

Story 34



Lazarus Raised from the Dead

John 11:1-44

The Bridge: Another time, Jesus showed his power even over death!

The Story:

- Jesus was near the Jordan River, and His good friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were in a town called Bethany. They sent word that Lazarus was very sick.
- But when Jesus received the message, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it" (John 11:4). He then stayed two days *longer* in the place where He was. After this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again" (John 11: 6-7).
- Just prior to their leaving for Bethany, Jesus told His disciples that Lazarus had died (John 11:11).
- When He arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been in the grave for four days. The two sisters were so distraught. Martha said, "Lord, if you had been here, he would not have died" (John 11:21).
- Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again." Martha responded, "Yes, he will live in heaven after the resurrection of the dead." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection of life. A person who trusts Me will never die—do you believe this?" (John 11:25)
- They took Jesus to the grave and rolled away the stone, even though they feared the odor. Many people were crying, and even Jesus cried because He sympathized with them.
- Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth out of the tomb!" And he did! (John 11:43-44). "Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him" (John 11:45).



What does this story tell you about Jesus?