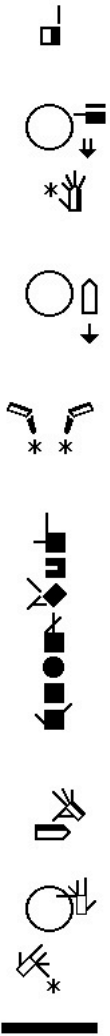
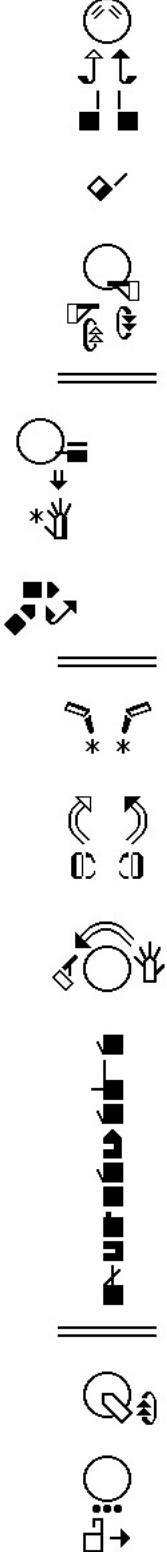
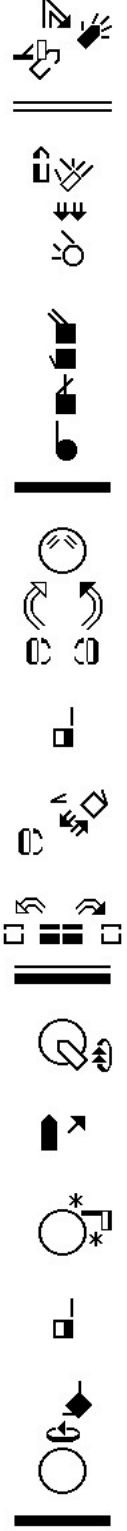
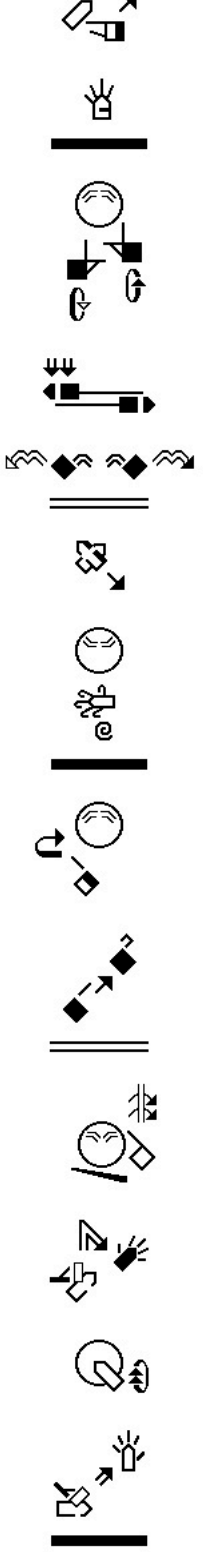


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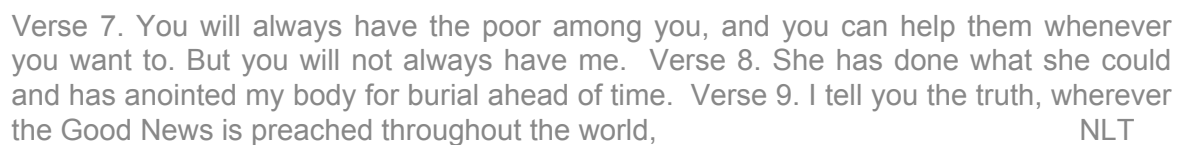
Chapter 14. It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. Verse 2. "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot." Verse 3. Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, NLT

			
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a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head. Verse 4. Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked.

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Verse 5. "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly. Verse 6. But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?" NLT





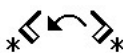



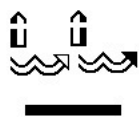


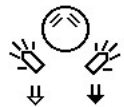






























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this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." Verse 10. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them. Verse 11. They were delighted when they heard why he had come, NLT

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and they promised to give him money. So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus. Verse 12. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?" Verse 13. So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As NLT

you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. Verse 14. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' Verse 15. He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up.

