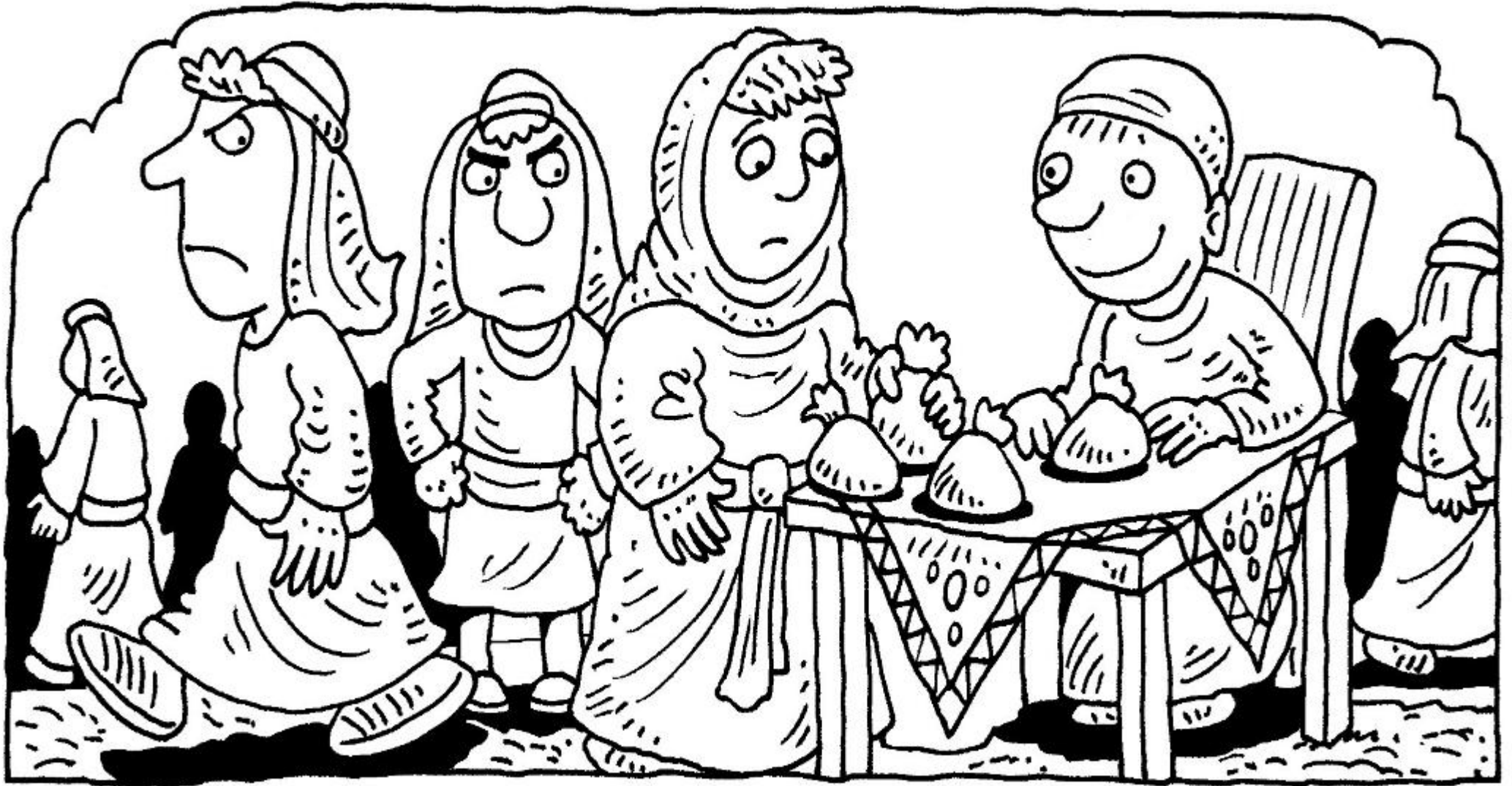


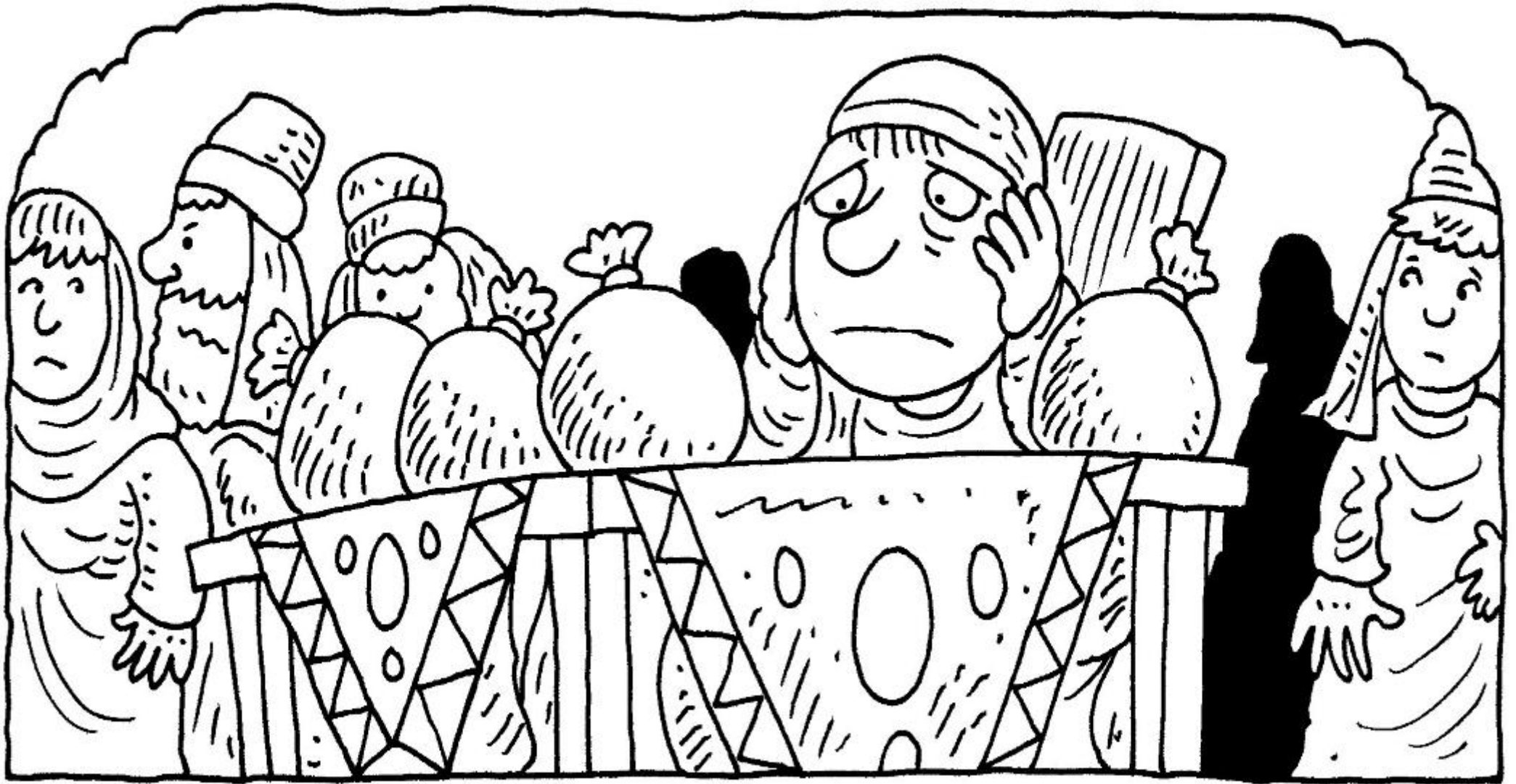
