

On Precious Ointment

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Jesus and his friends
went to stay at
Simon's the Leper's house,
in the town of Bethany.



While they were there,
a woman carrying
a white alabaster jar,
came to see Jesus.



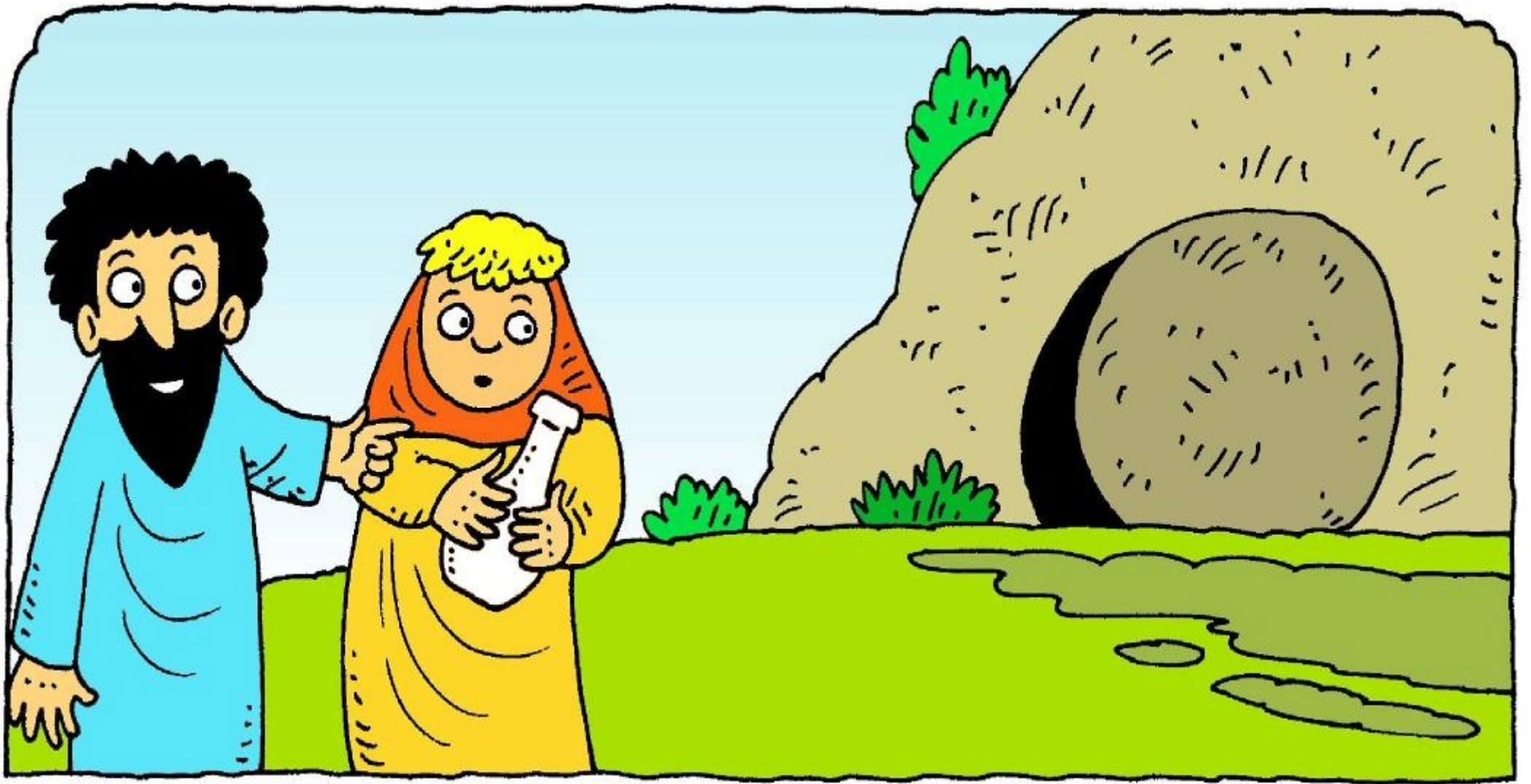
She tipped some
very expensive ointment,
from the jar,
on to Jesus' head.



