

Sunday 26th March 2023 – Jesus and Lazarus



Read: John 11:1-45

Jesus heard that his good friend Lazarus was sick but Jesus knew what was going to happen. He stayed where he was for two days and then told the disciples they were going to go back to Judea where Lazarus was. The disciples were worried because when they were there last people had tried to kill Jesus. Jesus knew what he had to do and told the disciples that he had to go and wake his friend. The disciples thought Lazarus was sleeping, but Jesus explained he was dead.

When they got to Judea, Martha came out to meet Jesus. She was sad because Lazarus had been dead for four days before Jesus got there. She thought if Jesus had been there, he could have stopped it. Jesus told her that Lazarus would rise again. Martha went to tell Mary Jesus was there. She rushed out to meet him. When he saw her she cried and again told Jesus if you had been here he wouldn't be dead. Jesus got upset as well and we are told in the Bible he wept.

Jesus told them to roll the stone away. Everyone told him the smell would be awful because Lazarus had been in there so long but Jesus insisted. Jesus then prayed to God, so those who were there would hear him, and in a loud voice said 'Lazarus come out!' Lazarus came out alive and Jesus told everyone to take the grave clothes off him and let him go. Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dca8SSxXCmM>

Why did Jesus not go back straight away? What did Jesus tell his disciples had happened Lazarus? What happened when Jesus got back to Judea? What did Martha tell Jesus? What did Mary tell Martha? Why did Jesus pray loudly to God? What did Jesus say to Lazarus? What did Lazarus do? I wonder how Lazarus would have felt when he came out of the tomb?

Do: Colouring Page - <https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/jesus-raised-lazarus-coloring-page/>

Craft - <https://ministryark.com/printable/raising-lazarus-craft-printable/>

Wordsearch - <https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/jesus-raised-lazarus-from-the-dead-word-search/view/>

Crossword - https://sermons4kids.com/jesus_raises_lazarus_crossword.htm?fromSermonId=277

Pray: Dear God, help us to use Lent as a time of preparation for Easter. Jesus wept – just as we do, thank you for helping us when we feel sad. Amen.

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.
Keep them by your side.
May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.
Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.
Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.
May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen
(Taken from Praying Together)

Share: Jesus and Lazarus were good friends – could you make a surprise to give to a friend to let them know how much you appreciate their friendship.