      	             	    	             
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261 That is where you should prepare our meal." Verse 16. So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. Verse 17. In the evening Jesus arrived with the twelve disciples. NLT

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Verse 18. As they were at the table eating, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me." Verse 19. Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?" Verse 20. He replied, "It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me.







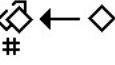



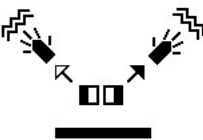

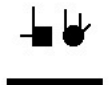
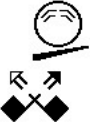

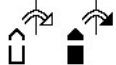
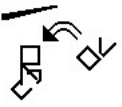


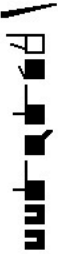
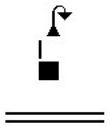







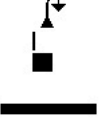





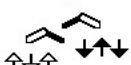







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Verse 21. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!" Verse 22. As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. NLT

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say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' Verse 28. But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." Verse 29. Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will."

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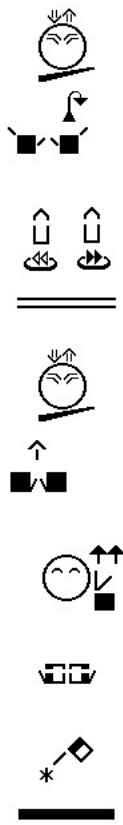
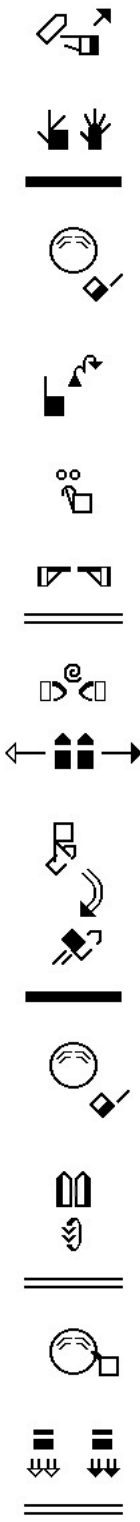
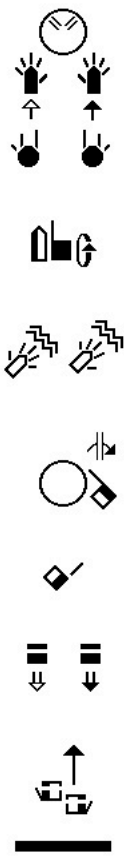
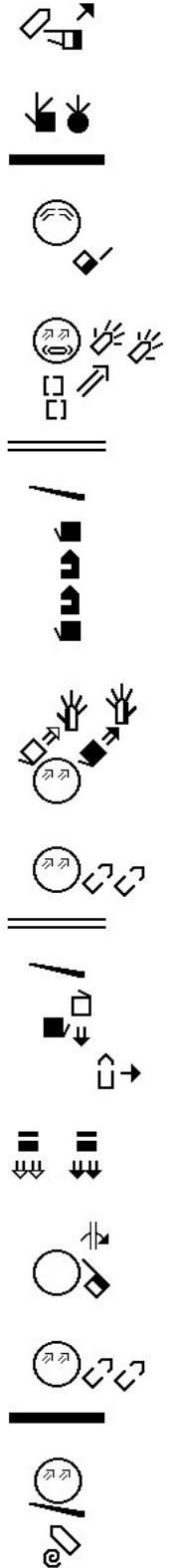
Verse 30. Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter -- this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." Verse 31. "No!" Peter declared emphatically. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the others vowed the same.

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Verse 32. They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, "Sit here while I go and pray." Verse 33. He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. Verse 34. He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death.

