

Bible Story 49: JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-6, 17-45 (46-53)

MEMORY VERSE: John 11:25

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus was a good friend to Lazarus, who lived in Bethany.

One day Lazarus became very sick.

Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was very sick. When Jesus heard this, He delayed two days before going to them. Meanwhile Lazarus died.

When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, someone told Martha. So she left her home and went to Jesus, but Mary stayed at home. Martha told Jesus that if He were present when Lazarus was sick, he would not have died.

Jesus said, ***“I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me will live in heaven, even though he dies on earth. Do you believe, Martha?”***

Martha said that she believed He was the Christ, the Son of God.

Then Mary and the others came to Jesus and they were crying. Jesus wept.

Four days had passed since Lazarus was buried in a tomb. Jesus arrived at the tomb. He said, ***“Take away the rock that is at the opening of the tomb.”***

Jesus prayed. Then Jesus said, ***“Come out, Lazarus!”***

What happened? Lazarus came out of the tomb! Jesus resurrected Lazarus! This is to say that Lazarus was alive once again. The people removed the grave clothes, strips of cloth that were wrapped around Lazarus, who was alive.

Then everyone returned home. Because of this miracle, many people believed and put their faith in Jesus.

(However, the Jewish leaders were upset that so many people were believing in Jesus and they began to make plans to kill Jesus.)

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What did Mary and Martha do when Lazarus became very sick?
2. What did Martha say when Jesus arrived in Bethany, where she lived?
3. What did Jesus mean when He said, *"I am the Resurrection and the Life"*?
4. Who did Martha believe Jesus was?
5. Who do you say Jesus is?
6. What did Jesus do when He saw Mary and the others crying?
7. Have you lost a loved one? How can Jesus help you?
8. What did Jesus say at Lazarus' tomb? What happened?
9. How can you have life with Jesus after death? (Read John 3:16.)
10. How can Jesus help you when you face tragedies in your life?