



CHAPTER 8

# Getting Ready for the Church of Jesus Christ

April 1830



It was almost time for the Church of Jesus Christ to be on earth again. Jesus gave Joseph Smith a revelation so the people would be ready for His Church. Jesus revealed more about His gospel and about other things the people needed to know before His Church was organized.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:1–4



Jesus said the Book of Mormon teaches His gospel and testifies of God and His work. Jesus promised blessings to those who receive the book in faith—and punishment to those who reject it.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:8–16



Jesus told about His life on earth. Heavenly Father sent Him here to be our Savior. Satan tempted Him, but Jesus would not listen to him.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:20–22



Jesus felt great sorrow for the bad things people do. Toward the end of his life, He suffered and bled for all people. People will not suffer like He did if they repent.

Doctrine and Covenants 19:16-18



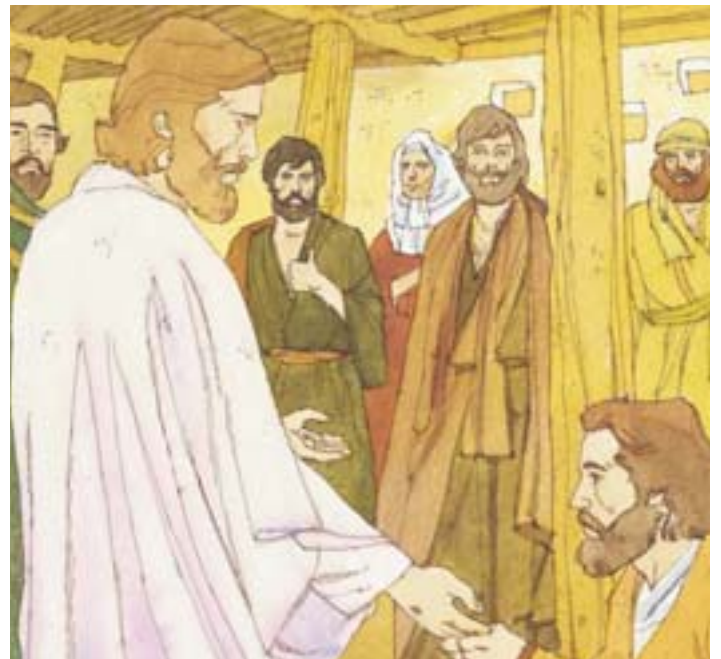
Wicked people put Jesus on a cross and killed Him.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:23



