

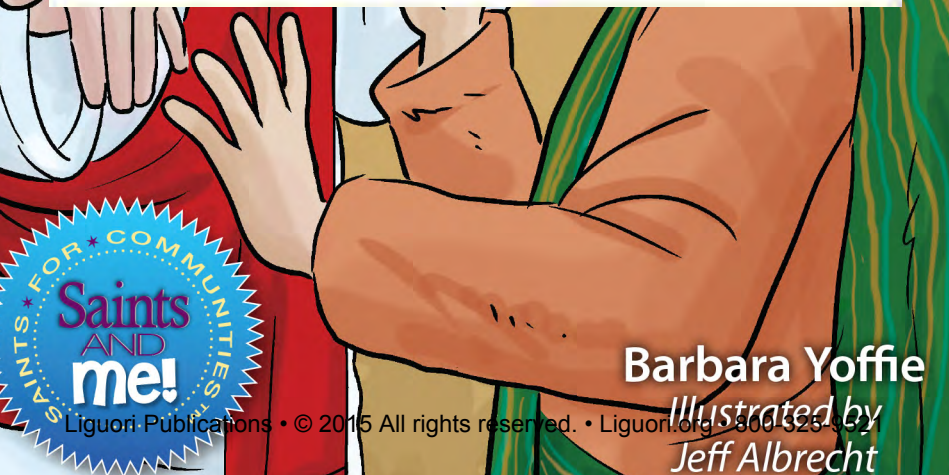


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**Builder and Believer**

**First Century**  
**Born in Galilee**  
**Feast Day: July 3**  
**Community Role:**  
**Construction Worker and Architect**

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## Dedication

To my family:  
my parents Jim and Peg,  
my husband Bill,  
our son Sam and daughter-in-law Erin,  
and our precious grandchildren  
Ben, Lucas, and Andrew

To all the children I have had the privilege of  
teaching throughout the years.

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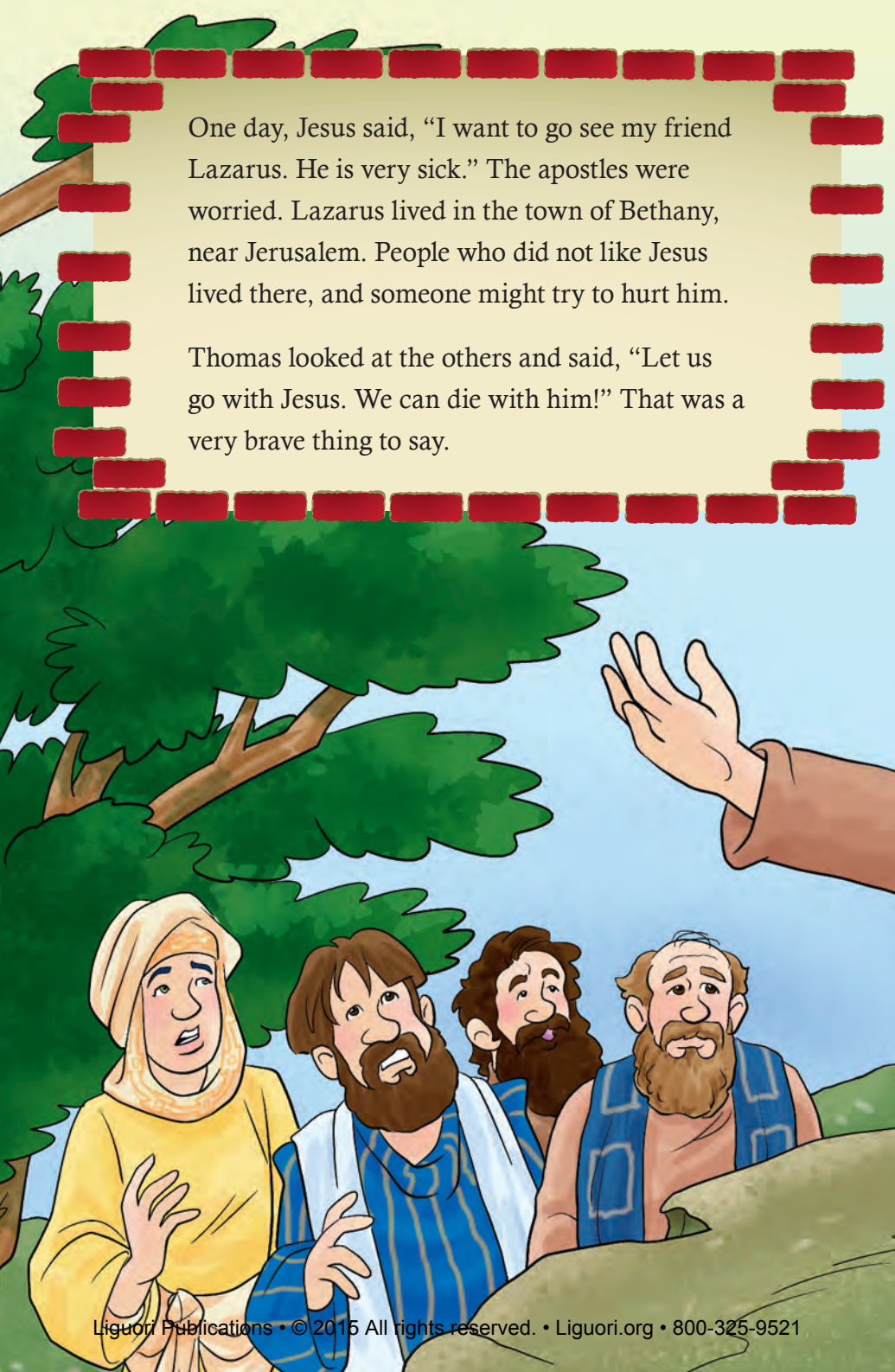
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Jesus traveled from town to town and taught people about God's love. He healed the sick and helped the poor. Many people followed Jesus. They were called his disciples. Jesus chose twelve special men, called apostles, to preach his Good News to all nations. This is a story about the Apostle Thomas, sometimes called "Doubting Thomas."



