

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 207: JESUS RAISES LAZARUS
JOHN 11:1-44

There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of Bethany, where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (Mary is the same woman who put perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair.) Mary's brother was Lazarus, the man who was now sick. So Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, "Lord, your dear friend Lazarus is sick." When Jesus heard this he said, "The end of this sickness will not be death. No, this sickness is for the glory of God. This has happened to bring glory to the Son of God." Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days and then said to his followers, "We should go back to Judea." They answered, "But Teacher, those Jews there tried to stone you to death. That was only a short time ago. Now you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "There are twelve hours of light in the day. Whoever walks in the day will not stumble and fall because they can see with the light from the sun. But whoever walks at night will stumble because there is no light." Then Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus is now sleeping, but I am going there to wake him." The followers answered, "But, Lord, if he can sleep, he will get well." They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was literally sleeping, but he really meant that Lazarus was dead. So then Jesus said plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad I was not there. I am happy for you because now you will believe in me. We will go to him now." Then Thomas, the one called "Twin," said to the other followers, "We will go too. We will die there with Jesus." Jesus arrived in Bethany and found that Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb for four days. Bethany was about two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to see Martha and Mary. They came to comfort them about their brother Lazarus. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to greet him. But Mary stayed home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask." Jesus said, "Your brother will rise and be alive again." Martha answered, "I know that he will rise to live again at the time of the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection. I am life. Everyone who believes in me will have life, even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never really die. Martha, do you believe this?" Martha answered, "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. You

are the one who was coming to the world." After Martha said these things, she went back to her sister Mary. She talked to Mary alone and said, "The Teacher is here. He is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she stood up and went quickly to Jesus. He had not yet come into the village. He was still at the place where Martha met him. The Jews who were in the house comforting Mary saw her get up and leave quickly. They thought she was going to the tomb to cry there. So they followed her. Mary went to the place where Jesus was. When she saw him, she bowed at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw Mary crying and the people with her crying too, he was very upset and deeply troubled. He asked, "Where did you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept (he cried). And the Jews said, "Look! He loved Lazarus very much!" But some of them said, "Jesus healed the eyes of the blind man. Why didn't he help Lazarus and stop him from dying?" Again feeling very upset, Jesus came to the tomb. It was a cave with a large stone covering the entrance. He said, "Move the stone away." Martha said, "But, Lord, it has been four days since Lazarus died. There will be a bad smell." Martha was the sister of the dead man. Then Jesus said to her, "Remember what I told you? I said that if you believed, you would see God's divine greatness." So they moved the stone away from the entrance. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. I know that you always hear me. But I said these things because of the people here around me. I want them to believe that you sent me." After Jesus said this he called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with pieces of cloth. He had a handkerchief covering his face. Jesus said to the people, "Take off the cloth and let him go."

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life....'" JOHN 11:1

Review Questions

True or False

1. There was a man who was sick named Lazarus of Bethany, the town where Mary and Martha lived.
2. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, He said, "He will surely die."
3. Jesus did not like Martha or her sister Mary or Lazarus.
4. When Jesus heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where he was.
5. Jesus told them, "Our friend Lazarus is now sleeping, but I go there so that I may wake him."

Questions

1. What did Jesus' disciples say when He told them that Lazarus was now sleeping? Did they know that he was already dead?
2. When Jesus finally got to Bethany, how many days had Lazarus been dead?
3. What did Martha say to Jesus?
4. When Jesus told them to take the big stone away from Lazarus' tomb, what did Martha say?
5. When they took the stone away from the front of the tomb, what did Jesus say very loudly?
6. What happened when Jesus told Lazarus to come out?

Lesson 207 Activity

Lazarus, Come Forth!

Ask for a couple of volunteers to act out the story of Lazarus. Have a couple of girls wrap a boy up in toilet tissue. Instruct him to remain motionless, pretending to be dead. Have a child tell the story as the actors pretend to be Jesus, the disciples, Mary, Martha, the mourners, and Lazarus.

At the appropriate time in the story, instruct the child playing Jesus to shout, "Lazarus, come forth!" Have the child playing Lazarus rip the toilet tissue off of him.

Is there anyone here today who may not have asked Jesus into their life to be their Savior? He is calling you today to come forth out of your sin and into newness of life. All you have to do is tell Him you know you are a sinner, you are spiritually dead and you want Him to save you and give you spiritual life. [Jesus is in control of every situation](#) and as you believe Him and watch what He does in your life, your faith will be strengthened.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for always being in control of every situation. If there are any children who have not received the Lord as Savior and Lord, give them the opportunity to do so.