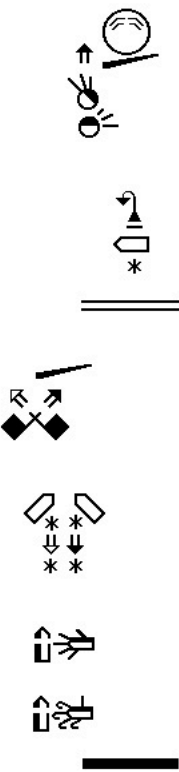

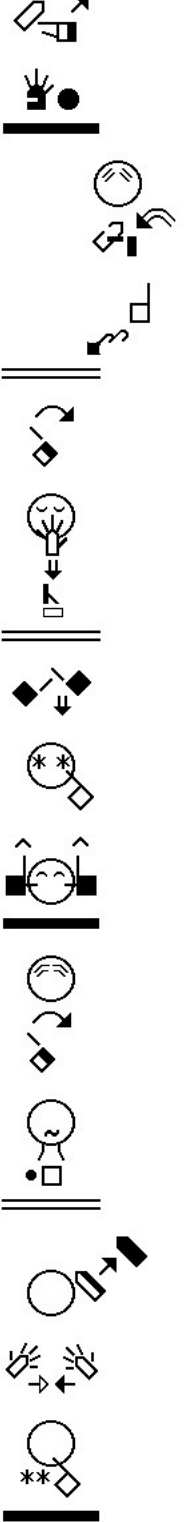
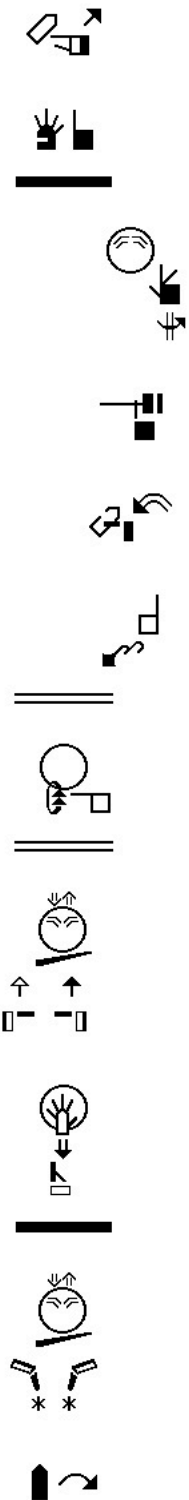
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Stay here and keep watch with me." Verse 35. He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. Verse 36. "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please NLT