# Matthew Follows Jesus

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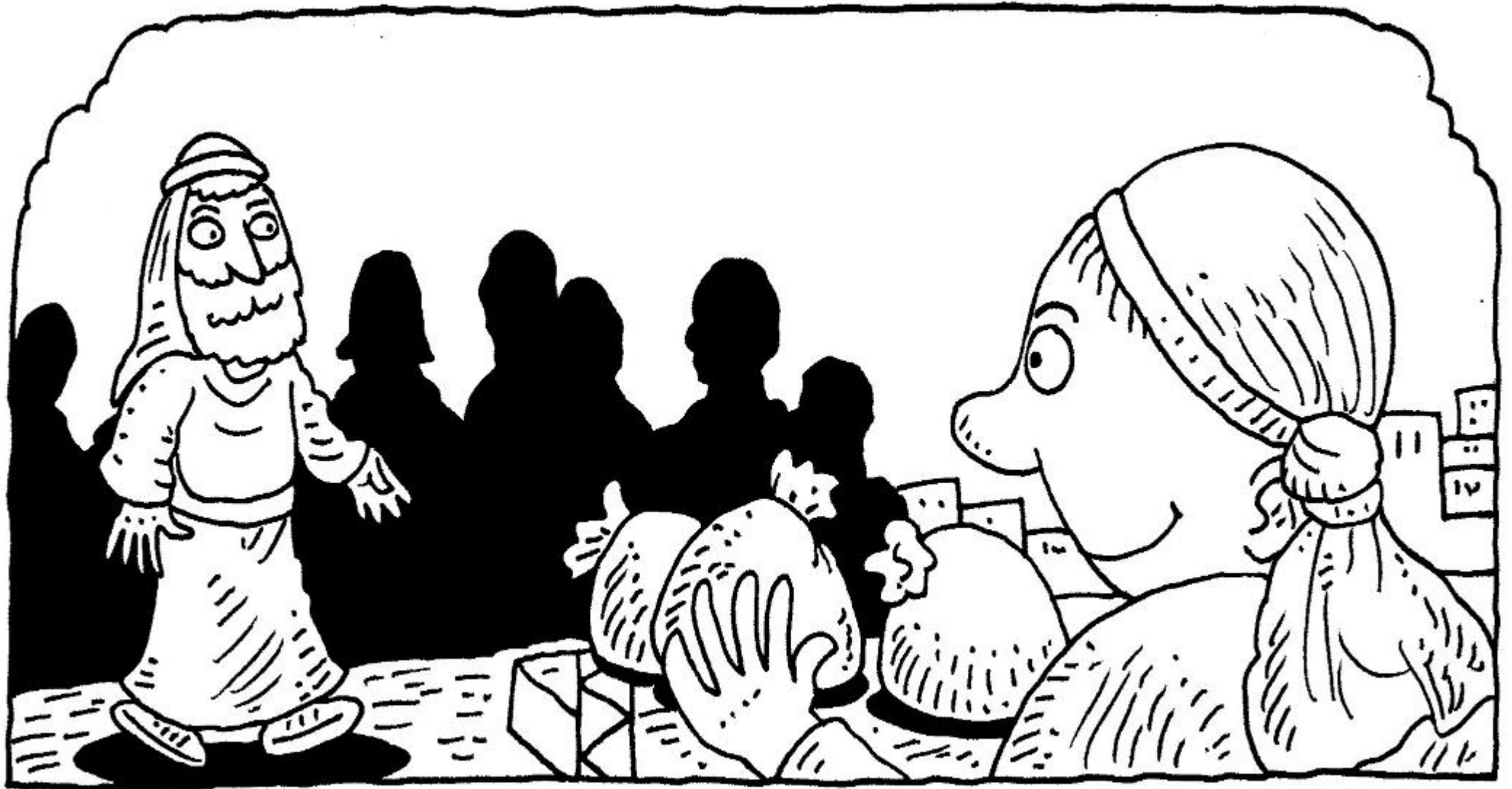




