

# THE CALL OF ELIJAH



He wasn't the Pied Piper.

He never even came to town.

He lingered out there in the wilderness, waiting on God.

**One day they started coming.**

They closed their shops in Jerusalem.

They left their orchards and vineyards.

They gathered by the thousands at a lonely clearing on the banks of the Jordan.

**To hear a wild man rake them over the coals and call them hypocrites.**

***“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?***

***Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”***

Luke 3:7-9



**And they just kept coming.**



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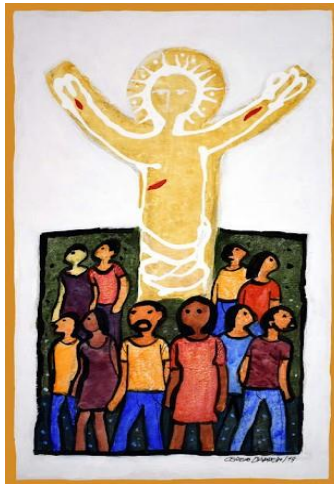
**But the Body of Christ rises with a unity this earth has never seen.**



*“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me”.*

John 17:22-23

**When the followers of Jesus are truly one,  
the gospel of the Kingdom will flood the earth.**



**“And then the End will come.”**

Matthew 24

*Prayer: Lord, may we hear your call and come back before the ax strikes. Turn our hearts not only to you...but to each other. We repent of the division among us. Forgive us and heal us of the two thousand years of division. It's time for it to end. We want you in us, we want the complete unity among us that you prayed for. Help us to live in the glory you have for us when we are unified in you. Empower us with your Spirit. Cover us in such love for you and for each other that we can't help but produce fruit that emanates with life, power, and truth...that draws countless numbers to embrace your gospel and become people of the Way before the end is upon us. Amen.*

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