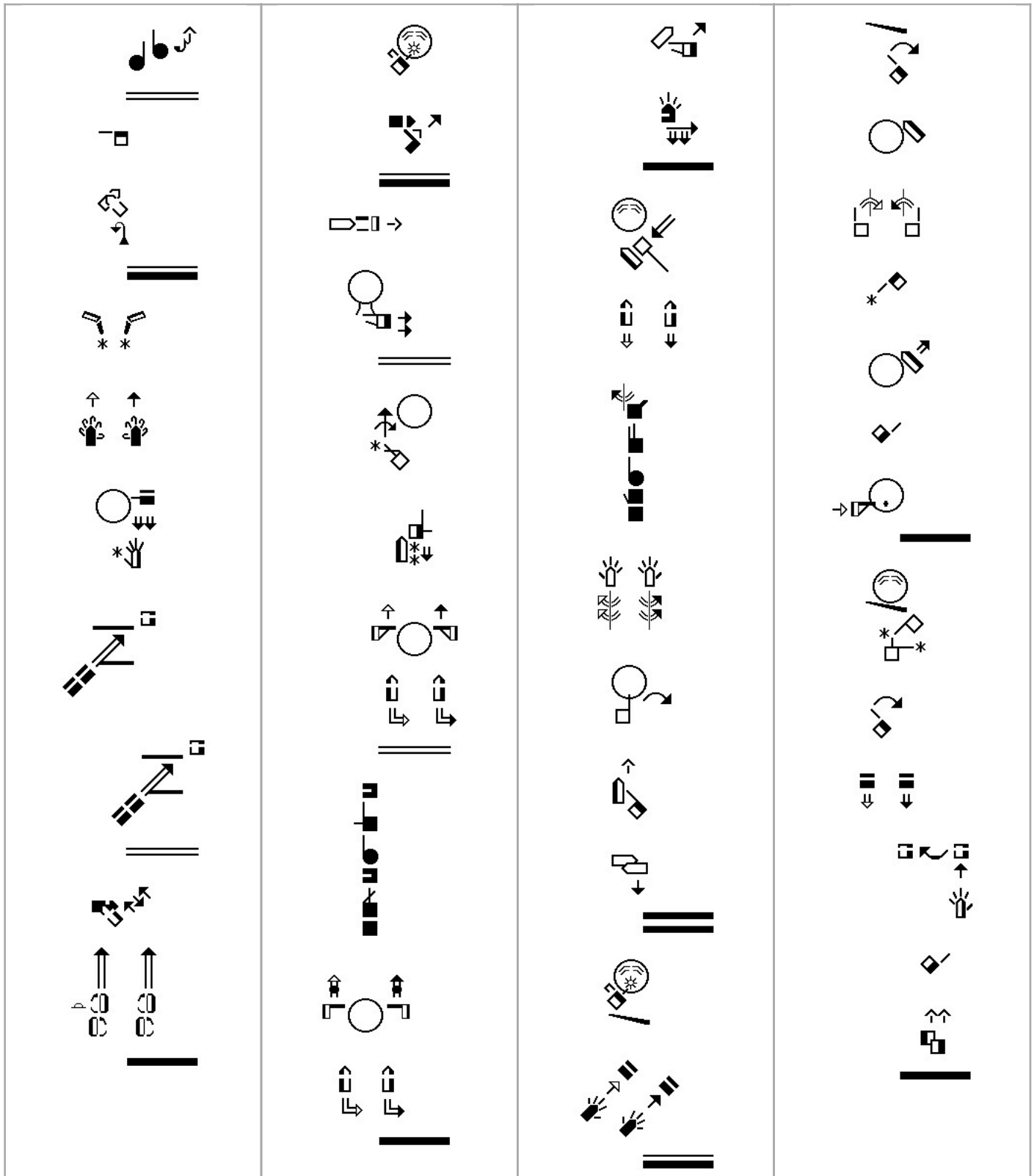
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take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Verse 37. Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Verse 38. Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. NLT

