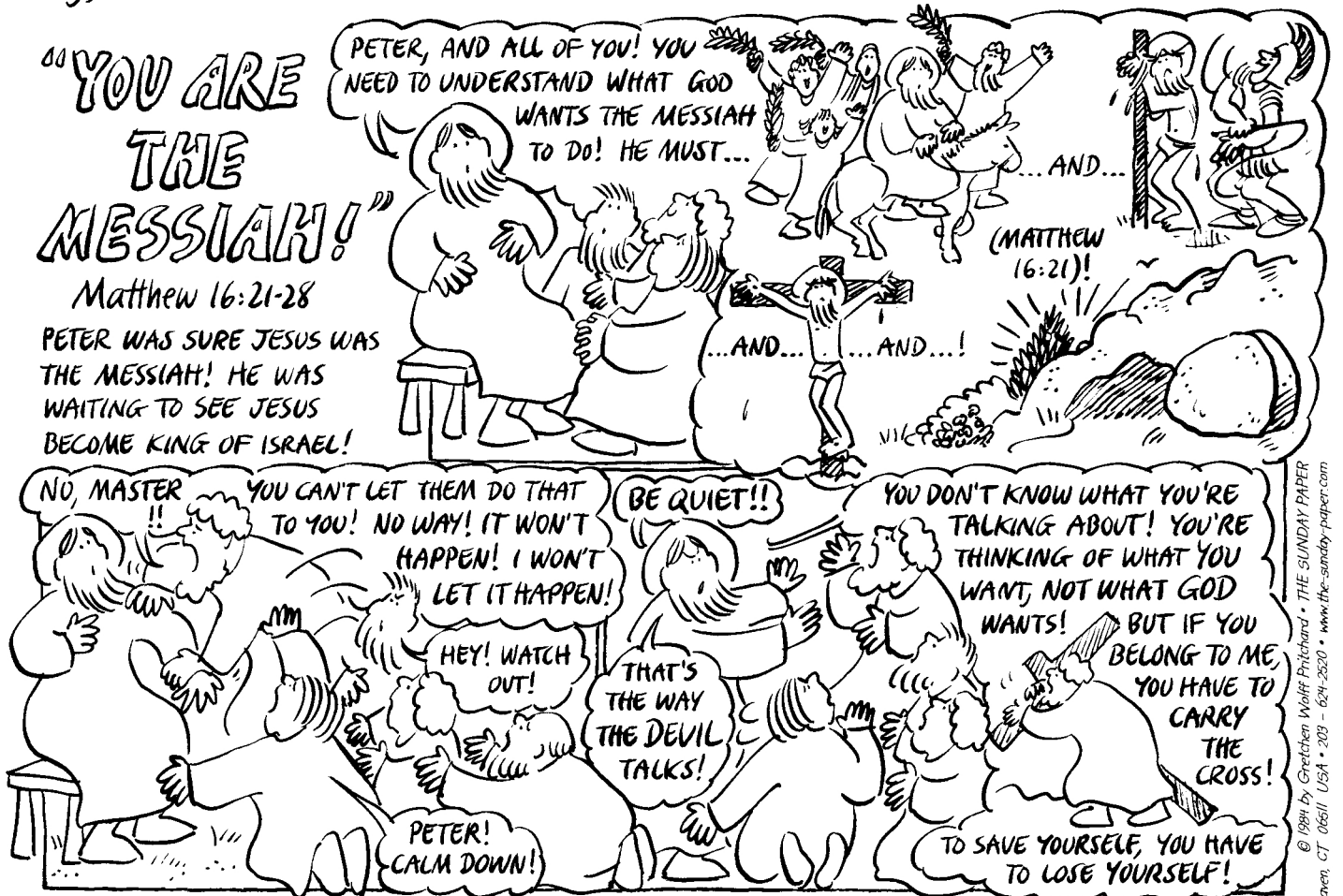
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When Jesus said and did so many wonderful things that showed God's love, many people decided he must be the Messiah that everyone was hoping for. Jesus asked his friends who they thought he was. Some of them were shy, but Peter said, "You are the Messiah! You are God's Son!"

"YOU ARE THE MESSIAH!"

Matthew 16:21-28

PETER WAS SURE JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH! HE WAS WAITING TO SEE JESUS BECOME KING OF ISRAEL!



The people of Israel were waiting and hoping for God to send them the Messiah. They expected the Messiah to lead a revolution that would throw out the Romans, make Israel independent, and give everybody peace and justice and plenty. Jesus tried to explain to his friends that being the Messiah was harder and more complicated than that. And so is following the Messiah!

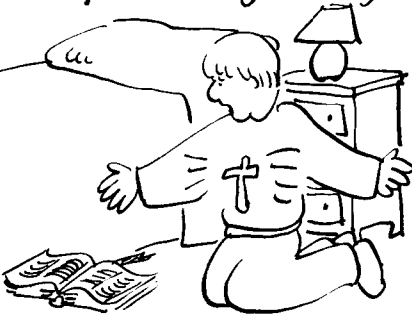
JEREMIAH 15:16

"I have learned your words, O Lord; they are my joy; and I am called by your name"



PSALM 26:2

"Look in my heart, O Lord, and see whether I have been faithful to your ways"



ROMANS 12:14

"Pray for your enemies, live in peace, do not pay back evil with more evil"