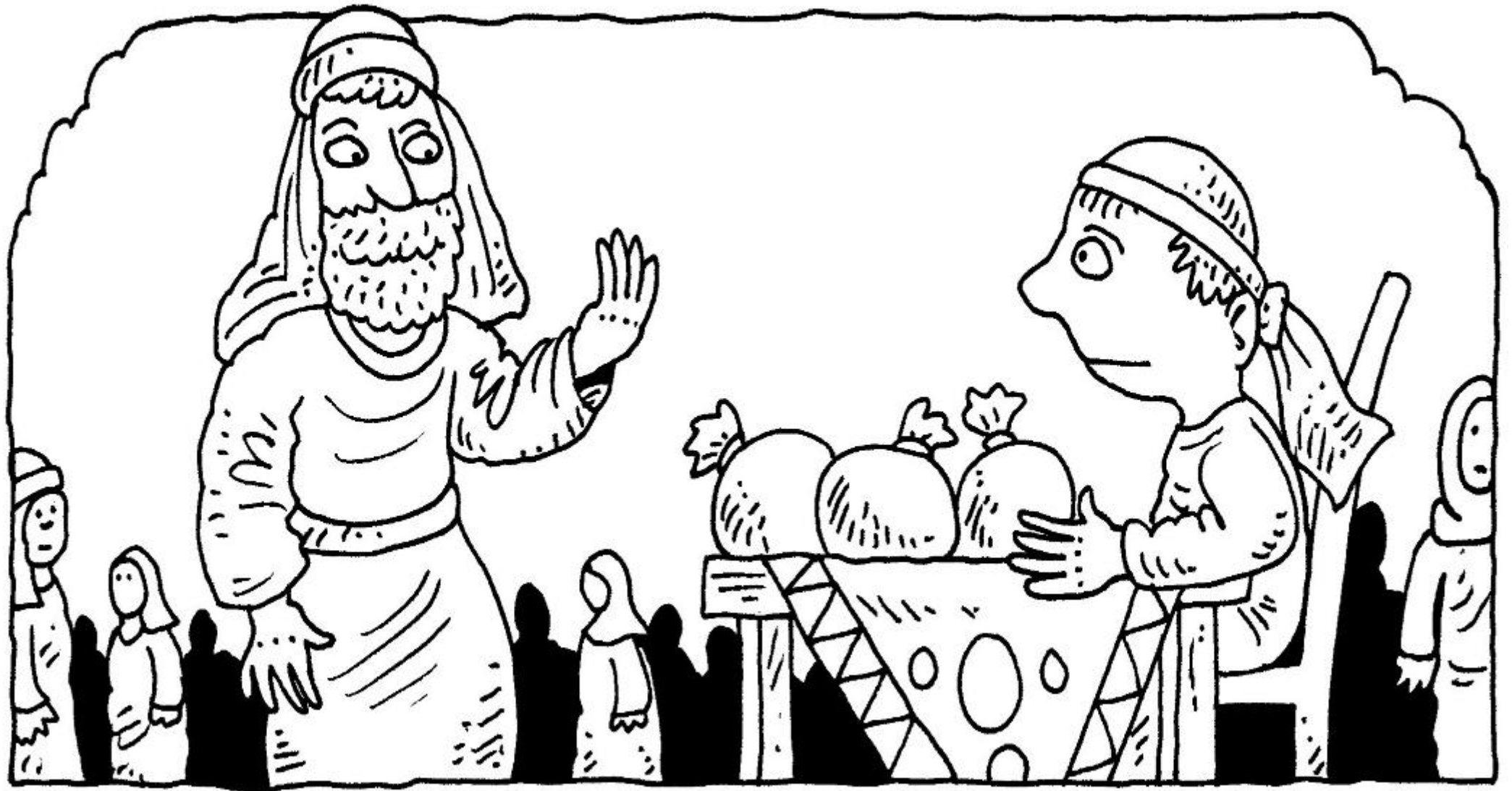
Matthew had an important job  
collecting money for the king.  
He was called a Tax Collector.  
People didn't like paying him money.