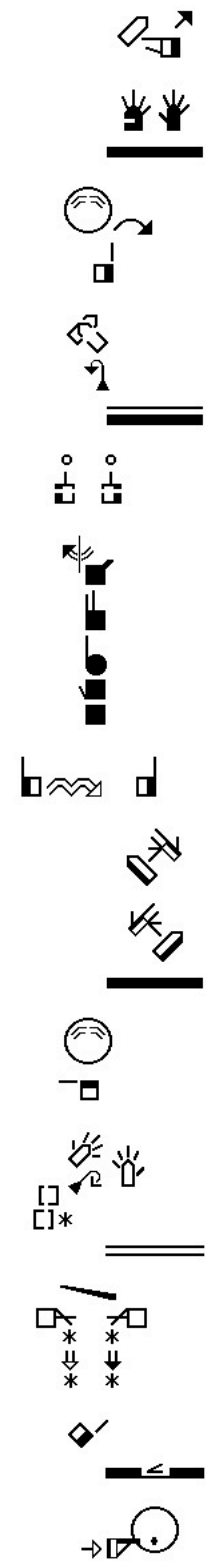
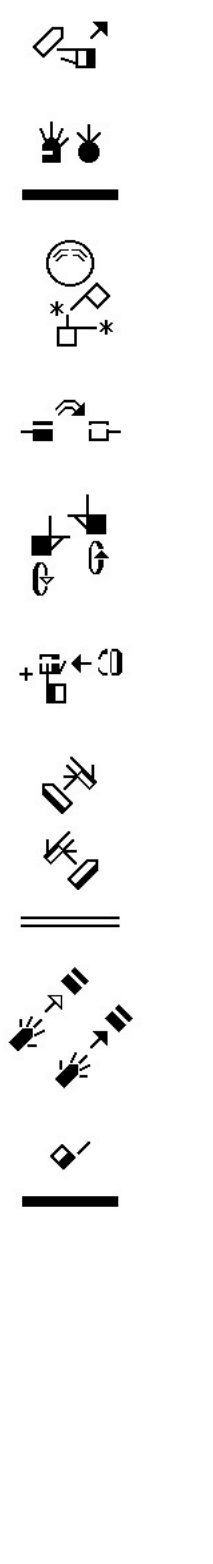
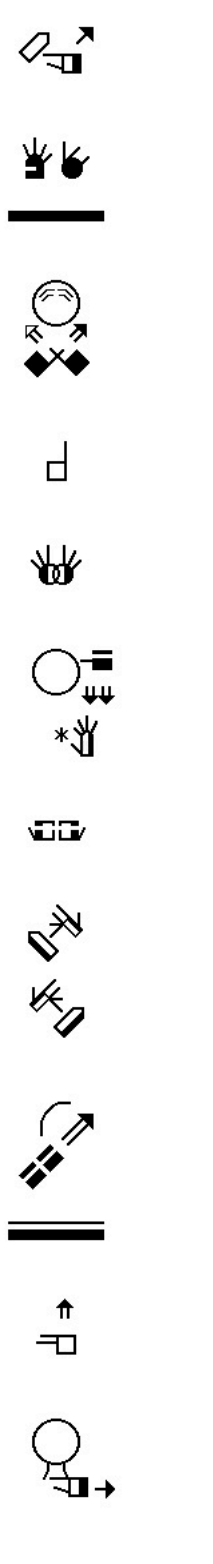
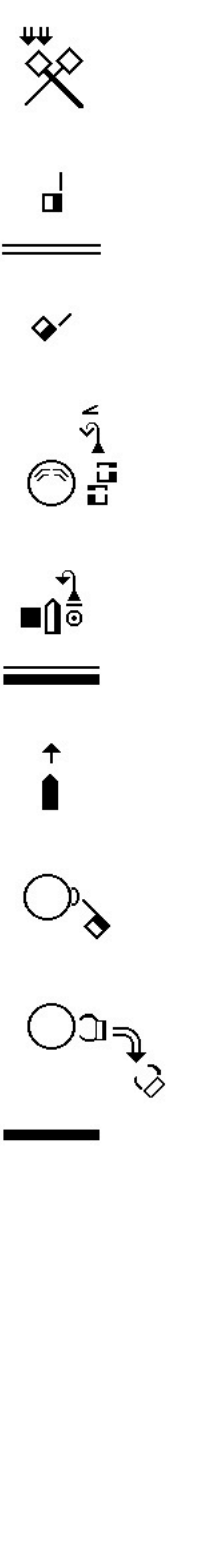
			
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rest. But no -- the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Verse 42. Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" Verse 43. And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve