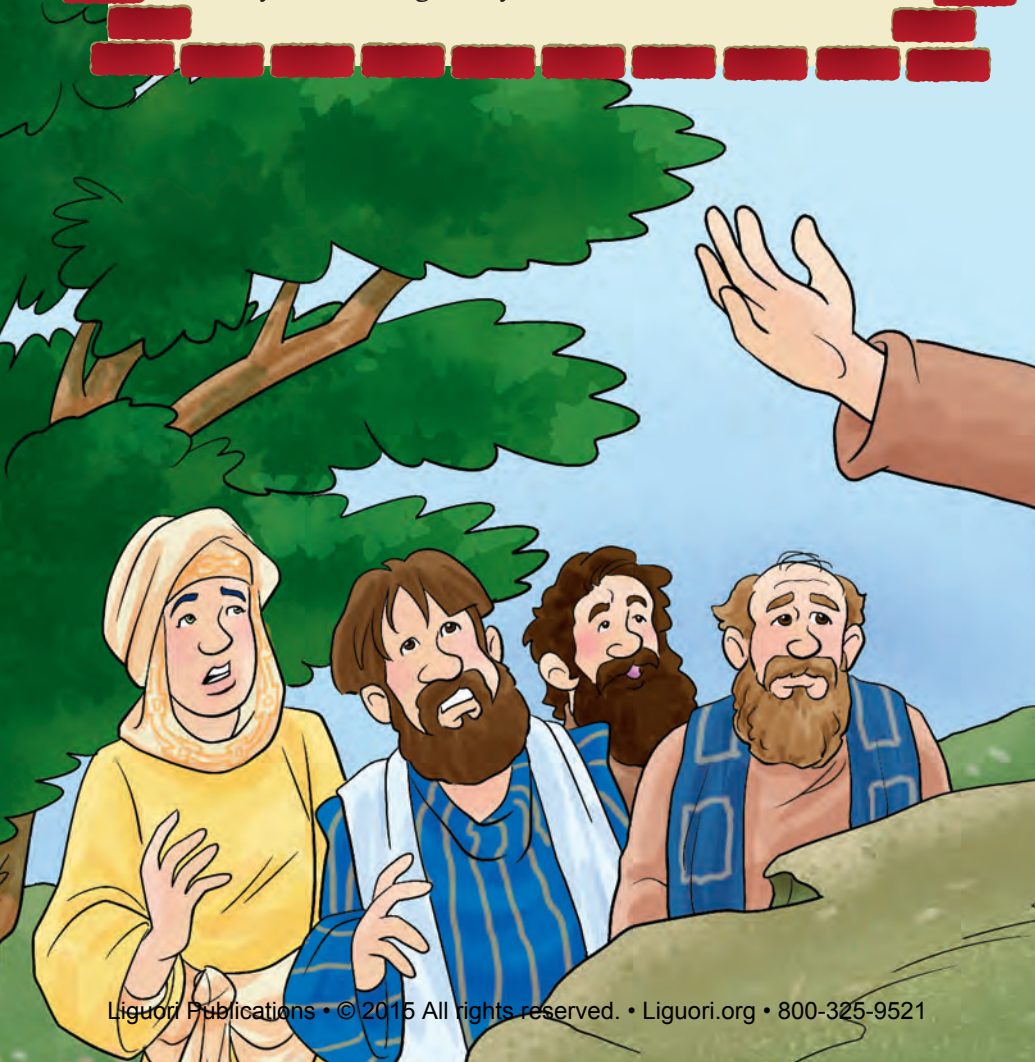
The apostles were Jesus' close friends. They listened to him teach and tried to be good and kind. Jesus said and did amazing things. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. He even performed miracles, like walking on water and calming a storm!





One day, Jesus said, "I want to go see my friend Lazarus. He is very sick." The apostles were worried. Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany, near Jerusalem. People who did not like Jesus lived there, and someone might try to hurt him.

Thomas looked at the others and said, "Let us go with Jesus. We can die with him!" That was a very brave thing to say.

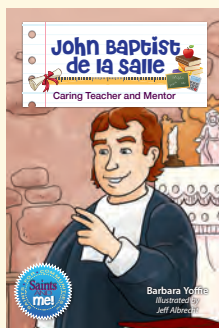


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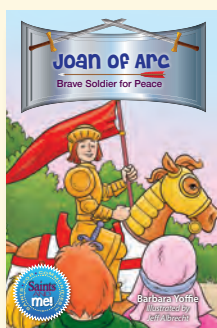
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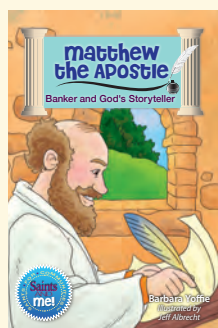
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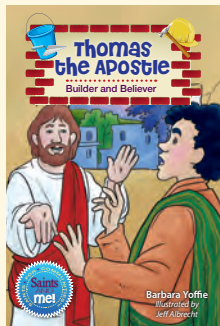
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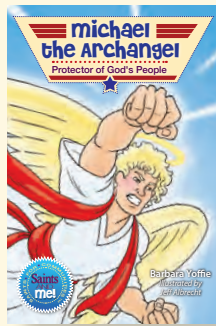
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