

Jesus Raised Lazarus

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BIBLE PASSAGE: : John 11:1-7,17-44

MAIN POINT: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 103:2-3

2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.

Tell the Bible story in your own words

Jesus and Lazarus were friends. Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany, in Judea, with his sisters, Mary and Martha. One day, Lazarus got sick. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus. "Lord, Your friend Lazarus is sick," they said.

Jesus told His disciples, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. This sickness will bring glory to God and to the Son of God." Jesus stayed where He was for two more days. Then Jesus said, "Let's go back to Judea."

By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been in a tomb for four days. Martha hurried to meet Jesus, but Mary stayed home.

Martha said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn't have died." Martha knew Jesus could do a miracle, though. "I know God will give You whatever You ask," she said.

Jesus replied, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha believed that Lazarus would rise from the dead in the future-on the last day. But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die-ever. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," Martha said. "I believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Martha went back to her house. She told Mary that Jesus wanted to see her. So Mary left the house, and all the people who had come to comfort Mary and Martha followed her.

Mary fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died!" Mary was crying, and Jesus wept too.

Mary led Jesus to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. It was a cave, and a huge stone covered the opening. "Remove the stone," Jesus said.

So the stone was moved aside. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank You that You heard Me." Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"

Lazarus came out of the tomb, wrapped in linen and cloth. Jesus said, "Unwrap him and let him go".

Christ Connection: When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life" Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose from the dead He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.