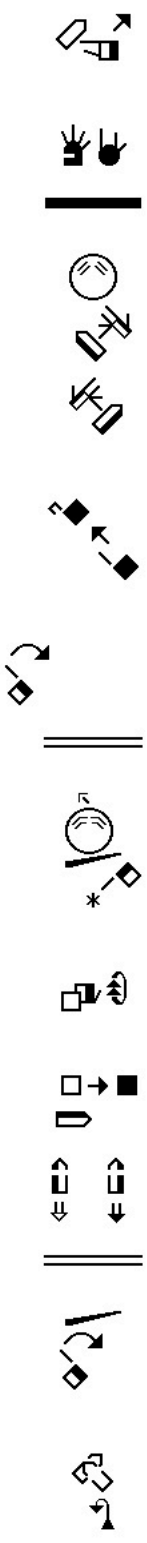
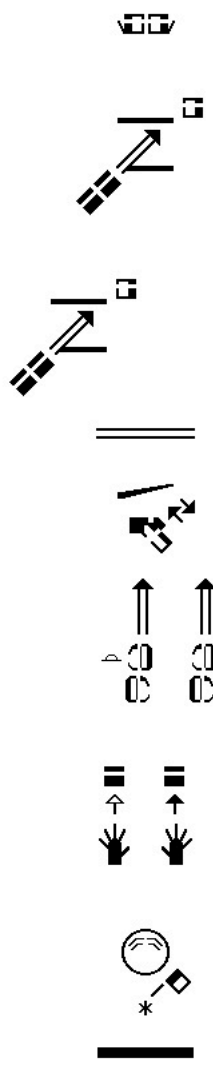
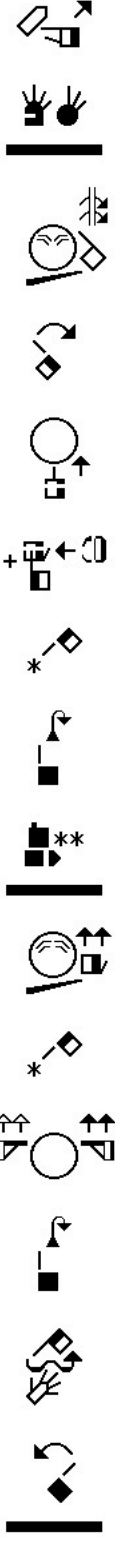
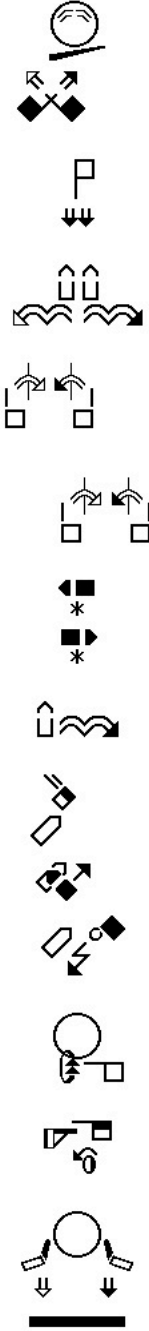




















































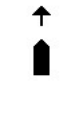













disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. Verse 44. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard." NLT

			
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Verse 45. As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. "Rabbi!" he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss. Verse 46. Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. Verse 47. But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

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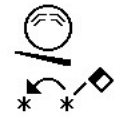









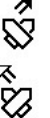




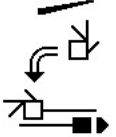






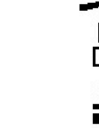









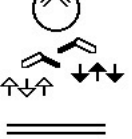




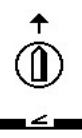



Verse 50. Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. Verse 51. One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, Verse 52. he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked. NLT

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Verse 53. They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. Verse 54. Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. NLT

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Verse 55. Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. Verse 56. Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. Verse 57. Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony: NLT

         	          	          	          
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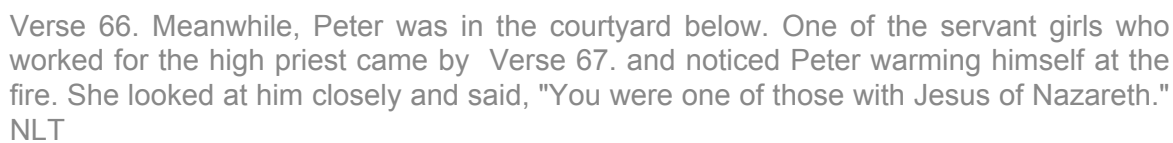
Verse 60. Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" Verse 61. But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"





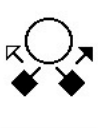




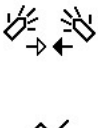




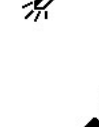



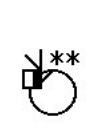




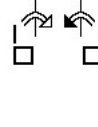


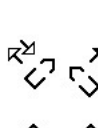
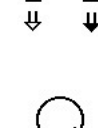


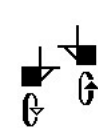


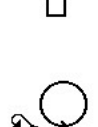



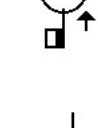



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




















































Verse 62. Jesus said, "I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven." Verse 63. Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Why do we need other witnesses?"

Verse 64. You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" "Guilty!" they all cried. "He deserves to die!" Verse 65. Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. "Prophecy to us," they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.



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Verse 68. But Peter denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. Verse 69. When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, "This man is definitely one of them!" NLT

             	             	             	             
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Verse 70. But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean." Verse 71. Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying -- I don't know this man you're talking about!" NLT

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Verse 72. And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he broke down and wept.