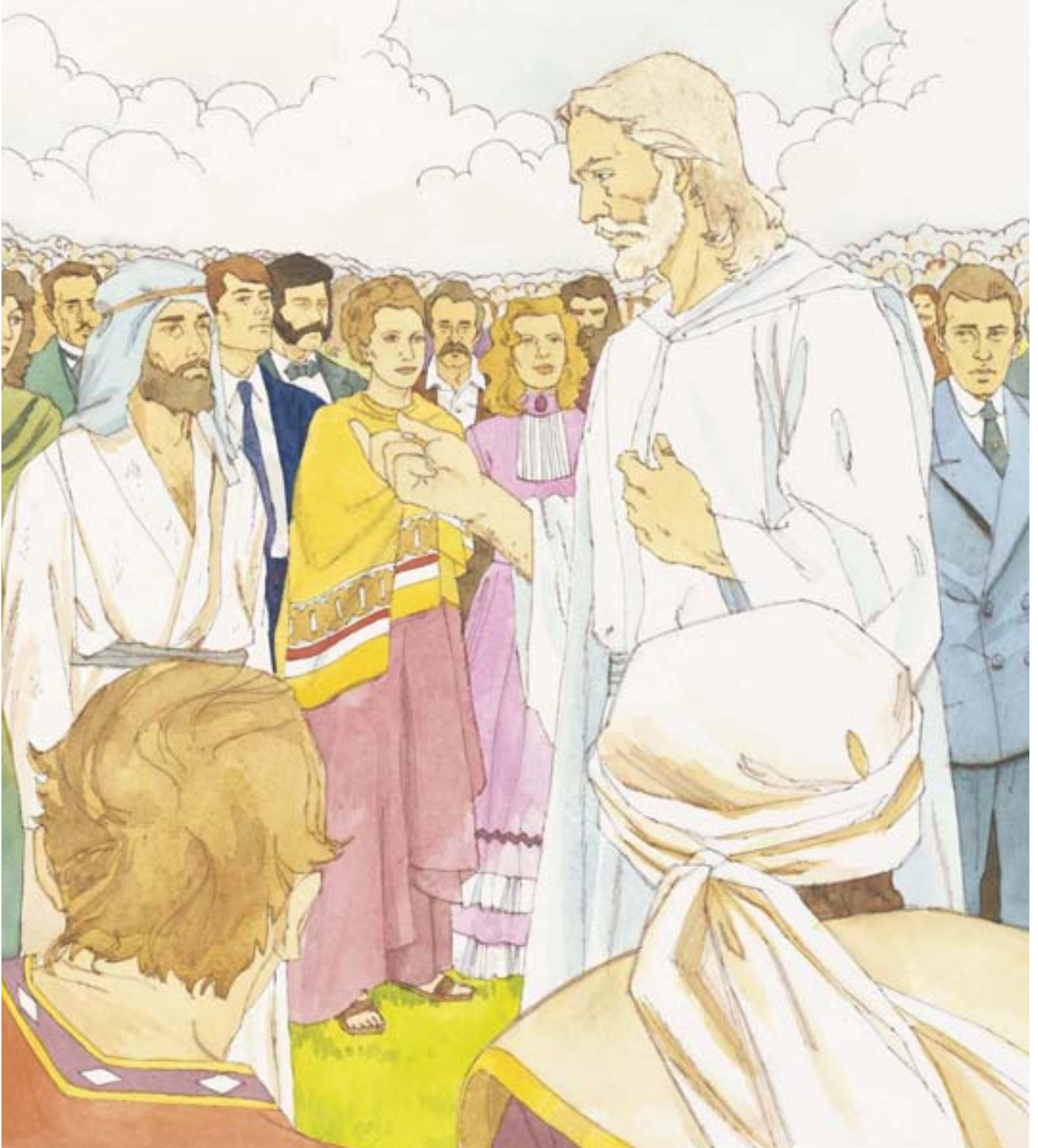
Jesus' friends put His body in a tomb.

Matthew 27:57-61



After three days, Jesus was resurrected. He was alive again!

Doctrine and Covenants 20:23



Because Jesus was resurrected, all people will be resurrected. Because He suffered and died for the sins of all people, we can be forgiven if we repent. We will return

to live with Heavenly Father if we have faith, repent, are baptized, and do our best to keep the commandments.

Doctrine and Covenants 19:17; 20:25



Jesus also taught the people about baptism. He said they must be baptized to become members of His Church. Those who want to be baptized must repent. They must love and obey Jesus. They must also be at least eight years old.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:37, 71; 68:27



Jesus taught the right way to baptize. He said a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood or a man who has the Melchizedek Priesthood may baptize a person. The man takes the person into the water and says a special prayer.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:72-73



