

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

One day, Jesus' friend Lazarus became very sick. His sisters, Martha and Mary, sent a messenger to tell Jesus and ask Him to come quickly. Jesus knew Lazarus was very sick and would die, but He waited two more days and then went to Bethany. Jesus knew Lazarus was already dead, but He said to His disciples, "For your sake, I am glad I was not there, so that now you may believe."

The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying. Martha ran to meet Jesus and said to Him: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus told them: "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered: "I know he will rise from the dead when everyone will be made alive again, when the resurrection comes on the last day." Then Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life for all who believe in me. Do you believe this?" Martha answered: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah (Savior), the Son of God."

Jesus went to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. He wept for his friend and told the men to move the stone that covered the cave. Martha said: "Lord, there will be a terrible smell, for Lazarus has been dead for four days!" But Jesus called: "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man arose and walked out of his tomb, covered with the bands of cloth that had been his burial clothes. Jesus said: "Unwrap him and let him go." Many people saw this and were excited about what had happened! They ran to tell their friends about the miracle they had seen with their own eyes!