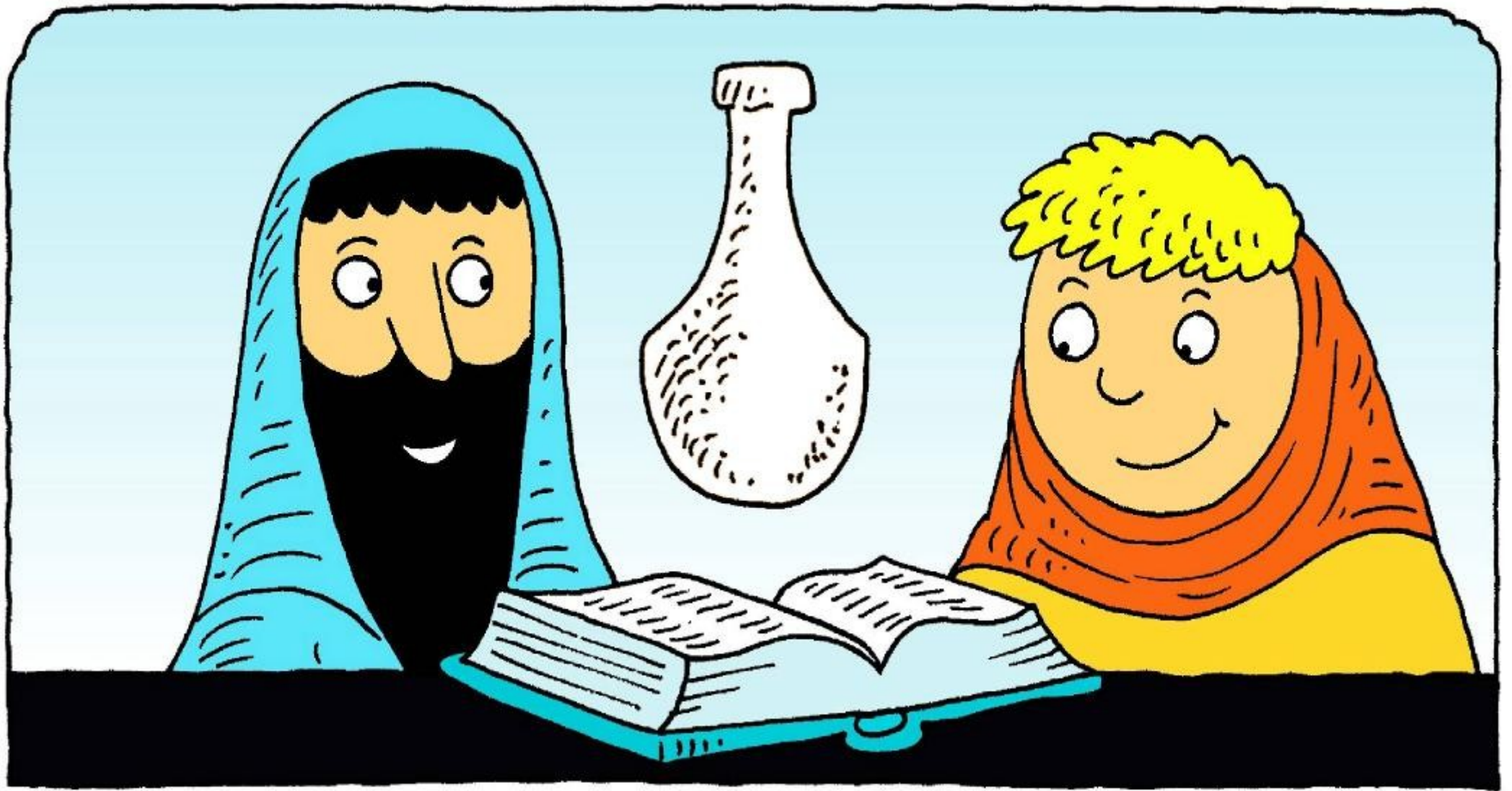
His friends were annoyed.
“What a waste of money!” they said.
“It could have been sold
and the money given to help poor people.



Jesus did not think it was a waste.
“Leave her alone,” he said.
“She did a good thing.
I really appreciate her gift.”



This woman knows
that soon I will be
dead and buried,” said Jesus.
“She gave it from a loving heart.



The story of the woman and her gift
will never be forgotten.”
And now you know about it,
over 2,000 years later.