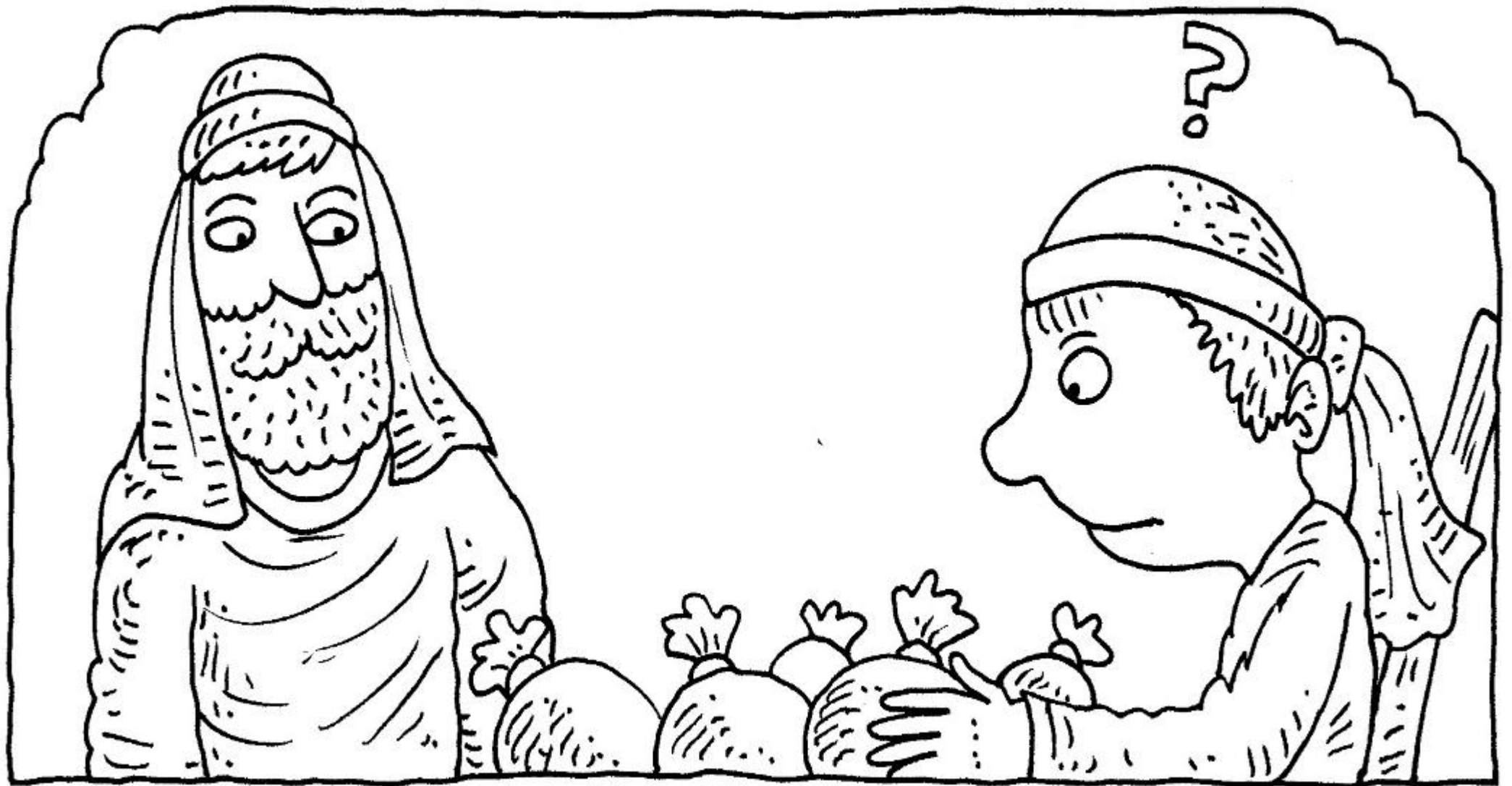
Matthew was clever and he was rich.  
But being very clever  
and being very rich  
didn't make Matthew happy.