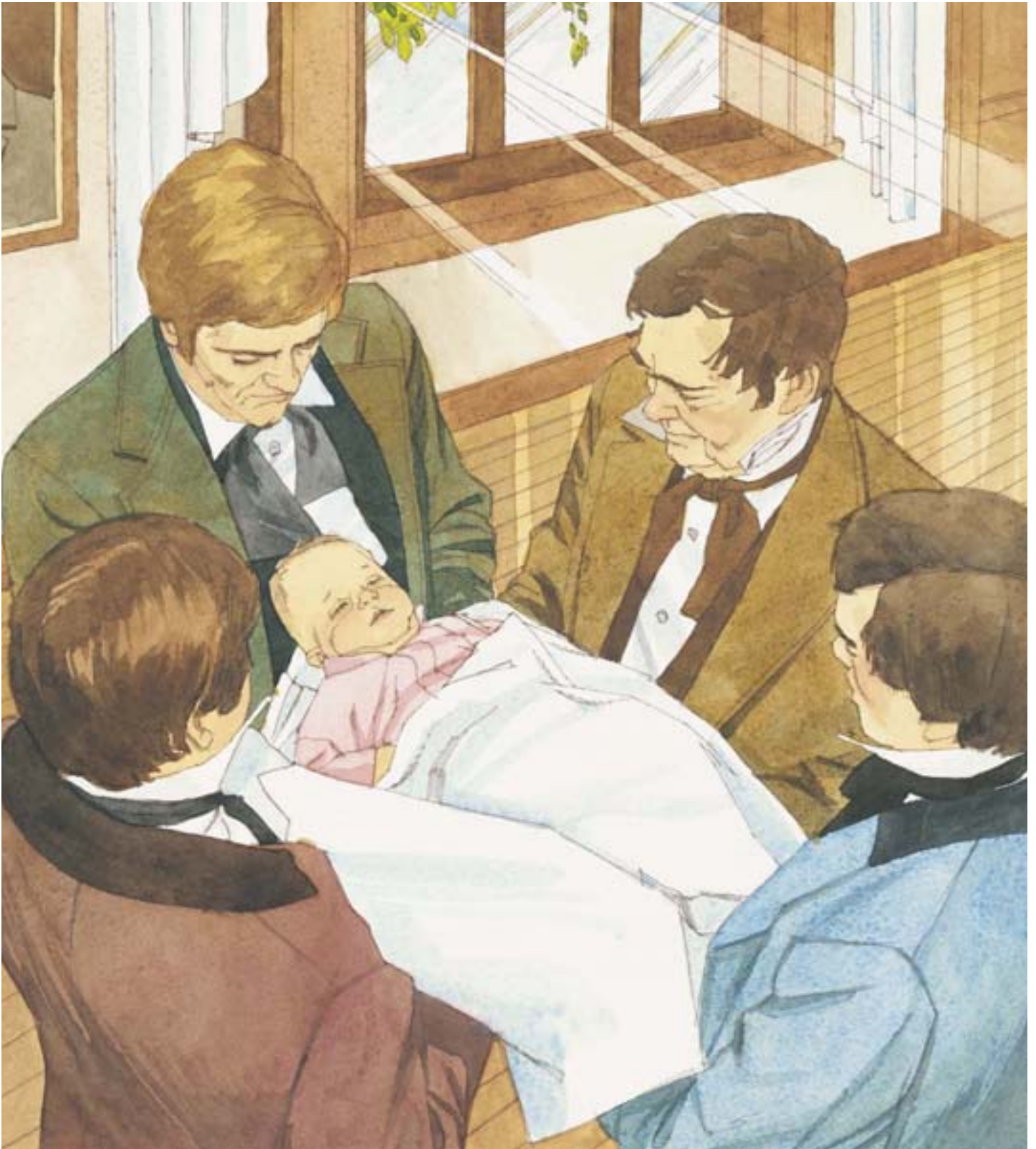
The man who is baptizing puts the person down under the water. Then he brings the person out of the water.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:74



When people are baptized, they promise to obey Jesus. They also promise to say and do good things.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:69



Jesus told about blessing babies. Men who have the Melchizedek Priesthood can bless babies. The men hold

the baby in their arms, and one man gives the baby a name and a blessing.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:70



Jesus told about the sacrament. He said we should take the sacrament often. But if we do something bad, we should not take the sacrament until we have repented.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:75



We take the sacrament to remember Jesus. The bread helps us think of His body. We remember that He died for us on the cross.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:77



The water helps us think of the blood of Jesus. We remember that he suffered and bled for us in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:79



We make covenants when we take the sacrament. A covenant is a promise. We promise that we will try to be like Jesus. We promise that we will always remember Him. We also promise to obey His commandments. If we keep our covenants, we are promised that His Spirit will be with us.

Doctrine and Covenants 20:77, 79