

Jesus Raises Lazarus

Jesus arrives four days after His friend Lazarus has died. He weeps, then calls Lazarus out of the tomb.

John 11:1-44

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Lazarus, Mary, Martha, Disciples

THEMES: Jesus' power over death, Resurrection, Jesus' humanity, Faith

NOW A MAN named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is sick.'

When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

When Jesus finally arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again... I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'

When Mary came to Jesus, she fell at his feet weeping. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

Jesus wept.

Jesus came to the tomb, a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, 'by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.'

Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'