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Jesus and Lazarus

John 11:1-44



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus meets grief with compassion and reveals his power to give life.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Jesus Comes to a Grieving Family

John 11:1-44



Lazarus of Bethany was ill. His sisters, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that the brother he loved was sick. John makes clear that Jesus loved this family. Yet Jesus stayed where he was for two more days before telling his disciples they would return to Judea. The delay belongs to this particular account; it is not a reason to guess that the sisters had been forgotten or unloved.

Jesus spoke of Lazarus as having fallen asleep, saying that he would go to wake him. The disciples thought he meant ordinary rest. Jesus then explained plainly that Lazarus had died. Using clear words matters here: he was not only tired or sleeping. When Jesus arrived near Bethany, Lazarus had been in the tomb four days, and many people had come to comfort the sisters in their loss.

Martha heard that Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. She said that her brother would not have died if Jesus had been there, and she also spoke of her confidence in what God could do. Jesus told her that her brother would rise again. Martha answered that she knew of the resurrection at the last day. Their conversation joined her real grief with a question about life beyond death.

Jesus told Martha that resurrection and life were found in him and asked whether she believed. Martha answered that he was the Messiah, the Son of God who was to come into the world. Then she went to call Mary. The story had not yet reached the tomb, but it had given Martha room to speak honestly and had named the hope that Jesus himself was bringing.

Remember: Jesus cares about tears and brings hope of life.

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Tears at the Tomb, and a Call to Life

John 11:1-44



Mary rose quickly and came to Jesus. People who had been comforting her followed, thinking she was going to weep at the tomb. When she reached Jesus, she fell at his feet and said that her brother would not have died if he had been there. Jesus saw her tears and the tears of those with her. He was deeply troubled, asked where Lazarus had been laid, and wept himself.

They brought him to the tomb, a cave with a stone across its entrance. Jesus told them to remove the stone. Martha was concerned because her brother had already been dead four days. Jesus reminded her that she would see God's glory through believing. The stone was moved. The account does not hurry past the reality of death or the sorrow of the people standing near the place of burial.

Jesus looked upward and thanked his Father for hearing him. He explained that he was praying aloud for the sake of those nearby, so that they might believe the Father had sent him. Then he called Lazarus to come out. The man who had died came from the tomb alive, still wearing his burial wrappings. Jesus told the people to loosen the cloths and let him go.

The family had received a remarkable restoration to life. Jesus' tears and his life-giving call belong together in the story. He did not treat grief as a failure of trust or remain untouched by his friends' sorrow. This particular miracle revealed his glory and his power over death. It does not make every loss simple, but it shows why his followers speak of him as the resurrection and the life.

Pause and think: What caring action might help someone who needs room to feel sad and remember a person they love?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

There Is Room for Tears and Hope



Jesus wept with grieving people. That means sadness does not have to be hidden when you talk about faith. If someone you love has died, you can miss them, ask questions, and speak with a trusted adult about your memories. You do not need to make yourself stop crying in order to show that you understand a story about hope.

Martha and Mary both told Jesus what troubled them. Their words were honest, and the account gives them space. Your questions can have space too, even when an adult does not have an immediate answer. Clear words such as died and dead help us understand the difference between death and ordinary sleep. Sleeping at night does not mean the same thing as dying.

Lazarus's return was a particular miracle, not a promise that prayer always brings a loved one back. We can pray, seek medical care, and support people through illness and loss. Sitting nearby, listening, or helping with a small task can be loving actions. Hope in Jesus can remain alongside grief and the patient care a family needs.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus shared his friends' grief and revealed life-giving power when he called Lazarus from the tomb.

What caring action might help someone who needs room to feel sad and remember a person they love?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did Jesus do when he saw the people grieving?

2. What did Jesus ask people to do after Lazarus came out?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Jesus arrived after Lazarus had died and wept with the mourners.
- ☐ Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb alive.
- ☐ Martha and Mary sent word that Lazarus was sick.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Jesus with Martha and Mary, showing care for their sadness.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Jesus cares about tears and brings hope of life.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: John 11:25-26,33-35

A thoughtful conversation

Name death plainly rather than calling it ordinary sleep. This sign is not a promise that loved ones will return immediately after prayer; tears and mourning remain welcome.

Activity answers

1. He was deeply moved and wept.
2. Loosen the burial wrappings and let him go.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, comfort those who are grieving and help us care for them. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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