

# Jesus Raises Lazarus

Jesus had some good friends named Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Mary and Martha were sisters, and Lazarus was their brother. They lived in a place called Bethany. One day, when Jesus was away travelling, Lazarus became very sick. His sisters were really worried about him, so they sent for Jesus.

When Jesus heard about His friend Lazarus, He said to His disciples, **"This sickness will not end in death."** Jesus then waited **two days** before leaving to go back to Bethany.

His disciples were a bit puzzled that Jesus did not set off to see His friends straight away, but Jesus knew what he was doing.

By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been **dead for four days**. Jesus met with the distraught Mary and Martha. He comforted them and said, **"Your brother will rise again."**



Martha thought this meant that she had to wait until the end of time to see her brother again, but Jesus meant something a little bit different. **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."** Jesus explained.

Martha believed Jesus, but didn't really understand how He could help Lazarus. After they'd had a weep and a cry, Jesus went with them to Lazarus' tomb where a large stone covered the entrance. Jesus commanded that the stone be taken away and then He prayed to His Heavenly Father. **"Lazarus come out!"** Jesus shouted.

Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wrapped in his grave clothes. **He was alive!** Many people who saw this miracle came to believe in Jesus.

