

This weeks **MEMORY VERSE!**

To learn it well, **READ** it, or **WRITE** it **EACH DAY** after your lesson! Then say it to someone you know!

John 11:25

"I (*Jesus*) am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."

What is Jesus? _____

If you believe in Jesus you will _____
even though you will die someday.

* Italic added



Lazarus had been in the grave for _____ days when Jesus came.

Circle the statements that are TRUE.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Jesus cannot raise the dead.

Jesus said, "You must believe in me to live."

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God? _____

Name _____

Jesus Raises Lazarus

John 11:1-46



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In the little town of Bethany, which was about two miles from Jerusalem, there was a home where Jesus was loved and welcomed. Three of Jesus' friends lived there—a man named Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

One day Lazarus became very sick. They believed that Jesus could heal their brother. So they sent a messenger to Him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick He said "This sickness will not end in death. No it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus meant that Lazarus' death would not be permanent but would bring great honor and praise to God and to Jesus Himself.

Rather than going immediately to help His friend Lazarus, Jesus waited two more days. Then He said to His disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

But His disciples said, "But Lord, don't You remember that the last time You were there the Jews tried to kill You with stones? Do You really think you should go back there again?"

Then Jesus told them why He wanted to go. "Lazarus is dead, and for your sakes I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him now." So, they all started the long trip to Bethany.

It was a very sad time for Lazarus' family and friends. Mary and Martha were very disappointed that Jesus had not come to see Lazarus when he was so very sick. They knew He could have healed him. But Jesus had not come, and Lazarus died. Friends came to comfort and help Mary and Martha. They lovingly carried Lazarus' body and placed it in the tomb, which was a cave with a large stone covering the opening.

Lazarus had been in the tomb four days when Jesus finally arrived. As soon as Martha heard that Jesus had come, she hurried out of the house to meet Him and said to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask for."

Jesus simply said, "Your brother will be raised and live again."

Martha answered and said, "Yes, I know that he will be raised and live again in the resurrection on the last day."

Then Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." Jesus then asked, "Do you believe this, Martha?"

"Yes, Lord," replied Martha, "I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God. You are the one God promised to send to us."

Then Martha went back into the house and whispered to Mary, "The Teacher is here and He wants to see you."

Mary got up quickly and left the house to meet Jesus. She was crying as she knelt at Jesus' feet. She said to Him just what Martha had said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

Jesus asked, "Where did you bury him?"

As they walked together to the grave, Jesus cried with them. When they came to the grave, Jesus said to some men who were standing nearby, "Take the stone away!"

Martha said to Him, "But Lord, he has been dead for four days and his body will smell bad by now."

Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you would believe, you would see the glory of God?" The men obeyed Jesus and rolled the stone away from the entrance of the tomb

Then Jesus prayed, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." Jesus wanted the people to believe that God had sent Him.

Then Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" This was the voice of the Son of God who has ALL power, even power over death and the grave. Lazarus came walking out of the tomb.

Jesus said to Lazarus' friends, "Unwrap him and let him go!" Quickly they removed the grave clothes from his body, and Lazarus stood before them alive and well! What an amazing display of God's power! Lazarus was alive!

Jesus has power over death because He is "the resurrection and the life." Many who saw this believed in Jesus, but some refused to believe, even though they had seen Jesus bring Lazarus back to life again.