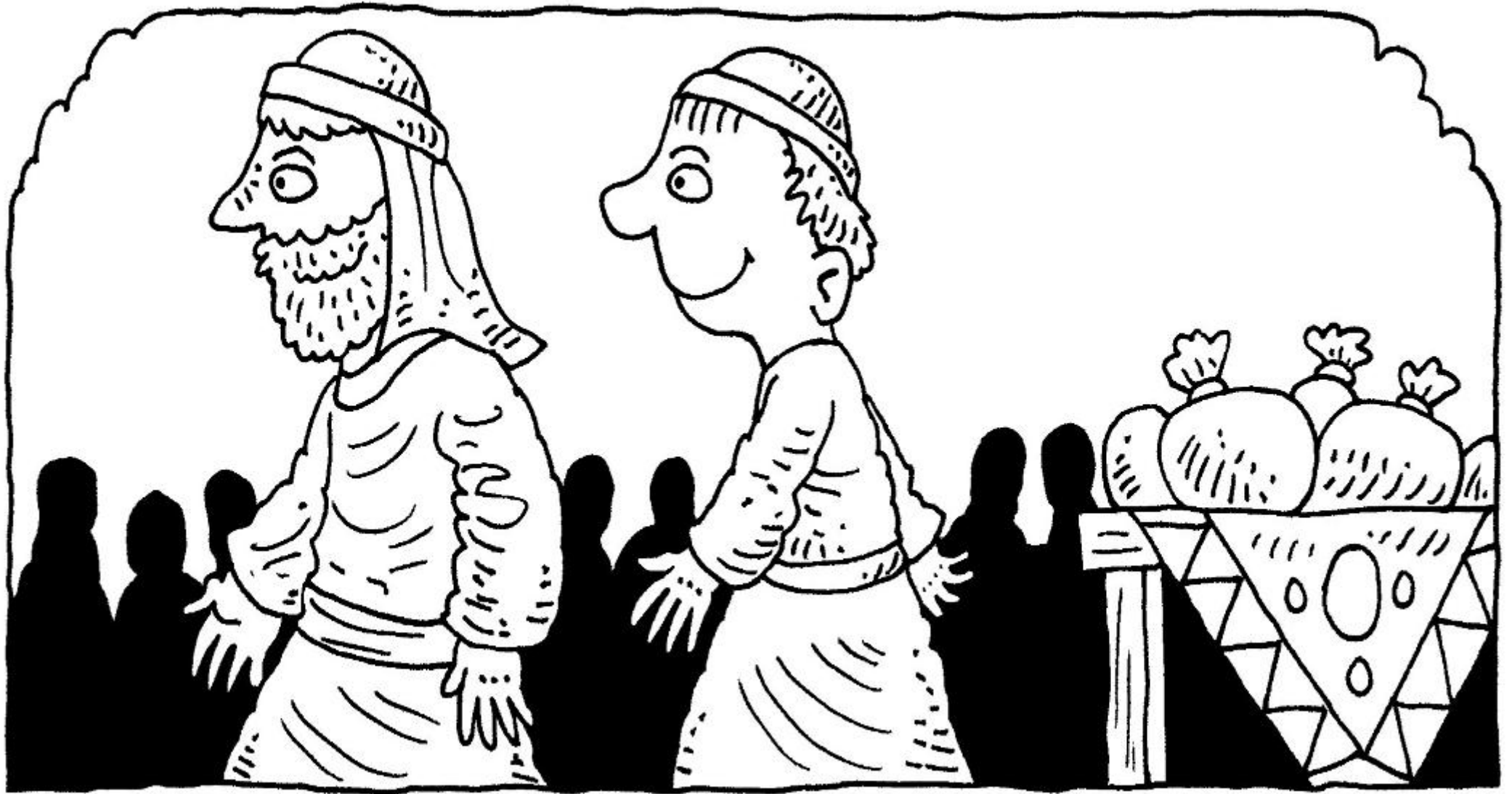
One day Matthew saw Jesus  
walking along the road.  
Jesus made sick people better  
and told stories about God.



Jesus saw Matthew working at his table.  
He come right over to talk to him.  
“Matthew, come and follow me.” Jesus said.  
Matthew was so surprised!



What would Matthew do?  
Would he leave his money?  
Would he leave his job  
to follow Jesus?



Matthew got up straight away  
and followed Jesus.  
He became one of Jesus helpers.  
Following Jesus made Matthew very happy.



Matthew wrote down many things  
he saw Jesus do and heard him say.  
His words are in the Bible  
in the book of Matthew.