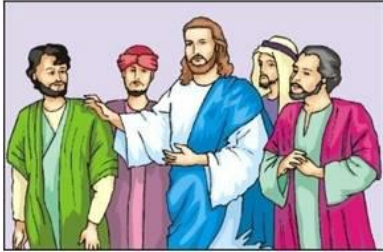


J e s u s D e f e a t s D e a t h

—John 11:1-54

Some friends of Jesus lived in Bethany, about two miles from Jerusalem. They were Mary and Martha, two sisters, and their brother Lazarus.



One day Jesus received a message from the sisters. It said: “*Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.*” But Jesus waited two days before he said to the disciples, “*Let us go into Judea again.*” The disciples said, “*Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?*” Thomas said, “*Let us also go, that we may die with him.*”

Martha went out to meet Jesus as he neared Bethany. She said, “*Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.*” Jesus said to her, “*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this? She said unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.*”



Then Martha called Mary, who fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “*Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.*” Jesus was deeply moved by their grief. He cried, too.



Then they took him to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Jesus commanded, “*Take ye away the stone.*” “*Lord,*” Martha said, “*by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.*” Jesus replied, “*Said I not unto thee, that thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*” So they took away the stone.

Jesus lifted up his hands and prayed. “*Father, I thank thee that thou hadst heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.*”

Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, “**LAZARUS, COME FORTH.**”



And Lazarus came out, his hands and feet still wrapped with strips of linen and with a cloth around his face! “*Loose him, and let him go.*” Jesus ordered.

Many of those who saw this believed in him. But others reported it to the Pharisees, who called a meeting of the Jewish Council. From that day on they made plans to kill Jesus.

The price of following Jesus is high. But the value of every single person in God’s eyes is even higher. God treasures everyone – child, man, woman. It does not matter! Nothing would make the Lord happier than each and every person turning their lives over to Him and making a new start! All you have to do is ask him. Ask your parents to help you say this prayer of salvation so that you too can be a child of God!

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for dying for my sins. Thank you for also rising so that I, too, will rise from the dead and go to Heaven, unless you come to earth first. Please come into my life and make me alive in you! Please help me to learn your Holy Word. Keep my faith strong in you. Amen.

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O Death , Where is Thy Victory ?

Each of these people had a unique experience with death. Can you name them?

1.
 - I was taken into the sky in a chariot made of fire.
 - I delivered many messages to the people of Israel.
 - I performed many mighty miracles in God's name.
 - My student, Elisha, watched as I departed.-----

2.
 - I lived in Bethany.
 - I had two sisters.
 - Jesus was a close friend of mine.
 - Many people watched as I came out of a tomb.-----

3.
 - My son, Methuselah, was the longest lived man on earth.
 - I lived to be 365 years old.
 - I walked with God.
 - I was no more, because God took me.-----

4.
 - I lived on earth 33 years.
 - I had no home and no income.
 - I was killed by jealous, religious leaders.
 - I rose again three days after my death, to die no more.-----

ANSWERS: 1. Elijah 2. Lazarus 3. Enoch 4. Jesus

Reaching out Activity :

Make a get well card or a sympathy card. Give it to someone you know who is sick or sad about the death of a loved one. Draw a picture of Jesus on the outside. On the inside write John 11:25 and anything else you may want to include.

Review Questions:

1. We will all be resurrected one day. True or False
2. How do we know Jesus was touched by the grief of Mary and Martha?
3. Jesus performed miracles in order to impress people.
True or False
4. If God doesn't answer our prayers, does it mean he can't do what we ask?
5. Put these words in order: am life and the I the resurrection



ANSWERS: 1. True 2. He cried 3. False 4. No, God can do anything! 5. I am the resurrection and the life.