

Jesus Raises Lazarus

Scripture: John 11

Verse: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die."
John 11:25

Main truth: Jesus has the power to make dead people live.

Jesus had three friends named Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Mary and Martha were sisters and Lazarus was their brother. Jesus often stayed at their house. Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus very much.

"Ohh, I don't feel good at all!" Lazarus cried out. "I am very sick" he moaned. Lazarus had become very sick. The sisters were so sad. They tried to help Lazarus feel better. But Lazarus did not feel better. Lazarus stayed in bed and became weak. He could not eat, or even smile. Lazarus was very, very sick.

Mary and Martha knew Lazarus might die if he did not get better soon. They talked and they said, "Jesus. Let's call on Jesus. Jesus has power to heal sick people. Jesus has healed others who were sick. Jesus had even made a blind man see. Let's get a message to Jesus!" So Martha and Mary had a messenger go find Jesus. The message they sent to Jesus said, "Lord, the one you love is sick." They knew Jesus would do what was the very best thing for their brother.

Jesus was far away when He got the message. Jesus knew that Mary and Martha and Lazarus were sad. He knew they were afraid. Jesus loved his friends very much. However, Jesus did not hurry to His friends. Jesus knows God, His Father's plans. Jesus knew He had something very special for this family, whom He loved.

Jesus waited. Jesus waited some more. For two whole days, Jesus waited! Finally, He said to His disciple friends. "It is time now to go to Lazarus. Lazarus has died." The disciples were very confused. They didn't know what Jesus was going to do.

When Jesus arrived near Martha and Mary's house, Martha came out to meet Jesus. Martha was so sad. "Jesus, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Martha said. "Your brother will come alive again." Jesus told her. Martha thought Jesus was talking about the last days. The Bible tells us that in the last days Jesus will make all people alive again. But Jesus did not mean at the last days. Jesus meant that day!

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die"-John 11:25

Resurrection is when someone who is dead comes alive again. Jesus told Martha He has the power to make dead people live. "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked Martha. Martha said "Yes! I believe!"

Mary came to Jesus also. Mary was crying because she missed her brother. Many people came with her and they were crying too. Jesus was very sad. Jesus was sad because sin causes people to die. Jesus cried.

Jesus and the sisters and the crowd went to the place where Lazarus body was placed. Jesus said, "Open this tomb up." Then Jesus looked up and prayed to His Father, God. Then Jesus said, "Lazarus come out!"

Lazarus, who was dead, came alive and walked right out of that tomb! Everyone saw this man, who had been dead for four days, come alive! Jesus has the power to make dead people live! They were so happy!

But some of the people were not happy. They didn't want to believe Jesus was God's Son. They did not want to believe Jesus had the power to make dead people live. They went off to plan how to stop Jesus.

Many people there did believe in Jesus. Many people believed Jesus was God's Son. They saw Jesus bring Lazarus back to life. They believed Jesus was God's Son sent to earth to save people. Mary, Martha and Lazarus believed Jesus. They were happy Jesus was their friend. They were happy their friend Jesus has the power to make dead people live. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. In Jesus is true life!

Q & A

Who were the three friends of Jesus?

Who became very sick?

What did Mary and Martha do when their brother was sick?

Did Jesus go right away to the family or did He wait?

What did Jesus say when He met Martha on the road? (may have to start it with them)

What happened when Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!"?

Who has the power to make dead people live?

Infant story:

Lazarus was Jesus' friend.

Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters.

Lazarus became very sick.

Lazarus died.

Lazarus' sisters were very sad. They called out to Jesus.

Jesus came.

Jesus is so powerful.

Jesus made Lazarus alive again!

Lazarus' family were so happy that Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Jesus has the power to make dead people live!

Songs

Tis So Sweet to Truth in Jesus

I am Jesus' Little Lamb (especially verse 3)

Jesus Tender Shepherd Hear me